



The *Great* Canadian
Catholic Hospital History Project

Documenting the legacy and contribution of the
Congregations of Religious Women in Canada,
their mission in health care, and the founding and operation of Catholic hospitals.



Projet de la *Grande* Histoire
des hôpitaux catholiques au Canada

Retracer l'héritage et la contribution des
congrégations de religieuses au Canada,
leur mission en matière de soins de santé ainsi que la fondation et l'exploitation des hôpitaux catholiques.

**St. Francis Memorial Hospital
Barry's Bay, Ontario
Celebrating 50 Years of Community Caring
1960-2010**

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St. Francis Memorial Hospital



Celebrating
50 Years
of Community Caring



THE DREAM

On a hill overlooking a bay on beautiful Lake Kamaniskeg, just outside the Village of Barry 's Bay stands St. Francis Memorial Hospital. It is a testimonial to the individuals and the small hardworking community who, for twelve years, pursued their dream to build a community hospital and saw it realized in 1960.

The very early descriptions of the new St. Francis Memorial Hospital included the promise that it would be founded on the best principles and traditions of medicine. The works of mercy delivered would serve all mankind regardless of race or religion. This was endorsed by the community and the overwhelming number of residents who worked tirelessly to raise the community portion of the initial funds and support the Hospital.

On October 25, 1960 when Premier Leslie Frost cut the ribbon to officially open St. Francis Memorial Hospital it was a day of celebration for the huge crowd in attendance. There was a definite pride in the accomplishments of a collection of small communities to establish their own hospital - a feeling that is still evident today through continuing community support.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Francis Memorial Hospital we are pleased to look back and provide a brief history of the Hospital and recognize the people and events that made the dream a reality.

Hospital Help Wanted

Applications are invited for the following staff positions of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Barry's Bay.

- Registered Nurses
- Nurses Aides
- Orderlies
- Laboratory Assistants
- Office Assistants
- Kitchen Help
- Maintenance Man
- Cleaning Women
- Laundry Workers

Registered Nurses (Ontario) will be paid at the 1961 general provincial rate.

Application forms available at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Barry's Bay, Ont.,

St. Francis Hospital Ready for Admittance of Patients

The newly constructed St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay commenced admitting patients Thursday Dec. 1.

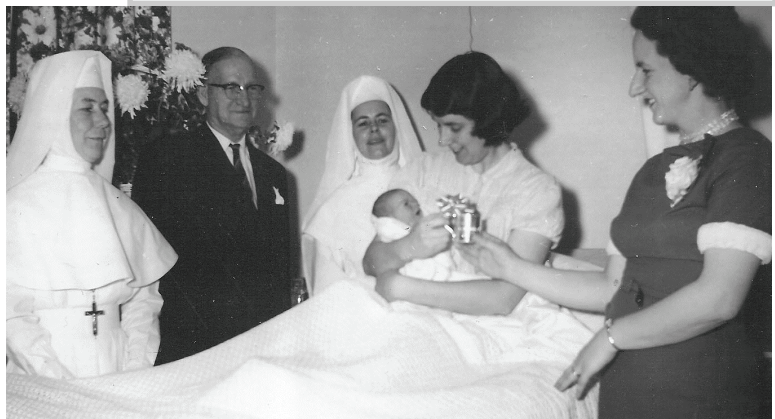
.....Although the entire Hospital will not be opened immediately the maternity and medical wards are prepared for patients at the present time, and the other portions such as surgery etc. will be opened very shortly.

..... The staff employed by the Hospital will number 36 which includes seven sisters that have been working so vigorously in preparing the hospital. There are five registered nurses, two of which are sisters.

Hospital used Extensively

The new St. Francis Memorial Hospital which opened on Dec. 1st for admittance of patients has been used extensively by the residents of this district which it serves.

Up until Wednesday noon, Dec. 21st, we were informed that 57 patients had been admitted, some of whom have been discharged, and ten babies have been born in the new hospital, that since the hospital was completed, considerably more interest has been shown regarding Hospital Insurance, and an increase is noticed in the number of people in the area applying for this hospital coverage. In the event of anyone wishing to apply for insurance application forms are obtainable at the bank.



Mrs. Zita Glofcheskie, the first President of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, presents the silver cup donated to the first baby born in St. Francis Memorial Hospital. The new baby is Andrea Mary, daughter of Elizabeth and Dr. Andrew Chapeskie.

Receiving the cup and holding the baby is her mother, while Sister Mary Emma, Administrator, and Sister M. Hedwig look on with Mr. Henry J. Chapeskie, President of the Hospital Board and grandfather to the baby.

The Early Years



Sr. Emma Varney, first Administrator



Staff assembly for report (L-R) B. Brown, B. Cybulski, Sr. Mary Denis, Annie Shulist, Jack Golka, & Wayne Hoare



Sr. Martha Prince and paediatric patient



Medical Staff (L-R) Dr. Andrew Chapeskie, Dr. Fred Eggert, & Dr. Jack Burger



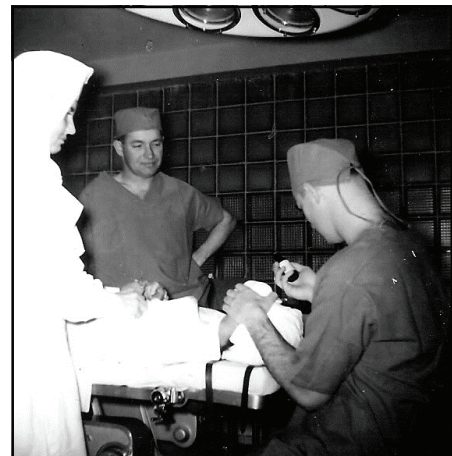
Adele Hildebrandt, Erva Okum, and Margaret Grodzka, in background



Helen Dombroskie attending to a set of twins



Rev. Maika and Sr. Mary Denis visit patients



Sr. Martha Prince, Dr. Chapeskie, and Dr. Burger in the operating



Laundry staff back row, Evelyn Yantha, Margaret Peplinskie, & Margaret Coulas. Housekeeping staff front row, Theresa Coulas, & Beverly Schimmens

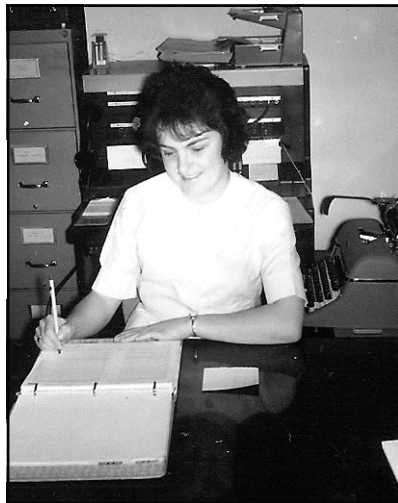


Dorothy Marquardt in Central Supply Room

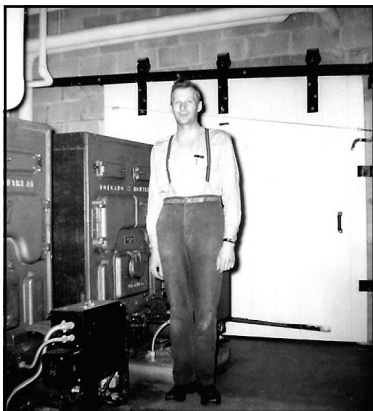


Sr. Felicitas, Dietary Supervisor, with Dianne Schimmens, Rita Kuiack, & Annie Golka

Elizabeth Mayhew in Admitting



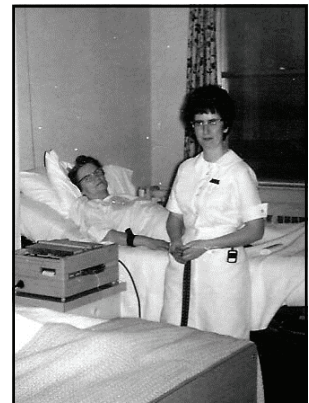
Sr. Imelda Registered X-Ray and Lab Tech. attends a patient assisted by Mary Wingle



Winnifrey Burchat, Plant Maintenance



Sr. St. John tending to the Chapel



Barbara Conway of the Lab & X-ray Department taking an ECG

Operating Report First Year 1961

ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Barry's Bay, Ontario

IN-PATIENTS

	ADULTS	NEWBORN	TOTAL
Patients in hospital beginning of the year	8		8
Admissions during the year	794	145	939
Total under care	802	145	947
Deaths	23	2	25

PATIENT DAYS

Adults & Children	6446
Newborn	918
Total patient days	7364

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

Surgical Services	
Number of operations performed	217
Blood transfusions	100
Exchange transfusions on an RH negative baby	1

Obstetrical Services:	147
Total deliveries	2
Caesarean sections	

Immature births	
Still-births	2
Death of Immatures	2

Dietary Service:	29,193
Total meals served	

X-Ray Services:	
Number of examinations	1,549
Number of films taken	3,204

Laboratory Service:	
Haematology	3748 tests
Biochemistry	1315 tests
Bacteriology	279 tests
Blood Bank	637 tests

Electrocardiographs 126

OUT-PATIENT SERVICES

Patients treated in Emergency Operating Room	135
Patients tests in Lab and X-Ray	372

Total Out-Patients 507

PERSONNEL

Number of staff (includes Sisters - 7)	34
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HOURS OF PATIENT CARE

Total paid hours of nursing care	35,853
Special services	6,659
General services	34,729

Grand Total 77,241

Sister Mary Emma.
Administrator.

How Do We Compare 50 Years Later ?

Since the opening of the Hospital in 1960 there has been a definite shift in how patients use Hospitals. Today's patient expects more diagnostic and outpatient services with much less emphasis on inpatient admissions.

Surgery was phased out when Dr. Chapeskie decreased his number of cases and a replacement surgeon could not be found.

In 1995 the Obstetrical Service was discontinued when the number of births per year declined.

In 2009/10

Number of Hospital Admissions	373
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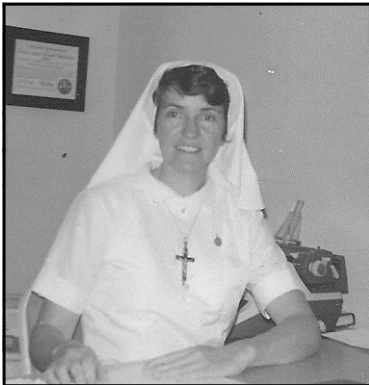
Diagnostic Imaging now includes, X-Rays, Mammograms, Ultrasound, and Bone Densitometry	
Number of Tests	12,737

Clinics and Dialysis	4,484
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Emergency Visits	10,081
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Total Staff employed	129
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10th Anniversary — Celebrating our Staff



Sr. Rosenda Brady
Administrator



Helen O'Malley R.N.



Barbara Conway and
Susan Parker



Mary Coulas R.N.A. &
Sr. Mary Keizer



Sr. Martha Prince
Director of Nursing



Sr. Rita Bowers R.N.A., Elizabeth
Priest R.N. & Stasia Shalla R.N.



Erva Okum R.N. &
Colleen Marquardt R.N.



Mary Coulas R.N.



Rose Marie
Trader R.N.A.

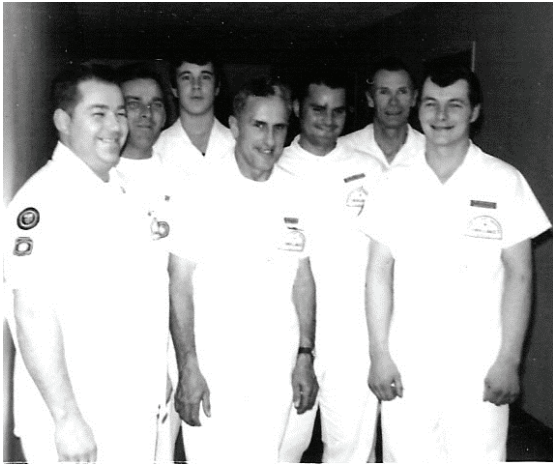


Judy Lisk
Business
Office

1971

Barry's Bay Hospital Plans Ambulance Services by Jan. 1st 1971

St. Francis Memorial Hospital announced today that it will provide ambulance services commencing Jan. 1st. The supervisor of the department will be Jack Golka. In the past ambulance services were provided by William Goulet. Sr. Rosenda said he is to be commended for his availability and generous service.



Ambulance Staff (L-R) Back row: Wellington Lisk , Michael Kelly, Raymond Lapenski, Phillip Herron. Front row: Jack Golka, Albert Prince, & Ernie P. Coulas

the Eganville Leader, November 19, 1975— Page Six

Ambulance service covers large area

Ontario's ambulance service—its in North the ambulance Francis Barry's part of service, own way the large Initiate retiring or, Sister unit ambulance it wasn't second through Health's branch



Ambulance Attendant, Ed Matcheskie, places first in Ontario in an ambulance attendant course.

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Jack Golka , Ambulance Supervisor demonstrates equipment in the ambulance.



Sr. Martha Prince



Sr. Edna Prince



Sr. Imelda Coyne

Sr. Rosenda Resigns

October 1975



Hospital Administrator



Sr. Rosenda



Sr. Emma Varney



Sr. St. John



Sr. Anita Levair

End of era for St. Francis Hospital

The departure of Sister Rosenda marks the end of an era for St. Francis Memorial Hospital and for Barry's Bay.

Since the opening of the hospital in 1960 the Sisters of St. Joseph, of the Diocese of Pembroke have been the driving force behind the hospital's well-earned reputation for the high standard of care available to its patients.

The original governing board of the hospital, consisting of Henry J. Chapeskie, president; Chris

Corrigan, Maxie Mintha, Paul Yakabuski and Edward Shalla, asked the sisters to handle the administration of the new hospital.

The first sisters to be appointed were Sister Emma Varney, administrator; Sister Edna Prince, director of nursing; Sister Martha Prince, operating room supervisor and medical records; Sister Imelda Coyne, laboratory and X-ray technologist; Sister St. John, housekeeper, Sister Anita Levair, dietary department, and Sister Ros-

enda Brady, business manager.

During the 15 years of the sisters' service, many local people worked in the hospital and then continued their studies to become professionally qualified for their positions. About four years ago the Sisters of St. Joseph began to withdraw from key positions to make way for lay people to assume administration of the hospital.

Sister Rosenda Brady, administrator, the last to withdraw, reports all dep-

artments are well staffed with qualified people and all are well-equipped.

The Sisters of St. Joseph wish to thank all the people of the area, especially the members of the governing board, the medical staff, the women's hospital auxiliary, and all hospital staff members for their tremendous cooperation in achieving the standard of quality care the hospital can offer to its patients.

They also extend special appreciation to Msgr. A.J. Maika, and to the first

hospital chaplain, Rev. J.K. O'Brien. Rev. Leonard Ritza served as hospital chaplain from 1963 to 1970, when he retired from the Canadian Army Chaplain Corps with the rank of Lt. Colonel. The community was grieved by his death in 1974.

A very special thanks also to all the ministers and other clergy for their interest and support over the years.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, while leaving administration of the hospital, will always be interested in the area of pastoral care. They say it has been a privilege to serve the community over the past 15 years through St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

Renovations Needed at St. Francis Memorial

Built in 1960, St. Francis Memorial Hospital is now 20 years old and like any structure the time has come for renovations and changes to meet today's needs.

This was the message spelled out by the Hospital Board to a number of clergy of the area at a meeting held last week in the Church of the Epiphany Hall in Barry's Bay.

Like many other hospitals, St. Francis Memorial must change to meet the needs of an aging population. This means that more chronic beds are needed than a few years ago.

Using audio visual techniques, Mr. John Trant, Chairman of the Board gave an explanation demonstrating the changes needed, why, and how the Board hopes to implement these changes.

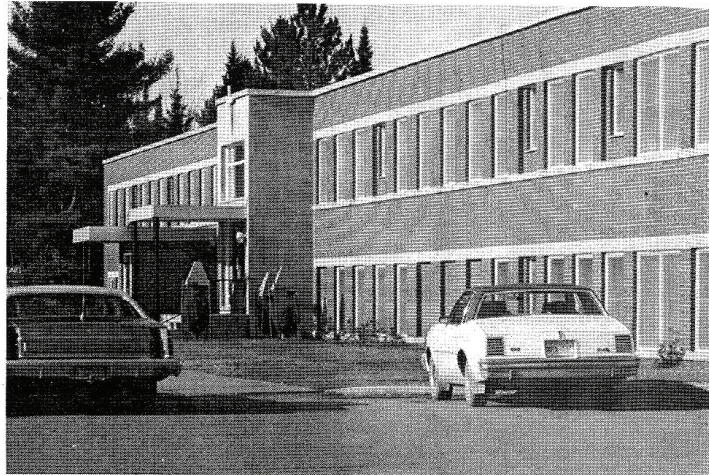
At the present time, the hospital has 34 beds; 9 of which are termed chronic beds and the balance active. However, a total of 14-16 beds are being occupied by chronic patients,

thus reducing the beds available for active patients. At this point there is no flexibility as the hospital is operating at 100%.

Mr. Trant outlined some of the areas where the present facilities are not adequate or where renovations are needed to make the services more efficient. In most cases, this means more space and some services such as emergency entrance being relocated and more space for medical records, physiotherapy, nursing administration area, laboratory, to mention a few. Laboratory equipment must be kept up to date and this, too, costs a great deal.

A survey has been done on the needs and a final plan will be submitted to the Department of Health. Following that approval, plans can be made for a "Campaign for Funds", hopefully in the new year.

Until a plan is approved, it is not known what the cost will be. However, the amount to be raised locally could be one-third of the total with the



St. Francis Memorial Hospital

balance paid by the Ministry.

Following a discussion on various services of the Hospital, the group moved to St. Francis Hospital where Mr. Trant and Mr. Robertson, Administrator, toured the

hospital and showed the group the present facilities and pointed out some of the inadequacies of the present situation.

One area of the hospital being used less is the surgical area. There are several reasons for the

decline. Due to OHIP same according to the surgery being done at the policy, there is less dental vey.

As St. Francis Memorial hospital. There are fewer has played such an important part in the Barry's being performed as well. Bay and surrounding

The need for maternity wards, and active patient beds will remain about the of the changes needed.

September 1983

Final Approvals for the Expansion of St. Francis Memorial Hospital



After many hours of planning the final stamp of approval for the expansion of St. Francis Memorial was awarded in September 1983. The new addition provided a 17 bed chronic care wing, a new emergency department, the creation of private patient rooms, the addition of air

conditioning and electric heating as well as other changes involving almost every department in the Hospital. The total cost of the expansion was projected at 2.8 million of which the province provided five-sixths leaving the community to raise \$600,000.

Ribbon Cutting to launch the Fundraising Campaign for the Hospital Expansion



On hand for the ceremony were (L to R) Fundraising District Coordinator, Betty Bloskie, Hospital Board Chair, Colin McGrath, Fundraising Committee Chairman, Ray Stamplecoskie, Honorary Chairman MPP Paul Yakabuski, and Barry's Bay Reeve, Paul Recoskie. Other committee campaign members include Jim Conway, Chair of Corporate and Business, John Skelley to head up the special events, and Shirley Weir is directing the efforts for summer residents.

Come out to the Hospital Fund-Raising Kickoff in Barry's Bay.

BRING YOUR QUARTERS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE "QUARTER-MILE"

- ★ Clowns
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Draws



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m.
Quarter-Laying until 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 3
SHOW YOU CARE



Everyone helped with the quarter mile.

WILL THIS STREET BE LINED WITH QUARTERS ON SATURDAY?



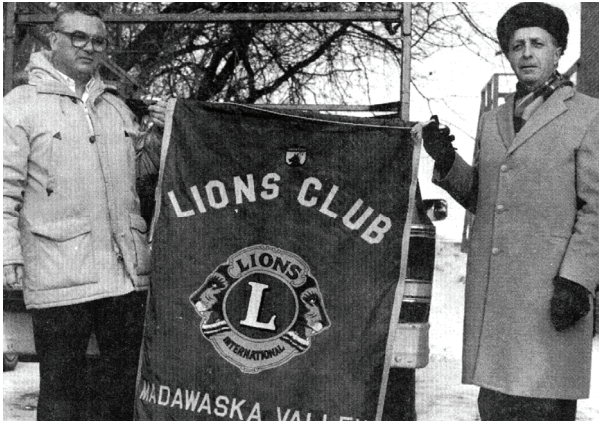
Jody Sernoskie age 4 & Samantha Mitchell age 10 helped collect.



Geris Serran & sister Jade

\$3,500
Collected

A Community Involved



Paul Recoskie & MPP Paul Yakabuskie launch the Madawaska Valley Lions Club fundraising

YOU CAN'T WIN WITHOUT A TICKET!

MADAWASKA VALLEY LIONS CLUB
"DREAM HOUSE DRAW"

\$60,000.00 CASH

LIONS MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

NET PROCEEDS TO:
 ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND

To Be Drawn
 By **AUGUST 4, 1984**

Permit No. 430919

\$100.00
 Per Ticket
 Only 1,000 Tickets Printed

WIN

BUY YOUR OWN OR FORM A GROUP.
DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED — ONLY A FEW HUNDRED TICKETS LEFT. DRAW WILL BE EARLIER IF ALL TICKETS SOLD. MAIL YOUR CHEQUE TODAY!



Ray Stamplecoskie accepts a cheque from the students of St. John Bosco School



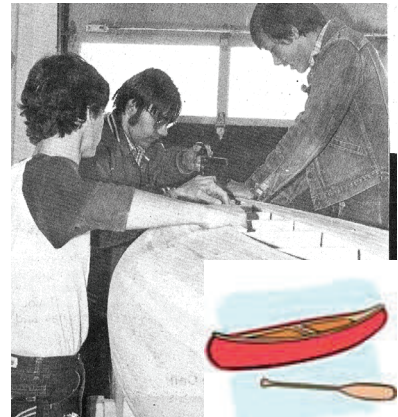
The winner of the house Evelyn Taylor, of Hay Lake, receives a celebratory kiss from Howard Schutt of the Lions Club after the draw.



Greta Bloskie President of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presents a cheque to Colin McGrath Hospital Board Chair.



Kenny Yantha presents a cheque to Jim Conway on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.



Students from Madawaska Valley District High School built a cedar strip canoe to be raffled.

Municipalities donate \$50,000 to St. Francis

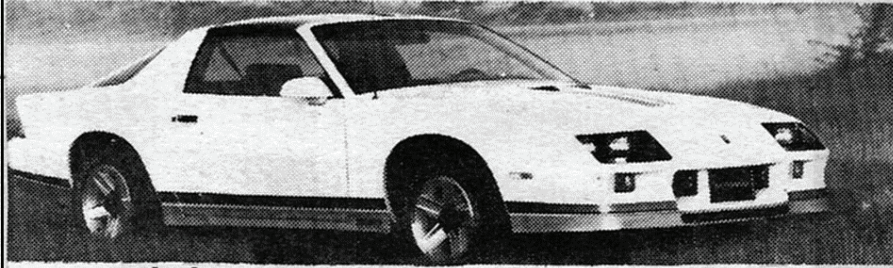
The History of the Name St. Francis Memorial



The Hospital was named in honour of St. Francis of Assisi. Throughout his life St. Francis spread the gospel of love for all of God's creatures especially the poor, the sick, and the fallen. He was a living example of compassion, simplicity, charity and healing, which were characteristics the new Hospital philosophy would strive to embrace.

The word Memorial also became part of the name in memory to all who had served their country in the two world wars.

In just 47 days . . .



. . . this car could be yours!

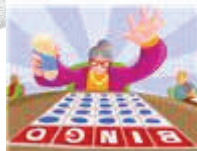
The exciting 1984 Camaro Z-28 St. Francis Special — (a one-of-a-kind auto) — is looking for a special owner. Ten dollars gets you a ticket (only 6,000 have been printed) on this fabulous car. Tickets available at many retail outlets throughout the Madawaska Valley or by mail. Send a \$10.00 cheque or money order, along with the coupon, and your ticket will be mailed to you.



The lucky winner of the 1984 Camaro Z-28, Sheila Mosley of Barry's Bay, proudly poses with her new car.



Amby Dwyer calls at the Monster Bingo



Timberfest weekend started with breakfast and live broadcast of Ontario Morning with Alan Millar, with Reeve Paul Recoskie. Proceeds of breakfast when to the Hospital Building Fund.



Madawaska Valley Lions Club presents cheque



Barry's Bay Royal Canadian Legion adds their contribution

^{JULY 4, 1984}
Art auction raises over \$7,500

Local funding is now in place

The Board of Directors of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital are pleased to announce that although there will always be a need for funds to upgrade, furnish and maintain, the hospital's portion of the funding required for the extension and alterations has now been realized. The Board is now awaiting final approval from the Ministry of Health.

designated towards the municipalities and organizations for this construction associated allowable regulated by guidelines. The \$57,000 is a non-allowable represents the of the program. The Directors wish the fund raisers involved in this

Hospital project gets green light from province

JUNE 19, 1985

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MPP Paul Yakabuskie, Ontario Education Minister Sean Conway, and Mr. Frank Ritza. At the sod turning for the original building in 1959, Mr. Ritza was on hand to present the shovel to Honourable Mr. Maloney and did the same today.

NOTICE
The Board of Directors of St. Francis Memorial Hospital cordially invite everyone to attend
The Sod Turning Ceremony
for the long awaited **HOSPITAL EXPANSION**
on **Saturday, September 21st**
at 10:30 a.m.



TENDERS AWARDED
Seven construction firms bid on the project and M. Sullivan Ltd. of Arnprior came in with the lowest bid and a completion date estimate of 42 weeks. M. Sullivan's firm also built the original hospital.

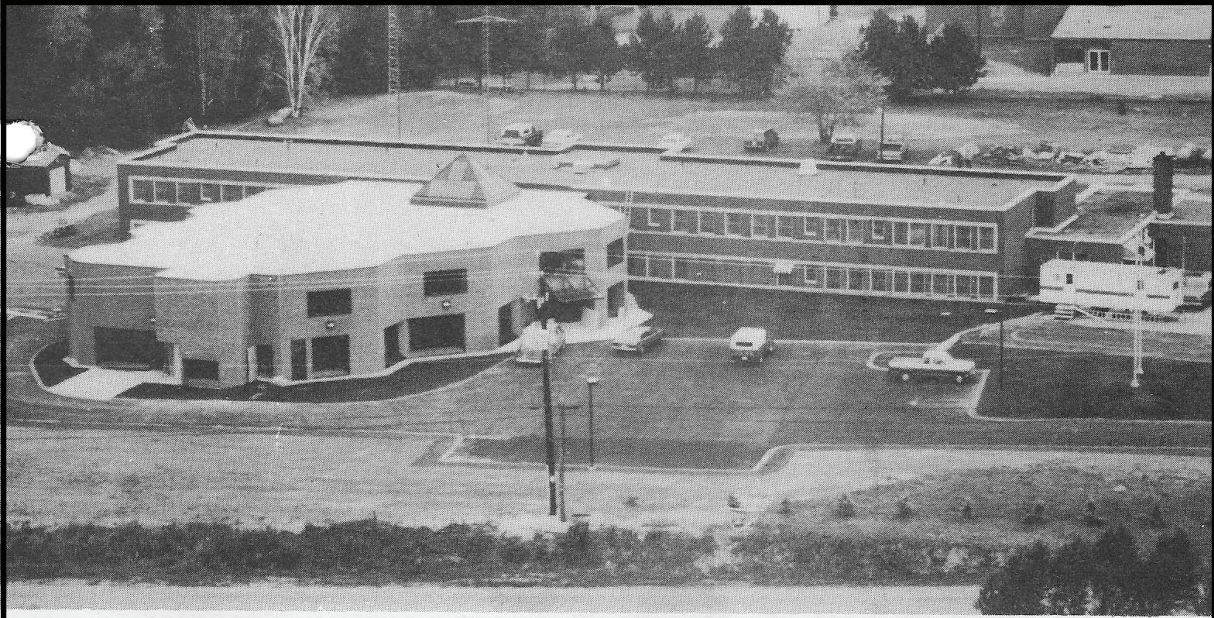


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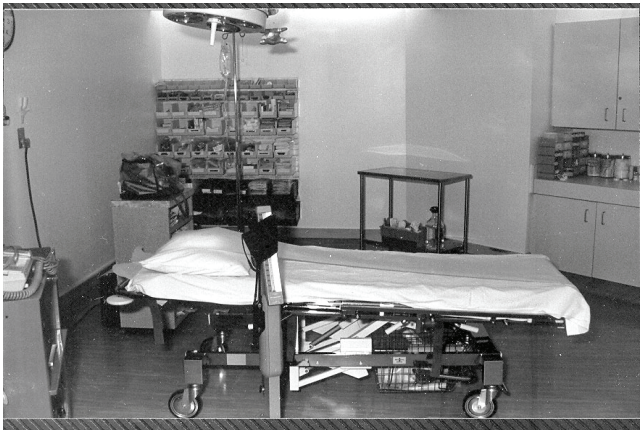
Official Opening
Continuing Care Wing - St. Francis Memorial Hospital
Barry's Bay, Ontario
May 2, 1987

**Health Minister Elston Opens the New \$2.6 Million
Hospital Wing**

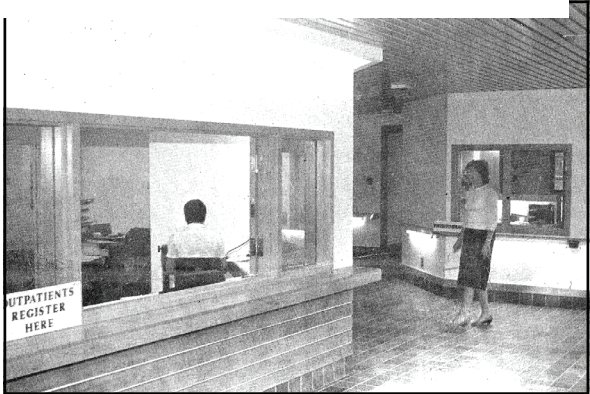


Maureen Kay Director of Nursing, MPP Paul Yakabuski, Ontario Health Minister Murray Elston, Minister of Education Sean Conway, and Winnifrey Burchat, the Plant Maintenance Supervisor who was employed at the Hospital since it opened in 1960. In front are Sara and Sam Glofcheskie, who are the great grand niece and nephew of Msgr. Biernacki and children of Beverly Glofcheskie who helped cut the ribbon at the original opening of the Hospital.

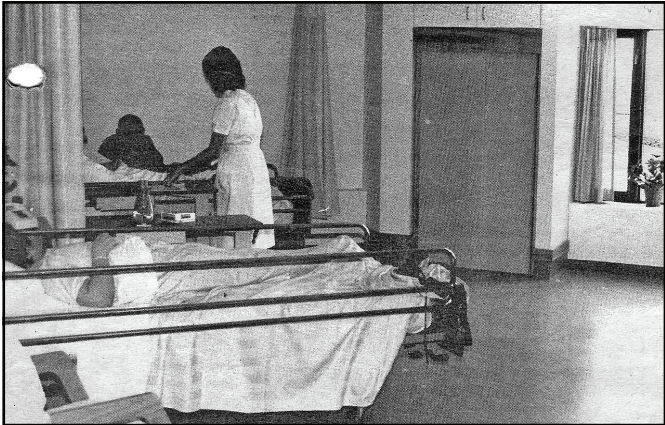
The New Emergency Department is a Dramatic Change



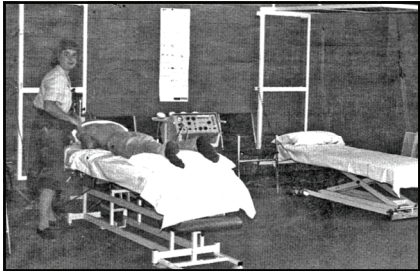
Admitting/Registration Desk is Welcoming.



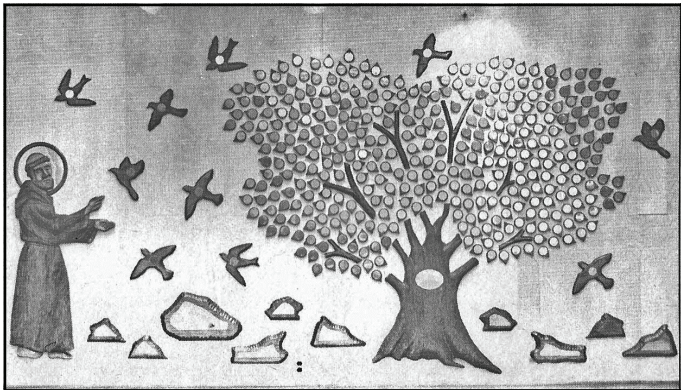
St. Francis Continuing Care Unit is Brighter and Larger



Susan Cowan
Physiotherapist,
welcomes a
patient to the
new department.



Agnes
Andercheck
shows some
of the displays
in the new
Auxiliary Gift
Shop located
at the front
entrance of
the Hospital.



The "Tree of Life" mural in the front lobby was created by local artisans and will be used to recognize donors to the capital needs of the Hospital.

St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Est. 1960



Twenty-four ladies, representing various groups in the district, assembled on September 22, 1960 to discuss the possibility of organizing a Women's Hospital Auxiliary to function in conjunction with the St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay, Ontario which is slated to open on Tuesday Oct. 25, 1960.

A general meeting was held Oct. 6, and various committees were established: a Ways and Means Committee, Special Teas, Cutting and Sewing, Press and Public Relations, Gift Shop and Tuck Shop Cart.

The first job of the Auxiliary was Operation Clean-up. The ladies gathered at the Hospital on Oct 24, to prepare for the official opening of the hospital the next day. They also decided to have a pantry shower to help stock the Hospital kitchen with food staples and utensils. Pantry showers continued to be held every year to help keep the kitchen stocked.

The Gift Shop was opened Nov. 21, 1960 with sixteen donated items. A tuck shop cart was purchased for \$29.00 and operated for many years.

In the past 50 years, the Auxiliary, now consisting of men and women, continue to serve the needs of the Hospital with insurmountable zeal and devotion, giving voluntarily of their time, effort, energy, and experience.



THE FIRST AUXILIARY

Greta Blossie, Claire Dubreuil, Zita Glofcheskie, Mariam Sheridan, Grace Conway.



1963 AUXILIARY—Front Row (L-R) Bernadette Dudack, Greta Blossie, Babette Brodie, Kathryn Farmer, Gloria Dusseault. Back row standing (L-R) Catherine Sullivan, Viola Serran, Florence Kosnaskie, Teresa Sullivan, Beatrice Lentz, Theresa Beanish, Beatrice Shalla, Rose Recoskie, Mary Matusheskie, 2 Unknown.



Babette Brodie, Pres. & Mary Cybulski .



1975 -Gail Kostash, Ethel Smith, Pres. Bernice Boehme & Teresa Sullivan.

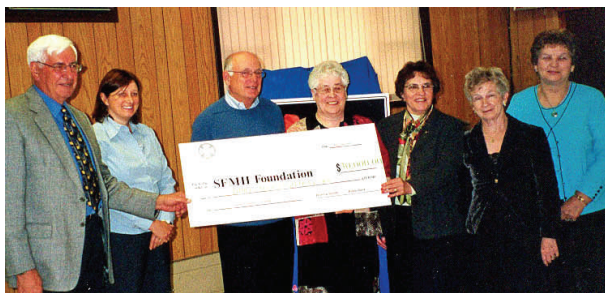


ANNUAL AUXILIARY TEA



AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

- 1960-61 Zita Glofcheskie
- 1961-64 Greta Bloskie
- 1964-65 Babette Brodie
- 1965-67 Catherine Sullivan
- 1967-69 Ethel Smith
- 1969-70 Betty McCarthy
- 1970-72 Hortense Stevenson
- 1972-73 Helen Daly
- 1973-74 Georgie Trant
- 1974-75 Ethel Smith
- 1975-77 Teresa Sullivan
- 1977-79 Kay Pollock
- 1979-82 Mary E. Herron
- 1982-87 Greta Bloskie
- 1987-89 Teresa Sullivan
- 1989-2005 Lorraine Finn
- 2005-07 Donna Smith
- 2007-current Lorraine Finn



International Womens Day Award

Lorraine Finn Honoured



Lorraine Finn

Lorraine Finn captured one of two "International Women's Day Awards" for Renfrew County, for her constant unlimited

contributions towards many volunteer organizations. Lorraine is well respected and is very popular in Barry's Bay and surrounding communities. She has managed the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary gift shop for 20 years, is an ex-officio member of both the hospital Board and Foundation and is HAAO Chairman of Region 9. Anyone who knows Lorraine says her best quality is her willingness and endless ways of helping people.

Submitted by
Joan Kydd & Lorna MacKenzie.



St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Moments



Christmas Sale



The Gift Shop



Raffle



Nevada Ticket Sales



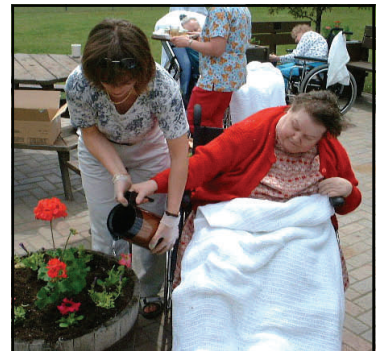
Helping the Foundation with the Tree of Lights Campaign



Selling Bingo cards at the annual bingo event for a chance at great prizes



Fun on our Continuing Care Unit



Happy Holidays with Our Patients



Our Hospital — Our Community



Madawaska Valley District High School Program



Intergenerational Program



Pastoral Care



THE VISION OF A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



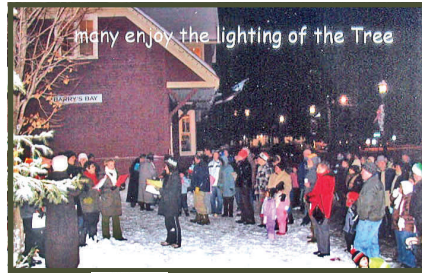
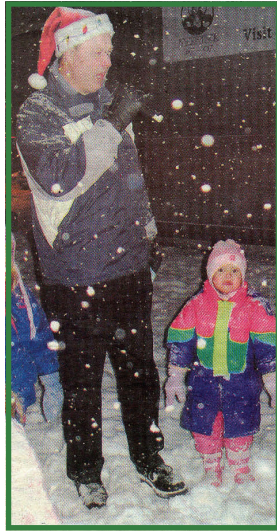
The realization of the dream of St. Francis Memorial is a tribute and testimonial to Rt. Reverend Monsignor Peter Biernacki, Parish Priest of St. Hedwig 's Church in Barry 's Bay. The foresight, determination and vision of Msgr. Biernacki were significant factors in the planning and building of the Hospital. As a humanitarian and advocate for the people, he was strongly aware of the need for a hospital and medical care for a growing community. In the early 1940 's he shared his vision with the members of his parish and launched the dream. His efforts in the community and as a leader on the first St. Francis Memorial Hospital Association were key, but fate has its own designs and Msgr. Biernacki was denied the privilege of seeing the culmination of his dedication and work, he passed away Dec. 31, 1958.

Mr. Henry J. Chapeskie, an experienced businessman, dedicated parishioner, and community minded citizen was involved in establishing the Hospital since inception. In 1947 he donated the land and formulated the plans for the Hospital. He obtained the charter from the province in 1952 and served as treasurer for twelve years on the Hospital Association. In 1959, upon Msgr. Biernacki 's death, he continued the dream by accepting the position of Hospital Board President and assumed the responsibility for construction and completion of the Hospital in 1960.





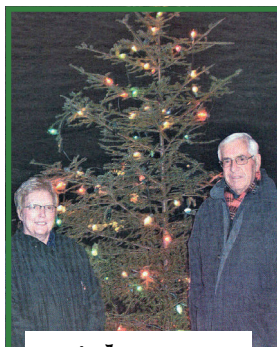
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Monthly Giving Club



Ambulance Services



During the construction of the Hospital's new expansion, a Ministry of Health helicopter was stationed at St. Francis Memorial. The ambulance and ER nursing personnel of St. Francis were trained to staff the helicopter that serviced the entire area. The program that started here was later organized into the service used today.

PIA 2, 1976
by John Lavigne

St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay is the use of a helicopter in conjunction with the ambulance service. The helicopter provides a means of transferring patients to the land ambulance. Using an ambulance to transfer patients like a trip to the hospital can take hours and the land ambulance area. The helicopter is well transferred to the centre for a quick care quickly said Mr. Turner.

Mr. Turner is on a helicopter from the hospital. Many such ambulances used by the Ministry of Health as a fleet of Bandage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 services in the area are all required. That is they have to conform to Ministry of Health standards before they are utilized," said Mr. Turner.



Air ambulance to give balanced coverage

Barry's Bay ambulance attendants getting briefed on air ambulance service.

He added that the helicopter will be stationed at the hospital on an interim basis for now and that the situation will be reviewed at a later date. There is no idea if an ambulance will be stationed here full time. "If need be Bandage 1 could come up from Toronto to pick up patients once the helipad is installed at the hospital," said Mr. Turner.

He noted that the staff for the air ambulance is to be provided by St. Francis Memorial Hospital whether it be ambulance staff or nursing. "The staff will receive a good solid orientation of the aircraft," said Mr. Turner.

He added that the safety factor is one of the key items being stressed and that a check list will be prepared for the staff that they will have to follow when near the aircraft. "What we're doing is adding another resource to be used. The helicopter should be available for all calls in the area, not just out of this hospital. It should carry out the balanced emergency coverage and act as an emergency transfer vehicle for critical patients," said Mr. Turner.

He added that the helicopter also could be used in cases where it is very difficult or too time consuming for a land ambulance to respond.



Francis Memorial Hospital New two bay ambulance garage

St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay is fitting a new two-bay ambulance garage. Mr. Geoff Booth of Booth & Associates signed a contract on behalf of the hospital with John Lesniak, General Manager of Iracon Inc. last Friday. Iracon was the lowest of seven contractors which bid on the job. Lesniak expects to break ground immediately and have the job completed in about two months.

Jack Horschler, the hospital's Administrator, mentioned that he was happy to see a local firm do the job. The fact that local tradesmen will be the subcontractors is a major factor in keeping Zuraon's costs down.

The garage will be constructed beside the emergency entrance between the helipad and the end of the original

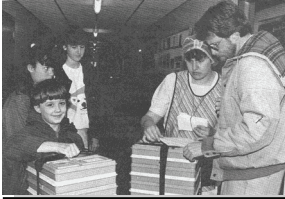


office at the rear of the facility, response times will improve. The daily maintenance on the vehicles will also be easier. At present, one ambulance must be kept outside with electrical heaters on all day.

Nearly all of the cost of the project is coming from a grant from the Emergency Services Branch of the Ministry of Health. Vince Storie, the hospital President, expects the cost to the hospital will be less than \$10,000. This will be funded from gifts to the hospital such as Tree of Life purchases.

Completion of the renovation of the original building will go ahead as soon as the ambulance personnel move to their new quarters. The laboratory services will be consolidated on the north side of the corridor. This will allow the south side to be developed to provide

Programs and Services



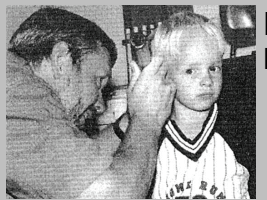
Meals on Wheels Program started in 1982 in partnership with Barry's Bay and Area Home Support. The hospital prepares the meals and volunteers deliver them to subscribers in the community . Students from Sherwood public school learn how the program works.

The Foot Care Clinic started in 1991 and soon spread to satellite clinics in neighbouring communities. The clinic is still operational today and services a wide variety of people. It aims to treat and prevent foot care problems so prevalent today in the young and older populations. This picture is Christine Trenholme (left) and Bunny Recoskie at the opening of the first clinic.



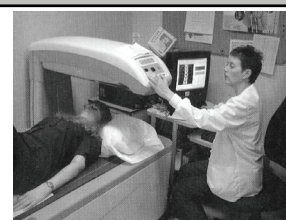
Diabetic Education Program has a new educator. Janet Lynch has completed her training and taken over from Diane Green who started the program in 1995 and recently retired. The program strives to assist the diabetic with their personal diabetes management plan through education and counselling.

Respirology Clinic - Maureen Magill , Respiratory Therapist operates this new clinic at the hospital. According to 2000/01 statistics respiratory conditions are one of the main reasons for hospital admissions.



ENT Clinic Dr. Jeffery Jones examines Brandon Olsheskie as part of his Ear, Nose and Throat clinic started in 1999.

Bone Densitometry (BMD) is a valuable service started in 2004 for the early detection and follow-up of Osteoporosis. The St. Francis and Renfrew Programs were some of the first in Canada to be accredited.



Surgical Consultations Dr. Lance Miller a surgeon from Renfrew, provides out- patient surgical consultations since 1999.

Eye Donor Program Patients at the hospital can donate their eyes and the Madawaska Lions Club members are ensuring that the eyes make it to the Eye Bank in Toronto within 24 hours.







Oct. 1997

Renovations ongoing at St. Francis Memorial Hospital

The past few weeks have been busy for many people at St. Francis Memorial Hospital - and not just those in the medical field.

Renovations have been ongoing due to the imminent arrival of the new x-ray machine - which is now operational.

Hospital administrator

Keray O'Reilly noted that changes include moving administration upstairs; relocating medical records from the back of the hospital to the front; doing renovations to provide two large trauma units in the emergency area; and renovating the former medical records room into a waiting room. Rooms are also

being renovated for ultrasound and EKGs.

What the renovations mean are no more sitting in the hallway or lobby waiting to get x-ray or lab work completed; it also means that there is more room to work around a trauma patient; and that emergency room patients won't have to travel the main cor-

ridor to get to the lab or x-ray areas.

"The renovations and relocations have gone smoothly," O'Reilly stated.

Dr. Ray Dawes, Chief of Medical Staff at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, said the renovations and the updating of equipment is expanding the capabilities

at the hospital. The new x-ray is now being used, and soon there will be an on-site ultrasound and telerradiology units.

"Good things are happening," he said, adding, "but at the same time, there are ominous things happening on the horizon."

Besides the good things

listed above, Dr. Dawes noted that there is now an internal medicine clinic at the hospital. Dr. Warren Wilkins, a well-known specialist, is coming to Barry's Bay on a regular basis. He has been to the hospital for one visit, but the regular visits have yet to be established.



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Hospitals merge administration

From the front

the successful implementation of the vision being established. The Boards request the support of the HSRC, Champlain District Health Council, the Ministry of Health, our patients, staff and physicians to allow the time to successfully implement this new direction."

Under the partnership, each hospital will retain its independent Boards of Governance and Foundation, and two separate corporations will be maintained. Once the change takes place, the feasibility of expanding such programs as Dialysis, Oncology and other medical support services will be reviewed. These programs are presently in place at Renfrew and lend themselves nicely to possible expansion to St. Francis.

Both hospital boards feel the move to one administration is a step in the right direction.

"It is apparent that the status quo is no longer an option," said Jim Douglas, chairman of the St. Francis Board. "If you look at the Rural and Northern Healthcare framework and the directions of the Health Services Restructuring Commission, this is a major step in the right direction for our hospitals."

Gerry Richards, chairman of the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Board, said the two boards and new administration team now need time to implement this significant change.

Mr. Penney said there are several opportunities where Renfrew

and Barry's Bay can work together to save money and improve services to patients.

"We have had an awful lot of success in this organization of bringing clinical programs to the region and the natural evolution would be to try to bring those into places like Barry's Bay," he said.

Mr. Penney said it was increasingly apparent the status quo is not an option.

"We have to look at alternate ways and if there is an opportunity to save in administration we have to look in that direction.

"But I really thing the patient will benefit in both organizations," he said.

Mr. O'Reilly said he was excited about the new partnership, adding it was a great opportunity for both hospitals.

"There's an avenue for better

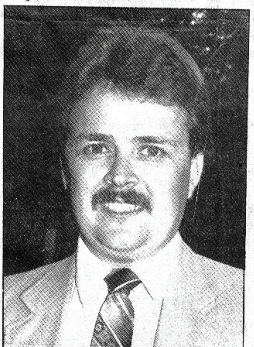
co-operation for sharing information," he said. "As for the availability of services in one site or another; I think we here in Barry's Bay tend to win on that one because Renfrew certainly has a larger number of programs and services than we do and we can benefit from that. There are things that we have here as well that go the other way."

He said there will be several hurdles to overcome which will take time, but he said he thought the end product from the patient perspective will be great.

"They won't notice any change right away, because nothing is changing internally at either site as far as the services that are currently available," he said. "It might be a little bit down the road before they see things start to improve."



Randy Penney



Keray O'Reilly

Bay's St. Francis hospital recognized for its decision to share CEO position with Renfrew

Barry's Bay — St. Francis Memorial Hospital has been recognized by the province for its leadership and the direction taken in the move of sharing the Chief Executive Officer position with another hospital.

Recently, Minister of Health and Long Term Care Elizabeth Witmer released the Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) advice on rural and northern hospital networks. St. Francis Hospital was recognized for its decision to share the CEO position

to ultrasound services, new long term care beds, and on-site surgical prep clinics are just a few of the many changes that have occurred.

"Our board would like to build on these changes and continue to move forward with integration with the Renfrew Victoria Hospital.

"Our future is very bright with the imminent introduction of the Ontario Breast Screening Program and we are in the process of establishing a hospital foundation and medical clinic."

voluntary basis; all hospitals are expected to participate in a network, and decisions which improve the delivery of care locally and within a network should be addressed through network activity.

"Equally important, the report recommends 14 acute beds and 15 complex continuing care beds," said Mr. Sorensen.

"Our board has maintained the importance of both of these services and is delighted that their role is recognized in this report. "The hospital looks for-

visory committee within the West Champlain Hospital Network," he added.

The public is also asked to attend the hospital's annual general meeting on June 19 at 7 p.m. at the Opeongo Seniors Centre here to help further discuss continued linkages with the Renfrew hospital in view of the HSRC directive.

Also, if you want to volunteer to become a hospital foundation board member, contact St. Francis at 756-3045, extension 234.

A Progressive Decision

In 1998 and 1999 the provincial Health Services Restructuring Commission was sweeping through the province making decisions about Hospital services. In Pembroke the review for Renfrew County resulted in closure of the Pembroke Civic Hospital.

The Boards and Administrators of St. Francis Memorial Hospital and Renfrew Victoria Hospital decided the time was right to act to choose their own destiny. In December 1999 the voluntary administrative partnership between both Hospitals was announced. With an administrative position vacant at both Hospitals the timing was right to place both Hospitals under one administration. The voluntary shared partnership retained each Hospital's Board and unique community culture.

This new model was unique to the province and was recognized for its' leadership and direction by the Minister of Health and Long Term Care Elizabeth Witmer.

For St. Francis the partnership brought expertise, growth, and access to valuable new services such as hemodialysis and Ontario Breast Screening.

Barry's Bay hospital latest to get Ontario Breast Screening Program

By DOUG HEMPSTEAD
THIS WEEK NEWS EDITOR

St. Francis Memorial Hospital is the latest hospital to boast an on-site breast screening program.

The new service is a new training program with the help of two people from Ottawa.

and small-Screening

radiation technologist Alison Bishop has been busy learning the new skills needed to run the mammography unit. She's spent two weeks in London, Ont., a week in Ottawa and made weekly trips to Renfrew for the past six months. The machine she training on in London is the same as the one in Barry's Bay. The one in Ottawa is very similar. Ottawa's unit is different because it's a different

St. Francis Memorial Hospital is the latest and smallest hospital to boast an on-site Ontario Breast Screening Program. This program has some of the highest standards for mammography units in the world.

Barry's Bay is the public grand opening for appoint-

ments every Thursday.

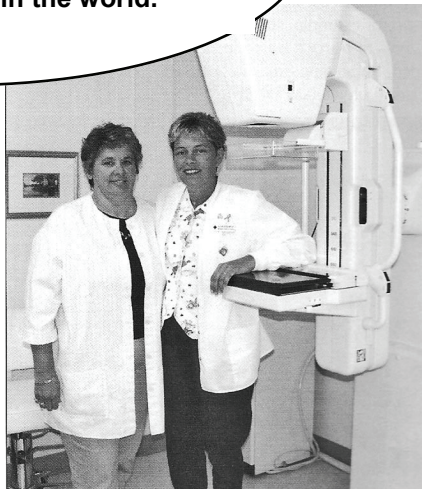
While Ms Bishop does the technical part, registered nurse Marie Villeneuve-Scott provides the educational component and is a certified breast examiner. She's received extensive training in Ottawa as well. Renfrew Victoria's Dr. David Lyons is the physician on the team.

Patients age 50-69 are contacted and recruited by OBSP through their family physicians. Patients are automatically recalled for follow-up visits until age 74. St. Francis is the newest of 246 OBSP facilities in the province.

October is breast cancer awareness month.

Bay Legion helps hospital get new mammography unit

Dave Lockhart from local Branch 406 of the Royal Canadian Legion receives an explanation of the new mammography machine after donating \$5,000 towards the total price tag of \$50,000. Other major donors included the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Madawaska Valley Lions Club.

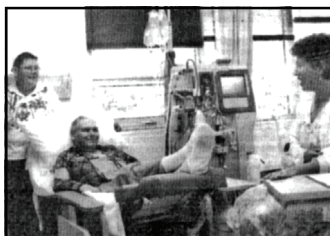


The Ontario Breast Screening Program was launched in Oct. 2000 as a satellite of Renfrew Victoria Hospital and a result of the new partnership with Renfrew.

Marie Villeneuve Scott OBSP Nurse Examiner (left) and Medical Radiation Technologist Alison Bishop provide the service in Barry's Bay. Having the service closer to home means more woman will access this valuable preventative service.

DIALYSIS AT BAY HOSPITAL

June 2001



Monday June 25 saw the opening of the much anticipated Dialysis Unit at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and satellite of the Renfrew Victoria Program. The three station unit was temporarily set up in what had been a conference room and will be relocated to the new medical building when it is built. The focus is to offer the service to patients in the area and relieve them of the burden of travelling to Renfrew or Ottawa three times a week for this life saving treatment.



Dale Mason and his wife Sheila talk with Dr. Nicole Delbrouck the Nephrologist and Medical Director of the program

New Expanded Dialysis Unit Opens in Medical Center

Dec 2003



Ed Ruddy of Whitney with dialysis nurse Donna Sullivan in the new spacious six station unit.

Gala launches Foundation for St. Francis Memorial Hospital

June 2001



Sean Conway MPP, Cheryl Gallant MP, Lynn Flokstra Foundation Director, Randy Penney CEO, and Tom Smith Board Chair of the Foundation, unveil the logo for the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Foundation.



John Sorenson, Hospital Board Chair presents Lorraine Finn President of the Hospital Auxiliary with an award for their work in support of the Hospital and the Foundation.

Tom Smith, Gala M.C.



Our own Dr. Dawes performed as a member of the Star Tool Band.



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Hospital Foundation Launches Capital Equipment Campaign

March 2003

In excess of 3.5 million dollars worth of equipment is currently in use at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and most of it will need to be replaced between now and 2012. The *Planning for Tomorrow-Today* campaign

is planning to raise \$1.3 million for the Hospital. The money will be used to replace aging equipment and invest in new technology over the next 10 years and will unfold over the course of 2003.

Planning for Tomorrow- Today

Auxiliary Pledges \$200,000 to St. Francis Equipment fund drive.

A great start to the Planning for Tomorrow-
Today equipment replacement campaign



The Auxiliary included the three local groups that have helped raise money for the Auxiliary—the Girl Guides and Bell Canada Retired Employees.



Madawaska Valley Lions lead by example with \$100,000 donation to the Capital Equipment Campaign. (L to R) Back row : Tom Smith, Bob Kulas, Wilmer Mathews, John Willan Front row Cathy Pitts and Phil Conway.

Matthews named chair of Tomorrow-Today hospital campaign

Wilmer Matthews is the new volunteer chair of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital's Planning for Tomorrow-Today fundraising campaign.

A principal of Madawaska Valley District High School until his retirement a few years ago, he said, "I am happy to accept the position of chair of this exciting project; the hospital is very near and dear to my heart, as it is to most people in our community."

The campaign seeks to raise a minimum of \$1.3 million, which will be used to replace aging hospital equipment over the next 10 years. A total of \$3.5 million worth of equipment is now in use at the Barry's Bay hospital.

Most of it will need to be replaced between now and 2012, say hospital sources.

The campaign will unfold over the course of 2003.



The First Hospital



A recent photo of the first private hospital Barry's Bay

On March 4, 1935 Dr. P.P. Smyth received approval of Council under Reeve Henry J. Chapeskie to obtain a licence to operate a private hospital within the village of Barry's Bay. He set up the hospital on Bay St. in the large home of Anthony and Mary Maika. While Mr. Maika was working away as foreman in the lumber camps, Mary Maika with the help of her daughters Frances, Ursula, and Eleanor provided for the patients who occupied three bedrooms in their home. Operations were performed on the dining room table assisted by Dr. Gregor, Dr. John V. Byrne and Dr. Smyth's wife, who was a registered nurse.

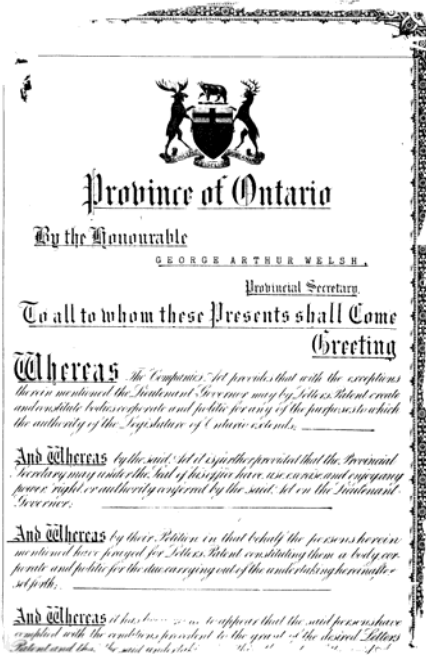
After about five years of operation Dr. Smyth sold his practice to Dr. John Byrne and moved to Toronto. The hospital ceased to operate in the early 1940's.

Planning for the new Hospital begins....

July 16, 1948

The projected new St. Francis Memorial Hospital at Barry's Bay has an appeal to the people of that community and their deep interest in the undertaking is evidenced by the many generous donations already made or promised. That the hospital will serve a need in that part of the country is beyond question. A site — the gift of Mr. H.J. Chapeskie — has been chosen. It is a beautiful location on the waters of the Bay, with nearby pine woods contributing health-giving properties. When financial arrangements are satisfactory, building operations will begin. The provincial government will grant \$30,000 for the 30-bed hospital, a like amount is expected from the Dominion government and there is a vote of \$15,000 from Renfrew County Council.

Rt. Rev. P.B. Biernacki, PP, of St. Hedwig's Church, is one of the active promoters of the hospital, and is in Toronto this week interviewing the Minister of Health.



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Capital Campaign Going Over the Top



Bank of Montreal kicks into the Campaign



Polish Camp Girl Guides Contribute



MV and OPP play hockey for a good cause



Balmoral Hotel raises money for CEC



Several members of the Planning for Tomorrow – Today Capital Equipment Campaign fund raising team were on hand to witness campaign volunteer Paul Recoskie move the mountain climber to the \$1 million mark.



The RCMP Dixie Land Band benefit concert is a big hit



IGA Staff Meet the bosses challenge for a pledge



Palmer Rapids holds dinner



Anna Etmanskie, owner of Etmanskie Shell, donates the contents of her pickle jar, saved from selling calendars

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Opening of St. Francis Health Centre is the Beginning of a New Era in Health Care Delivery in Barry's Bay and Area

Oct. 2003



The new St Francis Memorial Health Centre is officially open and over the next few weeks local doctors and other medical services will settle into the new 1.8 million complex.

The Health Centre is home for six physician offices, a larger dialysis unit, a pharmacy, laboratory service provided by Gamma Dynacare, a community nursing service, and space for allied professionals. The new building is truly a health centre for the community and is key to future recruitment of physicians to the area.

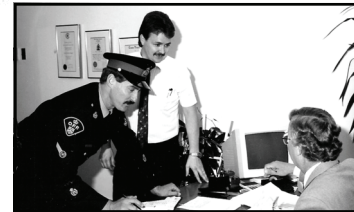
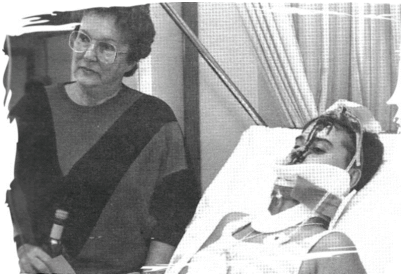
Taking part in the official opening of the new health centre are from (L—R): Karen Slater Ministry of Health, Pat Pilgrim COO Madawaska Valley Township, Dr. Jason Malinowski, Cathy Pitts Hospital Board Chair, MPP John Yakabuski, Shaun O'Malley dialysis patient, Dr. Bruce Harris, Darlene Sernoskie Director of Operations, at St. Francis Memorial and Randy Penney CEO of the Hospital.



MOCK DISASTER

Oct. 10, 1991

The mock disaster exercise was realistic enough to fool more than a few motorists who passed the accident scene. The army, firefighters, ambulance services and OPP were on the scene of the mock disaster to assist the hospital test their response. Students from Madawaska Valley District High School posed as victims and community volunteers joined in to act as family members and put the staff through their paces.



Telehealth a major addition for St. Francis Memorial Hospital

By Terry Fleurie
Staff Writer

Barry's Bay — In a hospital where recent additions of services like mammography and dialysis have contributed to keeping its place as one of the leading providers of health care in the valley, it is somewhat hard to imagine what St. Francis Memorial Hospital could do next to top the list.

But move on they have, with last week's sneak preview of a wonderful addition to the facility, a video link to the Telehealth network. Although in its infancy and not officially on-line yet, Thursday's preview at St. Francis, provided the realization of the benefits of this service.

No longer will residents of Barry's Bay and area have to make long, tiring treks to Ottawa, Renfrew, Pembroke, or wherever, for follow-up clinical visits or even diagnosis, as it will soon be available over the Telehealth system.

Now one of 16 healthcare facilities of the Eastern Ontario Telehealth Network (EOTN), St. Francis is part of a precedent-setting service that will create immense benefits for both staff and patients of rural hospitals.

According to a brochure explaining the EOTN, the main goal of the network is to improve access to healthcare services, education and expertise in rural communities where resources are often scarce. These services, although not all ready to be activated immediately, can eventually include cardiac, paediatric, complex continuing, long-term, rehabilitation, and palliative care.

"Telehealth is a new service that we are bringing to this area and what it is really is equipment here through which a specialist in Ottawa can talk to a person here, see a person here, examine them

here with special equipment, so you don't have to go to Ottawa," explained assistant administrator, Darlene Semoskie. "It's a new venture that is part of the whole region of 19 Ontario hospitals involved in it."

Susan Coulas, who, along with Joan Kuliack, is one of two trained operators of the service at St. Francis, gave an informative demonstration of the system last Thursday following the volunteer lunch.

"The term Telehealth is really a broad term that talks about delivering health information," Ms. Coulas noted. "This is not the same as Telehealth Ontario, which is the 1-800 telephone number that is out there for delivering telephone advice."

"This telehealth system consists of a computer system, video monitor, and a camera which are all part of

the technology which is used, as well as some different medical instrumentation."

Ms. Coulas demonstrated the unit by going on-line with her counterpart at Renfrew Victoria Hospital, St. Francis' sister hospital in Renfrew. Despite a very slight

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By using special technology like computers and video cam-

Ottawa Heart Institute. As well as providing long-distance patient-specialist care, the telehealth system will eventually be used for such things as video-conferencing, enabling doctors across the region to get together without having to leave their communities.

Ms. Coulas added, however,

The Telehealth project connected the Hospital to the Ontario Network and provided access to specialists in Ottawa and across the province through real time video conferencing. This new technology improved care and saved many hours of travel for patients and families.

CareConnect program growing at a rapid pace

By KRISTA JOHNSTON
STAFF REPORTER

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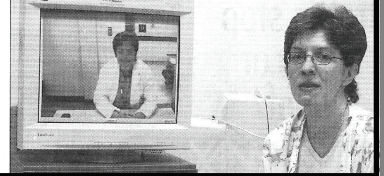
The two most popular uses for the program at the SFMH are for cardiology and dermatology, although residents can receive consultations for things like dialysis, mental health, pediatrics and geriatrics.

"It saves a lot of running," said Allan Tennant, a resident of Rockingham, who has been attending CareConnect clinics at the SFMH for two years. "It's

With these new sites, patient services will continue to grow in the areas of rheumatology (arthritis), neurology (nervous systems), psychiatry in various forms, and infertility.

"This program will continue to grow in the future because there are just too many benefits to it. We offer one to two clinics a week but it really varies," Coulas said.

"As different specialists

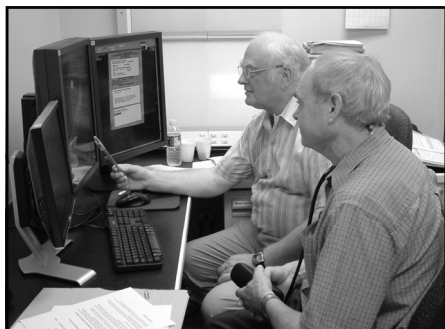


Susan Coulas demonstrates one of the special cameras for use as part of the new Telehealth service at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay.



Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS)

The purchase of PACS converted the dependency on manual x-ray to a computerized digital system and was essential for the Diagnostic Imaging Department. Not only did it ensure a continuous supply of Radiologists to read the images, it dramatically decreased the turn around time of reports. It also eventually connected the Hospital to the provincial network project aimed at a seamless patient electronic record shared between hospitals. This \$500,000 investment was pledged over five years by the Hospital Foundation through the Capital Equipment Campaign.



Dr. Cunningham (Radiologist) and Dr. Cybulski review digital x-rays.



Staff celebrate the launch of the new system.



Alison Bishop DI Manager demonstrates the new PACS technology.

Hospitals restrict access in response to SARS outbreak

Small town heroes working on a big-city crisis

By MARY RILEY
STAFF REPORTER

The little group pulled down their masks, shrugged off lab coats and slipped outside for a photo. They held up the poster, grinned for the camera and when the shot was taken, disappeared back inside the hospital.

The poster shows a masked nurse, hair askew and an unfathomable look in her eyes. The text reads:

"She is one of thousands of heroes of health care professionals who are on the front line in our war against SARS. They are deal-

front-and-centre in the battle against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

St. Francis Memorial Hospital administrators released a similar statement Friday to the Madawaska Valley community, which reads:

"The Board of Directors, medical staff and staff of St. Francis Memorial Hospital would like to thank the community for their support and patience in complying with the restrictions since the beginning of the SARS outbreak six weeks ago. All Ontario hospitals are still under strict directives, even though the number of cases is declining. We ask your continued



HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION



1966

Barry's Bay Hospital Accredited

Sister Rosenda, Administrator of St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Barry's Bay, is happy to announce that the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation has awarded full accreditation status to this hospital, following the first survey made by Dr. J. D. Galloway on November 7, 1966.

The hospital opened December 1, 1960, and after six years' operation applied for their first Accreditation Survey.

We wish to congratulate the Hospital Board, Administration, The Medical Staff, Nursing Service and all supporting services in the hospital on a job well done.

We would also like to thank The Pembroke General Hospital, The Ottawa Civic Hospital and The Renfrew Victoria Hospital for all their assistance in achieving this goal.

If a manufacturing company is measured by the products they produce – hospitals are measured by the quality of care they provide for their patients and clients. Although producing quality care is a continuous process, hospitals voluntarily participate in measurement of the standards of care through an evaluation program by Accreditation Canada. If the evaluation is positive the hospital will receive an **accreditation** award. Since the first accreditation in 1966 St. Francis Memorial Hospital has consistently demonstrated a high level of quality care.



April 2008 – Staff members receive the three year award from Accreditation Canada.



SFMH Connected to Diagnostic Imaging Network

On June 16, 2010 St. Francis Memorial went live with the Northern and Eastern Ontario Diagnostic Imaging Network.

This new connection allows the Hospital to share digital x-ray images with other Hospitals in the Eastern and Northern Network. This is an exciting advancement in technology towards an electronic health record accessible to all hospitals.

Local hospital offers new CCAC nursing clinic

CHRISTINE RUMLESKIE
Staff Reporter

Representatives from the St. Francis Memorial Hospital say a nursing pilot project had a slow start, but it is slowly gaining momentum.

Director of Patient Services at SFMH, Joan Kuiack, and Chief Operating Officer Jeremy Stevenson provided an update on the new Champlain Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) nursing clinic on July 9.

Prior to the new clinic, the CCAC only offered at-home care for local patients. There are 14 CCACs in communities across Ontario, which are funded by Local Health Integration Networks through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. SFMH recently entered into a partnership with CCAC to see if a nursing clinic was feasible in the hospital.

"For a few years now the hospital has been working in partnership with the CCAC and looking at ways on how we can improve CCAC services," Stevenson said. "It's sometimes hard to serve the population in the area, especially with everyone living a distance apart. But if we have the clinic here, they would be able to serve the population that they usually see in the community."

The ten-week clinic began on June 28 and is operating out of the Emergency Department at the SFMH. Patients are referred to the clinic through physicians, usually in the Emergency Department.

"It's a pilot project, so there is a lot to learn from it. It will certainly give us enough within

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July 2010

Thanks to the SFMH Foundation fund raising efforts the Hospital was able to replace this \$70,000. vital chemistry analyser in the Lab.



May 2010

Congratulations to SFMH Lab

Cheryl Gervais Lab manager (back row right) and technologist Charon Hilton (front left) celebrate with the three provincial assessors who conducted an inspection of the Lab. The staff scored an exceptional 99.13% compliance rating.

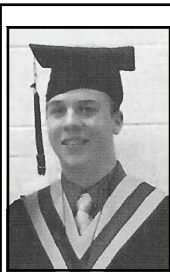
Links to the Community



High School Co-op Program offers work experience



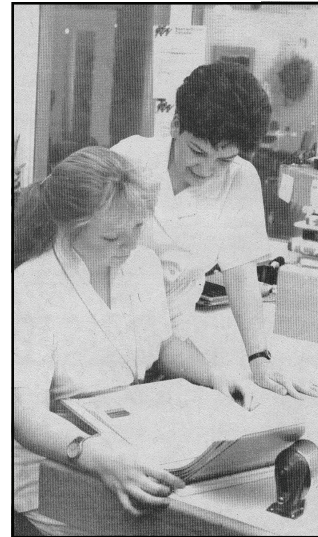
Take Your Kid to Work Day



Craig Mullen—one of the recipients of the annual Hospital bursary to graduating students of Madawaska Valley District High School .



Job Shadowing offers a taste of the profession to MVDHS Students

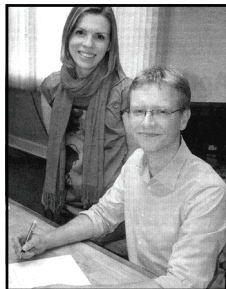


Preceptorship placements for colleges and universities make good partnerships.

Public Education through teaching sessions or information in the hospital lobby is eagerly provided.



Hospital Working with Municipality Committee to Recruit new Physicians



Two new physicians signed on



Volunteers from Madawaska Valley Association. for Community Living help us help them

Giving Back to the Community



SFMH Family Fun Day



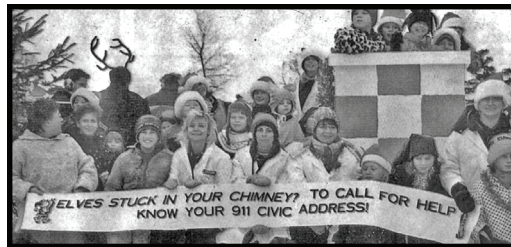
Relay for Life Team



Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness



Christmas Shoe Boxes



Santa Clause Parade

Hospital Board Chairpersons



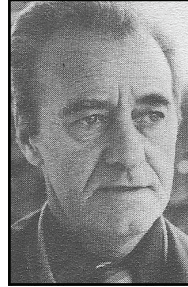
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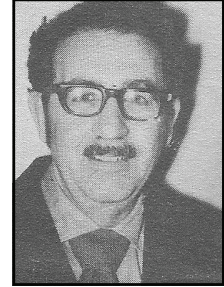
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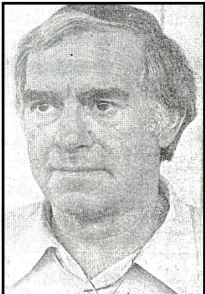
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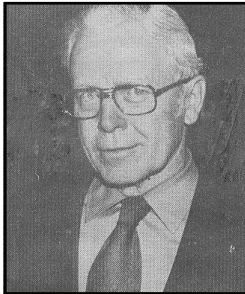
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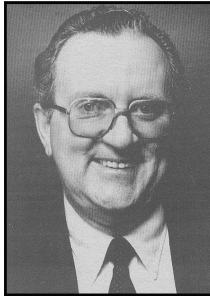
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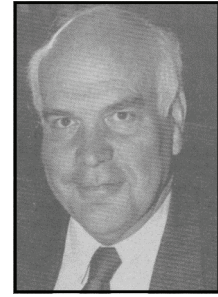
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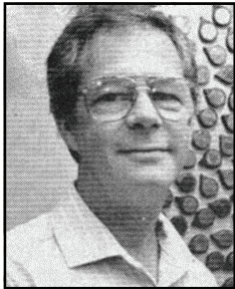
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Paul Recoskie
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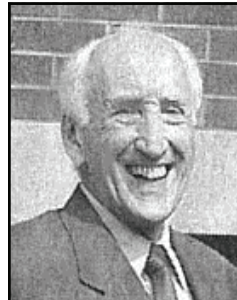
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John Sorenson
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Cathy Pitts
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Spencer Stanutz
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**Stephanie
Graham**
2005-2008

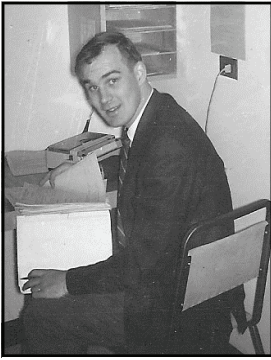


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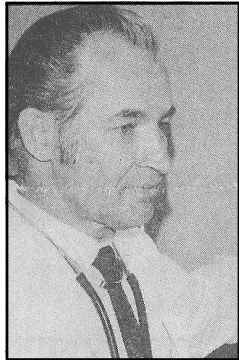


Jasna Boyd
2010— present

Community and Hospital Physicians



Dr. J. Burger



Dr. Andrew Chapeskie



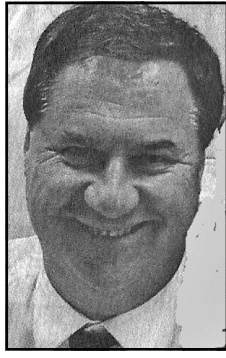
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Dr. Peter Smith



Dr. Joseph Cybulski



Dr. Henry Tiedje



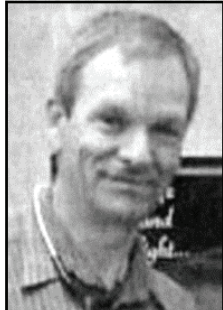
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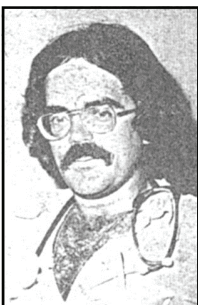
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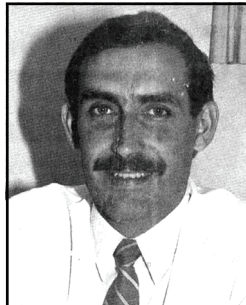
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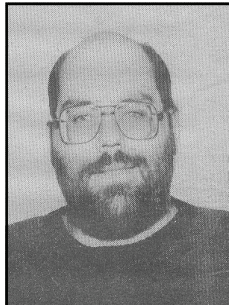
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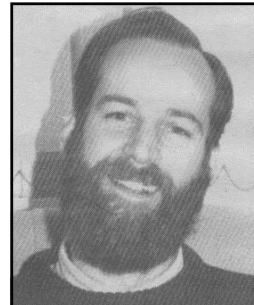
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Dr. Ian Park



Dr. Blair Voyvodic



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ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

FROM THE ORIGINAL PAINTING NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE BARRY'S BAY POST OFFICE

WE SUBSCRIBE

We invite you to join with us in a common effort to raise the funds for the necessary equipment and furnishings in this hospital . Your subscription means community betterment .

St. Francis Memorial Hospital Appeals For Help

Those who attended the Hospital Banquet in Barry's Bay last Sunday, must have been impressed by the enthusiastic atmosphere that prevailed throughout the evening. Two issues were outstanding: First, the need for the hospital. Though this was a known fact some years ago, it has become more acute. Second, that the under- next year.

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ing over the proceeds va Valley Villages and s, it is a foregone con- al one.

omen's Hospital Auxi- l band of workers is

a difficult task for the men on the Hospital Board, but dogged determination surmounted problems that would have weakened lesser men. Their motto is "nothing great was ever achieved easily." These dedicated gentlemen, through their nine years of toil, negotiations and raising \$83,000, have pushed their project far beyond personalities and today it is a cause around which all should rally.

In order for the committee to achieve this objective, they need money and are appealing for help. They appeal to the individual for donations in a generous Christian spirit. Many families have given \$100, and a good many have contributed much more. However,

.....In order for the committee to achieve the objective, they need money and are appealing for help . They appeal to the individual for donations in a generous Christian spirit. Many families have given \$100 and a good many have contributed much more. However, generosity is measured not by the amount but by the sacrifice of the giver. Therefore it is up to the individual to give what he feels he should. The hospital needs friends — a multitude of friends! Won't you be a friend ?

Hospital Administrators and Directors



Sr. Emma Varney



Sr. Rosenda Brady



Mark Robertson



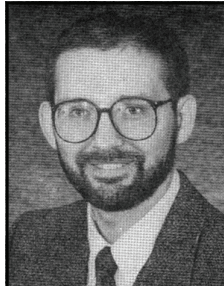
Jack Finn



Frank Schikurski



Jack Hotchkiss



Peter Karwacki



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Directors of Hospital Operations



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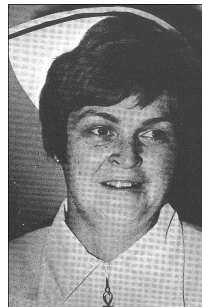
Directors of Patient Care Services



Sr. Edna Prince



Sr. Martha Prince



Teresa Meagher



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Judith Kelly



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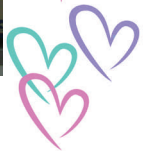


Joan Kuiack

VOLUNTEERING IS A WORK OF HEART



VOLUNTEERS
MORE
PRECIOUS THAN
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A Community Builds a Hospital

50 Years of Community Caring

recognizes that not only has St. Francis Memorial Hospital been caring for the people of the community but the people of the community have offered invaluable support and caring for the Hospital



**Thank You
for being our community**

We appreciate your help

to the volunteer committee for the long hours of searching through archived pictures and news articles to develop the book.

Judy Beaulieu
Stephanie Graham
Cathy Pecarski
Darlene Sernoskie
Maxine Smaglinskie

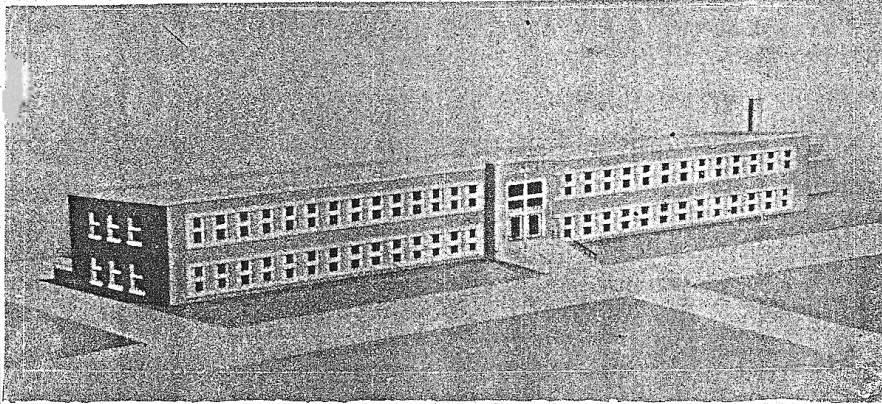
Thank you to Erin Mask for designing the cover and to the staff for their support.



We would also like to thank and acknowledge the local newspapers for the wonderful coverage of the Hospital throughout the years and for allowing us to use the published articles.

Barry's Bay This Week
The Eganville Leader
The Valley Gazette

HOSPITAL CONTRACT AWARDED TO M. SULLIVAN



St. Francis Memorial Hospital which is to be completed by Sept. 3rd, 1960.

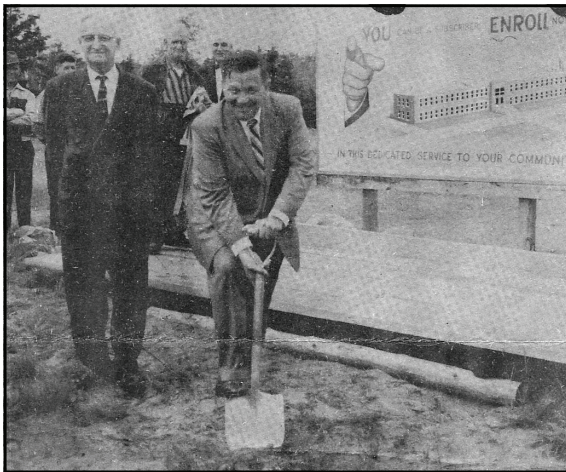
Construction of New Hospital to Begin in Two Weeks

BARRY'S BAY - JULY 28, 1959

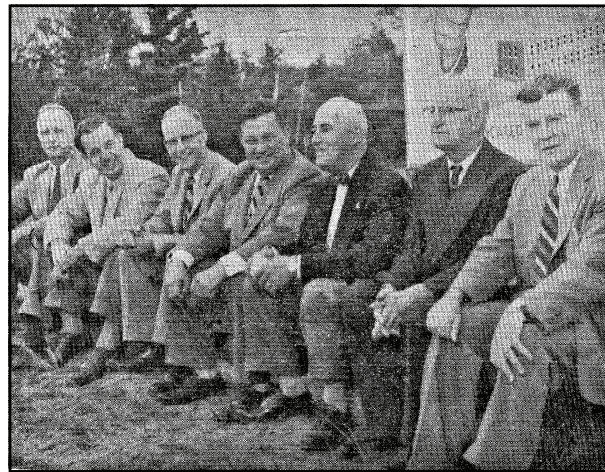


Aug 12, 1959

Many Witness Sod Turning of New Hospital at Barry's Bay



Hon. James A. Maloney turns the first sod of St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Beside him is the President of the Hospital Board, Mr. H.J. Chapeskie.



The first sod for the new hospital at Barry's Bay was turned by Mines Minister Maloney on Monday afternoon. He is seen here with members of the hospital board. (L to R): Reeve Paul Yakabuskie, Edward Shalla, Max Mintha, Mr. James Maloney, F.J. Ritza, H. J. Chapeskie, and M. Sullivan, contractor.

THE BARRY'S BAY REVIEW OCTOBER 28 1959

HOSPITAL

Corner Stone Laying Ceremony

— AT —

ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Barry's Bay, Ontario

Wednesday, November 4th

1959, AT 3.00 P. M.

Turkey Dinner

In St. Hedwig's Hall, Commencing At 4.30 p.m.

IN AID OF BUILDING FUND

ADULTS \$1.25 - CHILDREN 75c.

ADDRESSES BY

HON. M. B. DYMOND, M.D.
MINISTER OF HEALTH

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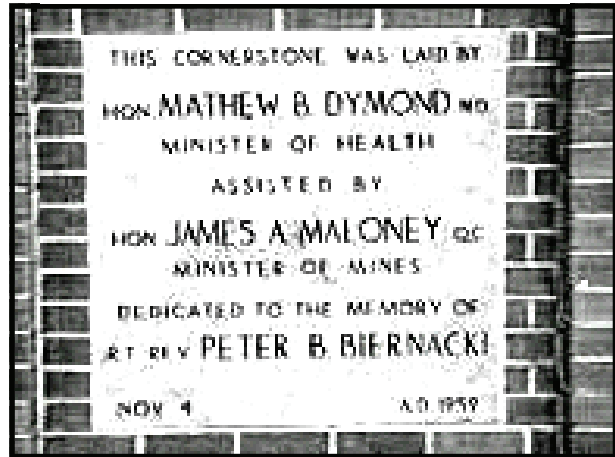
R. W. I. URQUHART, M.A., M.D., LL.D.
CHAIRMAN ONTARIO HOSPITAL SERVICES COMMISSION

AT ABOUT 6.00 P.M.

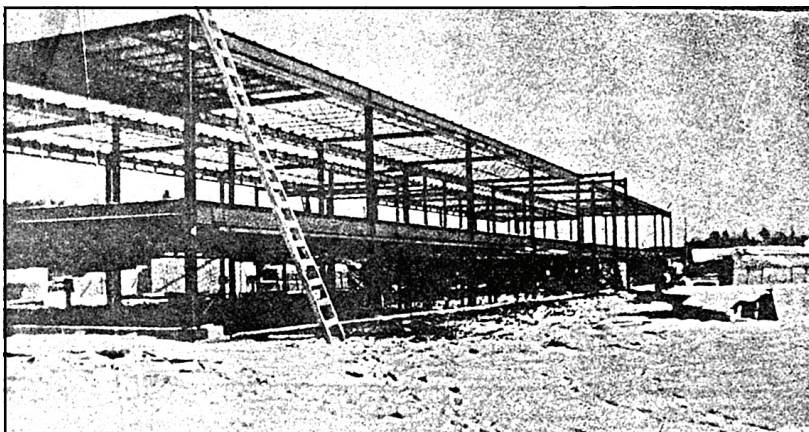
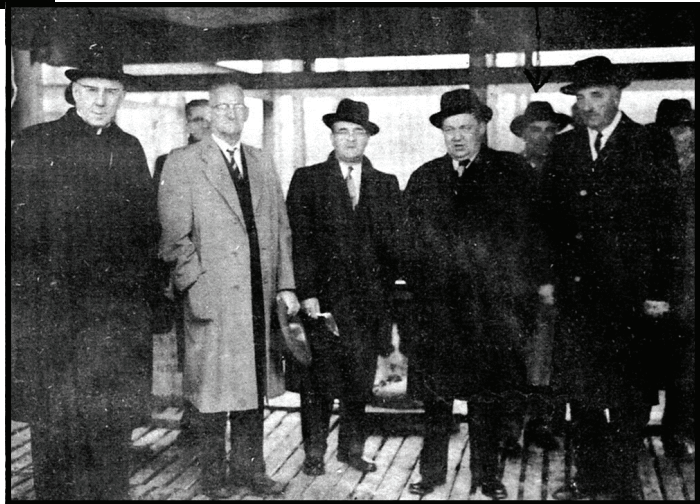
Everybody Welcome!

ST. FRANCIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ASSOC.
H. J. CHAPESKIE, President. EDWARD SHALLA, Sec'y-Treas.

Cornerstone



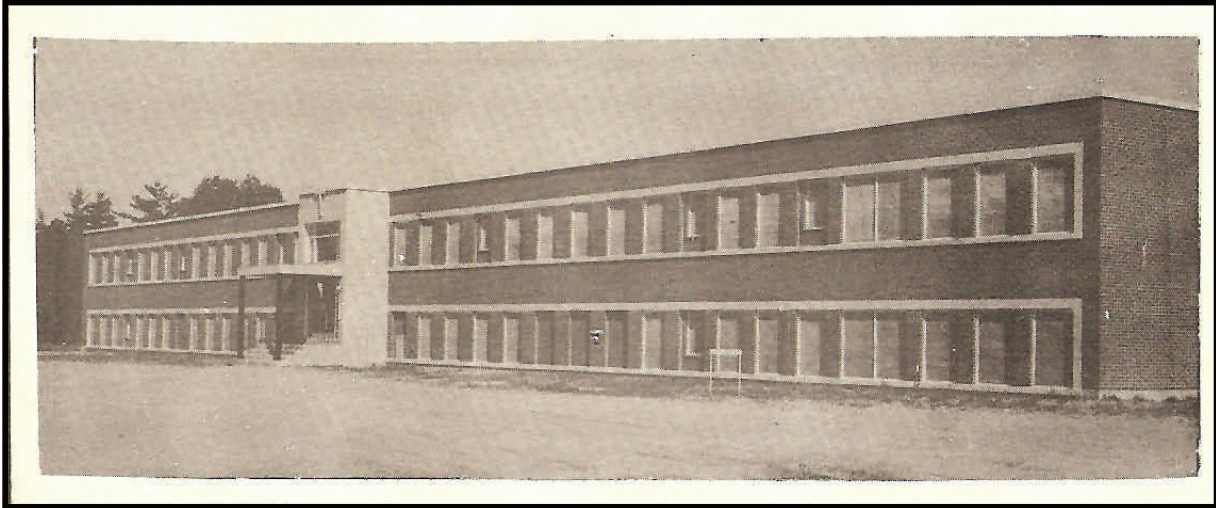
Among those present for the cornerstone laying were (L to R) Bishop Smith, Bishop of Pembroke Diocese, Mr. H. J. Chapeskie, President of the Hospital Board, Hon. M. B. Dymond, Minister of Health, Hon. J. M. Maloney Q.C. Minister of Mines and member for South Renfrew, and Mr. R.W.I. Urquart, M.A., M.D., L.L.D, Chairman of the Ontario Hospital Services



Dec. 16, 1959

Construction of St. Francis Memorial Hospital, although detained by the shortage of steel, at this time it is progressing steadily regardless of the cold weather.

October 25, 1960
A Community's Dream Realized



The grand niece of Msgr. Biernacki, seven year old Beverly Flynn, assisted Hon. Leslie M. Frost in the official ribbon cutting to open St. Francis Memorial Hospital. She was to have presented the Premier with the scissors to be used in the ceremony, but Mr. Frost – in a grand gesture of respect for her late uncle – insisted that she share the scissors and assist with the ribbon cutting. He gave the little girl a piece of the ribbon as a small keepsake and a gentle kiss on the cheek.

Premiere Frost opened the Hospital with the words, " I now declare St. Francis Memorial Hospital officially open and launch it on its' career of usefulness and mercy for this great part of Ontario."

The 300 x 44 foot brick building of modern design was constructed in 15 months by M. J. Sullivan and Sons. J. Morris Woolfson of Ottawa was the architect. The total estimated cost of the building was \$350,000. with equipment and furnishings costing an extra \$85,000.

*The Board of Directors
of
St. Francis Memorial Hospital
Barry's Bay, Ontario
extend to you an invitation to attend
Opening Day Ceremonies
of the
New St. Francis Memorial Hospital
on
Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of October
nineteen hundred and sixty*

*Official Opening
By Hon. L. M. Frost, P.C.,
Prime Minister of Ontario
at three o'clock, p.m.*

Banquet at 5 p.m., in St. Hedwig's Hall *Rush*

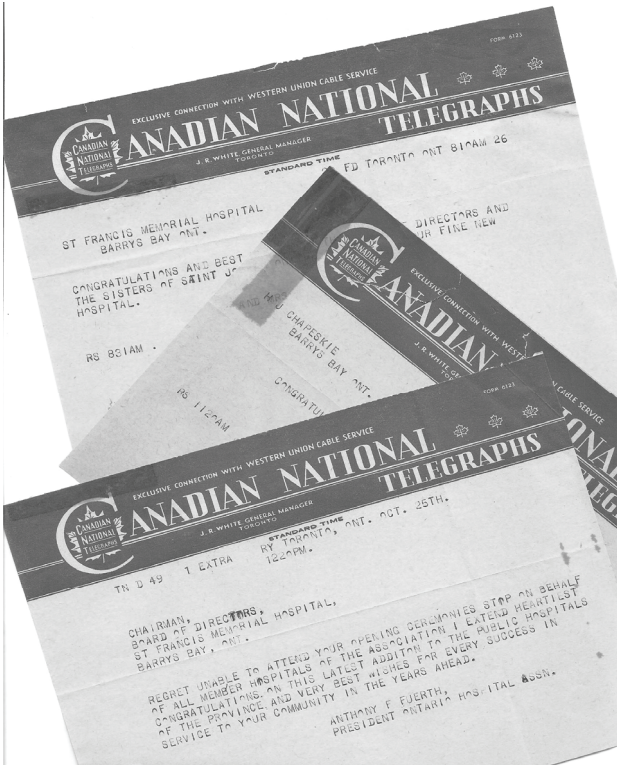
A Day to Remember



To the 1500 citizens who attended the ceremony it was the culmination of years of sacrifice and hard work .



Mr. Frost endeared himself to the children of the village when he proclaimed a school holiday.



Many congratulatory telegrams were received.



With the construction in place—someone was needed to manage day to day operation. Seven sisters from the Sisters of St. Joseph Order stepped up to take over the administration, nursing and technical departments under Sr. Mary Emma Varney.

The Scarlet Coloured Band of the First Canadian Guard of Camp Petawawa provided the appropriate splendor to a memorial occasion.



