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Providence Hospital Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan 75th Anniversary 1912-1987

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75th Anniversary

1912 PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL 1987

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan



Pictured here is the Providence Hospital when it was first opened on the corner of Ominica St. and 4th Avenue N.W. and the Providence Hospital as it is known today on Lillooet St. E.

The Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, Kingston Ontario, came to Moose Jaw, November 13, 1912 during a typhoid outbreak in the rapidly growing city.

The first hospital consisting of 30 beds was located on the corner of 4th Ave. & Ominica Street in what was then known as the "Lindsay House", purchased for \$12,000.00

With the help of the parish Societies and other generous people of Moose Jaw the building was readied for its opening November 21, 1912. On November 28, 1912 the first surgery was performed and the first baby born January 16, 1913.

The first Ladies Auxiliary was formed March 3, 1913 with Mrs. W.W. Irwin as President. The fledgling Auxiliary was disbanded in 1918 and again and again re-organized in 1955 with Mrs. Joan de Rosenroll as President. Much gratitude is due to the generous ladies over the years.

The growing demand for services made it necessary to add a surgical suite to the original building in 1913 and in 1915 the present property was purchased. The sod was turned on June 14, 1916 and on September 19, 1917 the new 50 bed Providence Hospital was officially opened and blessed by Archbishop O.E. Mathieu.

The School of Nursing was opened in November 1917 under the direction of Sister Mary Raphael. The School was closed in February, 1979. In late October 1918, the influenza epidemic struck Moose Jaw and no one was spared of the hospital staff.

Early in 1920, Providence Hospital was awarded a Class "A" Accreditation by the American College of Surgeons.

More space was soon needed again and a new Wing of 64 beds was added in 1927 at a cost of \$175,000.00 and officially opened May 14, 1928. Both the 1917 and 1928 Wings remain in use today.

To relieve over-crowding again by 1946, space occupied by the Student Nurses was freed when the Students moved into the Nurses' Residence which was constructed from a building used by the Air Force Training School at Caron. Staff & Visitor parking now occupy that area. In 1950, the present Laboratory Wing was constructed under the watchful eye of Dr. G. Kent and a School for Medical Laboratory Technologists was approved in 1952 under the direction of Sister Mary Cornelia. At this time a School for Radiology Technicians was also approved.

June 13, 1960, the sod was turned for the construction of the Jubilee Wing which provided new facilities for X-Ray, Rehabilitation, Dietary, Operating and Recovery Rooms, Obstetrical Suite and renovations to the Health Record Department, Outpatient, Emergency and Central Supply were carried out at this time.

In November 1967, Pediatrics was centralized at the Moose Jaw Union Hospital and Obstetrics at Providence Hospital.

An Intensive Care Unit of four beds was opened in 1969 and closed in 1975 for lack of funding.

The need for Special Care Units for the growing numbers of elderly citizens in Moose Jaw became urgent and in 1973 work began on a 42 bed Long Term Care Unit for a rehabilitative



and maintenance program of care. This Unit, known as the Raphael Wing was dedicated in 1976 in honour of Sister Mary Raphael, well known to the people of Moose Jaw.

The need was recognized for a medically oriented program to maintain and/or enhance independence of elderly living in their homes. To this end, the "Day Hospital" was ready for clients in 1979.

The Cardiopulmonary Laboratory was re-organized in 1980 to include Echocardiography Service. Since 1980, three units of Ultrasound Equipment has been purchased, a Linear Scanner 2000, a Phonoechocardiograph and a Sector Scanner. The purchase of this equipment along with other pieces of essential equipment was made possible through the very generous donations of various individuals and organizations too numerous to mention here.

The Sisters of Providence, the Governing Board and the Staff of Providence Hospital are all grateful to their many friends and sponsors throughout the years 1912-1987 who have actively participated in the proud heritage of Providence Hospital.

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Providence Hospital marks 75 years

By CHERYL MOODER
Times-Herald Staff Writer

Providence Hospital is celebrating another milestone — 75 years of health-care service to the people of Moose Jaw and district.

The Providence is one of two hospitals in Moose Jaw and is owned and operated by the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. It is governed by an active board to whom the Sisters of Providence have entrusted the man-

Madame Gamelin received the "Rule of St. Vincent de Paul" from the Sisters in New York, and the new congregation was officially instituted March 25, 1843, under the title of Sisters of Charity of Providence.

In 1861, the Bishop of Kingston appealed to the Bishop of Montreal to assist him in providing care for the aged, orphans and the homeless poor of his diocese. In answer, four Sisters of Providence went to Kingston.

On March 25, 1862, the first Kingston

time.

In 1918, application was made to the American College of Surgeons for accreditation of the new facility.

Class "A" status was awarded in 1921.

In 1928, an addition to the east of the 1917 building was constructed to meet the growing health need of the thriving city, bringing the bed capacity to 125. This wing included provision for student-nurses quarters and the necessary teaching facilities. However,

cated at Providence Hospital. This arrangement is still in effect.

The area vacated by the transfer of paediatrics to the Union Hospital, was renovated for a "self-care unit" which was officially opened early in 1968.

The year 1970 saw many changes at Providence. The School of Nursing, in operation for more than 50 years, was phased out. The disposal of furnishing, supplies and finally the building itself, was a task of considerable significance and of major concern, was the placement of staff now unemployed due to the closure. A parking lot for staff and visitors now occupies the area where the former nurses residence was located.

In 1974, Providence Hospital opened a 42-bed unit for Level IV care, replacing the "self care unit" and again responding to a demonstrated need by the increasing aging population in Moose Jaw and surrounding area. The unit was filled to capacity soon after opening.

In May of 1977 Providence Hospital played host to Dr. J.C. Brocklehurst, a renowned gerontologist from Manchester, England, who shared generously of his intensive knowledge and experience in the care of the elderly with physicians and staff. While praising highly the work of the Raphael Wing, he advised on other programs for the elderly, such as respite care and day hospital.

Providence Hospital accepted the challenge of a 10-place day hospital pilot project in 1978. This program is rendering a valuable service to the community in assisting the elderly. To meet the growing demand for this service, as many as 14 patients are accepted when the need is acute. This places an additional strain on existing overcrowding.

The board approved a recommendation by the Joint Conference Committee in 1979 to establish a full ultrasound

diagnostic facility at Providence. This service was deemed appropriate for Providence because of the obstetrical service at the hospital. The Lions Club of Moose Jaw committed itself to the purchase of a phonocardiograph machine.

Cardiac ultrasound is a sensitive and accurate diagnostic technique providing valuable information about cardiac anatomy, dynamics and tissue texture.

The program was initiated to meet a perceived lack of adequate cardiac diagnostic facilities in Moose Jaw. Recruitment of specialists in the city is difficult at best, and keeping them without offering a minimum of facilities to which they had grown accustomed in their former practice is an impossibility.

Early in 1980, Providence received a generous donation from the Grace United Church for the purchase of a Linear Scanner to be used primarily in obstetrical, non-invasive fetal examinations. This purchase was consistent with board decision to launch into non-invasive diagnostic equipment such as ultra sound. This service too was extended on a non-funded basis for more than one year.

In 1983, Providence purchased a Sector Scanner. This action is consistent with board decision on ultrasound equipment and in recognition of the many elderly making the trip at considerable personal effort to Regina for ultrasound diagnostic procedure and for the great number of elderly refusing to go, considering the effort beyond their strength. This service too remains non-funded at present time.

The history of Providence Hospital clearly demonstrates the ready ability of the Sisters of Providence and the board to adapt to changing needs. It further demonstrates the sensitivity and high priority which Providence places on the needs of the community served.



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1917 SITE OF MOOSE JAW'S PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL

... forms the centre core of the present facility at Lillooet Street east

date of assuming the responsibility on their behalf for the operation and direction of the hospital.

The present capacity of the Providence is 134 beds. Providence provides long-term care, primary and secondary care for inpatient and outpatient services. Providence has also established a referral system with other health-care institutions.

In collaboration with St. Louise de Marillac, a widow who wished to devote her time and fortune to care of the poor, St. Vincent de Paul founded the Daughters of Charity in France in 1633.

In 1841 the Bishop of Montreal visited Europe and made arrangements for the Daughters of St. Vincent to assume the direction of the works of charity in his city begun by Madame Gamelin. The sisters at that time were unable to accept the foundation and he decided to form a diocesan community.

candidate entered as a novice and in five years she took over the young community, allowing the Montreal Sisters to return home.

The principal works of the Sisters was the care of the poor, the aged and the orphan, visiting the sick in hospitals. In 1908, they opened their first hospital in the west of Daysland to minister spiritually and bodily to the typhoid-stricken citizens of Moose Jaw and district and arrived here on November 13, 1912.

They opened their first hospital of 30 beds in a converted private home located at 153 Ominica Street west.

Having outgrown the facility, a new site was found for the future Providence Hospital which was started in 1917 on Lillooet Street east to accommodate 50 patients.

This original building now forms the centre core of the present hospital. A School of Nursing was opened at this

with the number of students seeking admission to the program, accommodation for the students and teaching facilities, once again, became inadequate.

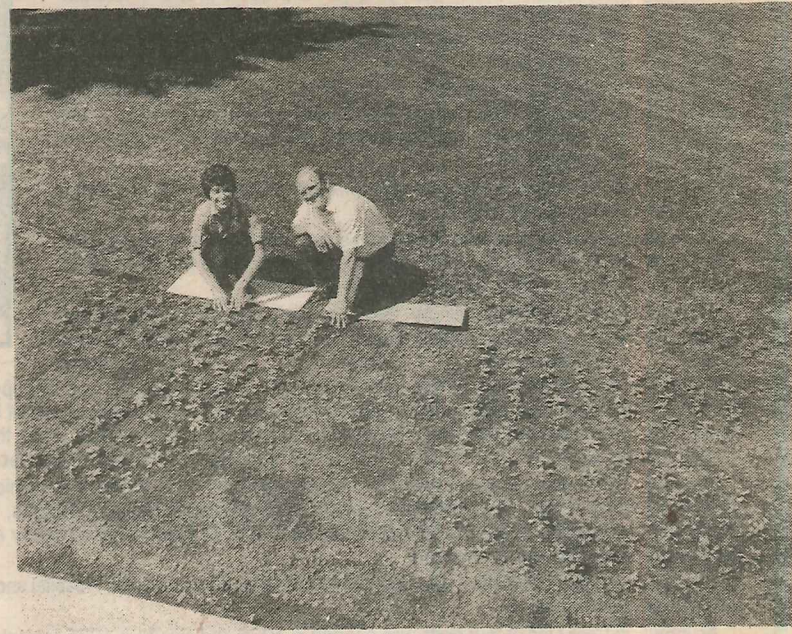
In 1946, a student-nurses residence was constructed from huts purchased from the Royal Canadian Air Force, providing suitable accommodation at reasonable expense. Eighty student nurses could be comfortably housed and providing at the same time adequate teaching facilities.

The nurses residence freed an additional 75 beds, bringing the hospital bed capacity to 200. The major area vacated by the student nurses was renovated for a greatly needed pediatric ward.

In 1984, approval was received from the government that Sisters working in hospitals be placed on payroll. This was the first time in Canadian history that hospital Sisters were reimbursed for their services.

The newly-constructed expansion to the medical laboratory and the beginning of a student program for the training medical laboratory technologists was opened in 1958. At the same time, the student program for training X-ray technologists started in the early 50's and was progressing favorably.

In 1967, due to declining birth rate with subsequent decline in required pediatric hospital services, a mutual agreement was worked out by the boards of Providence and Union Hospitals for a sharing of services. It was agreed that obstetrical service be lo-



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FLOWERBED HIGHLIGHTS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

... hospital volunteer Val Sheppard, left
and maintenance chief Albert Pasquet

75th anniversary events

Providence Hospital celebrates its 75th Anniversary July 31 to August 2. Events get underway Friday at 7 p.m. with registration at the Grant Hall Inn convention centre.

Saturday's program includes a nurses luncheon, a medical technologists' reunion party at 2 p.m., tours of Providence Hospital at 3 p.m., a happy hour at the convention centre at 6 p.m., followed by a smorgasbord-entertainment and dance at 7 p.m.

Sunday, an ecumenical church service will be held at 2 p.m. in Crescent Park (St. Andrew's Church in the event of poor weather).

Tours of Providence Hospital and a picnic at Heritage Park will begin at 3 p.m.

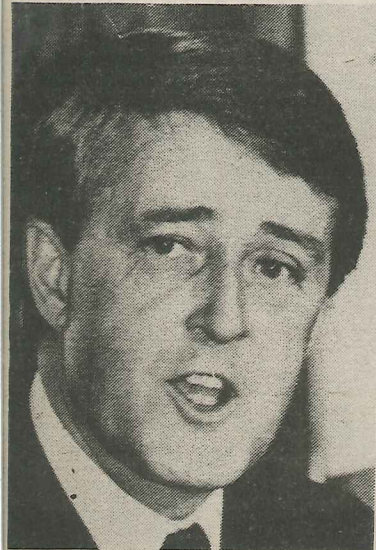
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I am delighted to send my warmest greetings and sincere best wishes to all those associated with the Providence Hospital on the occasion of your 75th anniversary.

When a health-care institution reaches the milestone of 75 years of dedicated community service, it is indeed a cause for joyous celebration. Throughout the years, the staff at the Providence Hospital have worked long and diligently for the restoration of health, the prevention of disease and alleviation of suffering. Because of your dedication, the community of Moose Jaw and area has received excellent health care and services. I commend all of you at the hospital and join with many who gratefully acknowledge your achievements and admirable history of dedicated service.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to send my very best wishes for a joyful celebration and every success in meeting the challenges of the future.

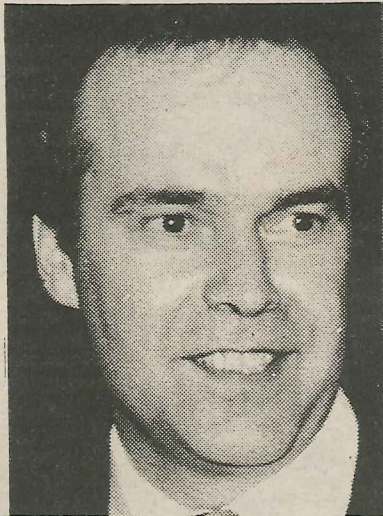
Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister

On behalf of the medical staff of the Providence Hospital, I would like to congratulate Moose Jaw Providence Hospital on 75 years of service to the community of Moose Jaw and the surrounding areas. Much progress has been made in this time and much more work and progress is contemplated for the future.

The unique nature of this hospital allows an opportunity to implement medical, emotional and spiritual care to minister to the needs of the "total person". The principles of fostering excellence in medical care along with prioritizing compassion and an attitude of service to one's fellow man is a real strength of the Providence Hospital.

May Providence Hospital continue to be a shining beacon and a place where warm, compassionate and competent care will continue to be received in our community.

H.V. Rininsland, M.D., C.C.F.C.
President of the Medical Staff
Providence Hospital



DEVINE

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, it is my pleasure to extend greetings for the 75th Anniversary of the Providence Hospital in Moose Jaw.

Many changes have taken place in the Province of Saskatchewan over the past 75 years. The medical field has seen major technological and scientific advances but dedication, caring and selflessness are values that have always held their own. These principles have been a guiding force for the staff of Providence Hospital, past and present, and have played a large part in establishing its fine reputation as a modern, efficient health-care centre.

I am pleased to offer congratulations on this special occasion, and best wishes for many years of continued service to the Moose Jaw community.

Grant Devine
Premier

Health care has deep religious roots. Historically in our Western world, the Judeo-Christian tradition of care of the sick has been a fundamental expression of religious belief and practice.

The word "health" itself comes from an Anglo-Saxon root "hal" related to the words "whole" and "holy". The word "hospital" comes from the same root as "hospitable" and "hospitality" and, in both the ancient Jewish and early Christian communities, "special places" were set aside for hospitality and the care of the sick.

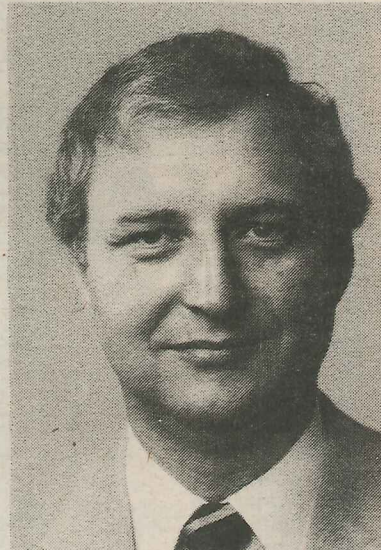
Providence Hospital has been such a "special place".

During the past 75 years the Sisters, in partnership with the doctors, nurses, board members, clergy, support staff and people of Moose Jaw and area, have worked to provide quality health care mingled with deep respect for the whole person.

On behalf of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul from Montreal to Vancouver and our missionary Sisters in Guatemala and Peru, we thank you and congratulate you.

May you continue to be co-responsible partners, finding innovative ways to promote and improve health-care services in this mission of bringing healing, hope and life to the sick.

Sister Nancy Wilson
Providence Motherhouse



McLEOD

When Providence Hospital was founded 75 years ago, the founders had one goal in mind. They wanted to serve the community by providing a facility of compassion and caring.

It is not likely they could have guessed at the amazing changes that have taken place in medicine in the past 75 years. When Providence was first formed, illnesses like tuberculosis, diphtheria and typhoid took a heavy toll on Saskatchewan residents. Since then, through advances in sanitation, the development of widespread immunization services and the discovery of such drugs as penicillin, we have successfully fought these diseases. And Providence Hospital itself has grown to three times its original size.

But despite the wondrous advances that have been made, one thing has not changed. The people of Providence Hospital have never lost sight of that original goal.

Throughout the years, you have maintained a tradition of caring and service to the community.

Congratulations on keeping that tradition alive and vibrant.

George McLeod
Minister of Health

We the auxiliary wish to take this opportunity to extend to you our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Providence Hospital.

In the past we have enjoyed working along with the Sisters of Providence in all our fund-raising projects and will continue to offer our assistance in whatever capacity needed.

Please accept our best wishes for your continuing success in the future.

Providence Hospital Auxiliary
June Mayer, President

I am very pleased to extend to the Sisters of Providence our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Providence Hospital in Moose Jaw.

I can truthfully say that I have grown up with the Providence and the contributions made have been enor-



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mous.

The City of Moose Jaw appreciates the many years of community service and we wish for them much success in the years ahead.

L.H. Scoop Lewry
Mayor

It has been my duty to be Chief of Staff of Providence Hospital since April 1, 1986 and during this period Providence Hospital has found itself in the threshold of a new and exciting venture.

Over the past 75 years, the hospital has grown and has extended its services to the people of Moose Jaw. Now we have reached the end point of development of the present building and, in order for the hospital to progress into the next millennium, new and updated quarters will be required.

To facilitate this, the New Joint Council of Moose Jaw Hospitals has been formed so that together with the Union Hospital, we can present a combined program for consolidation of present services and expansion into new services which will be required in the future.

Quality Assurance of Services delivered is also a highly important and pressing matter upon which the maintenance of accreditation will depend. This will be a new mode of quality assurance where every person employed in the institution or associated with it will have to partake in the responsibility of making sure that the hospital will be able to deliver the highest-quality treatment and other services of which the institution is capable.

The hospital therefore stands at the crossroads, ready to embark upon a new and different life with even more increasing involvement in the social public of Moose Jaw, ever ready to meet all the challenges of the future and render increasingly excellent medical and hospital services, both intra and extramural as changing populations, medical, fiscal and social demands dictate.

D.I. Farquhar, M.B., Ch.B.,
F.R.C.P. (C).
Chief of Staff
Providence Hospital



FRIEDT

It is with great pleasure and a sense of pride in my years of service in Providence Hospital that I extend my congratulations to the sisters and staff of Providence Hospital on the occasion of our 75th anniversary.

Over the past 75 years, the dedication and loving service of the sisters and staff have made Providence Hospital the excellent health-care facility that it is today. Providence Hospital has a long history of its readiness in meeting the health-care needs of the community and in providing care in a spirit of love, compassion and concern for all.

As the administrator of Providence Hospital, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to all those who have worked so diligently in making us justifiably proud on this, our 75th anniversary, a cause for celebration.

E.J. Friedt
Administrator

I am most happy to offer a few words of greeting to all who join together to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Providence Hospital. We congratulate the hospital for its 75 years of quality service to the community of Moose Jaw and its surrounding district.

Much has happened since April 21, 1912, when the Sisters of Providence from Kingston first arrived during a typhoid fever epidemic and converted a house into a 30-bed hospital. Yes, much has happened but always this hospital, its sisters, its medical, nursing and support staff have striven to give witness through quality health care to the on-going presence of the healing and caring Christ in our midst. For this we rejoice and thank God with you.

In the name of the Archdiocese of Regina and in my own name I offer best wishes and express the gratitude of so many who have benefited from the work of mercy and compassion of Providence Hospital.

Asking God's blessings on all, I am,
Devotedly yours in Christ,
Charles A. Halpin
Archbishop of Regina

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A time to rejoice

A jubilee is an occasion of rejoicing and thanksgiving; it is a time to pause and reflect on the past; to assess the present and to determine the future.

As we look back on the past 75 years of Providence Hospital, we do indeed have occasion to rejoice. It is only after a lapse of time that we can measure and appreciate at their true value, the events of time.

We owe a great debt of appreciation and gratitude to the dedication of those who, recognizing a need, set out with faith and determination to meet that need. Those going before us have, not only persevered in overcoming the many obstacles, but have done so with an excellence generated through a spirit of concern and caring.

There is an old Chinese saying that each generation builds a road for the next. The road built over the past 75 years has been well built and has now brought us to a crossroad.

And so, the year 1987 marks not only the 75th anniversary of Providence Hospital, but will go down in history as the year in which the future course of Providence Hospital will be determined. It is not so much to know where we are that is important, but to know in what direction we are moving.

I extend my own personal gratitude and appreciation to all who have served with the Sisters of Providence over the past 75 years and to those who will walk with us in building the road

for the next generation.

May we always continue "Serving with Compassion-Confident in Providence".

Sister Rose Bekar
Executive Director



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Class of 1929: (front row from left): Miss Myrtle Magee, Miss Gertrude A. Diemert, Estelle M. LeClair. (back row): Miss Velma A. Oliver, Miss Pauline M. Orr, Miss Wilhelmina Gall, Miss Eva R. Cousins.

'Peace and healing to all'

"O Lord my God, forever will I give you thanks".
Psalm 30:13.

It is with joy and gratitude that we express thanksgiving to Divine Providence. He has guided and strengthened us over the past 75 years to give help to the sick and needing who have come to Providence Hospital.

We, the Sisters of Providence, are appreciative to you, the people of Moose Jaw and the surrounding district, for the loyal support you have given to us over these many years.

We, also, are indebted to the sick and suffering who, on many occasions, have shown to us strength of courage, acceptance and patient endurance in the midst of extreme difficulty and suffering. Their example has stimulated our own faith, giving us greater ability to minister to others.

It is with joyous thanksgiving to God that we now celebrate together our 75th anniversary.

In the years to come, may all who enter Providence Hospital find in this place a haven of comfort and help. May those who minister to their needs continually be guided by the brilliant light of faith, the powerful beacon of hope and the fervent flame of charity. May God bring peace and healing to all.

Sister Mary Edgar
Local Superior



Pastoral care plays vital role in team approach to healing

October 1981 saw the formation of a formal Pastoral Care Department at the Providence Hospital under the direction of Sister Patricia Kelly.

In 1981, Sister Patricia was certified as a Chaplain with the Canadian Council of Churches and has her Specialist in Institutional Ministry with the Canadian Association of Pastoral Education.

The initial membership was composed of Sister Kelly as Director, Sister Mary Edgar, Sister Visitor as full-time personnel. Reverend Canon R. Westfall, Anglican Chaplain, Reverend Ann Grigg, United Church Chaplain and Father Matthew Blackmore, Roman Catholic Chaplain — all part-time personnel.

In 1984, Father Eugene Lukasik replaced Father Blackmore and in 1986, Reverend "Larry" McPhail replaced Reverend Ann Grigg. In 1986, Sister Jean Edey became a second full-time Sister Visitor.

Over the years, pastoral care has always been a high priority at the Providence. In the early years, with the number of Sisters in charge of nearly all the departments, there was always a resident full-time Catholic Chaplain on staff until 1974, therefore pastoral care was taken as a "given". From

1974 on, Sister Mary Edgar took on the duties of Pastoral Visitation for the hospital until 1981 when the department was founded.

With the depletion on the number of Sisters involved in the hospital, the administrator, Sister Rose Bekar, felt it was imperative to have a formal department which focused on pastoral needs.

The purpose of such a formalized department is:

1. To provide the spiritual care component of total health care.
2. To co-ordinate pastoral care services within the hospital.
3. It is now one of the standards required for hospital accreditation.
4. It is a vital factor in maintaining the Charism of the Sisters of Providence and the faith component of the Catholic Church alive, in the present and-or a future hospital if the Sisters are no longer able to provide Sisters to replace those retiring.

The department is an integral part of the interdepartmental team concept to provide the best health care possible. It is Ecumenical in nature and scope and provides a 24-hour service.

"We cannot serve in isolation, we need to work co-operatively with all departments."

The department sees itself as a pastoral care team — acting as a catalyst within the hospital to provide pastoral ministry to the patients, their families and the staff of Providence Hospital. The clergy and pastoral visitors of the city are an extension of the department.

Services provided include:

- Worship services for staff and patients
- Sacramental services
- Pastoral visitation
- Orientation of all new employees as to scope and purpose of pastoral care
- Bereavement follow-up
- Counselling (on request)
- Education-pastoral oriented in-service
- Provide practicum for Bible students
- Morning and evening prayers on the public address system

A Pastoral Care Advisory Committee was founded on April 23, 1982. The purpose of this committee was to advise and support the pastoral care team. It is composed of eight members from various disciplines, including medical staff members.

Our pastoral care ministry is extended to all patients, their relatives and the staff of the hospital.

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Record department on the move

The health record department as such began in 1920. In 1927, the record room equipment consisted of one desk, five filing cabinets and a card file. The total staff was one sister.

Sister Mary Alma arrived in 1941 to take over as director of the department. She received her qualifications as a registered record librarian in 1946 — the first in the city of Moose Jaw. Francis Kariya was the medical stenographer. Her arrival introduced the purchase of dictation equipment and the beginning of a new system.

Physicians could dictate their reports and the stenographer would transcribe them. Prior to this, the medical reports were handwritten by each doctor. In 1950 the patient index was changed to a card system instead of just being kept in a register book.

There have been many more advances since then and these have made the health record department a vital component of the total health care provided by Providence Hospital. The department serves as the "guardian of health information" and is the central source of patient documentation. The clinical record must be accurate, concise, meet legal requirements and reflect good medical record practice. Confidentiality of such information is important and is only made accessible to those authorized to receive it.

The department serves a variety of populations, both directly and indirectly. It serves the patients who have received care in the past, present and future. As well, the department provides service to the medical staff and support services of the institution. It also deals with other health-care facilities and support services of the institution. The health-record department also serves the administration and governing board of the hospital along with the provincial and federal governments in the provision of statistics and other data.

The department believes the staff are the key to ensuring standards are met. The present staff consists of two health record administrators — director of health records and assistant medical record librarian, one health record technician, and three medical stenographers — two full-time and one part-time.

Advances within the department from 1962-1987:

1962 — the department was moved to its present, enlarged and bright location from a one room, cramped location on First Wing East.

1968 — first electric typewriter purchased due to an increase of dictation

1974 — new dictation system was launched, utilizing the "Though Tank" (endless loop) equipment. This caused a good deal of frustration as reports had to be typed in the order dictated.

1977 — PAS (Professional Activity Study) was introduced. Coding and abstracting of information (complication of statistics) which was then sent to PAS (located in Michigan) where the information was processed by computer to produce a wide range of statistics. This eliminated the need for man-



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PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL'S HEALTH RECORD DEPARTMENT ...serves important role for Moose Jaw residents

ual preparation — a time-consuming task.

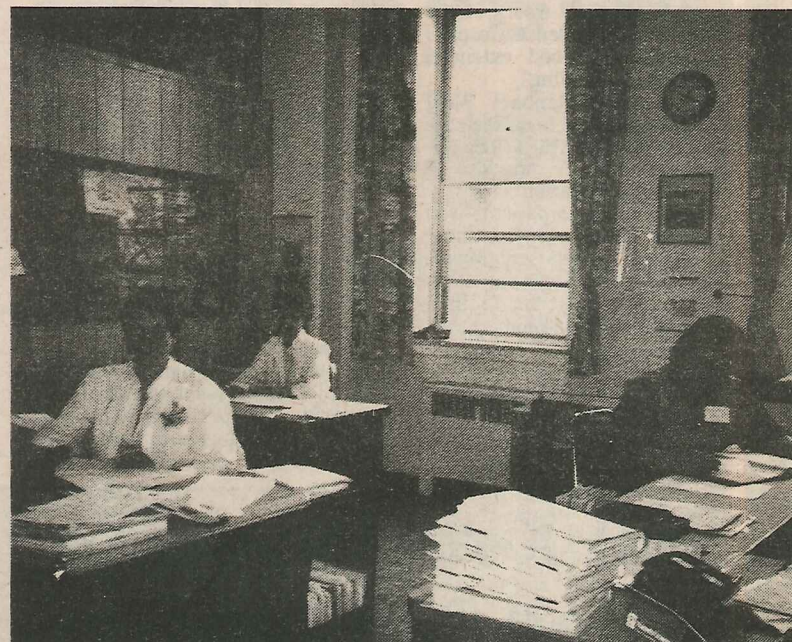
1981 — centralization of filing shelves into one area (basement) rather than two separate areas.

— change to unit numbering system (patient retains the same chart number for each subsequent admission). Along with this went numerically color coded file folders, making charts eas-

ier to file and retrieve.

— new centralized dictation system was installed, utilizing cassette tapes — very advantageous.

— renovations to the main department — a separate area for the two medical stenographers was built at the west end of the department. The physician's library was moved and was now adjacent to the record room.



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1983 — switch to HMRI (Hospital Medical Records Institute), a Canadian firm. PAS (American) services discontinued.

— two banks of Thin-Line (moveable) shelving equipment installed within the department itself.

— two electronic typewriters and later word processors were purchased for both stenographers.

1986 — new photocopier purchased for use by the health record's staff only.

— a compact, electronic typewriter purchased to replace old, failing machine.

1987 — awaiting government approval for installation of computer terminals for electronic abstract submission to HMRI.

Social work department important

With the creation of Raphael Wing, the 42-bed Extended Care Unit within the Providence Hospital in 1973, it was recognized that Social Work Services would be a component of this program.

As a result, Bert Forman was hired to organize and establish Social Work Services at the Providence in 1974, with special emphasis on the Raphael Wing needs.

Since then the following developments and changes have taken place. Heather Kirkan, followed Bert Forman as director of social services in 1975-1978. Under Kirkan's guidance, the services expanded throughout the hospital. It was under her supervision that a referral system was created and the department established its credibility with the medical staff.

Eleanor Stamm replaced Kirkan as the director in 1978-1984. Stamm was instrumental in changing the focus of discharge planning on the acute wards to include a program of active rehabilitation as soon as a patient of family conferences in order to achieve patient and family involvement in the planning process.

Ann Kuc was hired into the assistant

social worker position in 1980 and since then the department has always been comprised of two workers. Kuc also assumed the directorship for approximately one year in 1981 while Stamm was on educational leave.

From July 13, 1981 to October 29, 1982, Susan Fryklund joined the department, first on a practicum basis and then stayed on to assist in the department on a temporary basis while Stamm was on leave.

With Kuc's resignation in May 1983, Sheila Murdock assumed the position of assistant social worker.

In July 1984, with the departure of Stamm, the hospital's present director, Elaine Selinger was hired. Murdock acquired a position in Regina and Janice Johnson was hired as assistant social worker replacing her. She assumed the directorship for three months in Selinger's absence. Leone Townend was hired on a temporary basis January 1986 to June 1986 to relieve while Selinger took a three-month leave of absence. She remained after Selinger returned awaiting the replacement of an assistant social worker in the person of Lise Johnson

Johnson joined the hospital in June 1986.

In serving the health-care needs of the city of Moose Jaw and district, Providence Hospital promotes the optimal psycho-social functioning of patients and their families in order to complete a wholistic approach to providing care. The Social Work Department strives to fulfill this criterion of care through careful assessment, respectful interaction with patients and families, collaboration and consultation with other team members or other community agencies and assistance with adequate discharge planning. Special emphasis is placed on maintaining a team effort when working towards enabling patients to achieve their optimal level of health.

The Social Work Department serves the in-patient population who are admitted to Providence Hospital. Services are provided in co-operation with the medical staff and other hospital departments as required. There is automatic social work involvement with all patients on Raphael Wing and Day Hospital and referrals are received from the physician and/or the patient

for services on whole, indirectly benefits from hospital social work services, especially when effective discharge planning and co-operation of resources enable patients to remain in their homes for longer periods of time.

The Social Work Department provides the following services: social assessment, individual and group counselling, discharge planning, financial planning, referral to outside resources, liaison with other local health-care facilities, follow-up monitoring, inter-departmental consultation and patient education.

Although the Social Work Department is relatively young in the history of Providence, it has become a very important aspect to patient care. Referrals have steadily increased over this 13-year period and the social workers are involved with most other departments at one level or another. In addition, since the social workers deal with outside community agencies, they perform a public relations function and are members on various inter-agency committees working towards maintaining positive community co-operation.

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Raphael Wing offers 42-bed service

In 1974, renovations were completed on the second and third floors of the East Wing of the Providence Hospital to accommodate a 42-bed extended care unit (the Raphael Wing).

The second floor, Raphael Wing (Level IVB) provides 25 beds for supportive long-term care. Third floor Raphael Wing (Level IVC), provides 17 beds for active rehabilitation.

Level IV care includes patients who do not require acute care-treatment but do require regular-continuous medical attention and special techniques for improvement or maintenance of function and continuing medical assessment involving investigations and diagnosis. Objectives of treatment are to control the disease process to achieve maximum recovery of function, to prevent further deterioration and to alleviate pain

and distress.

The Raphael Wing admits patients from Moose Jaw and district within the #8 continuing-care region. This region encompasses a large rural area stretching south from Elbow to the United States border and west from Highway #6 to Mankota. There are approximately 70,000 residents who live in this region.

The mission statement of the Raphael Wing reads as follows:

"In recognition of the worth and dignity of every person and in the delivery of Level IV (C) and IV (C), a supportive environment is crucial to the process of administering quality care. Using vision, insight and the team approach, flexible plans are formulated to provide an opportunity to re-inforce behaviours conducive to wellness and the principles of rehabilitation. In

cases where rehabilitation is not feasible, every effort is made to improve the quality of the remaining life, provide a safe and adequate environment and a peaceful death."

Raphael Wing provides the following services:

- team nursing is provided on both floors under the direction of a head nurse
- occupational therapy and physiotherapy
- respite care (allows a rest for the caregiver while the patient is on Raphael Wing)
- medical care
- social services
- patient teaching
- diagnostic services
- family conferences in planning discharges or reporting progress
- team conferences to assess and evaluate patient's programs and progress

gresses

- activities and outings
- pastoral care

There are two interesting outcomes which seemed to arise automatically out of the opening of the Level IV wing. The first was the result of the necessity for an assessment and screening committee for admission of patients to the Raphael Wing, and out of this need arose the Providence Moose Jaw Long Term Care Screening Committee. This committee screened patients for the #8 regional area, for Level IV patients.

Providence Hospital hosted the committee from 1974 to September 1986 when the Moose Jaw Assessment and Co-ordinating Committee (M.J.A.C.C.) came into effect.

In 1976, two years after the opening of the Raphael Wing, several staff of the unit requested that a special edu-

cational fund be established. The fund was to be called The Fred Heal Educational Fund in recognition of the interest and work done by Dr. F.C. Heal in the area of geriatrics and long-term care.

The purpose of the fund was to promote and support education for staff in the development of a concerned and competent staff in the provision of long-term care, especially for certified nursing assistants, physiotherapy aides, orderlies and nurses' aides whose services are essential in the operation of the quality of care everyone wishes for Raphael Wing.

To this end, an educational seminar-workshop is held annually on some aspect of Long Term Care and aspects of interest or needs of the caregiver in this area which is funded in whole by the Fred Heal Educational Fund.

First X-ray machine arrived 66 years ago

On Aug. 23, 1920, the first X-ray machine arrived at the Providence Hospital. With the assistance of Charles Broadfoot, who campaigned for funds, the hospital was able to make the purchase.

Under the direction of Sister Mary Benignus R.N.R.T., the X-ray department was set up that September and operated with one machine until a portable unit was purchased in 1941.

Sister Mary Roseaire R.N.R.T. took over management of the department in August 1945. At that time a second machine was purchased and a two-year training program for radiographers was started.

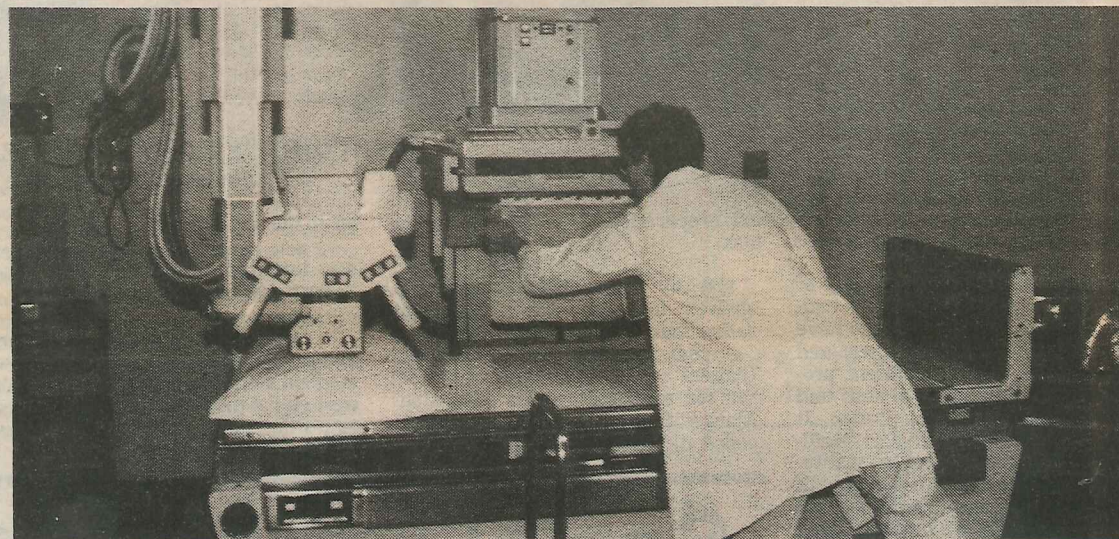
Two General Electric machines, along with a portable machine purchased in 1957, were moved from the existing department in the basement to the new location on the main floor. A new machine was installed in the operating room area of the new wing to serve both the cystoscopy and orthopedic rooms.

From 1967-1978, John Morhart was department head technologist. Under his direction a third X-ray room was set up in 1969 with the purchase of a Picker Glaxy 500 Machine. This room had been previously occupied by the Home Care Department. That same year a Pako Automatic Processor was installed in the darkroom, reducing processing time of X-ray films and allowing for faster, more efficient service.

The last class of student radiographers graduated from the hospital in the fall of 1970. At that time the training program changed to a centralized program in Saskatoon.

In 1978, the present head technologist, Charles MacMillan, assumed management of the department. Several changes began to take place starting in 1980 with the installation of Picker "Clinix-R" general duty machine with a tomographic attachment. Linear ultrasound equipment purchased in 1981 allowed the department to perform the first ultrasound examination in the city. These examinations were mainly obstetrical in nature. That same year, Picker Vector R/F equipment was installed.

Darkroom processing changed over the the Daylight System in 1983. With the purchase of an ATL Sector Scanner in 1985, the department could now perform abdominal and gynecology ultrasound examinations and the demand for such examinations are becoming greater yearly.



RADIOLOGY SECTOR OFFERS MODERN FACILITIES
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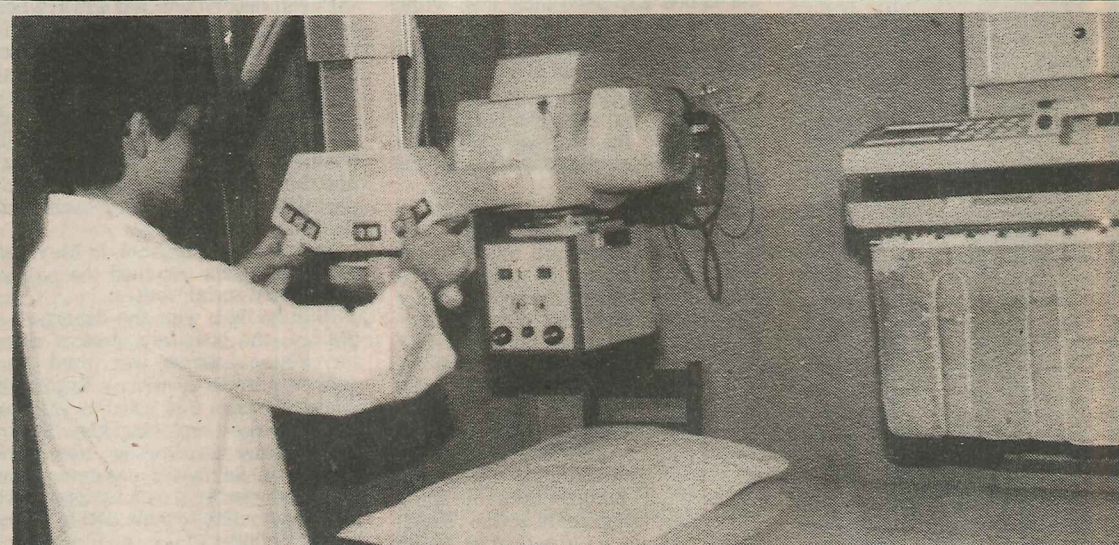
Ultra-Sound Examination Demand Is Up

In March 1951, the clinical laboratory moved to a new location in the hospital and the X-ray department expanded into the vacated premises after purchasing an additional machine.

In January 1959, Gertrude MacDougall came to the Providence as head technologist. Prior to this time, Audrey Farnden followed by Janet Johnston had managed the department.

Dr. R. Michaud, employed by the Union Hospital, was the first full-time radiologist and was employed until the late 1950's when Dr. H. O'Reilly took over the position. Dr. N. E. Dunn, employed by the Union Hospital, relieved the radiologists at the Providence Hospital for several years.

In 1962 the department moved to the new west wing addition of the hospital.



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Purchasing stores department

Providence Hospital did not have a centralized purchasing stores department prior to 1946.

The various department heads within the hospital did the buying of supplies for their own department, with Sister Superior being responsible for the purchase of linen and bedding and all equipment.

With the establishment of the nurses' residence across the street in 1947, the previous nurses quarters — now the auditorium — became available. This area was fixed up with a few shelves and became Providence's first centralized stores department with Sister Mary Catherine in charge. She was given the title of bursar and storekeeper.

Within a few months Jeanette Stevenson, who became the first stores clerk, was hired to help with the work load. She held the position until January 1949.

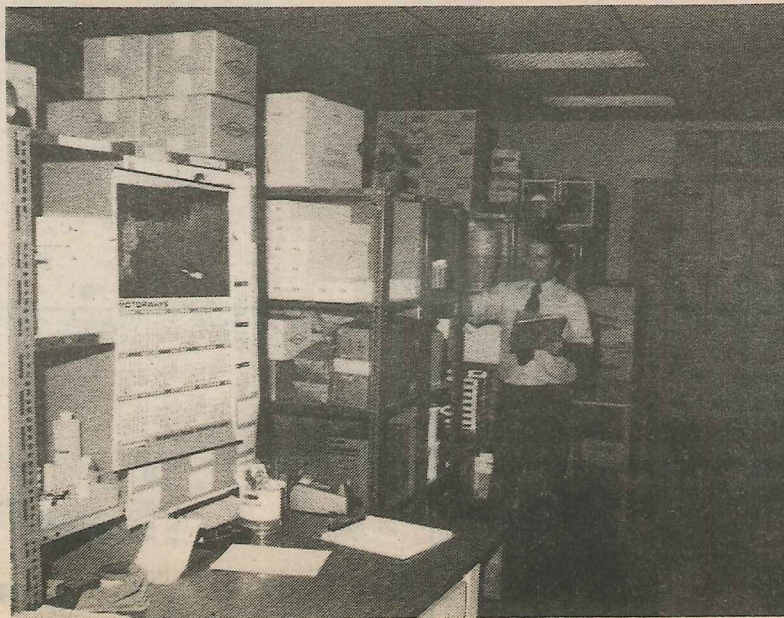
From February 1949 until February 1957, Dorothy McCarthy functioned as the stores clerk. McCarthy relieved Sister Mary Catherine during the sister's holidays and assisted during annual inventory.

Several people — Eva Schwab, Pat Wetaski, Laura Stover and Mabel Rodatz — were employed as stores clerk from 1957 to 1969. McCarthy returned full-time in 1969 and became storekeeper in 1972, a position she still holds.

Under the direction of Sister Mary Catherine, the storeroom gradually grew from a small, single room to several rooms, which were contained in the area that is now the auditorium.

Sister Mary Catherine retired in March 1973 and John Morhart succeeded her on a half-time basis until 1978 when the position became full-time. The title of bursar was deleted in 1973 and replaced with purchasing agent. Morhart still holds this position. In 1979 the stores department expanded and Sandy Maginley was hired as a stores clerk-printer and all in-house printing was centralized. Maginley still holds this position.

Highlights from 1973 to 1987:
1973 — stores relocated to vacant laundry area
1974 — inventory cards started
1978 — full-time purchasing agent
1979 — in-house printing centralized — nursing units autofill supply cart started
1987 — computerized inventory system — resource management committee formed.



PURCHASING STORES DEPARTMENT
... bursar John Morhart checks supplies

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BURSAR JOHN MORHART
... calculating figures

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Hospital wing honors Sister Raphael

For the past 25 years, considerable discussion has been held regarding the benefits to be obtained by centralizing some services at Moose Jaw's two hospitals.

In 1967, it was jointly agreed that Providence Hospital would provide the pediatric department for the city and district.

During and after these moves, it became increasingly obvious that more space and service was necessary for the growing number of elderly patients and the rehabilitation of Level IV cases; a geriatric and rehabilitation unit had become an urgent need.

The Sisters of Providence have had long term and geriatric nursing care in their hospitals in Vancouver, Edmonton and Kingston and were prepared to take on similar responsibility in Moose Jaw. This solution was discussed thoroughly with Saskatchewan Public Health and Saskatchewan Hospital Services Plan.

Since a reduction in general medical and surgical wards had been ordered, some space was available. By re-allocation of space and with major renovations, a 42 unit was created on the second and third floors of the East Wing of the Providence Hospital. The Public Health Department authorized and financially supported this development which was opened in 1974.

The care of long-term patients re-

quired a different approach than for those who are acutely ill and so, specially interested nursing and medical staff were obtained and further rehabilitation staffing was approved. This included speech, occupational therapy and the expansion of physiotherapy services. A Social Services Department



PATIENTS ON RAPHAEL
... share activities

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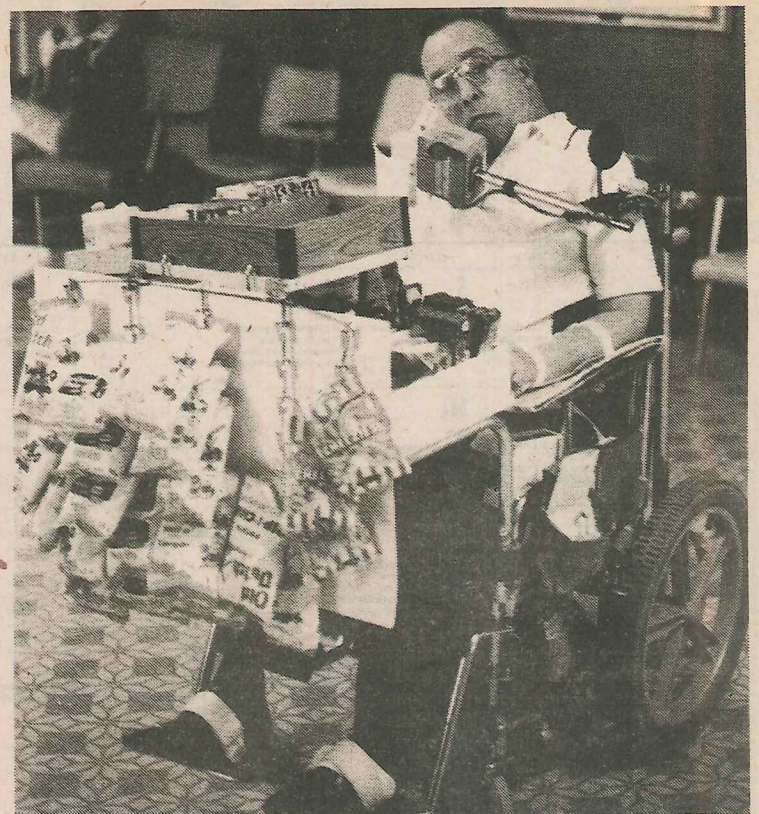
ment was added and the 'Team Care' approach was made possible as had been recommended by Dr. David Skelton of St. Boniface Hospital's Long Term Care Unit.

Thus the Raphael Wing was born and named after Sister Mary Raphael, a Pioneer Sister who had been the first director of Providence Hospital's School of Nursing and lived to be more than 100 years old.

It had been realized after several years of experience that the community needed a day hospital unit, so that the disabled elderly and other long-term-care patients, usually with multiple handicaps, might be kept at home as long as possible.

Again, Providence Hospital accepted the challenge. By an ingenious solution requiring some major renovations, a 10-place unit was created adjacent to and occupying the major space of the Physiotherapy Department.

Dr. John C. Brocklehurst, a British authority, who was the first professor of geriatric medicine at University Hospital in Saskatoon, visited Providence Hospital on several occasions and, working together with Dr. Louis Skoll, Provincial Gerontologist, Public Health Department, the government approved the development of such a service, and the first day hospital in a non-university centre in Saskatchewan.



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					1 1946 Free Hospitalization in Sask. Student Nurses under Dept. of Labor.	2
3 1941 New Portable X-Ray (\$1,450)	4 1967 Dr. J. Orr died. Providence owes much to Dr. Orr and T.B. Clinic	5 1969 Daily rate for patients \$36.13	6 1987 Projected daily rate per patient \$238.00	7 1971 All Cytology done at Providence lab.	8 1973 Laundry Dept. closed. Laundry sent to Union Hospital.	9 1973 Level IV decided for 2 and 3rd East (42 beds).
10 1967 Fr. D.E. Robertson Chaplain	11 1981 Versa Foods charge of food services.	12 1927 Dr. G. Young, Pres. Dr. Underhill, Secretary Medical staff	13	14	15	16 1940 Ladies return to St. Anthony's after re-opening and army vacated.
17	18	19 1940 Men return to St. Anthony's after re-opening	20 1942 Sr. M. Patrice, D.O.N.	21 1940 Sr. M. Paschal celebrated Silver Jubilee	22	23
24 1977 Dr. J. Kubinski retires.	25	26 1981 Sr. M. Cornelia teaching conversational German - Coteau Range	27	28	29 1972 Sr. M. Veronica retires to Kingston.	30
31						

1912 - 1987

January 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1984 Defibrillator and modern crash cart purchased.	2 1924 Sr. M. Raphael SRNA examining board.	3 1913 Providence Auxiliary formed First President Mrs. W.W. Irwin	4	5 1968 New gold rimmed doors main entrance.
6 1984 Obstetrical students classroom relocated to previous SE Dining room - ground floor	7 1984 Obstetrics classroom - new 3 bed ward	8	9	10 1951 Laboratory moved to new facilities (8 rooms)	11	12
13	14	15 1969 Renovated 210 ward to ICU Unit - 4 bed	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 1985 Heaviest snow fall for year	24	25	26 1984 Rev. Eugene Lukask named as Chaplain
27	28	29 1920 1st nurses graduation. Miss Fehrenbach Miss O'Brien Miss Gies	30 1985 Sister Sarah Doser from CHSCS visited.	31		

1912 - 1987

March 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1928 Blessing of New Wing	2 1914 Arch. O. Mathieu Regina gave us the necessary \$20,000 towards new hosp.	3 1921 1st Medical Staff meeting	4 1949 8 patients evacuated from St. Boniface Hospital arrived here by train (Red River Floods)	5	6 1927 Work started on new wing Messrs. Bird & Wardall.	7
8	9 1977 Beginnings of Day Hospital. Dr. L.C. Brockelhurst, England - special guest.	10 1977 Sr. Grace Maguire named Director of Day Hospital.	11	12 1924 Corner House opened with a party for all the sisters.	13 1925 1st Diathermy treatment given	14 1928 Official Opening - Gov. General & Lady Willingdon present.
15 1932 1st Catholic Hospital Association. Prairie Division formed. Sr. M. Clotilde - Vice President	16	17 1973 SHSP final approval of necessary improvements; Re: Raphael Wing & heating systems 1917 & 1927 wings.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 1979 Official opening Day Hospital.	26 1940 1st Corpus Christie - procession around the grounds.	27 1951 CNIB Blind canteen installed in old lab vacated.	28 1928 Evergreens planted around the hospital.
29 1929 147 trees planted Park North of Hospital.	30 1980 Nurses Reunion 250 registered.	31 1926 Photo-therapy lamp purchased in Chicago installed.	MAY 20, 1945 Lieutenant Judy Ann Havorka awarded Czechoslovakian Military Medal for Merit 1st class - announced by Defense Head Quarters - Ottawa.			

1912 - 1987

May 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1940 First Basal Metabolism installed. 1943 Water rationed to March	2	3	4 1951 First P.A. System installed.	5 1970 Student nurses residence closes.	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 1967 Dr. J. Hourigan dies after short illness.	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 1943 Sr. M. Remigus dies after lengthy illness.	26 1984 Sector Scanner 1 Mark-300 purchased - Radiological dept.	27 1980 Linear scanner purchased.
28 1980 Grace United Church gave a huge donation towards Linear Scanner.	29					

1912 - 1987

February 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1978 Tender awarded to Graham & sons to completely refurbish 1917 wing.	2 1977 Sr. M. Angelica & Sr. M. Dumont went to Ile la Crosse to assist with Hospital Administration.
3 1981 April (Oursler) Armstrong guest speaker at Fred Heel Seminar.	4	5	6 1967 Dr. G. Young died suddenly - another friend of the Hospital.	7 1924 1st presses installed in Laundry	8	9
10 1973 Lay Advisory Board absorbed into Governing Board.	11	12	13	14	15	16 1985 Providence Auxiliary and SMC go to district meeting in Central Butte.
17 1980 Mr. Deagle, Mr. H. Craig retired from Governing Board.	18 1985 Fred Heel Seminar - Guest Speaker - Mrs. Winn Lindsay	19	20 1983 Missioning service - Mr. Ed. Friedl as administrator	21	22 1974 Flood No. 2 - more severe than 1949.	23
24 1924 1st sister died in West. Sr. M. Urban.	25	26	27 1950 Providence Auxiliary regrouped under President Mrs. H.C. Taylor	28	29 1985 Cafeteria renovated.	30 1913 New hospital South Hill contract awarded to James Cowan and Co.

1912 - 1987

April 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1916 Tenders called for New Hospital - South Hill.	2 1967 Chapel renovated completely.	3	4 1968 Manuel Badaluta dies suddenly after giving 50 years of service.
5	6	7	8	9 1987 Nurses reunion (80 returned)	10	11
12 1922 1st soft water system installed.	13	14 1918 Sod turned Cowlin and Sons structural Engineers R.G. Bunyard Architect.	15	16 1988 Student nurses graduation. Sr. M. Felicitas - guest speaker.	17	18
19	20 1984 Staff barbeque for Dr. Willong, Heel & Bray retiring.	21 1948 Measurements taken - sod turned - W.J. Jones & Son for Nurses Residence Buildings from Canon.	22	23 1984 Uroynamics System purchased for Urology Dept.	24	25 1985 Sask. Heritage Grant - rebuilt Pavilion and grounds for residents and staff.
26	27 1970 Last student nurses graduation.	28 1930 Sr. M. Raphael - Silver Jubilee.	29 1981 Mail Strike.	30 1979 Medical Laboratory Technologists Reunion.	JUNE 26, 1967 Special evening before Sr. M. Assumpta & Patricia leave for 3rd World Missions Peru & Guatemala.	

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					1 1951 1st prize award for grounds by local Horticultural Society.	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 1983 Sr. Rose Bekar and E. Stamm go to London, England "Palliative Care Environment"	15	16
17	18 1985 Gov't grant for new freight elevator and entrance.	19 1926 Pavilion opened called St. Vincent's Summer House.	20	21 1920 Dr. T.R. Ponton conducted first survey - excellent report.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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1912 - 1987

July 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1917 Sister M. Raphael arrived to set up nurses training school - 1st class consisted of 14 students - 3 graduated.				1 1934 SR. M. Gwendolyn & Theresa arrive to train as Nurses.	2 1939 St. Anthony's Home taken over by Armed Forces; 25 Residents and staff moved to Providence Hospital.	3
4 1920 1st Tag Day for Providence Hospital.	5 1978 Moose Jaw Hot Spot in Canada 37°C	6	7 1948 Decided to build a floor above laundry for clinical laboratory.	8 1939 Sudden death Dr. F. McCulloch	9 1940 Sr. M. Modesta appointed. D.O.N.	10 1984 Laundry transferred from Union Hospital to St. Anthony's Home
11	12	13	14 1931 Due to lack of patients, 1st and 2nd floors were turned into T.B. Wards and Salariums allowed to push beds out for treatment.	15	16 1978 H. Andrew retires after 29 yrs. of service	17 1949 Training programs for X-Ray & Medical Technology approved.
18	19 1917 New Hospital officially opened by Mayor W.W. Davidson	20 1979 Automatic Doors Ambulance entrance.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 1919 Sr. M. Isabel sets up 1st clinical laboratory.	30	

1912 - 1987

September 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 6, 1967 Paediatrics moved to Union, Maternity - Providence. Previous Paed's turned into 16 beds Self Care Unit.		1 1947 Closed in Balcony on 1st giving of additional beds.	2 1985 Sister Suzanne Casteels arrives from Estevan to assist in Physio - Dept.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 1975 ICU closed centralized at Union Hospital	15 1978 Board named Dr. F.C. Heal Director - Day Hospital	16 1945 Last section from Caron moved in for Nurses Residence.	17 1978 Aladdin "Temp-Rite" Tray service installed.	18	19 1984 Fetal Monitor purchased for Nursery.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1912 - 1987

November 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1986 Mr. E. Friedt named business manager - replacing G. Bolen	2 1964 Sr. M. Raphael & Sr. M. Veronica leave for Kingston	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 1945 New sterilizers tile walls and repainting O.R.
14 1974 Official opening Raphael Wing.	15 1945 New X-ray equipment installed	16	17	18	19 1984 Sister M. Dumont - Providence Manor	20
21	22	23 1976 Unveiling of picture of Sr. M. Raphael - Raphael Wing	24 1976 Hosp. staff farewell to Sr. M. Alma	25	26	27
28	29	30 1920 First X-Ray equipment installed	31 1976 Sr. Rose Bekar replaced Sr. M. Alma as administrator.	AUGUST 15, 1949 Dr. G. Kent arrived from England to take over as Pathologist - 2 labs in Moose Jaw, namely Union & Providence.		

1912 - 1987

August 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1945 Laboratory area doubled on ground floor.
2 1918 Influenza epidemic taxed patients and staff heavily.	3 1964 Dr. Morris performs 1st Thoracic Surgery	4 1964 Sister Patricia Morris goes to Calgary course in OR Technique	5 1985 Heritage Ball honoring former staff and friends of Providence	6 1985 Sr. Irene Forrester meets with Board to decide present and future of Providence Hospital	7 1927 Purchased block north of Hospital from CNR	8 1921 First Tag Day collected \$1300.00.
9	10 1945 Rev. Daniel Lord S.J. visited and had dinner with sisters.	11 1921 First SRNA convention Moose Jaw.	12 1921 First SHA Convention Moose Jaw	13	14	15 1938 Beatrice (Kane) Slack returns from Margaret Hague U.S.A. to become Maternity Supervisor
16	17	18 1968 Gov. Gen. & Mrs. Michener visit Providence Hospital.	19	20	21	22 1980 Echocardiogram purchased by "Lions"
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 1976 Work week reduced to 38.75 hrs.		1970 Sisters purchase 1st car.		1980 Noemi File, Cleveland, Ohio, speaker Fred Heal Seminar.	

1912 - 1987

October 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1939 First microscope purchased for lab. "Leitz" previous ones donated by Dr. Wood & Dr. J.N. Hourigan.				1 1946 Student nurses moved from 3rd floor to new residence.	2 1980 Gulf Oil explosion and fire.	3
4	5 1985 Flu very bad for Staff and patients 25 off at one time.	6	7	8	9 1986 Mr. W. Podluk & Mr. E. Dick visited and toured P.H. followed by further meetings to set up. Moose Jaw Joint Hospital Planning Council.	10 1976 Two-way monitoring system ambulance calls to main desk.
11	12 1976 1st Wine & Cheese party for medical staff and spouses.	13	14	15 1946 3rd floor remodelled for new surgical ward 40 beds.	16	17
18	19	20 1985 1st Christmas Dinner served to staff by Dept. Heads and Board Members.	21	22	23	24
25	26 1939 New Cyclo-Propane Machine in OR.	27	28	29	30	31

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December 1988

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Incidentally, the Sister in charge of X-ray also directed physiotherapy until reorganization in 1955 under John Crawford. With the 1961 expansion, the department moved to the first floor, occupying half of the space available. At that time, Dr. H. Kao became the director and remained so until his retirement in 1983.

The staffing of the department has been represented by numerous physiotherapists and aides who are involved in delivering care for in and out-patients, day hospital, Raphael Wing, as well as participation in teaching programs.

A physiotherapist is available on request for assessment of St. Anthony's patients.

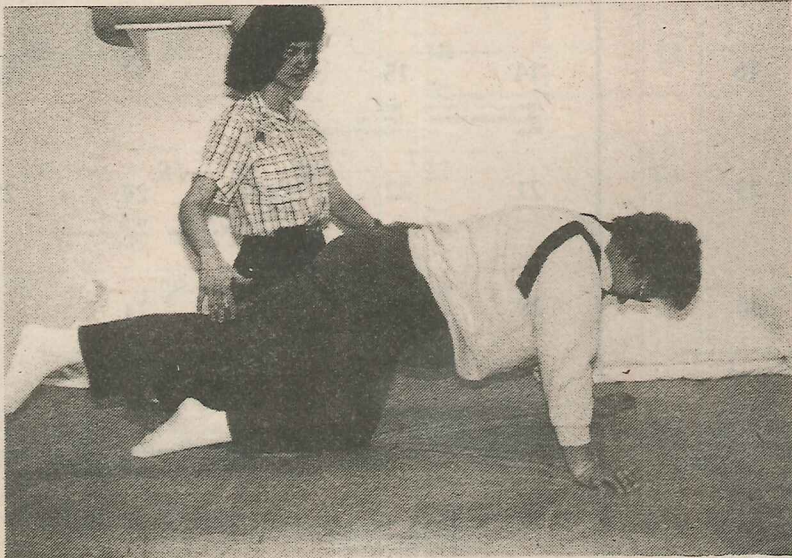
At present, the department is under

the direction of Mrs. L. Arguin. The total staff, including Arguin, is two physiotherapists, one physiotherapy aide, and one day hospital aide who

assists in physiotherapy.

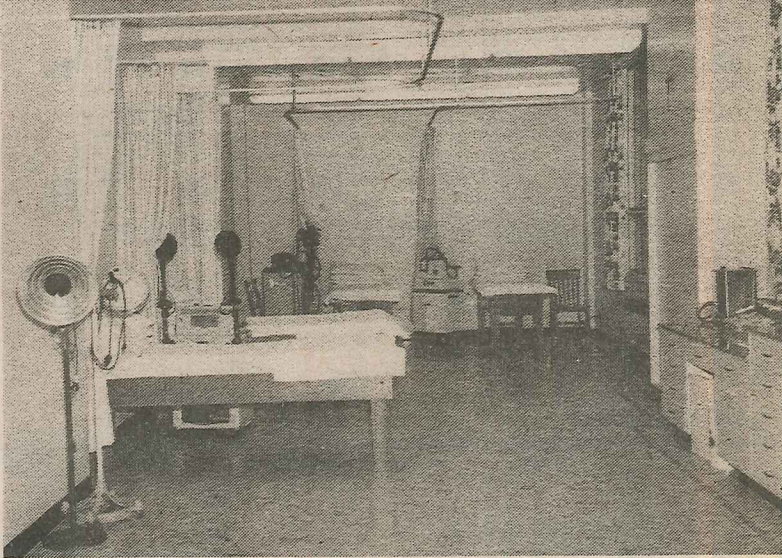
The Physiotherapy Department offers the following types of therapy: electrotherapy, hydrotherapy, exer-

cise therapy, as well as chest physiotherapy. The once ample space is now shared with day hospital as well as occupational therapy.



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PATIENTS AND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WORK
... together to make improvements



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FACILITIES HELP PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
... develop different patient exercises

A POSITIVE PHILOSOPHY

Maternity care includes family

Change in maternity care is an ongoing process at the Providence Hospital in Moose Jaw.

Increasingly, health professionals are showing their concern for the whole family as they have reviewed the past outcomes of the services they had offered in the traditional hospital obstetrical units.

A family-centered philosophy has slowly replaced the traditional approach. Family-centred maternity care can be defined as the delivery of safe, quality health care while recognizing, focusing on and adapting to both the physical and the psychosocial needs of the patient, the family and the newborn. This philosophy embraces such elements as expectant parents, birthing room and an environment that shows concern for the neonate facilitated by rooming in with the mother.

This provision of maternity newborn care requires a team effort of the women, her family, health-care providers and the community.

Providence Hospital had made a concerted effort to keep abreast of the changing times. It is the hospital's mission to provide the essential services that will promote and maintain well being for the child-bearing family as a unit and for each individual within the family. In practice, this demands that the staff be proficient in the use of the monitoring equipment, efficient in the labor and delivery area and caring and compassionate in their approach.

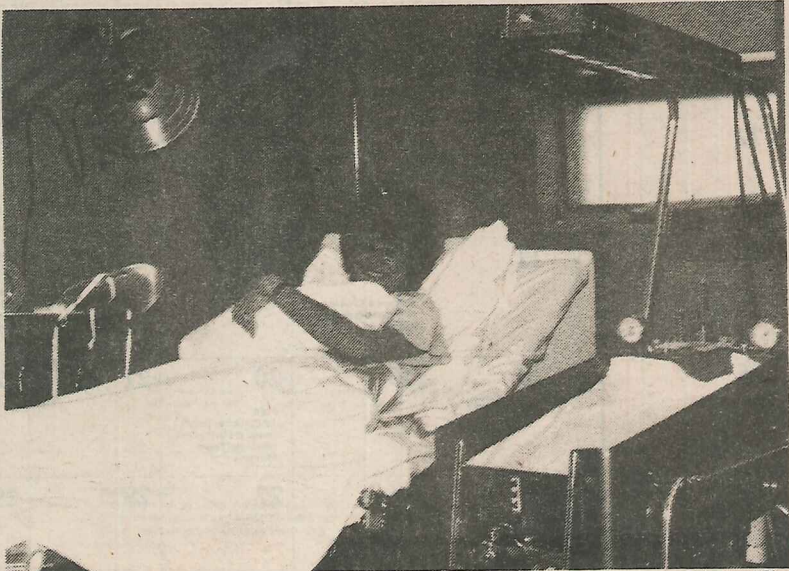
The hospital maintains a positive relationship with community resources and other hospitals. The obstetrical ward serves as a referral centre for Assiniboia, Lafleche, Coronach, Gravelbourg and Central Butte area. Close association is maintained with the Public Health Department through weekly visits to the ward and an exchange of ideas at yearly staff conference meetings. A prenatal tour is arranged for patients attending Public Health prenatal classes and for patients attending prenatal classes through the Moose Jaw Childbirth Education Association. The hospital provides clinical experience to the Wascana Institute of Regina Nursing students and a Medical Resident Program out of the University of Saskatchewan.

To facilitate the need for ever increasing obstetrical knowledge, the hospital maintains a close association with the Department of Continuing Medical and Nursing Education. Through this association, it has organized workshops presented here at Providence reviewing current obstetrical practice with guest speakers from Regina and Saskatoon. The obstetrical nursing staff are responsible to maintain and expand the quality assurance program in an attempt to ensure quality care exists, is maintained and improved wherever possible.

The trend towards a more patient controlled "humanized" setting for labor and delivery has resulted in the establishing of a birthing room, a combination labor and delivery room for patients and others to be used during a normal labor and delivery.

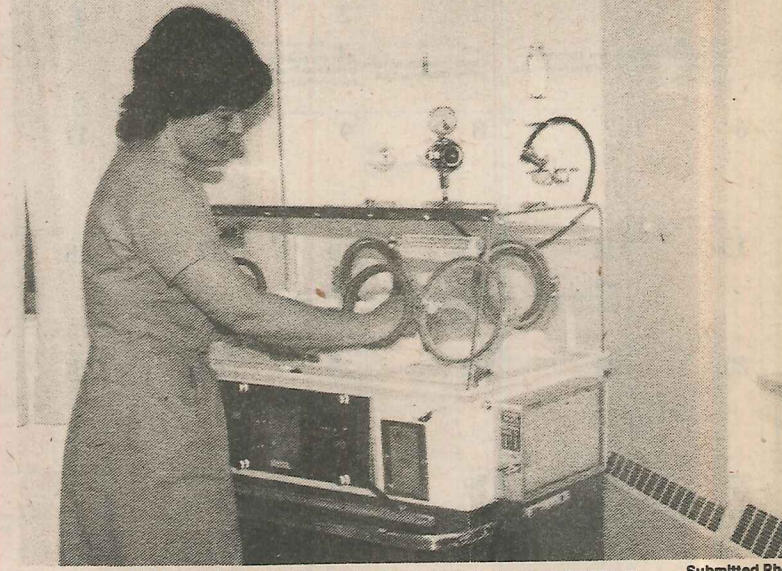
Today, the basic concept and practice of obstetrics remains the same but with a new and important emphasis on parent autonomy and choice. It includes the provision by different care providers of humane flexible maternity and newborn care that respects each woman's own definition of family and her choice of birth experience. "At the Providence we strive to facilitate this positive experience."

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MOTHER TAKES CARE OF NEWBORN CHILD
... surrounded with the latest equipment



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NURSE LOOKS AFTER NEWBORN CHILD
... in latest incubator

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MOOSE JAW'S PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL
...as it appears today

MAJOR ADVANCES REALIZED

New system big help for department

Admitting, information, telephone service and accounting were all in the same area from 1918 until approximately 1948. The receptionist was kept busy answering five standard telephones. These were connected to house phones on each ward.

The receptionist would take a call, then send a message to the ward to answer their phone. Evening service was provided on a volunteer basis by the Sisters — one evening at a time. After 11:30 p.m., the phones were switched to ring on "A" floor (men's medical) and the night supervisor would take messages to the area concerned.

A "plug in" switchboard was installed in the mid 1940's. About this time the accounting and business office moved down the hall near the present pharmacy, then across the hall to its present site.

The first automatic type switch-

board was installed with the expansion of the hospital in 1962.

It switched to its present touch-tone system in 1983. The hospital's first pocket-paging system was installed in 1978 and upgraded in 1982 to the current system.

In addition to providing information, admission and telephone services, in 1983 it began handling the initial paperwork for outpatients. It acquired an embosser-imprint system for plastic identification cards. A card is made for each patient visiting the hospital and is used to identify all hospital paperwork.

A two-way radio link with the ambulance was established in 1986. The ambulance service in Moose Jaw area is now able to contact the hospital with the patients' symptoms prior to its arrival. The current staffing includes the director, four full-time and three part-time receptionists.

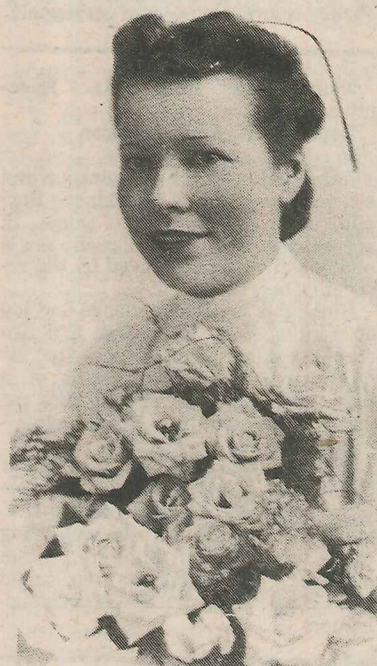
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The men and women . . .



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LABORATORY STAFF MEMBER CAROLLE MOORE ... analysing components of blood

Name: Ed Friedt
Department: Administration
In position for 4 years
Employed at Providence Hospital for 28 years, held positions of accountant, business manager, assistant administrator and was appointed administrator in April 1983.

Responsible for the effective development and efficient operation of Providence Hospital on a day-to-day basis and providing the necessary administrative direction to all departments in the hospital.

Role of Providence has recognized the importance of co-ordinating planning programs with other institutions to ensure that patient-care programs and facilities are developed in the best interests of the community and area we serve.

Name: Guy Kergan, Director of Finance

Department: Finance
The finance department is comprised of a business office and the personnel-payroll office. We have four staff members working in this area. The department utilizes computerized systems to ensure that the high quality of care at Providence Hospital is delivered within budgetary limitations. The personnel-payroll office services more than 300 staff members. The business office monitors the hospital's financial operations and serves all patients and their hospital-related financial transactions. While the modern era of computerization has caused many changes

through the years, our staff have remained the same, proud and happy to serve all who enter the doors of Providence Hospital.

Staff: Connie Mogus, accountant, Ruth Morris, accounting-payroll clerk, Shelley Ganzer, director of personnel.

Name: Sister Rose Bekar, Executive Director
Department: Administration
In position since 1967

Accountable for the organization and efficient operation of Providence Hospital and St. Anthony's Home in accordance with the mission, goals and objectives as approved by the respective boards.

Highlights are the challenge and joy of working with two boards and two administrations. This, on occasion, requires expert balancing skills of a tight-rope artist. However, I miss the patient and family contacts experienced formerly as a nurse.

The provision of a high standard of health-care within a spiritual and loving atmosphere which is conducive to healing of the sick and the well-being of those involved in this care, within budgetary limitations, is the single most challenging function of administration.

Name: Hans Adomeit, Director of Occupational Therapy
Department: Occupational Therapy
Occupational therapy is a health-

care discipline that, like many other, focuses on the development or restoration of independence in disabled persons.

The unique expertise of Occupational Therapy lies in the ability to evaluate the exact nature of problems a patient is experiencing when performing activities of daily living such as homemaking or working. Occupational therapy is, therefore, available to help persons who find that daily living has become a struggle.

Name: Maureen Rice, Director of Nursing

Department: Nursing Service
In position since June 1978

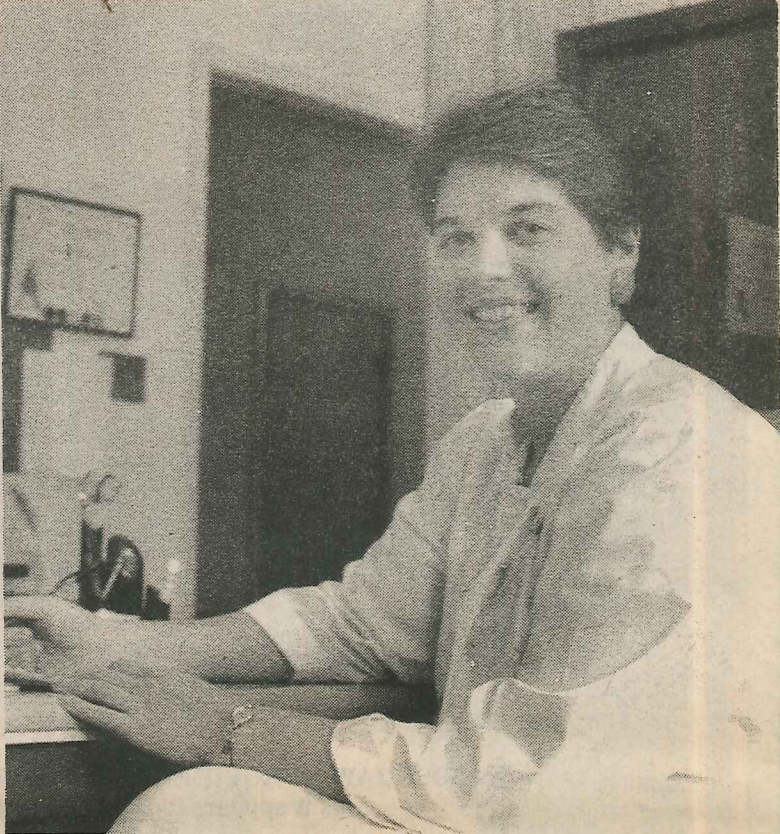
Background of work: I was born at Providence Hospital — I am a graduate of the School of Nursing in September 1959; became employed in October 1959 and worked part-time on all nursing units (except operating room) — medical, surgery, obstetrics, emergency-C.P.R., I.C.U., Recovery Room, Relief Supervisor, D.O.N.

Job Highlights: Responsible for the quality of patient care delivered to patients by the nursing department, assisting staff, patients and their families to achieve an optimal level of wellness; cope with alterations in their families to achieve an optimal level of wellness; cope with alterations in their health status or support the palliative care needs into death.

Providence Hospital has given me the opportunity to advance in my nursing career that may not have come my way had I gone elsewhere. I am very proud to have spent 28 years at Providence and look forward to many more, as the future holds some exciting changes. It's nice to be part of a management team that strives to get the best out of everyone in such a caring and supportive manner.

Our department co-ordinates the patient-care needs by collaborating and co-operating with all other departments of the hospital to obtain services for the patient, as requested by their attending physician. All staff hired for positions in the nursing department must be cognizant of the mission statement of Providence Hospital and the goals of the nursing department.

We must provide an environment for staff to grow and develop professionally — this is done in co-operation with the director of programs, inservice coordinator with staff and physician input determining what new information or skill is surfacing that we need to know to better care for our patients presenting for our many services — obstetrical and newborn care, surgery, operating room and recovery room, medicine, long-term care, emergency-outpatient care, day hospital, outpatient services. How can we help people help themselves as we strive for more independence and responsibility for their own care. I believe this will result in better utilization of health-care dollars and the joint effort of the patient and health-care team, striving for the best outcomes and care you can count on.



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LORI ALLCOCK SITS AT DESK ... Providence Hospital's director of health records

Name: Lori Allcock, Director of Health Records

Department: Health Records Department

Have worked in this capacity for the past five years

Certified health record administrator

two-year course completed at Wascona Institute, Regina

Total Staff:

Five full-time and one part-time employee

— Lori Allcock, director

— Lynette "Sally" Nixon, assistant health record librarian

— Eileen Smyth, health record technician

— Adeline Bechtold, Terri Heinrichs and Aldea Lidberg, medical stenographers

Background of Department

The health records department is a vital component of the total health-care service provided at Providence. We serve as "the guardian of health information" and are the central source providing patient documentation. It is imperative that the health record be complete and accurate, to reflect the events occurring during the patient's stay and maintaining its confidentiality.

We serve a variety of populations, both directly and indirectly. We serve the patients who have received care in the past, present and upon subsequent admissions. We also serve the medical

staff and support services within the institution, as well as dealing with physician's offices and other health-care institutions. Data is also supplied to our hospital's administration along with all levels of government.

The department has many and varied responsibilities in regard to health information. We examine the record to assure that all sections are as complete as possible. Various medical reports, as dictated by the physicians, are transcribed daily, and become part of the permanent record. All diagnoses and procedures carried out are assigned specific numeric codes and this information is submitted to a national centre (HMRI), from which various computerized statistical reports are received back. Upon final completion, the records are stored permanently, and referred to when a patient is again admitted to hospital.

We are also responsible for the medical library at the hospital and participate actively with medical audits, research and quality assurance. Each Spring we provide clinical training to W.I.A.A.S. students enrolled in the health record technology program.

The department never fails to be a hub of activity as we deal with virtually all information related to people being admitted to hospital, along with those coming for outpatient investigations and therapy. It continues to challenge us daily as advances to health expand.

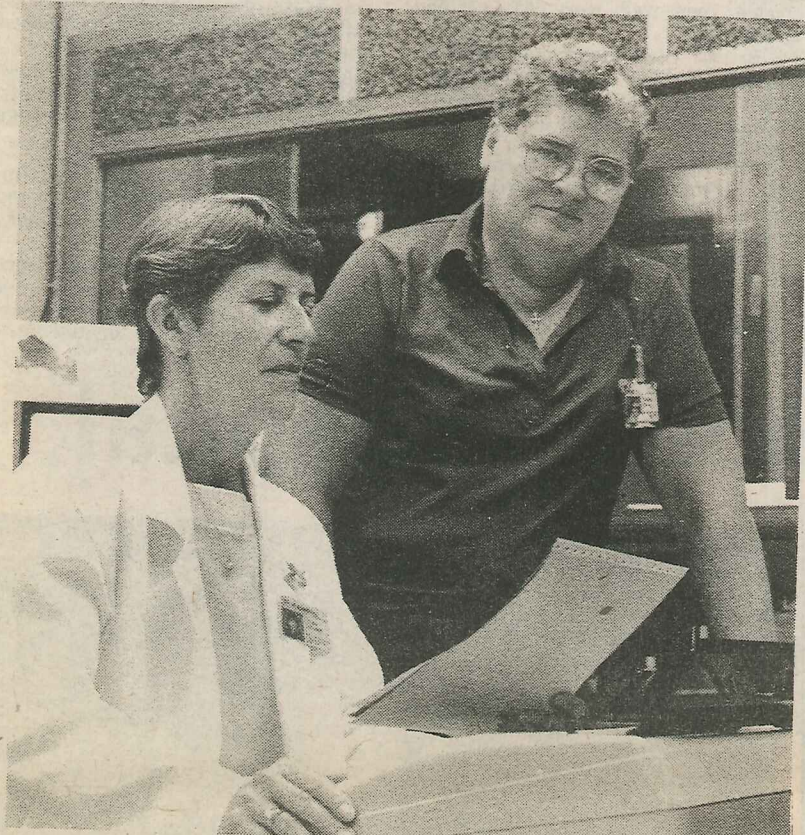
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HOSPITAL'S DIRECTOR OF ADMITTING ... Eileen Strelieff, seated and Dorothy Davies

Name: Eileen Strelieff, director of admitting
 Department: Admitting-switchboard
 In position six years
 Worked at Providence Hospital 25 years — 17 years as a radiology technician, two years as director of housekeeping, then transferred to admitting.

Present staff of admitting department is eight with 24-hour coverage.

We are the first point of contact for almost everyone who comes to Providence Hospital making public relations our primary function. We all enjoy the everchanging parade of people past our desk.

Name: Agnes Mutton, Director of Housekeeping
 Department: Housekeeping
 In position four years
 Work background — housekeeping, 25 years; teacher, seven years. Substitute teacher and set up kindergarten classes in two rural schools.
 Working within a spirit of Christian community where the dignity and worth of each person is recognized are highlights of my job. Realizing the fact that cleanliness, order and safety are very essential to a healthy environment and to have a direct effect on the health, comfort and morale of the patients, visitors and staff at our hospital.

It is the aim of the housekeeping department to keep a clean, attractive and sanitary hospital for the benefit of our patients, staff and community.

Name: Dave Beaudry, Chief Administration Technologist
 Department: Laboratory
 We provide in-patient services in Providence Hospital on a 24-hour, seven days a week basis. Out-patient services are provided Monday to Fri-

day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Providence Hospital laboratory provides the Moose Jaw regional departments, tissue pathology (quick sections only), autopsies, clinical chemistry, microbiology, immunohematology, electrocardiography and immunology (monospot and pregnancy testing only).

The laboratory provides service to St. Anthony's Home, Extencicare, Ina Grafton Gage Home, Valley View Centre, C.F.B. Moose Jaw and the Independent Medical Laboratory. We also co-operate in every way possible with the Moose Jaw Union Hospital Laboratory to serve as back-up in emergency situations which they reciprocate.

Name: Wanda Horncastle, acting director of dietetics
 Department: Dietary
 In position for six months
 Spent six years as a therapeutic dietitian at Brandon General Hospital — two years as an administrative dietitian of dietetics at Providence and six months as acting director of dietetics at Providence.

My job at Providence combines both therapeutic and administrative duties,

Name: Lorna-Mae Reidy, Day Hospital Co-ordinator

Department: Day Hospital
 In position since May 1986

Day hospital provides a service to any age group within a 15-mile radius of Moose Jaw. It provides many services to make a smooth transaction from acute care or fourth level care to home or provides enough care that people can remain in their own homes longer.

Highlights are working closely with patients and family, patient teaching such as insulin, general health practices and swim therapy. We have an active swim program at Heritage Inn's swimming pool twice a month.

Providence Hospital has the only day hospital, so accepts patients being discharged from Union and Providence, as well as people from the community or Moose Jaw residents discharged from Regina hospitals. We have an average caseload of 10 people per day, all arriving on the handibus and each person goes back to their own home at 3 p.m. after services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, diet counselling, social-work counselling, various nursing procedures, bath and most important, access to a doctor's visit — Dr. W.S.E. Jones is the day hospital medical director.

providing varied and interesting work days.

As a dietitian at Providence Hospital, my role in the community is that of an educator, providing nutritional and therapeutic diet counselling to the general public upon request.

Name: Elaine Selinger, Director of Social Services

Department: Social Services
 Have been employed by Providence Hospital since July 16, 1984 in this position.

The goals of social work at the Providence are to assist the health-care team, the patient and his/her family and the hospital.

The Social Work Department provides the following services: social assessments, individual and group counselling, discharge planning, financial planning, referral to outside resources, liaison with other health-care facilities, inter-departmental consultations and patient education.

The department of social services is a small department composed of two social workers who are accountable directly to the administrator. The social work department receives referrals on patients from all wards in the hospital, including the emergency department.

Name: Charles MacMillan, Chief Administrative Technician
 Department: Diagnostic Imaging
 In position for 9 years



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PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL DAY CO-ORDINATOR ... Lorna-Mae Reidy at her desk

Served for 25 years with the Canadian Armed Forces. Have been an X-ray technician since 1956. Began ultrasound in 1981.

The diagnostic imaging (x-ray and ultrasound) department is an ultra-modern department, employing four technical staff.

The overall department consists of two stationary x-ray units plus one mobile unit and one ultrasound sector scanner. There are also stationary x-ray facilities available in the operating room.

All of the above units and equipment are complimented by an ultra-modern daylight processing system.

This up-to-date department, in conjunction with Moose Jaw Union Hospital, provide necessary x-ray services to the surrounding area. However, at present the only ultrasound facilities are provided by Providence Hospital.

Name: Lorraine Arguin, Director
 Department: Physiotherapy
 Been on staff six years as physiotherapist

Assumed position department head December 1986

Physical therapy is the dynamic process of developing or restoring the capacity of a disabled person to participate in his/her environment. The physical therapist looks for obstacles that interfere with maximum function and teaches patients ways of overcoming them.

This department is staffed by two physical therapists and one physical therapy aide. We serve inpatients, outpatients and day hospital patients. All patients must be referred by a physician who has admitting privileges to Providence Hospital.

Physical therapists work with a wide range of conditions such as orthopedic problems, neurological disorders, respiratory illnesses, arthritic conditions. Therapists at Providence Hospital treat many elderly people with a wide variety of diagnoses.

Name: Gerhart Frost, Respiratory Technologist
 Department: Cardiopulmonary Laboratory

The cardiopulmonary laboratory is part of Providence Hospital health-care service offered to both in and outpatients. It functions mainly as a non-invasive testing facility, encompassing pulmonary function tests, echocardiography and cardiac stress testing. The therapeutic components extend to respiratory therapy and a further extension involves technical services for the equipment involved.

The cardiopulmonary laboratory serves the hospital's in-patients as well as out-patients from Moose Jaw and its referral area. Specialized testing such as echocardiography also generates referrals from other health-care institutions in Moose Jaw.

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Crew provides quality service

The physical plant and maintenance department endeavors to provide a high quality of service at Moose Jaw's Providence Hospital.

Everyone involved in the hospital benefits from the services of this department, the patients, doctors and staff. This department is really two in one.

The main services provided are:

- a) The repair and preventative maintenance of equipment.
- b) The plant engineers are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the pressure boiler (high and low),

the electrical system, the steam heating and water supply system, plumbing and an exchange system.

c) Maintenance and care of the hospital grounds.

d) Responsible for Fire Safety in the hospital on a day-to-day basis.

e) Maintenance seems to do everything from minor repairs to carpentry and actual construction projects.

Contracted services are held for the elevators, steam sterilizer, gas sterilizer, cardiac monitor equipment, X-ray and laboratory equipment, although maintenance personnel do a

great deal of the ground work for these contract services.

Staffing includes one plant director (chief engineer), four shift work engineers and one relief engineer, four maintenance men and a part-time grounds caretaker. (Beginning in 1983).

Some of the completed work projects from 1973 to the present are:

1973 — The heating system for the 1917 and 1926 wings were replaced with a new hot-water heating system and two ventilating-system services to 1917 and 1926 wings were replaced and insulation added to R30 factor in 1983. The

boiler room walls were redone in concrete blocks.

In 1983, Steri Vision upgraded their system to a low voltage system which resulted in the television's having to be wall mounted instead of attached to the beds.

The ventilator system of the operating room and case rooms were retrofitted with new heating coils and a filtering system in March 1986, making working in this area much more comfortable.

Some of the major new equipment and construction of the 1980's includes:

a) a gas fired incinerator, equipped with a pathological burner purchased in 1981.

b) the remodelling, painting and refurbishing of the Pavilion and beautification of the grounds in the "Heritage Park."

c) a new freight elevator was installed at the delivery and receiving entrance for the store and laundry services.

The physical plant and maintenance staff seem to be always available for all emergencies and are a very essential part of the hospital's functioning.

Nutrition becomes science at hospital

Nutrition as such in the past was largely a matter of delicious, generously served food. Now it is a science of calculating calories, energy needs and how energy is conserved.

This science is called "dietetics".

The provision of high-quality food, nutritionally balanced meals and the instruction of proper nutrition by the Department of Dietetics, is an integral part of the function of the total health-care facility at Moose Jaw's Providence Hospital.

The Department of Dietetics is responsible for the planning, production and distribution of meal services to patients and staff and for the provision of catering and consultation services to hospital-related groups.

Until 1962, like all the other departments, the kitchen worked out of an inadequate and an inappropriate area in the basement. In 1962 the kitchen was moved to a large, bright room, and was well staffed. New equipment came with the move, making the preparation, cooking and serving of food a



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Volunteer director natural outgrowth of program

The director of volunteers was established in February of 1987 as a natural outgrowth of the volunteer program started in the day hospital.

The program now includes a pet therapy, music therapy and adopt-a-tot program. A regular adult program, which operates Monday to Friday, involves four to six volunteers a day. It consists of a feeding program to assist people who require assistance at meal time and a special events and outing program which may include as many as 17 volunteers.

The community has shown a tremendous interest in the Providence Hospital volunteer program. There is no doubt that the current program will show marked growth in the months ahead. Volunteers provide real assistance to professional hospital staff.

pleasure.

A conveyor belt was used in the serving of the trays resulting in more rapid serving with less loss of heat on the hot items. The trays were loaded on carts and taken directly to the elevator for distribution on the wards.

At the same time, a spacious cafeteria was a new addition to the dietary department. Thus staff, patients and

visitors had a pleasant place to enjoy their meals.

In the early days, staff seemed to come and just stay for years, which made a real family spirit in the kitchen. Sister Mary Everildis came as Director of Dietetics in 1941 and remained until she retired on October 26, 1972, a total of 31 years of service.

Some of the recent changes in di-

etary are: The Aladdin "TempRite" tray system was introduced to the department in 1978 and has proved most satisfactory. In January 1981, the hospital contracted with Versa Food Services to assume responsibility for the provision of the dietary service of the hospital. Three new Moffat ovens were purchased in 1982. In 1987, a computerized cash register was introduced in

the staff cafeteria.

The current staffing of the dietary department consists of: two dietitians, one food supervisor, three cooks and 18 dietary aides.

There is an old saying that an army marches on its stomach. So the hospital dietary keeps the army of Providence Hospital marching on and carrying out its mission.

DEPARTMENT OF DIETICS PLAYS VITAL ROLE ...in specialized area at Providence Hospital

Many changes for finance department

The finance department of Providence Hospital has seen many changes throughout the years.

In 1962, the business office moved to its present location. The office has had some minor physical layout changes, the most recent being in the spring of

1987. As one enters the business office, the faces are familiar, as there have been few staff changes in the past 20 years.

The hospital's financial operations are monitored as closely as they always have been. However, these days

staff are assisted by computers. Providence Hospital utilizes the computerized support services of "Hospitals Systems Study Group" on a purchased service basis.

In addition, the finance office is currently in the process of installing and

implementing a micro-computer system. While computerization has caused changes and assisted in the close monitoring of financial resources, staff remains the same — proud and happy to serve all who enter the doors of Providence Hospital.

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OPERATING DEPARTMENT 'Quality' key word

The operating and recovery room suite endeavors to meet the needs of each patient by a provision of high-quality care throughout their total operative care for both outpatients and in patients.

Many changes have occurred in this area of the hospital since its move to the east end of the 1962 Jubilee Wing.

In 1962, the instruments were washed, wrapped and autoclaved in the operating room suite. Today, the instruments are all autoclaved in the central supply area. Most of the linen supplies, drapes, sponges, syringes and needles are now disposable, so this reduces a great deal of manual labor. The major equipment cleaning and sterilizing now are primarily the various endoscopes (which are fiberoptics.)

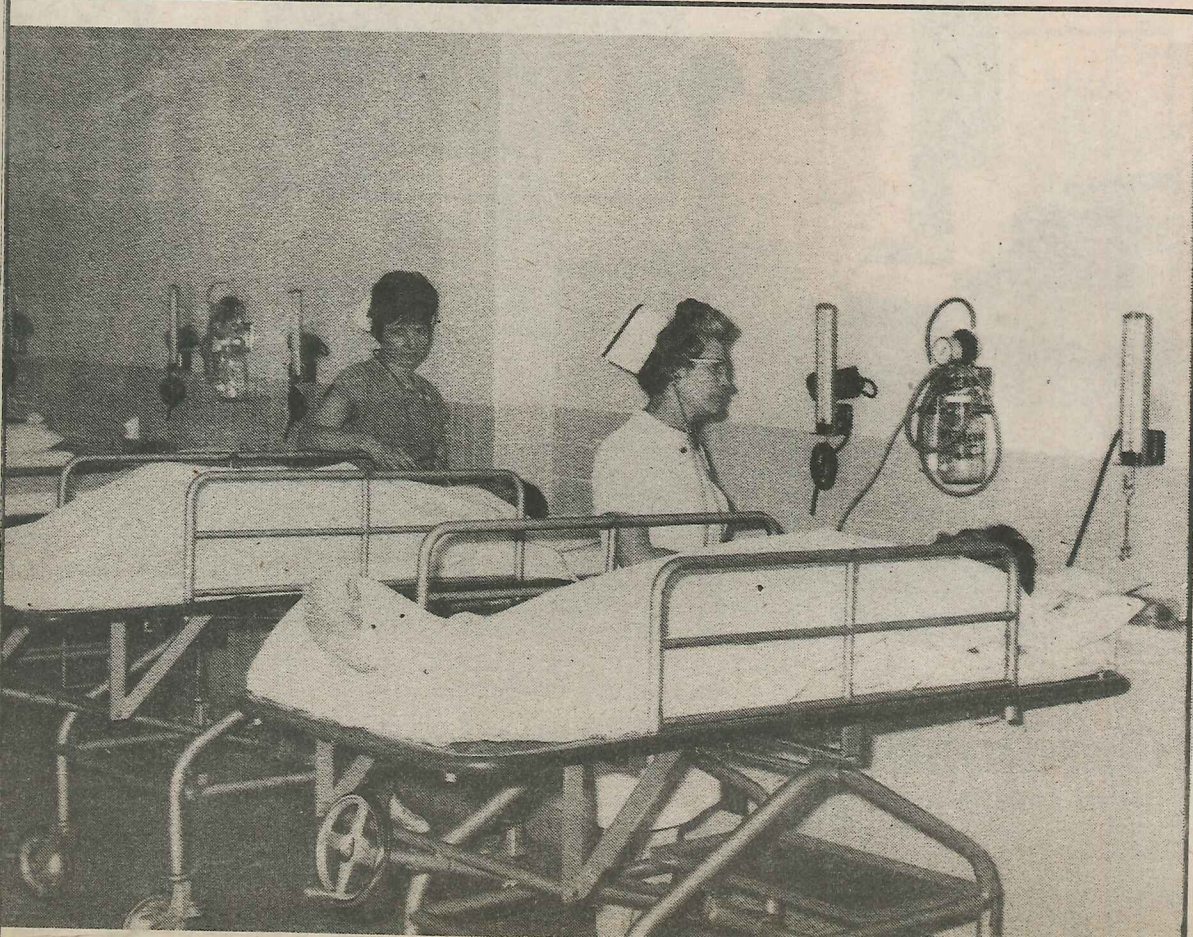
Explosive anesthetics are now a thing of the past in the operating room. This eliminates the requirement for conductive flooring and conductive machinery.

The Providence Hospital operating room suite now provides a great deal of surgical outpatient service, particularly in the area of urological procedures, gastroscopies, colonoscopies and so forth. The Providence Hospital provides the only cystometrogram service and performs all the Caesarean Sections (because it has the obstetrical unit for Moose Jaw.)

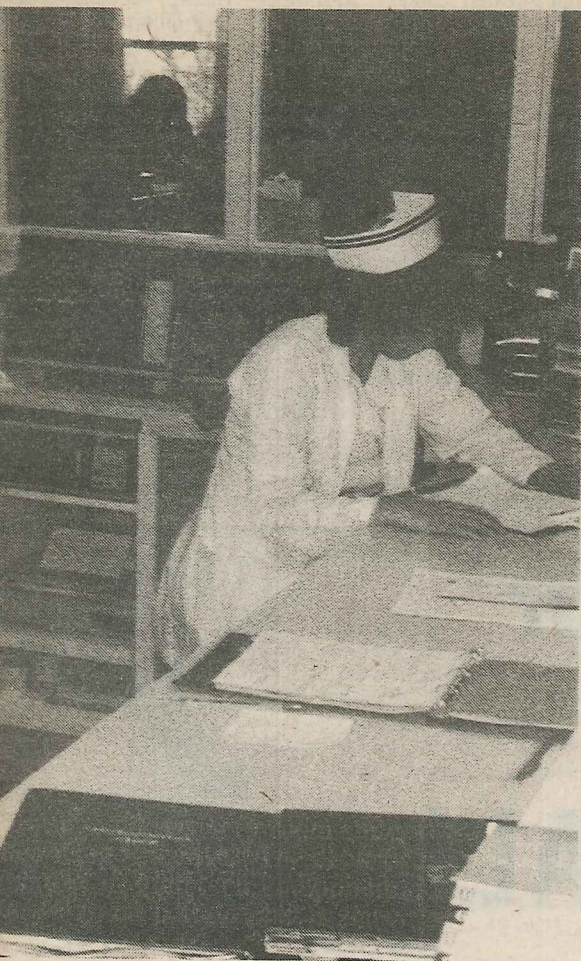
The nursing staff visit the in-patients preoperatively to explain the upcoming operation or procedure, answering questions and endeavoring to minimize the patient's anxiety.

The recovery room is modern with all the necessary requirements for an up to date, efficient unit.

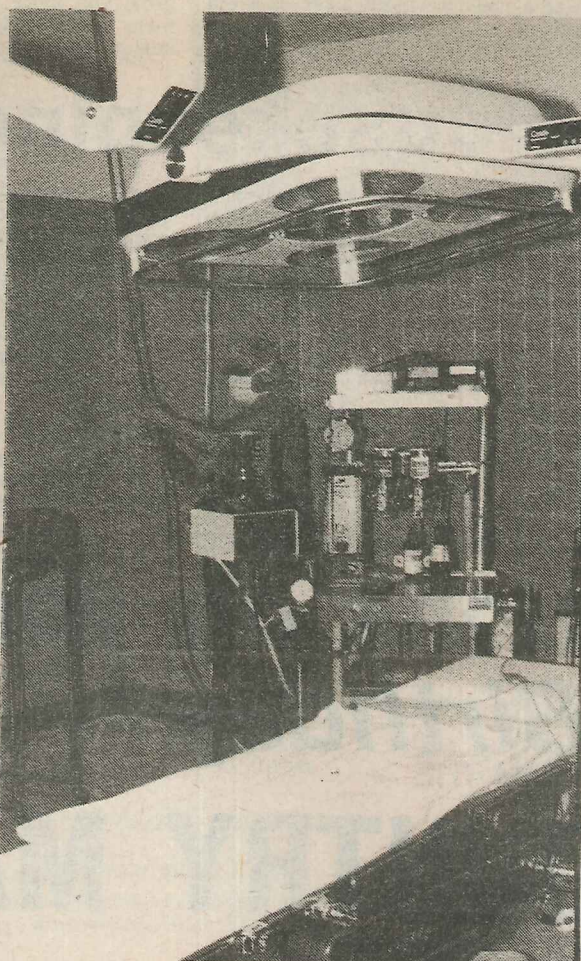
As any department which uses technology, the operating room, instruments and machinery have been replaced, too numerous times to mention. It can be said that with the present equipment and staffing this is an area to be proud of.



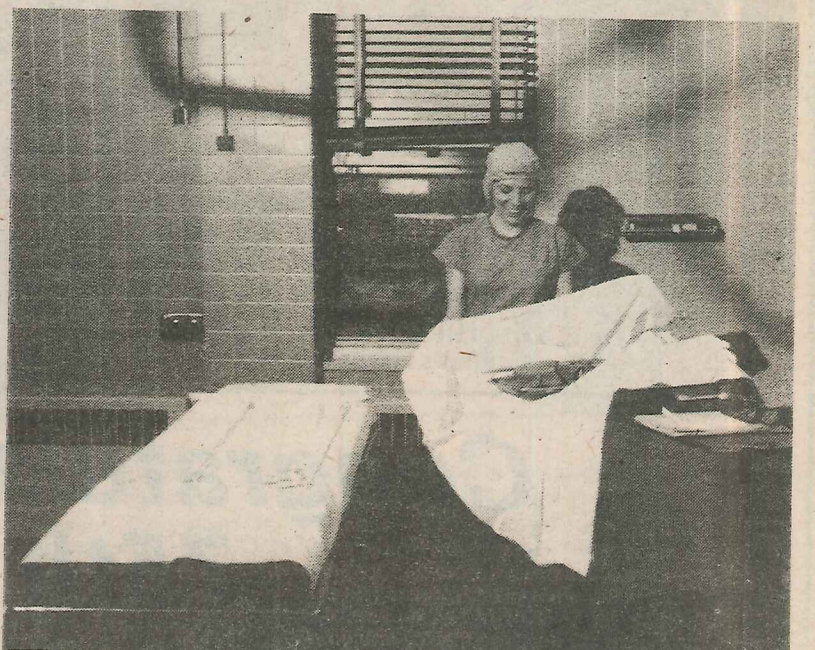
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Providence Hospital's operating and recovery room suite has been housed in the Jubilee Wing since 1962. The department features some of the latest in high-tech equipment. Top left photo is from yesteryear and bottom photos show the area today.

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Occupational therapists help develop skills

The Occupational Therapy Department was started in 1975. Due to the severe shortage of occupational therapy manpower in Saskatchewan, the staffing has been fluctuating in the department over the years. The staffing situation has stabilized somewhat since 1981 to the present date.

The mission of the Occupational Therapy Department at Providence Hospital is to develop, improve and maintain the skills that patients need in order to function independently.

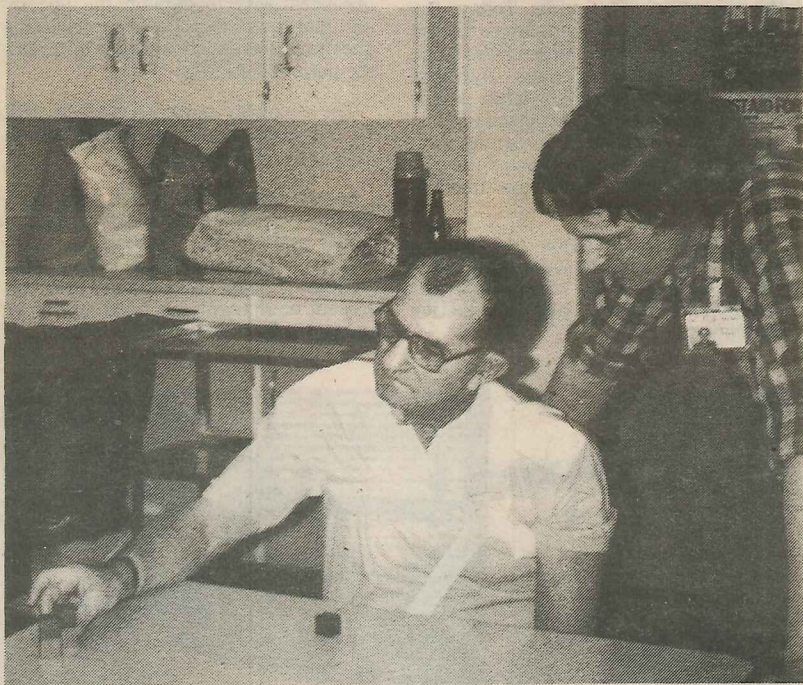
Occupational therapy services are provided to in-patients, Day Hospital and out-patients and focuses on:

1. Assessment and training of activities of daily living and life skills.
2. Assessment and improvement of

patients home situation (physical layout, management and support.)

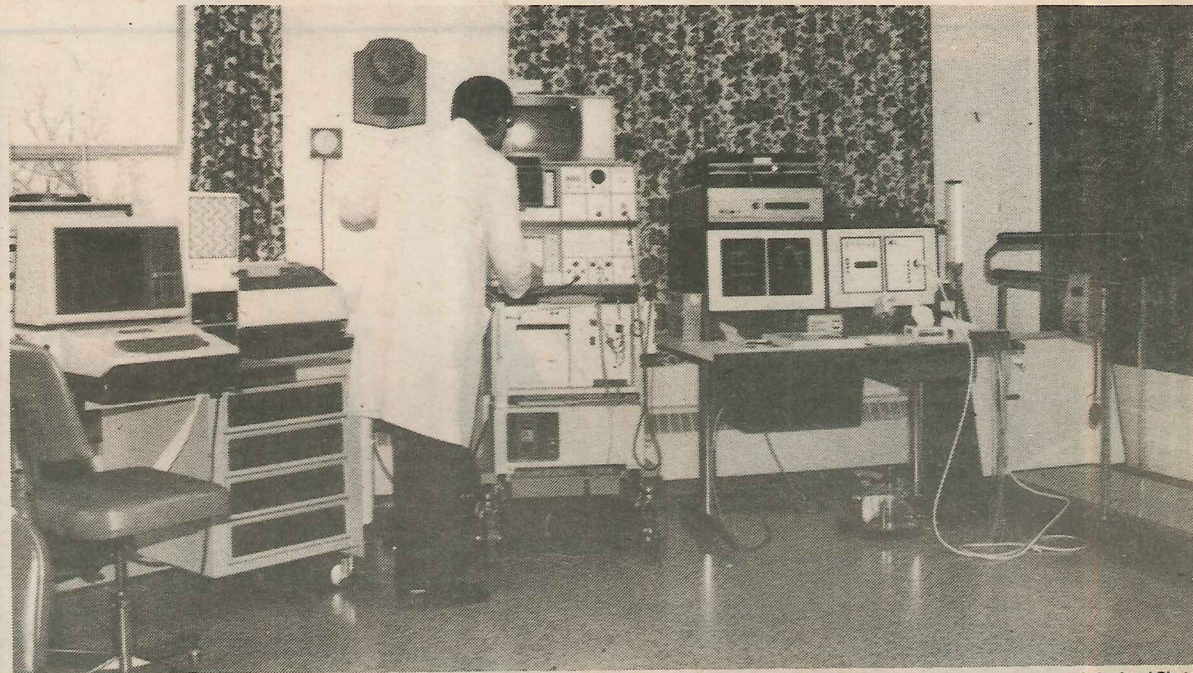
3. Prescription of SAIL equipment and other aids.
4. Splinting.
5. Structured activity programming for patients on active rehabilitation.
6. Internal and external inservices and presentations as required.

The Occupational Therapy Department maintains an inventory of assessment and treatment apparatus in order to provide a general program which meets the need of a wide population group. For those services which cannot be provided, extensive networking has been established with major facilities in Saskatoon and Regina in order to meet the patients' needs.



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MR. G. FROST CO-ORDINATES THE DEPARTMENT ... which is now 10 years old

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Cardiopulmonary employs computers

The Providence Hospital's cardiopulmonary lab opened for business in April 1977 in the form of a respiratory therapy service with G. Frost as the sole charge therapist.

It became quickly apparent that along with pulmonary function testing and cardiac exercise tests, that there was a need for more diagnostics. In 1980, with major financial aid from the Moose Jaw Lion's Club, an echocardi-

graph was purchased and Frost received training to perform the examinations. At that time the lab was moved from the south end of the X-ray Department to the east end of the first floor to what had been the Sister's Community Room.

Through the years, the work load grew and more sophisticated equipment replaced the older units so that now a good deal of computer pro-

cessing is utilized. The cardiopulmonary lab was the stage for a research project in 1983, successfully carried out and published. A number of other papers were also published.

Frost remains the sole technical staff to date and has added Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonography to the Respiratory Therapy credentials of the cardiopulmonary laboratory at Providence Hospital.

Housekeeping is a mission

The housekeeping mission is believing in the dignity and worth of each person and recognizing that cleanliness, order and safety are essential to a healthy environment and have a direct effect on health, comfort and morale of the patients, visitors, physicians and staff.

Housekeeping services endeavor to keep the premises, equipment and facility clean and orderly at all times.

Hospital housekeeping is no longer just a "janitorial service".

Today, housekeepers are profes-

sional people and skillfully trained experts in their field, important to the operation of the hospital.

The housekeeping department was formed in 1953 with Hannah Andrew as its first director. Prior to this, each ward or department had its own cleaners or housekeeper, who were under the supervision of the ward or department head.

Housekeeping is responsible for a number of related functions, such as pest control, window washing, garbage disposal, linen distribution as well as

the cleanliness, safety and sanitation throughout the entire hospital.

On Jan. 2, 1973, Providence Hospital laundry was closed and the laundering of hospital linens was contracted out to the Union Hospital laundry services. Then on Sept. 6, 1984, the contract went to St. Anthony's for the laundering as well as the purchasing of all linen. An "exchange cart system" was implemented Aug. 5, 1986 for the distribution of linen to the various departments within the hospital.

Some housekeepers have been on staff for 20 to 30 years.

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