



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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THOUGHTS FOR SUMMER

We hope the weather improves, the parking ramp gets finished, and that everybody has a great vacation, whenever and wherever they go. We hope your summer of '72 will be completely happy and accident-free. Caution and common sense will help...on the highways, in and on the water...wherever you go to have fun. Carelessness can lead to all kinds of tragedies. Enjoy your vacation, but be careful.. and let's all get together again in the fall.

ABOUT VACATIONS

Benefits over and above wages and salaries were outlined this week for all employees in a flyer distributed by the Personnel Department. Necessarily brief, the sheet described the current fringe package that costs MMC about \$1300 annually for the average hospital employee. Paid holidays and vacations are two of the items. There are nine paid holidays, and the amount of paid vacation time depends on length of hospital employment. A worker with one year gets two weeks; one with ten years gets three weeks; and one with 15 years gets four weeks. Vacations may be taken at any time of the year with the approval of the department head.

TAKING SHAPE

Metal framing for partitions, electrical wiring and other systems are pretty well along on the 8th floor of the Richards Wing, where workmen are constructing the new cardiovascular diagnostic center. This week, some of the work involved the outside of the building as window and wall changes were made. Patients and personnel have been warned not to use the roof outside the R1 ADL room until this phase of the job is completed...sometime this week. The tunnel under the '29 building is progressing, the elevator men are working in the parking ramp, and before long work will start on the radiation-pathology building.

WARM-WEATHER HAZARD

Security Chief Sam Cummings has asked us to remind drivers about the safety problems of automobile gas tanks, and the fact that a full tank of cold gasoline becomes much more when the car's warmed by the sun. The difference spills on the ground, and a flipped cigaret is all that's needed to turn your car--and maybe someone else's--into a flaming wreck. Solution: don't fill your tank completely, especially on hot days when your car will be parked for an extended period.

NAME OF THE GAME

We had fun, a few weeks back, after discovering that Ruth Abbie McLucas Plaisted was the full name of the Security Department's parking lot and ramp supervisor. Now comes the program to decrease injuries from improperly discarded needles, scalpels, etc., and guess who's heading up the effort in the Nursing Department? Miss Alice Sharp, R.N., staff development director.

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In response to the suggestions of readers who sometimes miss WHAT'S HAPPENING, we've arranged to have extra copies available on Monday mornings at the desk in the Admitting lobby. Stop by, if you'd like to have one.

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