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NAMED ACTING CHIEF

Dr. Joseph Stocks, an associate pathologist at MMC since 1970, has been named acting Chief of Pathology. He assumed his new duties August 1 as Dr. Joseph E. Porter stepped into semi-retirement after 29 years as head of the department. Dr. Porter will continue to supervise the MMC School of Medical Technology, and will serve as a consulting pathologist. Dr. Stocks served his residency in pathology at MMC in 1967-69, and is board certified as a pediatrician and as a pathologist.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE POST

George W. Hallett, M.D., chief of pediatrics at MMC, has been appointed to the National Committee on Hospital Care of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He will assume his committee responsibilities in October for a period of three years. Dr. Hallett has been a member of the Staff of MMC since 1949. He has been full-time chief of pediatrics for 14 years.

96 STEPS

Add this to your store of useless information: There are 96 steps in the stairway that leads from the bottom floor of the new parking ramp to the top. Just a few more will take you to the Coronary Intensive Care Unit. However, work is well underway on the elevators.

NAMED TO STAFF

MMC Trustees have granted temporary staff priveleges to Martin J. Bell, M.D. pediatric surgeon, pending completion of his medical staff application.

BOWLING, ANYONE?

Ralph O'Brien of Housekeeping is organizing a men's bowling schedule that will open Wednesday, Sept. 6 and continue on Wednesday evenings throughout the season. Call Ralph at home (775-1076) any evening for particulars.

HOSPITAL COSTS

Three Maine hospital administrators joined the state's top Blue Cross executive to discuss hospital costs and other common problems last night on Channel 13 in a panel moderated by Ross Hammons, WGAN-TV personality. Participating were Philip K. Reiman, executive director of MMC; Warren Kessler, administrator of Augusta General; Lee Pridgen, Jr., Maine Hospital Association president and administrator of PenBay, Thomaston; and Richard Nellson, president of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

DON'T FORGET

...The first meeting of the MMC Chorus on Tuesday evening, Aug. 22, in classroom one. Miss Catherine O'Connor, the director, urges old and new members to attend, and points out that membership is open to anyone connected with MMC, including members of their families. The rehearsal is scheduled for 5 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

A group of foreign students including several Japanese young people toured MMC Friday. They're in the area under sponsorship of the International Cultural Exchange. Dr. Shoji Miyawaki of the Rheumatic Disease lab assisted with the tour, serving as an interpreter for the Japanese visitors.