



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## MMC RESIDENT

Jeffrey B. Stevenson, a graduate student in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, begins an eight-month administrative residency at MMC today. The residency is a requirement for his Master's degree in hospital administration. Jeff, an economics major, was graduated in 1969 from the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Nancy, will reside in Portland.

## AN UNUSUAL VISITOR

Fritz, a Texas tortoise, seemed to be a rather unusual hospital visitor to us, but to eight-year-old Jamie Peters, a Pediatrics patient, he was a much-loved, old family friend. Neatly wrapped in a towel and tucked snugly into a leather pouch, Fritz had flown with Jamie's grandmother from California to visit at MMC. This was the third trans-continental flight for the 10-inch-long land turtle.

## BEGINS RETIREMENT

Today marks the beginning of retirement for Homer McDavitt following 43 years of service. Mac started his long career in the Director's Office of the Maine General. He became purchasing agent in 1936 and served in this position to the present time, interrupted only by his tour of duty as a captain with the 67th General Hospital unit from the Maine General.

Mac was presented a decorated cake, gifts and the best wishes of his many friends at a surprise retirement party in his office Friday.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

Personnel Director Charles Huff returned Friday from Key Biscayne, Florida, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Hospital Personnel Directors. Charles is the newly-elected president of the group's Maine chapter.

Sally Doe, R.T., assistant director of teaching, MMC School of Radiology, returned recently from the 44th annual meeting of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists held in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Dorothy Haskell, R.N. was guest of honor at a surprise party Friday at Westcustogo Inn, Yarmouth, given by her friends in the Pediatric clinic. Mrs. Haskell, wife of Clarence Haskell, Pharmacy, retired last week after 16 years on the MMC nursing staff.

## NEW PASSAGEWAY

Telephone booths in the Admitting lobby were moved to the opposite wall last week as the final stage of a construction project to connect the lobby area by stairway and tunnel to the basement level of Richards, got underway. The completion of the new passageway will afford easy access to all areas of the hospital complex for employees, patients and visitors who use the Richards parking lot or the new parking ramp.

## Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

When busy people get busier--as with MMC's high census this past two weeks--and everyone is rushing around to get things done, it's hard to remember to do things in a quiet way. It's easy to forget how annoying corridor noises and loud voices can be to a sick patient. During summertime we can't control outside noises which come through open windows, so it's especially important to remember to practice.... Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh on the inside.

## NEW DOCTORS

Temporary attending medical staff privileges have been granted to: Howard Tobin, M.D., otolaryngology; Theodore J. Hallee, M.D., internal medicine; Patrick Dowling, M.D. and Thomas A. Martin, M.D., orthopedics.

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