



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## OF CELLOS AND CHARLTONS

Ginny Charlton and husband Bob are playing the leads in Portland Players' production of Absence of a Cello at the Thaxter Theatre. The show ran last weekend, and will be presented again Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, this week. In the play, Ginny and Bob appear as a married couple, and a first-nighter, last week, commented to a friend that they certainly made their parts convincing. "They should," said the friend. "They've been married more than 30 years." Ginny is a supervisor in Heart Catheterization when she isn't a leading lady for the Players. Another member of the MMC family, Beth Martin, R.N., of PLA, is working backstage for the current production.

## IN ATLANTA

Dr. Robert Ritchie and Rheumatic Disease Lab assistants Joyce Graves, Pat Baldwin and Joan Stevens were in Atlanta, Ga., last week, for a convention of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

## THE CHORUS

Another good rehearsal last week, high in quality, but low in numbers. Director Catherine O'Connor still has the welcome mat out for new members, and is holding the rehearsal time to 5 p.m., Tuesdays in the Irish classrooms. She hopes the late-afternoon time will be best for those who said they'd be interested, but who haven't been able to join the group yet.

## SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM

Physicians throughout the state will be receiving first word this week about the Third Annual Surgical Symposium. Sponsored by the MMC Department of Surgery, the event will be held here March 24. The Isaac Webber Surgical Lecture will be delivered this year by Edward H. Soule, M.D., Professor of Pathology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

## PLANNING GRANT AWARDED

A \$19,500 grant has been awarded to MMC by Maine's Regional Medical Program for preliminary studies of the ambulatory care program. The studies may lead to revision of the present clinic system to provide comprehensive care, and to the eventual development of a department of Community Medicine. As envisioned, the preliminary steps could include a pilot project providing total care for a number of Model Cities residents. The pilot or demonstration model could provide information of great value in the planning of the full-scale ambulatory care program at MMC.

## IT'S TAX TIME

Sorry to mention it, but the Internal Revenue Service has asked us to point out that refund checks are less likely to be delayed when tax returns are filed early... which is right now. You may prolong the agony, however, until midnight, April 15.

## WHAT'S COOKING

The Maine State Nurses' Association, District 4, will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Portland City Hospital. The program--"What's Cooking in Inservice"--will be presented by three of the area hospitals, showing the new concepts in nursing inservice education. Other hospitals, nursing homes and community health agencies have also been invited to set up displays demonstrating their use of the latest teaching aids. The business meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Margaret Howard, R.N., district president.

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