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A CHAT WITH THE DIRECTOR

All MMC employees are invited to attend one of five meetings with Philip K. Reiman, executive director, in the Irish classrooms this week. Mr. Reiman will deal with current hospital topics, including the new parking system, construction plans and wage revision progress. All MMC workers are urged to attend.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Classrooms 2 and 3

8 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Classrooms 2 and 3

2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Classroom 2

2 p.m.

HELPING HANDS

In three days, last week, MMC people put together \$920 and a truckload of clothing, food and Christmas presents for the Julian Davis family of West Buxton who lost their home and its contents in a fire early Tuesday. Davis is an orderly on R1, and returned from his evening work at 2 a.m., just in time to help his wife Betty awaken and lead their seven children from the blazing house.

On Friday, after a kick-off by the Department of Nursing and three days of effort by Unit Manager Coordinator Bob Erickson and many others, Miss Agnes Flaherty, R.N., director of Nursing, presented Julian with a check for more than \$920 contributed by his fellow workers, and arrangements were made for the delivery of the other items that included many gifts for the children, as well as dolls, games and toys from the Press Herald-Express Bruce Roberts fund.

Davis, who expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude to all who helped, said he has found a new home for the family, and hoped they could be moved in before the holiday.

PARKING RAMP HINTS

Security Chief Sam Cummings has this request: During inclement weather (of which we've had a preponderance in the last few days) please don't park on the exposed top levels of the ramp. This will help grounds people in their efforts to keep the parking spaces clear of snow. Incidentally, it didn't take long for many drivers to discover that the lower, inside spaces are snug spots for a car on these wintry days.

NEW VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR

Mrs. Elsie J. Mead of Yarmouth has been appointed MMC director of volunteer services, succeeding Mrs. Irene P. Pierce who retires at the close of the year. Mrs. Mead has had nursing and business training, and was an employee and volunteer at the Albany, N.Y. Medical Center. Since coming to the Portland area, she has been active in a number of Yarmouth and Greater Portland civic organizations. Mrs. Mead lives at Juniper Ledge.

TWO CHRISTMAS PARTIES

R4 patients and many others were guests at a Christmas Party Thursday in the R4 dayroom, and were entertained by Lew Colby, Channel Six weatherman, Miss Ellen LeFebvre, soprano, and Magician Ralph Greenwood. Refreshments closed the affair, which was arranged by Gary Curtis, WCSH television director, himself an R4 patient.

Santa Claus arrived in the Children's division at mid-afternoon Thursday with presents for all the young patients. His appearance highlighted the Christmas Party sponsored annually by the Visiting Board of Children's Hospital.

WE'RE A LITTLE LATE, FOLKS...

But we hope ;your Christmas was merry, indeed, and that 1973 will be a most happy and prosperous year for all of you.