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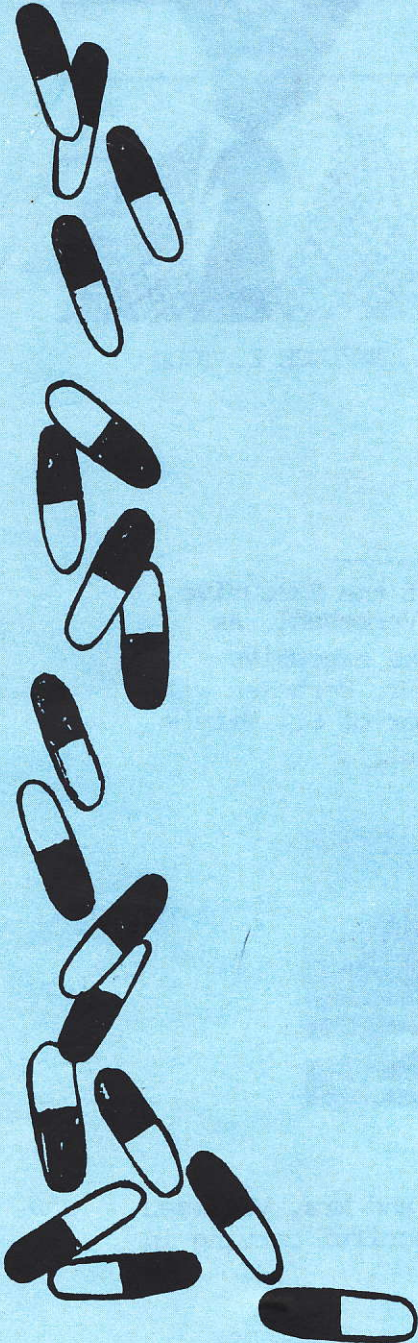
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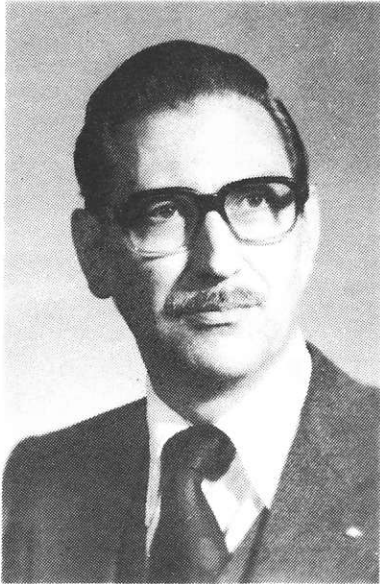
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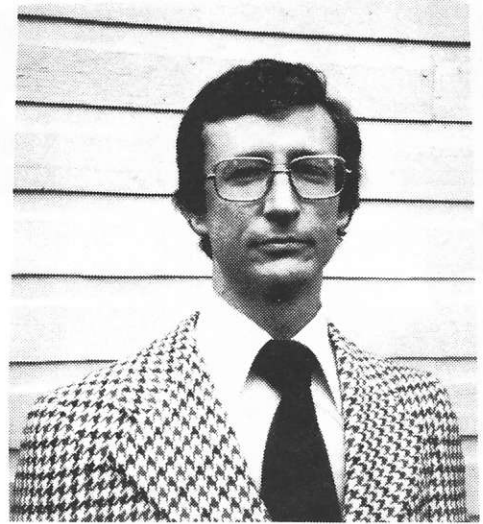
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Editorial

By: Peter Verhesen
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Larry Todd

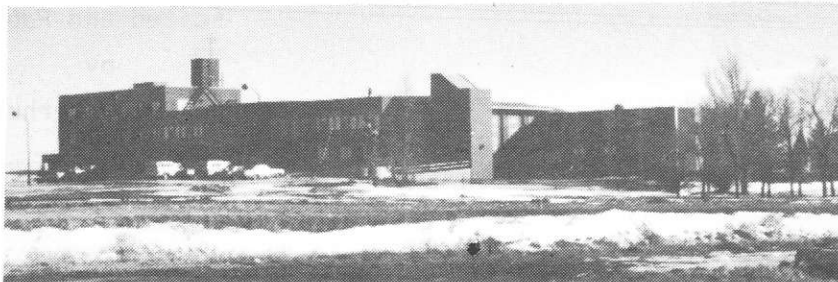


P. Verhesen



MR. LAWRENCE E. TODD

This is the last issue of the Capsule from the desk of the Executive Director of the N.W.T.H.A. for over ten years, Peter Verhesen. As of June 1, 1979 Larry Todd of Yellowknife will fill the executive chair and guide the activities of this Association. Mr. Verhesen will be leaving the North to take up duties as Administrator of St. Mary's General Hospital in Trochu, Alberta.



To mark the occasion the Association presented Mr. and Mrs. Verhesen with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a beautiful carving in ivory and stone.

Now it is my turn, Larry.

This Volume 7 No. 2 of the Capsule, contains a number of farewells and tributes. In fact it marks the end of an era in more ways than one. However, it is not with sadness that I take leave of the persons, institutions and health care system I have been a part of for all these years. Heraclitus, in the fifth century before Christ, said that, "Nothing endures but change", and that adage must be recognized as occurring in the lives of each of us. I look forward to applying my experiences in a new setting.

Those who have laboured in the health care field in the North all left a mark, an image, which perhaps may only be remembered by a bronze plaque or a monument. At this time I feel part of that spirit which carried us through and I also feel assured that the successes of the future will have to be built on that same spirit. Should this intangible be absent the buildings themselves will be empty and void of true lifegiving and life maintaining care.



Allow me to recognize two individuals who deserve our appreciation for their contribution to the well being of northerners. Doctor E.Elizabeth Cass, Ophthalmic surgeon, recipient of the Commissioners Award and the Order of Canada, has shared her knowledge; applied her skills in Canada's North-land since 1958.

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Mrs. Pieper in 1978 was recognized by her peers when an honorary life membership was bestowed upon her by the N.W.T. Registered Nurses Association.



Mrs. Lillian Pieper, seen here chatting with Mr. Wayne Buske, has contributed unselfishly and in great measure to the health of the people of the communities in which she lived. As Public Health Nurse; member of the hospital Board and Secretary-Treasurer of this Association, Lillian deserves the esteem of every citizen in the N.W.T., and especially Fort Smith.

As a last farewell I would like to convey my thanks to Mr. Paul Nind for his support during his terms as President of this Association.

Last, but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to Ken Gaetz, President of the Association, with whom I shared the joys as well as the frustrations during the past 15 years in the context of the N.W.T. Hospital Association.

To all my co-workers, especially Mrs. F. Gordon, our efficient typist and lay-out artist, my sincere gratitude.



"Honestly Mom - those physicals! Even my shock-proof watch was embarrassed!"



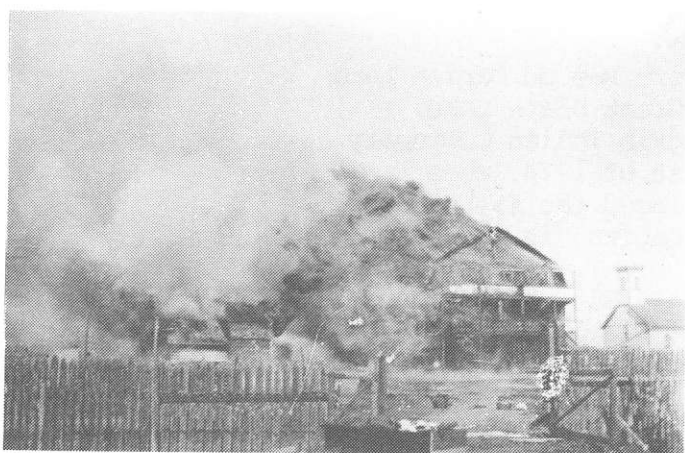
Actually, I've been thinking of becoming a doctor. I have the handwriting for it.

THE END OF AN ERA

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With the closing of St. Ann's General Hospital the activities of the R.C. Church in health care in the Diocese of Mackenzie - Fort Smith, will formally come to an end.

The era spans 112 years, from a beginning in the grey building on the banks of the mighty Mackenzie at Fort Providence, where the Klondike gold seekers of 98 sought relief and care, to institutions in Fort Simpson, Fort Resolution, Aklavik and Fort Smith.



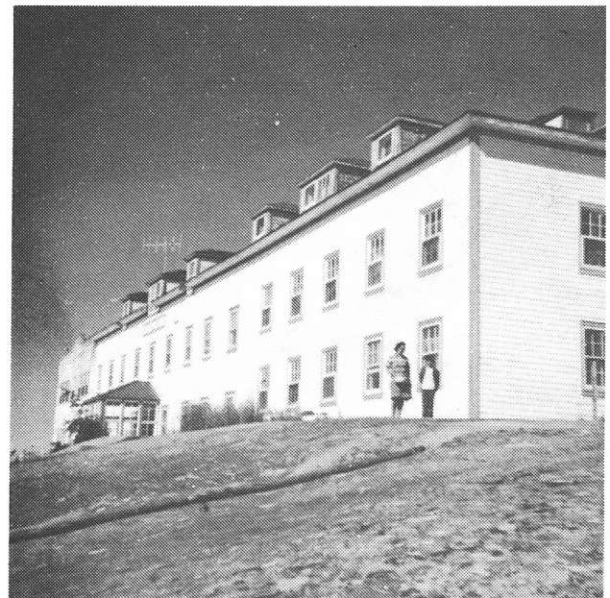
St. Margaret's, built in 1946, burned to the ground in 1929. A new St. Margaret's arose in 1930, extended in 1952 to contain 32 beds. It served until it was replaced by the Fort Simpson Hospital, owned and operated by the Federal Department of Health and Welfare in May of 1973.

Fort Simpson, at the confluence of the Liard and the Mackenzie has a long and varied history and St. Margaret's played an important role. In 1963 a total of 5,051 patient days were incurred at an average cost of \$15.71. In 1972 the number of patient days was 4,742 at \$35.60 p.p.d.



Faraud Hospital in Fort Rae on Marian Lake at the north end of Great Slave Lake, served the unique Dogrib Indian Community from 1936 until August of 1974, when Medical Services replaced the 52 bed hospital with a Cottage hospital in Rae-Edzo.

Faraud in 1963 served 7,314 patient days at an average cost of \$13.17 and in 1973, the last full year of operation, had 3,930 days at a cost of \$57.14 p.p.d.





Madame Vanier

Madame Vanier, at the Occasion of the Governor General's visit to Fort Simpson in 1961, toured the hospital.

Mrs. Vanier is seen here with one of the patients.

Bishop P. Fallaize, with blind-cane, chats with Mrs. J. Villeneuve on the third floor of St. Margarets.



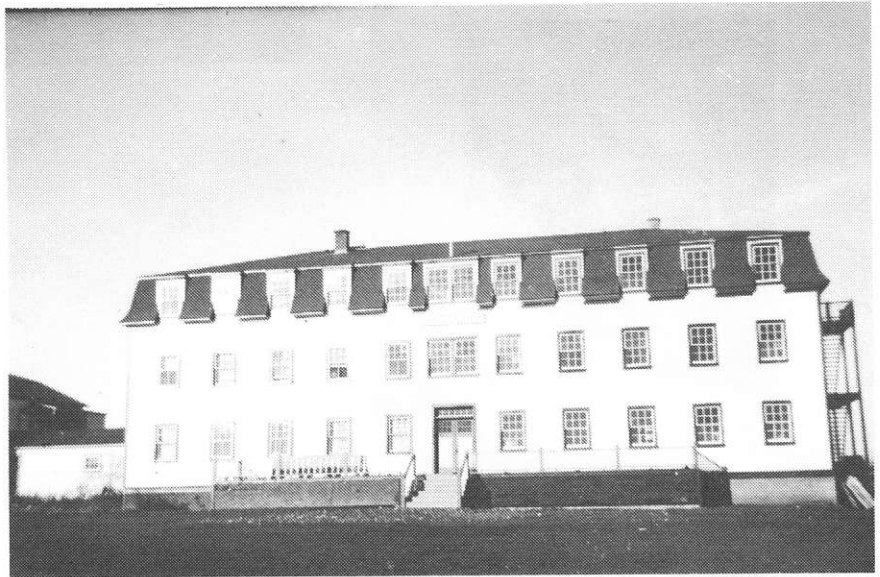
Sister M. Lemire operates the 100 M.A. X-ray machine which was standard equipment in many northern health care institutions.



The northernmost hospital in Canada, Immaculate Conception, in Aklavik, built in 1925 with 22 beds, closed in 1961, as did the hospital operated by the Anglican Church, when in East Three (presently Inuvik) the Inuvik General Hospital was opened by the Federal Government.

Mrs. L. Pieper of Fort Smith worked in Aklavik as a nurse in the 1940's.

St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Resolution has as many as 100 beds and was built in 1938. Res. as it is known for short, was, until the 1930's the seat of the Diocese, situated as it is on the south shore of Great Slave Lake.



All these institutions were administered, and largely staffed by the Grey Nuns of Montreal and the Oblates, both Fathers and Brothers. These men and women came North as servants of the sick of mankind, wherever they might be, to the ends of the earth. The Grey Nuns brought the training in nursing and medicine of the South to this Northland and applied it in an unselfish Christian spirit as commanded by their Founder, the Blessed Marguerite d'Youville, who set the example of courage, ingenuity, pioneering enthusiasm and universality of charity two centuries ago.



*Stamp of Marguerite d'Youville
issued by Canada.*

On September 21, 1978 the Post Office Department issued a stamp bearing the effigy of Marguerite d'Youville. That event honored this great Canadian woman, who through her followers has had such a far reaching influence in the health care and education in Canada.

On behalf of the people in the Northwest Territories, the Capsule wishes to pay tribute to all the Grey nuns who have laboured North of '60. The work done by these heroines was termed, "not only necessary, but essential in our troubled and worried world of today".

(Postmaster General Gilles Lamontagne)

Governor General Jules Leger held the dedication, which has characterized the lives of so many Sisters, up as an example to the women who today seek their liberation. His Excellency stated that freedom not only consists in taking, but also in giving.

May this spirit, this definable set of values, energize the lives of those who work in the health centres and hospitals of the coming decades.



Blessed Marguerite d'Youville

The Capsule also wishes to salute and pay its respects to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, to the priests, who ministered to the sick of our Communities; who listened to and cared about the spiritual, emotional and social problems of our patients. The Oblates thereby fulfilled a vital function in the administration of medicine, care of the whole person, whether they were formally considered to be part of the healing team or not.

To the Oblate Brothers, who with their skills in the various trades, engineering, carpentry, farming, etc., etc., erected the hospital buildings, maintained them, after calling on all the ingenuity a man can muster, and fed the patients and staff alike with their exploits in farming and hunting. These men did not count hours or days and their record of output per man year is nothing short of phenomenal.

To each Oblate who spent his energies within the walls of our hospitals, the Capsule sends a big thank you.

It is our hope that the efficacy of your skills blended with the Christian sensitivity to the needs of our fellow man, will continue in future health care institutions in the North.

Most of us could move mountains
if only someone would clear
the foothills out of the way.

"Everybody thinks of
changing humanity and
nobody thinks of changing
himself"

Leo Tolstoy

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"I wondered why somebody didn't
do something. Then I realized
that I was somebody"

"Errors should be reasons
for growth, not excuses
for discouragement."

Anonymous

Anonymous

A few facts about the fully accredited St. Ann's General Hospital in Fort Smith.

Originally built in 1914, extended in 1930 St. Ann's was the largest building in the N.W.T. for many years. A part of the old structure still stands. A solarium was a special feature.

The first resident physician arrived in 1921.

In 1951 the present St. Ann's was erected and officially opened in April of 1952. Capacity 110 beds.

In 1961 during construction of an addition and renovations, a total of some 13,000 patient days were reported at an average cost of \$10.00 p.p.d.

In 1962 extensive renovations and the addition of "modern" facilities such as the first elevator in the N.W.T. were completed.

During the hot month of July 1963, 1,900 patient days were serviced or over 61 patients each day.

With the decline of T.B. in the N.W.T. the level of general work increased. Surgery was performed at St. Ann's until 1974. In 1971 the laboratory and x-ray, as well as the operating room were outfitted with the latest equipment.

Accreditation status was achieved in 1975 and again in 1977.

A true team spirit prevailed among the staff at St. Ann's. Board, medical staff, administration and the various staff committees deserve the credit of a job well done in the delivery of health care in the community of Fort Smith.

A special tribute must go to His Excellency Bishop Paul Piche, who heads up the Diocese Organizations and bears the ultimate responsibility for all the Church's activities, including those of the hospitals described on the pages of this edition.

The inscription on the plaque, not visible on the photographs, reads:

"In thankful appreciation"
 His Excellency Bishop Paul Piche, O.M.I., D.D.,
 Presented at Fort Smith, Northwest Territories.
 In honour and with deep appreciation of the
 valuable service given the communities of the
 Mackenzie District and Fort Smith in particular
 since 1958 as Head of the Diocese of Mackenzie
 Fort Smith and Chairman of St. Ann's
 General Hospital's Governing Board"

As shown in the photographs the plaque was presented by His Worship, Mayor Paul Kaeser on behalf of the Community of Fort Smith and the Mackenzie District (Photo #1);

by Mr. Leon Peterson as Chairman of the Hospital's Advisory Board on behalf of all the members of the Board (Photo #2) and,

by Mr. Peter Verhesen, Administrator of St. Ann's General Hospital on behalf of the thousand plus employees who worked at St. Ann's General Hospital since the new (present) building was opened (photo #3).

The Capsule joins the community, the members of the Board and the staff of St. Ann's in expressing sincere and deep appreciation to His Excellency Bishop P. Piche, for the magnificent contribution to the physical, mental and spiritual health of all who have been exposed to the healing powers of his hospitals.



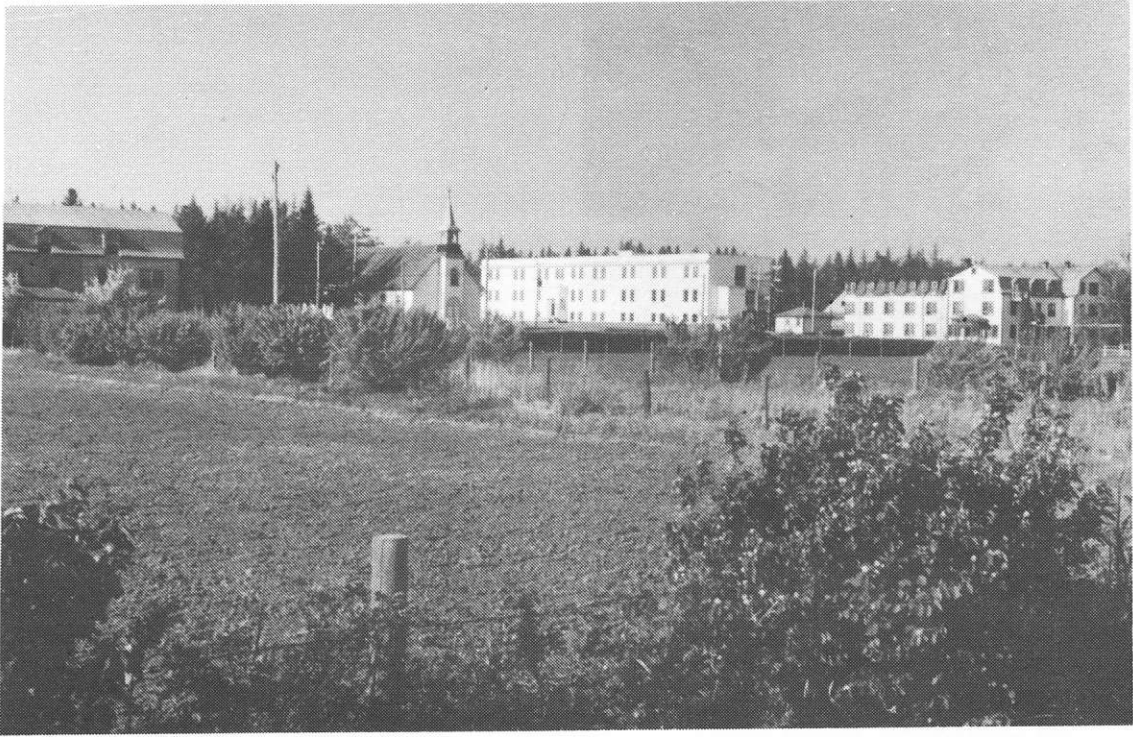
Mayor P. Kaeser
Presents plaque
to Bishop P. Piche



Mr. P. Verhesen
Presents plaque
to Bishop P. Piche



Mr. L. Peterson
Presents plaque
to Bishop P. Piche

ST. ANN'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, FORT SMITH, N.W.T.

Picture #1

R.C. Mission (1936)
 St. Isidore's Church
 St. Ann's General Hospital (1952)
 St. Ann's General Hospital (1930 and 1914)

The portion of the original building most to your right (with hip roof) is the original St. Ann's General Hospital, erected in 1914. An addition with solarium was built in 1930. The white square building is the present St. Ann's General Hospital. This is also shown in Picture number 2.



Picture #2



Picture number 3 shows the two back wings as well as the addition put on in 1961.

The plowed field produced potatoes for many years for staff and patients alike.

Picture #3

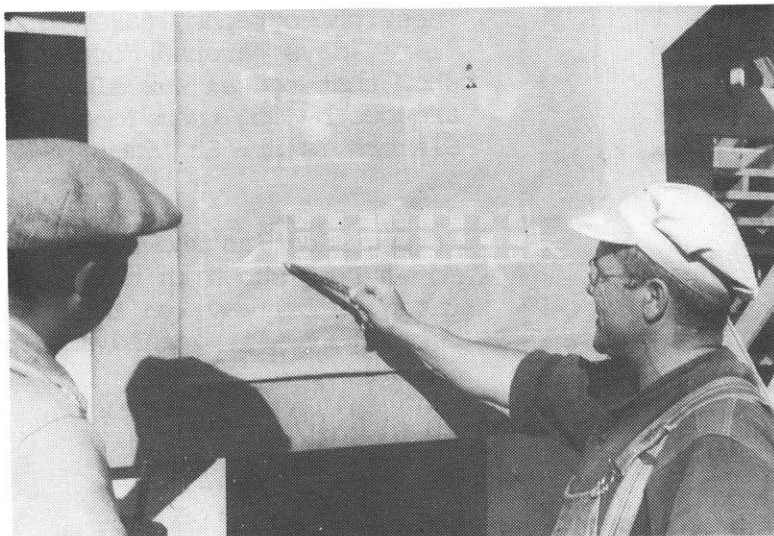


Picture to the left was taken in the "old hospital". Note the wash basin. The water supply was pumped from a well and handled through the hospital's own pressure system. One of these systems was to pump the water into a large tank built in the rafters and then use gravity feed throughout the building. The hospital had its own power plant producing a 32 volt system.



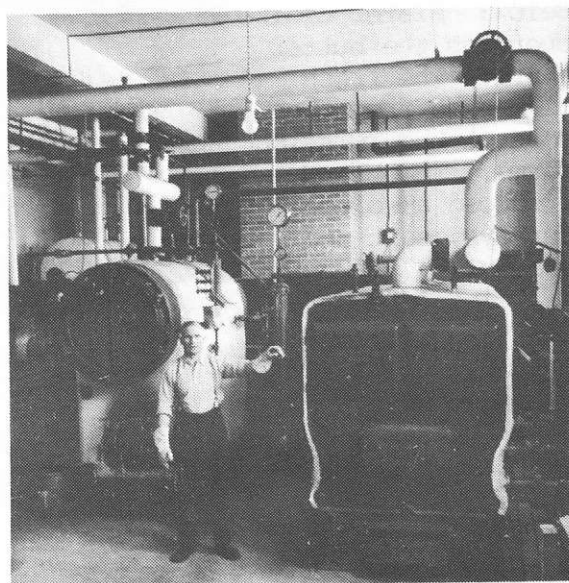
Pictures on this page show the shiny corridors, the furniture, bedside table and chairs in use in the "old" hospital.





Brother R. Bruyere indicates a detail on the blueprint of St. Ann's General Hospital (1950). Watching is Brother M. Turgeon.

Brother C. Claeys in the boiler room with wood fed boilers



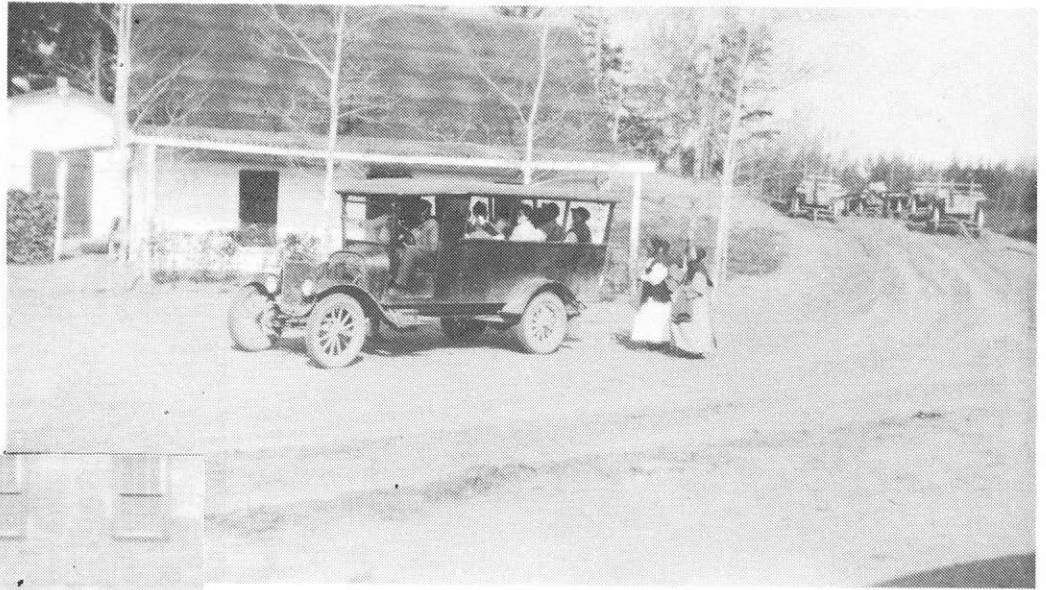
Brother E. Morin, Chief Engineer in the present boiler room. (boilers were converted to oil firing in 1961)



These photographs, taken in the "early days" around Fort Smith show that travel was slow and arduous by dog team (one of the Sisters is Sr. St. Omer)

It upgraded (as shown below) to a Model T as shown in this photo taken at Halfway (on the portage between Ft. Fitzgerald and Fort Smith.)

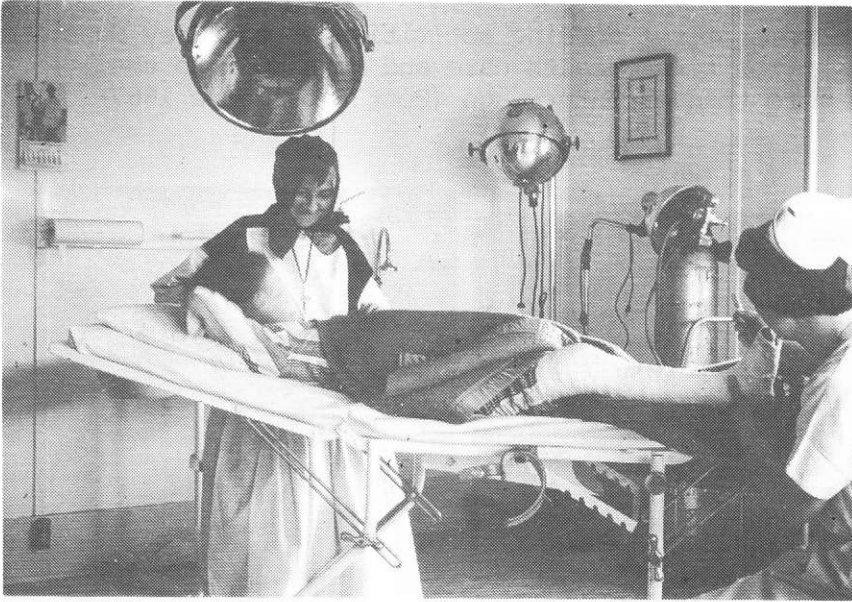
Below: Sister Claire operates the butter churn. The fresh milk came from the cows on the "mission farm". This farm produced also eggs, turkeys, salt and grains.



(early 1920's)

Dr. MacDonald, Fort Smith's first resident physician (wearing his legendary waistcoat/dispensary) chats with some sisters/nurses and patients. (early 1920's)





The operating room in the old hospital. A young patient gets his fracture attended to

Sr. Therese Chaloux and Ms. J. Plamondon in the "old" O.R. Approx. 1949

Sister Josephine Kergoat takes the temperature of patient Elsie Edwards.

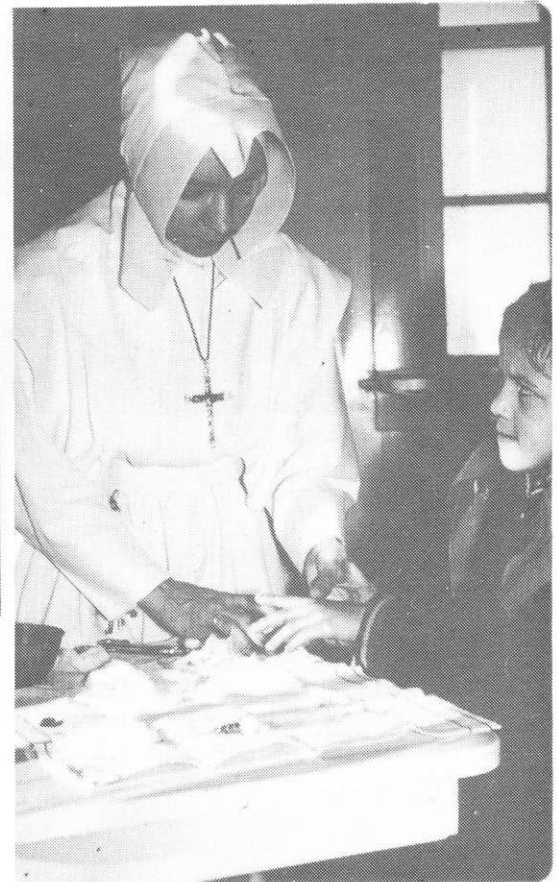


Sister Marie Lemire weighs Lillian van Pelt. Through the window in the door behind Sister the father looks on.

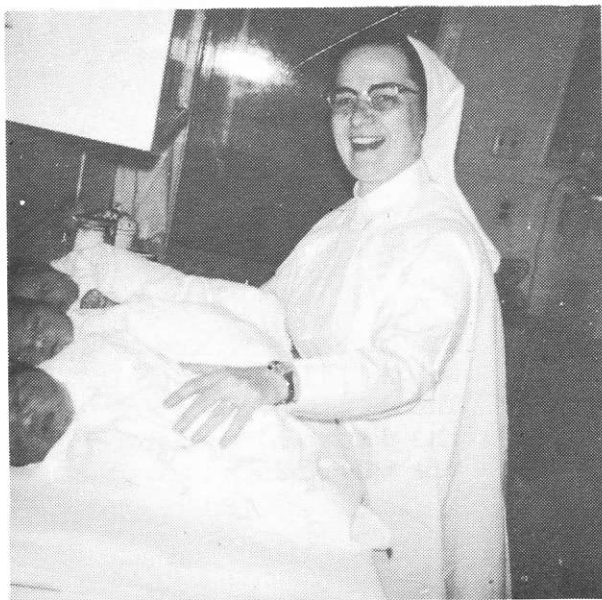
Shown on this page are some of the nursing activities of the Grey Nuns, who, as a group, brought the first health care and nursing into the Northwest Territories more than a century ago (Fort Providence 1867)



Sister Claire Cardinal, Director of Nursing at St. Ann's, checks the pulse of patient, Fr. Maurice Metayer (1975)



Sister R. Lamarche, who took x-rays, looked after the pharmacy and generally contributed her talents freely in many areas of patient care, administers first aid.



One of the sets of triplets (McVicar triplets) are shown off by nurse Sister Jeannette Beaulieu.

On the porch 2nd floor, T.B. patient Granny Adele Benwall & Sr. Rosalie Cherlet. In addition to nursing various hospitals Sr. Cherlet was Public Health Nurse in Ft. Providence for many years.



"born at St. Ann's"



Education at St. Ann's

A nurses' aide course was taught commencing in 1956. Receiving their caps - from left to right - are

Rita Wrigley, Mary Piche, Irma Lemke Marie Louise Sepp, Marie Anarvik.

This was the first group to graduate. Missing is Florence Tardif.

The picture on the right taken at approximately the same time shows some of the personalities deeply involved in hospital affairs and patient care. From left to right, backrow:

Sister E. Boisvert, Irene Seguin, Mary Piche, Marie Louise Sepp, Marie Anarvik, Fr. Charles Gilles who served many years on the Board of St. Ann's, Sister R. Cherlet. Front row: Sr. R. Comeau, Rita Wrigley, Sr. M. Lachambre, Irma Lemke and Sr. R. Deschenes



Linda Mabbitt of St. Ann's staff also demonstrates a visual handicap



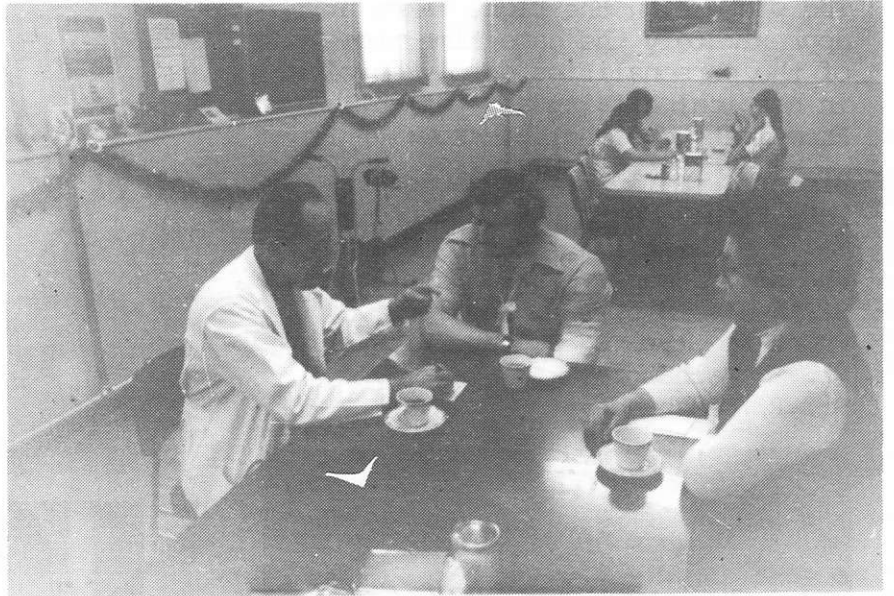
Mrs. M. Romaniuk and Sr. T. Plante, teacher and participant in a seminar on chronic care



A coffee break shows,
from L. to R:
Lucille Daniels,
Mary Ann Flett
Helen Daniels and
Esther Loutit,
exchanging pleasantries.

Dr. Hannes Jalkotzy explains
the intricacies of an upper
arm fracture to Romeo
Plamondon.

Looking on is Beatrice
Campbell, A.R.T., C.N.A.,
who has worked at St. Ann's
for more than 20 years, and
holds the most seniority on
St. Ann's staff at the
present time.



Louella Jewell and Sister
Therese Brunet, share
culinary secrets.



Dr. Jack Bromley applying a plaster cast.
Attending nurse Audrey Holly



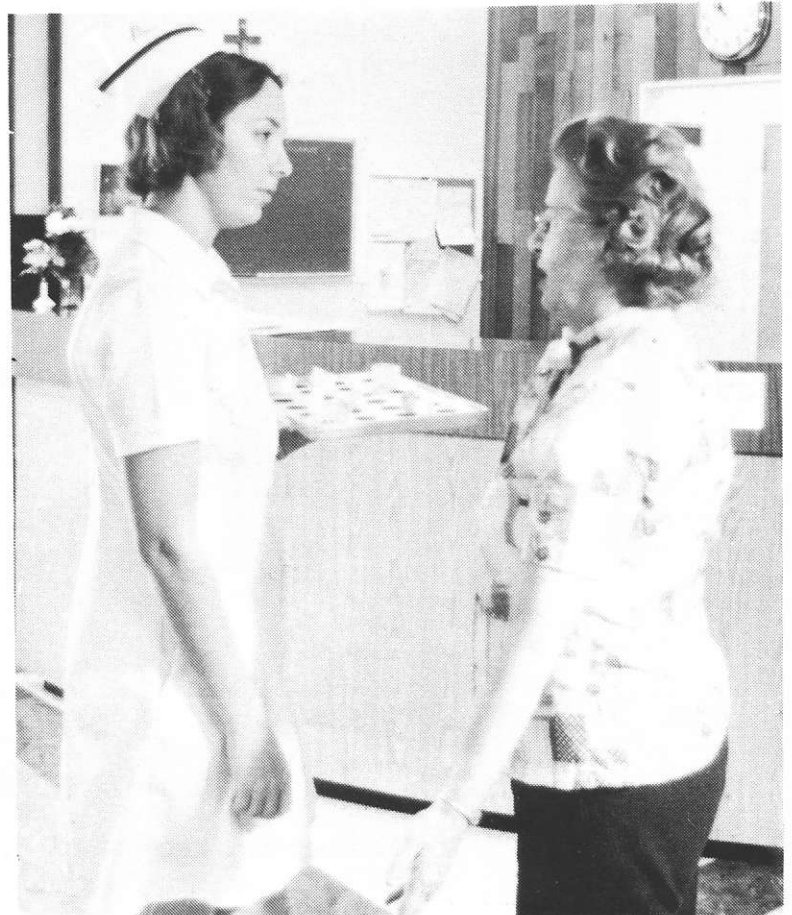
Zoe MacEachern, receptionist, admission officer
and clerk at her desk in the front office.



Upper left: Daphne Landry at her "new" Flame Photometer in the laboratory.

Upper right: Operating one of the presses in the laundry is Sister Yvonne Guerette. Sister has 46 years of unselfish service to the sick and injured of the North, and hails from Nashua, New Hampshire.

Nurse Cathy Hux and Florence Gordon, typist and medical records clerk on the main floor of St. Ann's, delivering and receiving some administrative instructions.





Recreation was not forgotten at St. Ann's. In a true Community spirit each year a float was entered in the Canada Day (Dominion Day) parade in Fort Smith.

In 1966 some hospital activities were displayed. In 1975 the Chronic Care and Acute Care functions of St. Ann's were highlighted.

Upper right - from L. to R.: patients "Billy" McNeil, George Hotti and Francoise Farcy, ride on the float.



Above: Bertha Tourangeau pushes Judy Ferguson in a wheelchair after one of the staff and patient picnics.



Left: Karen Menard, Janice Daniels and Rose Verville, share the fun at a staff Christmas party.

ON THE CHRONIC CARE WARD - THE ONLY
ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE N.W.T. -
SET UP IN 1971, LIFE IS VERY HUMAN INDEED



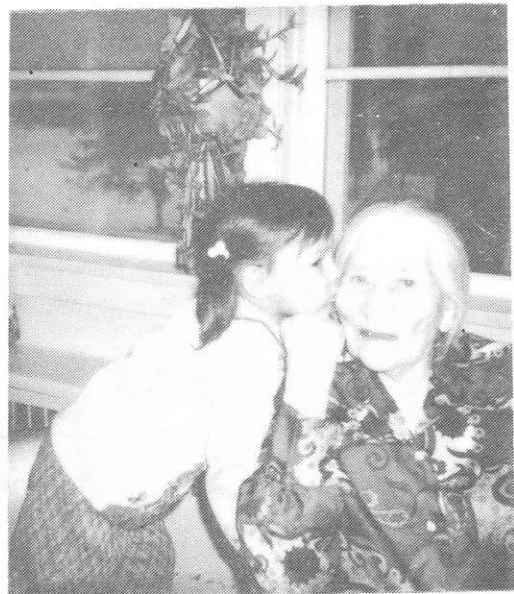
Mary Arcand

Patient Mary Arcand does not appear to appreciate the publicity of a photograph at this moment.

Communication spanning
the generation gap.

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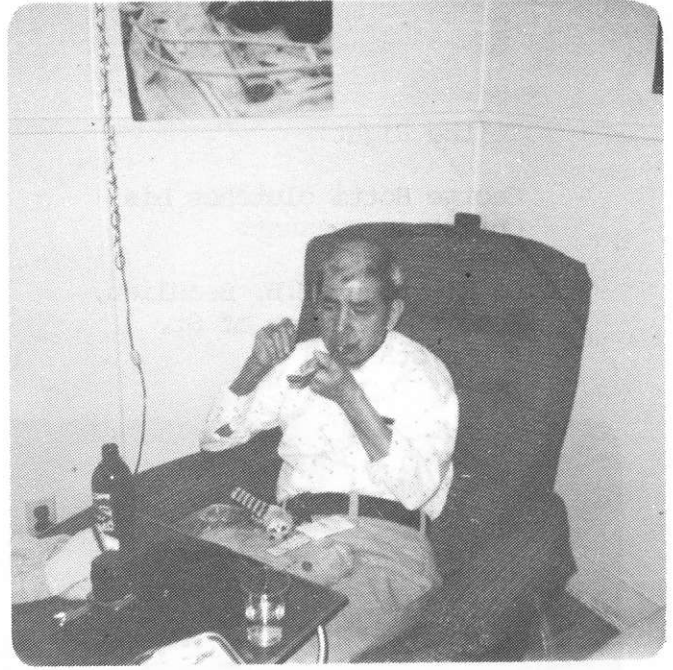
Mrs. Angeliqne Daniels
and Miss Checkley share
a secret.



Mrs. A. Daniels
and
Erika Lynn Checkley



Karen Mabbitt is assisted by a budding nurse in making a bed.



Archie Powder enjoys a relaxing time.



Santa Claus (Susan Webster) visits the Chronic Care Ward. Staff assemble to record the occasion.

- From L. to R.: S. Webster, T. Bruneau, E. Howell, R. Cummins, (peeking through) K. Murdoch, S. D'Hont, L. Scarborough, L. Mabbitt, M.L. Beaulieu, K. Mabbitt.

To the Right:

George Hotti clutches his
Christmas present.

On his right M.L. Beaulieu,
long time member of St.
Ann's staff.



Bea Campbell receives gift
from Peter Verhesen at
Staff Christmas gift exchange.

Mrs. J. Pinault
Member on St. Ann's Staff

and

Mrs. L. Pieper
Board member, ready for
"things to come".



THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

IN RETROSPECT (1964 - 1979)

By: Peter Verhesen

Local newspapers and the national hospital publications in early 1965 reported on the efforts to form an Association. The clipping shown here and credited to the "Norther", Fort Smith's newspaper at the time, published by Mr. and Mrs. J. Whelley, sums up the inaugural meeting. Also at that meeting for the afternoon session and banquet, was Mr. John Parker, then Mayor of Yellowknife, Board member of the Yellowknife Hospital and presently Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Canadian Hospitals
March, 1965

The fledgling Association's first endeavour was to nurture lines of communication between hospitals in the Northwest Territories. Many items of business needed attention. Work on a Constitution and By-laws, a statement of objectives and other internal matters proceeded quickly.

Discussions on salary scales, purchasing practices, insurance problems, etc. followed. Education and liaison of the young Association, with its sister organization in Alberta and the National (Canadian) Hospital Association was a topic at the first official annual meeting on 25 November, 1965 in the new H.H. Williams Memorial Hospital in Hay River.

**Territories' hospitals
work for 'Association'**

The formation of a Northwest Territories Hospital Association appears imminent.

Early last December representatives of various private hospitals and five public hospitals in the Territories, met at Stanton Hospital, Yellowknife, to discuss the possible creation of such a body.

"Once formed it would seek affiliation with the Canadian Hospital Association enabling these institutions to present a united front when dealing with the government and other agencies," said the *Norther*, Fort Smith, N.W.T.

At the first meeting of the NWT hospitals, representatives, G. M. Barrow, administrator, Stanton Hospital, Yellowknife, Sister M. Lemire, St. Margaret's Hospital, Fort Rae, Sister G. Suave and Peter Verhesen of St. Ann's Hospital, Fort Smith and Rev. K. Gaetz of H. H. William Memorial Hospital, Hay River, exchanged views and discussed mutual problems.

A "draft" copy of the by-laws, aims and purposes of the Association has been forwarded to participating hospitals for their comment and approval.

The formation of this association has been approved by the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board which has offered the full support of its Executive Secretary to aid in any of the association's activities.



Sister Marie Lemire, R.N., S.G.M., is shown here addressing the first annual meeting in her usual dynamic fashion.

Sister's topic was "Nursing in the North". She emphasized the importance of a broad curriculum in the training of nursing personnel for the North and outlined the personality and capabilities any nurse north of the 60th parallel should possess. The guidelines contained in Sister's address that day are still valid and have found application in the hiring practices of many government departments, as well as in the private sector.

Sister Lemire holds membership in the Order of Canada.



"Face it Doc. Its no use
worrying about life because
nobody gets out alive anyway."

THE N.W.T. HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION'S FIRST ANNUAL MEETING



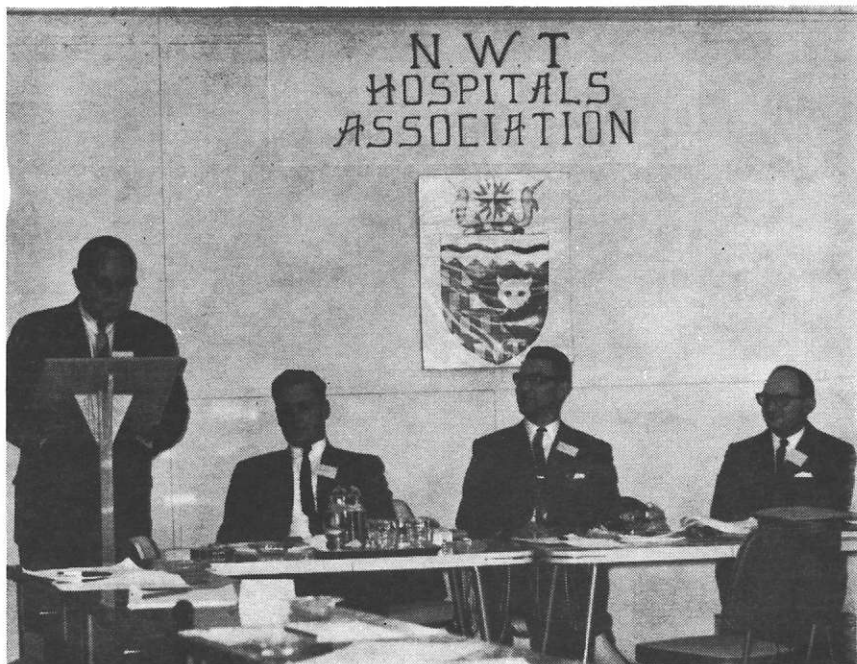
From L. to R. Ken Gaetz, first Secretary-Treasurer, Florence Bedwell, Sr. C. Montpetit, (name unknown), Murray Ross of the Alberta Hospital Association, Peter Verhesen, 1st President, Jack Madore, Ex. Secr. T.H.I.S., Sr. G. Sauve, Sr. J. Marchand, Sr. M. Lachambre, Sr. F. Rouleau, Sr. M. Lemire.

Also at the meeting but missing from the picture were Mr. George McCracken of the Canadian Hospital Association, and Dr. Gordon Butler of Medical Services.

The above represented six member hospitals i.e.; Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, H.H. Williams Memorial, Hay River, St. Ann's General, Fort Smith, St. Joseph's, Fort Resolution, St. Margaret's, Fort Simpson and Faraud, Fort Rae.

Other topics introduced were:

- The Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, by Mr. J.L. Madore.
- Hospital Design and Construction, by Mr. G.M. Barrow.
- The after banquet speaker was Dr. H.B. Brett, who spoke on the "Type of Hospital Services required in the future health care system in the Northwest Territories".



Extending membership was one of the points stressed by C. E. Barton, executive director, Saskatchewan Hospital Association, as he addressed delegates at the N.W.T. convention. Seated — left to right — are: G. M. Barrow, vice-president; Peter Verhesen, president, and Rev. F. A. Gaetz, secretary treasurer of the N.W.T. Hospitals Association.

In 1966 the Association meeting was held in Fort Smith with Mr. Charles Barton as guest speaker.

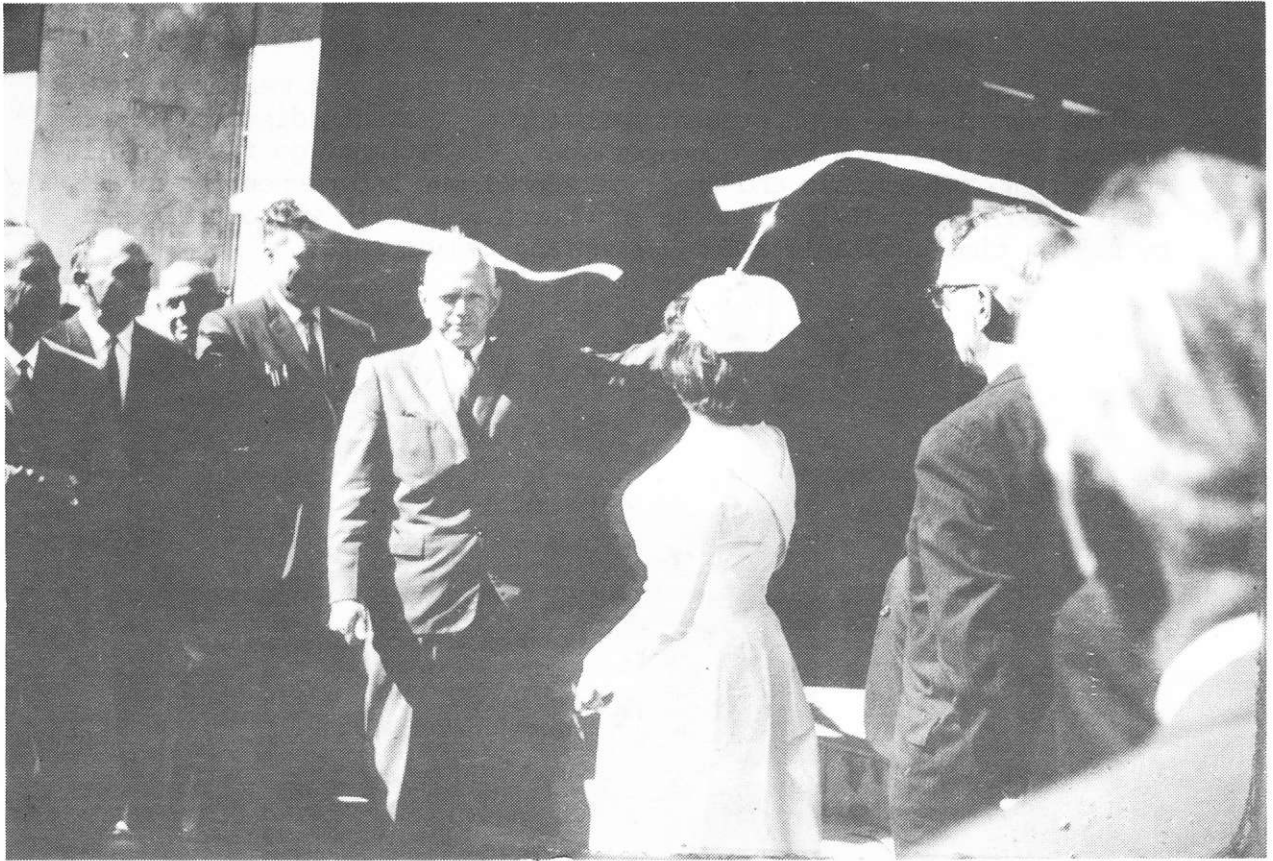


St. Ann's Hospital, Fort Smith, provides the background for this picture delegates at the N.W.T. Hospitals Association's second annual meeting.

As the Association struggled to survive on a meager budget and to overcome the ever present handicap of enormous distances, precluding meetings more than once per year, credit must go first of all to the member hospitals and their personnel who had pioneering in their blood, secondly to leaders of Church and State who contributed by making time available and by accepting assignments.



His Excellency Bishop Paul Piche, O.M.I.; D.D., addressing the N.W.T. Hospital Association in 1966. To his right Mr. Jack Madore of Ottawa.



Commissioner of the N.W.T., Mr. Ben Sivertz, cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the H.H. Williams Memorial Hospital in June of 1965. Also in the picture are Mayor L. Stewart to the right of the Commissioner and nurse F. Bedwell, in uniform. Second from the left is Ken Gaetz.



Ready to depart after the Association meeting are L. to R.: Ken Gaetz, Jack Madore, John Parker, Frank Silversides, Sister Lemire, George Sherwood, Dr. G. Butler, Sr. Marchand, Rev. C. Yates, Sr. C. Jeannotte and Harold Cross.

Names of the two ladies directly behind Sr. Lemire and Mr. Sherwood are not known.

A lot of cooperation was received from the Alberta Hospital Association. A number of our member hospitals participated in the Alberta Hospital Association's insurance program; educational sessions were set up with the help of A.H.A.'s Department of Education under the direction of Jesse MacKay to whom the Capsule wishes to express its appreciation.



Front row from L. to R.: Peter Verhesen, Jesse MacKay, Pat Rowe, Roger Lacombe.

Back row from L. to R.: Emelia Gratrix, Mabel Douglas, Mabel Loutitt, Mary Alice Martel, Liza Todd, Sr. C. Sabourin, Sr. E. Bouchard; last person's name unknown.

Participants in a Seminar on Housekeeping in 1969

It was apparent to the Association that a more continuous method of exchanging ideas, news and generally provide an organ of identification was required.

The Newsletter was born! Its motto, "Per Aspera ad Astra", which means liberally translated, "through hardship to the stars". One reader wrote that it seemed to take aspirin to get to the stars in the north.

The first issue appeared in 1971.

" Per Aspera Ad Astra."

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Shown above are Peter Verhesen,
Fort Smith, Mr. Louis Protti of
Edmonton, Dr. G. Friesen,
Mr. John Boyd of Toronto, (1971)

The Association did not take long to get into the mainstream of the current thinking in the field of health care delivery. In 1971 at the annual meeting in Fort Smith a close look was taken at design and construction of facilities. Dr. Gordon A. Friesen of Gordon Friesen International was a guest and presented his ideas which have since become incorporated in two new health centres in the N.W.T.

Attendance at meetings was often at considerable personal cost and sometimes business had to be carried on.



Seen here is Mr. Len Hooper, long time member of St. Ann's General Hospital Board and staunch supporter of Hospital Association activities, making a phone call during the 1977 meeting.

One of the last group pictures taken at an Association meeting (1977)



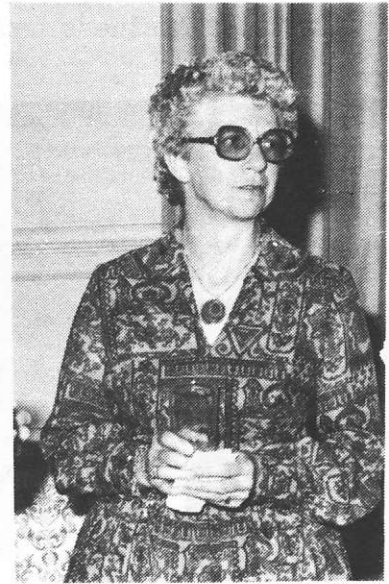
L. to R.: Ken Gaetz, T. Roger, Alan Loutitt (unknown), Rusty Stewart, Sharon Tracy, Bob McDermit, Barbara Bromley, Lillian Pieper, Bill Mack, Joan Roche, Frank Wiedeman, Janet Lindquist, Len Adrian, Binx Remnant, Ken Torrance, Jo MacQuarrie, Michael Pontus, Beatrice Campbell, Nelson McClelland.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Barbara Bromley, a long time resident of the Northwest Territories (Yellowknife) received the Commissioner's Award for public service rendered in the field earlier this year.

Mrs. Bromley has furthered the image of nursing in the North and has been a key figure in the development of the N.W.T. Registered Nurses Association.

The Capsule extends warmest congratulations to Barbara on the receipt of this well deserved award.



Barbara Bromley



Mr. K.A. Gaetz
President, N.W.T.H.A.

Ken Gaetz of Hay River is representing the Northwest Territories on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Hospital Association.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Mr. Evan L. Casey, Executive Director of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, is the representative for the Northwest Territories of the American College of Hospital Administrators (District Five)

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The Alberta Hospital Association recently completed a "Study of need for Extended Care Beds in the Edmonton Region".

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A trustees conference will be held by the Canadian Hospital Association in Ottawa from September 19 to 21, 1979, to exchange views and ideas among trustees from various parts of the country.

The National Planning Committee recommend that ten or more leading trustees from each province would constitute an appropriate distribution of discussion partners. Each province is asked to prepare a position paper on trusteeship for the Conference. The Conference will be titled: "The National Conference for Health Care Trustees."

It is noted that this is not an education program for trustees but a national forum for policy recommendation and direction.

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The United Nations, by declaring 1979 the International Year of the Child, has given us all an opportunity to be more aware of the needs of children everywhere, but particularly in the poorest countries of the world. There exist today some 350 million children in developing countries who are denied even the minimum of basic essential services in health, nutrition, education and social development - the necessities we take for granted.

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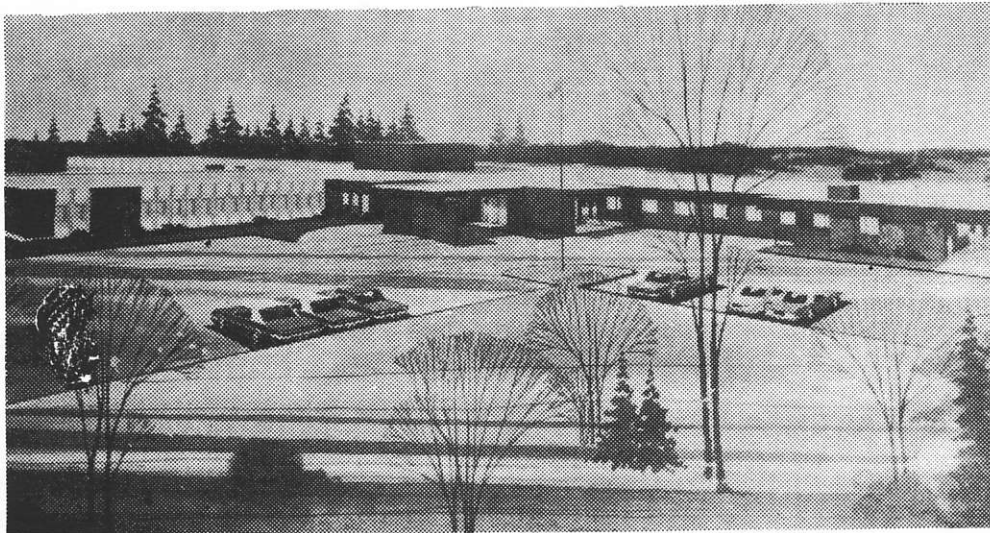
THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE HELD ON

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