# WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

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# SURGICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr. Richard C. Britton assumes full-time duties as chief of surgery at MMC today, succeeding Dr. Emerson H. Drake, who has served as chief of surgery on a voluntary basis since 1960. Dr. Drake will continue as attending surgeon, devoting substantially more time to his private practice, as well as serving as a consultant to the new chief.

Dr. Britton, who will supervise and coordinate all surgical activity at MMC, is a native of Houlton, a graduate of Bowdoin College and Yale Medical School. He comes to MMC after serving as chairman, department of surgery, Brooklyn-Cumberland Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

# NEW PHARMACY CHIEF

Also assuming new duties today is Robert R. Auger, an Augusta native and former Greenwich, Conn., Hospital pharmacy director who has been appointed as director of pharmacy services at MMC. He succeeds Robert I. Worcester, who will remain through a transitional period until his June retirement. Worcester has served as MMC pharmacy chief since 1950. Also beginning today will be a new assistant director, William L. Gousse, III, who has recently completed a pharmacy residency under Auger's preceptorship at Greenwich Hospital.

# UMO SALUTATORIAN

Miss Kathleen A. Joy, who's spending her senior year at MMC in the Medical Technology course, has been named Salutatorian of her class at the University of Maine, Orono. In seven semesters, she has received "A's" in all courses except one. It was chemistry, a while back, and she got a "B." She will address the class at the June 6 commencement at Orono.

# JCAH SURVEY

Dr. Thurman A. Larson and Harold H. Cochran, a hospital administrative specialist, will inspect MMC April 26-27 for JCAH accreditation. The team will tour the hospital and visit many of the departments.

### THE BEAT WINS

The <u>BEAT</u>, newsletter of the Friends of Maine Medical Center, was awarded first prize in a competition staged by the New England Hospital Assembly. Mrs. Stuart McGuire, editor, received the first prize award in Boston last week from NEHA president John L. Quigley. The presentation was a highlight of a volunteers' luncheon at the Sheraton-Boston.

## THE MALL EXHIBIT

The National Hospital Week exhibit at Maine Mall will be limited to health careers, with representation of as many fields of health education as are now in progress at MMC and throughout the community. Mrs. John A. Philbrick, an MMC trustee and president of the Friends, is taking the leadership in this project, and is being assisted by the volunteer groups of all the hospitals. The idea is to present up-to-the-minute information on local-area health career education and opportunities.

### TO HONOR EMPLOYEES

A service-award coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the cafeteria to honor many of our long-service employees. Pins will be presented by Philip K. Reiman, MMC executive director, and the respective department heads.

# THIS AND THAT

About ten seats are still available for that April 15 bus trip to Boston. They're \$4, round trip, and Marge Harris, P/R department, is taking reservations...Art Stevenson has asked potential softball players to meet in classroom 1, Thursday, April 6, at 4 p.m...the MMC Chorus will rehearse Tuesday at 5 p.m., classroom 1.