



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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A NEW RECORD

Business manager Bill Murphy said the census reached a record high with 507 adults and 19 newborns for a total of 526 Friday morning. The crush was due to the many surgical patients who had delayed scheduling until after the holidays, and a number of flu-related illnesses. Mr. Murphy asked us to express his thanks to Nursing department members and others who helped relieve the situation Thursday night and Friday by preparing space for arriving patients, and by setting up beds in one of the solaria for emergency use.

ON THE UPSWING

There's no connection, because it happened a full week or more before the census went up, but MMC accountants reported this week that the books are balanced again, thanks, they said, to the cooperation and economies made by all departments. The so-called austerity program, they said, was successful in putting MMC's operations on a solid footing again without diminishing the quality of patient care. Executive Director Philip K. Reiman expressed his appreciation and that of the hospital's trustees, administration and staff for the accomplishment.

FIRST REHEARSAL CALLED

Miss Catherine O'Connor, who will direct the brand-new MMC Chorus, has called the first rehearsal for Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., Classroom 3. Some 24 people have expressed interest in the Chorus, and it's hoped that others will come to the first session Tuesday. Miss O'Connor has stressed that enjoyment of music and an interest in singing are the only requirements, and that all employees are invited to participate.

OFF TO JAPAN

Lawrence F. Crane, M.D., MMC chief of orthopedics, has been named head physician of the medical staff for the U. S. team in the XIth Olympic Winter Games in Japan this winter. Dr. Crane, who has been a team physician for the last two Winter Olympics, will work with Dr. Daniel Hanley of Brunswick, chairman of the Olympic Medical Services Committee.

50 YEARS AGO

The Express carried an item this week about a Falmouth Hotel luncheon of leading citizens in 1922. They had vision, the account said, that one large hospital could be built, housing the activities of the Maine General Hospital, the Children's Hospital and the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary. This was accomplished 34 years later, when the Maine Medical Center was formed by the merger of the three institutions.

DR. LORENTZ NAMED

Dr. John J. Lorentz of Kennebunkport, MMC's chief of rehabilitation, was elected president of the Cerebral Palsy Center last week at the group's annual meeting. The organization operates the education and rehabilitation facility on Grant street.

PHYSICIST APPOINTED

Terrence E. Donlan, Ph.D., assumed new duties last week as a physicist in the Department of Radiology. A former NASA test crewman and post-doctoral scholar in the department of Radiology, Health Sciences Center, UCLA at Los Angeles, Dr. Donlan will have many duties in the MMC Radiology department post, including the teaching of physics problems relating to nuclear medicine and diagnostic radiology. He also will serve as Radiation Physicist for the hospital.

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