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St. Peter's Hospital  
Celebrates Fifty Years

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# St. Peter's celebrates 50 years



## Festivities highlight Golden Anniversary

Three days of festivities will mark the 50th anniversary celebrations of St. Peter's Hospital in Melville.

Some 250 people are expected at the Golden Anniversary Banquet scheduled for Friday, Oct. 5, at the Columbian Centre.

A number of dignitaries will be on hand to bring congratulatory messages to the hospital including Melville MLA Robert Schmidt who'll represent the provincial government.

Acting Mayor Fernie Bazin will bring congratulations from the City of Melville with other guest speakers including chairman of the St. Peter's Hospital Board of Trustees Kevin Fenwick, St. Peter's chief of staff Dr. Rob Piemontesi, Saskatchewan Health Care Association chairman Martin Arndt, Catholic Health Care Association of Saskatchewan president Sean Mahoney, and Don Marana from the Catholic Health Council of Saskatchewan.

The evening starts at 6:30 a.m. with cocktails with dinner starting at 7 p.m. A highlight of the evening will be a toast presented by Mary Bartake, the only person who's been associated with St. Peter's for 50 years, says St. Peter's executive director Brian Kines. Mrs. Bar-

take has been a member of the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary for 50 years.

As well, banquet-goers will see St. Peter's history during a program performed by staff. Kines says staff who've worked at the hospital over the five decades will present historical sketches. Following this, a time capsule will be compiled for placing into the new hospital down the road.

"The hospital has invited guest to the banquet including long service employees and is making the remainder of the tickets available to the staff and auxiliary. Any leftover tickets can be purchased by the public for \$10 each," said Kines.

Saturday will see a 50th Anniversary Tea sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary at the Legion Hall from 2-5 p.m. A special highlight of the tea will be displays covering the hospital's history. A draw will be made for a painting of the hospital done by local artist Pat Stelmacowich.

The weekend's celebrations conclude Sunday with a 50th Anniversary Ecumenical Service at St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church. Father Rudy Nowakowski will officiate with Pastor Ken Hudson the co-celebrant.

Lt. Gov. Sylvia Fedoruk will be in attendance and participate in the service by doing a

reading. St. Peter's staff will also read.

Following the service St.

Henry's is sponsoring a social in the parish centre with the public invited to attend.

## St. Peter's mission statement

With the word of God as the foundation, and spirituality an essential dimension of holistic care in a Catholic Health facility, St. Peter's Hospital responds to Christ's call to His own healing ministry.

"He sent the apostles out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal." (Lk. 9:2)

As a Catholic facility, St. Peter's Hospital recognizes and accepts its special obligation to the practice of Christian virtue and to act in accordance with the teachings of Christ, as understood and affirmed by His church. In this light, this hospital is to be an influence illustrating high quality health care - care which is personal, responsive to the needs of the community and beyond, and designed to preserve the individual's identity, human rights and dignity.

As a community hospital, St. Peter's recognizes the need for and aims to provide primary care and appropriate secondary care services to the residents of Melville, the surrounding towns and villages and the rural municipalities of Cana, Grayson, McLeod and Stanley. The hospital will, however, to the best of its ability assist anyone who seeks our service when health is jeopardized.

To accomplish its aims, the hospital enlists the

involvement of a large group of men and women both within the hospital and throughout the community. In choosing its collaborators the hospital does not discriminate on the basis of their religious beliefs or their race, age, sex or economic status.

We invite the community to support and share with us in the service of those in need of health care. We do not impose religious beliefs of spiritual inspirations on those called to serve or to those whom we serve. The hospital indeed respects the conscience of each of its collaborators and patients. In turn, we expect that its collaborators and patients will recognize the principles on which the hospital is founded.

To help to ensure that the hospital's conscience is not violated, we have adopted a code of ethics, approved by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which everyone is expected to respect while associated with the hospital.

St. Peter's Hospital carries out its work within the mandate and with the approval of the head of the local church, the Archbishop. As a Catholic Christian Hospital, we believe that we have a particular responsibility to provide health care services with charity and be a witness to the gospel.

## MELVILLE ADVANCE—JUNE 4, 1942

## St. Peter's Hospital grand opening held

Thursday, May 28th, 1942, will go down in local history as a red letter day in Melville, the occasion being the official opening of St. Peter's Hospital, a 70-bed institution built at a cost of well over one hundred thousand dollars, owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Martha. More than 700 citizens attended the official opening at which His Excellency the Most Reverend J.P. Monahan, D.D., and the Hon. Dr. J.M. Uhrich, Minister of Public Health in the Province, were the chief speakers.

Other speakers included the Rev. Fr. Kosakiewicz, parish priest; Joe Farrell, president of the Melville Board of Trade; Dr. P.C. Crosby, representing the medical profession; and Louis T. McKim, K.C., member of the Hospital Board.

R.C. Lane, town administrator, was the chairman. All the speakers spoke in glowing terms of the new building and its equipment, and were unstinted in their praise of the Sisters of Martha generally, and of the Sisters of that organization in charge of the operation of the hospital.

Mother Immaculata, superior general of the Sisters of St. Martha, was present at the ceremonies, having made the journey from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, for the purpose. Telegrams were received from the Hon. James G. Gardiner, and Smith Brothers and Wilson, expressing regrets at being unable to attend. The Hon. Dr. W.R. Motherwell and N.L. Leech, president of the Searle Grain Company, wrote to like effect.

R.C. Lane, in introducing the speakers, gave great credit to Archbishop Monahan for his services in influencing the Sisters of St. Martha to erect such a fine hospital at Melville.

Mr. J. F. Farrell, President of Melville and District Board of Trade, spoke of the efforts made to obtain the hospital for Melville, and also expressed the thanks of the Board of Trade to the Sisters of St. Martha for providing our community with such a fine institution.

The Archbishop outlined the proceedings leading to the erection of the hospital. It had been decided not to give the Melville district a modest home for the care of its sick and injured, but the best building and equipment that science had provided, and the finest of trained helpers. The hospital was a monument to Christian charity. The speaker emphasized the need for unity, especially in times like these and said that by virtue of charity, men were brought together. The first instinct of Christianity was readiness to help. We were less than pagans, without love of our neighbor.

The Archbishop said that he had asked the Sisters living thousands of miles from Melville to spend \$100,000 to provide the district with the hospital, and their response was an example of Christian charity. He impressed upon his audience their obligation to support the undertaking, and to regard the hospital as their very own. "Come to your institution. It is yours," he said.

Dr. J.M. Uhrich, minister of public health, also stressed the responsibility resting on the citizens



THE SOD TURNING to officially launch the construction of St. Peter's Hospital took place May 14, 1941.

of the Melville district. The building of a hospital was a triumph of civilization over barbarism. The first hospital in America was built in Mexico, and the second was erected in Quebec City in 1637, followed by the Hotel Dieu in Montreal, in 1644. Both of these Canadian hospitals were erected by orders of sisters.

The speaker mentioned four duties of a hospital, accommodation for the sick, a means for educating doctors and nurses, prevention of disease, and research in medical science. Doctor Uhrich paid a fine tribute to the Sisters of St. Martha, and the contribution they had made to the Melville district.

Dr. P.C. Crosby, pioneer physician of the town and district, in speaking on behalf of the Medical Professions, had words of praise for the completeness of the new hospital building and fineness of its equipment, thus giving Melville one of the most modern hospitals in the province.

Mr. L.T. McKim, K.C., representing the Hospital Board of Directors, tendered thanks to the individuals and organizations who had so generously furnished wards and provided equipment for the hospital. He also paid a flowing tribute to the Sisters of St. Martha generally and in particular to those in charge of St. Peter's Hospital here. He made special mention of the obligation resting on the public to show its appreciation by patronizing the hospital and supporting it generously in every possible way.

The Melville Town Band, under the baton of Bandmaster W.V. Sprackling, provided music for the occasion. After the speeches, the Hon. J.M. Uhrich, M.D., presented the keys of the building to Archbishop Monahan. The public were then admitted to the hospital and shown through it by a group of C.G.I.T. girls under the supervision of Miss Flossie Bell. The Ladies' Hospital Aid, under the presidency of Mrs. J. Farrell, served refreshments.

Private wards, beautifully equipped, have been furnished by the Town of Melville, R.M. of McLeod, R.M. of Grayson, R.M. of Stanley,

Searle Grain Company, Archbishop Monahan, the architects, the Knights of Columbus, and Melville Rotary Club. The local I.O.D.E. furnished the nursery. The Dominion Electric Power Co. Ltd., has made a generous gift of trees from the Estevan Prairie Nurseries to help beautify the grounds.

The hospital has a total staff of 30 persons, including six Sisters of the Order, Sister Mary Daniel is superintendent, Sister Joan of Avila, secretary; Sister Annunciata, technician; Sister M. Claudia, dietician; Sister M. Leonella, nursing supervisor; and Sister M. Albert, housekeeper.

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The members of the hospital board are: R.C. Lane, chairman, Leo McDonald, vice-chairman; and Joseph Farrell, E.L. Sier, Sheriff J.A. Watson, Phillip Walters and Louis T. McKim, K.C.

On June 30, 1940, the Sisters of St. Martha took the old hospital and changed the name from Melville Hospital to that of St. Peter's. In the spring of 1941 construction on the new building was commenced, to be ready for occupation by November 1, 1941.

#### Basement Plan

The building contains three floors with a full basement. The basement so called in the plans is really an additional floor since it has the same bright rooms and corridors as do the other floors. It has a service entrance at ground level in the rear and also a ground-level ambulance entrance to the elevator. It

contains a large kitchen with bake room and pantry and easy access to the dining rooms which are separated from the rest of the floor by the serving lobby. Another lobby separates the boiler room and laundry from the main corridor. The X-ray and laboratory departments are also situated on this floor.

#### Main-Floor Plan

The main entrance to the building brings one through a bright vestibule and an attractive lobby to the main floor. The first thing that catches the eye is the brightness of the corridors reflected in paneled terrazzo floors and the cozy waiting room which is a special feature of this modern building.

To the left of the lobby are the receiving and administrative offices. The main corridor on this floor is divided into three sections by two french doors. The north division houses the operating, sterilizing, and doctors' and scrub rooms and also a lobby. The south end is the isolation department consisting of two, two-bed wards, a nurse's or private ward, and utility room and bathroom. The main section of this floor is divided into two, four-bed wards, doctors' lounge, a private ward and the utility departments. On this floor as well as on the first and second floors the plans for the linen cupboards, patients' clothes, waiting rooms, diet kitchens and utilities are the same. On each floor there is a bath and toilet with utility facilities on the opposite end of the corridor to the utilities proper. In this way many steps are saved and heavy traffic avoided. There is also a small pharmacy on this floor.

#### First-Floor Plan

The men's and women's medical and surgical beds are on this floor. It has a capacity of 25 beds. Some of the rooms which have installations for semi-private patients are at present equipped as private rooms until such time as more beds are required. The children's wards are also on this floor as well as a central dressing room.

#### Second-Floor Plan

The second floor is for maternity service. It has a capacity of sixteen beds. At the present time it is equipped with one case room and a

nursery. The modern style of building makes this floor somewhat shorter than the other floors.

#### General Features

As stated before the plans changed from 40 beds to 60 because it was found that the extra cost of construction at this time would be less than if left for a later date when tractors and builders, tools and equipment would have to be brought in again.

It took careful planning to get to this one building all the facilities of a larger hospital unit and keep from getting a crowded effect. This has been achieved in part by the use of large single-pane windows, thus allowing a maximum light into the rooms and corridors.

In the construction and equipment of the building it was tried, as much as possible, to keep away from the institutional atmosphere and get more homelike effect. To achieve this the lighting in the patient rooms and wards is by wall brackets rather than ceiling lights. No room is larger than four-bed capacity. The doors are single-panel fir. The walls have been stained in light green with a varnish finish and while retaining the grained effect, nevertheless, brighten the room and make them more homelike. The beds and furniture are finished in different colors in the various rooms thus getting away from the institutional white and brown. The terrazzo floors are used in all the rooms and corridors and in many places have a light gray field with a dark border giving a ruglike effect.

Some of the new equipment which has been installed includes a new X-ray machine, an excellent sterilizing unit, a basal metabolism machine, a short-wave unit for electrical treatment, an iron lung, and a special obstetrical bed has been ordered.

The building has an automatic elevator centrally situated. This service as well as the stairway, boiler room, and kitchen are so placed that if need for an extension is ever felt the new construction can be carried on without interruption of present

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# Sisters of St. Martha a history of faith and care

The Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish were formally established in 1900 as a congregation in 1900, a providential beginning called a decade earlier.

The first members came from a group of young women who responded to a call from Bishop John Cameron in 1894. He sought recruits for an auxiliary institute, founded the year before by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Halifax, to serve in the domestic departments of their educational institutions. The Sisters of Charity and Bishop Cameron made a reciprocal agreement whereby St. Francis Xavier University would be included as an area of service for the auxiliary sisters.

In 1987 a group of these sisters, known as the Sisters of St. Martha, came to St. Francis Xavier University where their presence in the household department was eagerly awaited. Dr. D. A. Chisholm, who had been active in recruiting candidates from Antigonish diocese for

the Halifax institute, was closely associated with Bishop Cameron in the preparations for establishing the convent. The ten sisters who were sent from Halifax for this work were under the direction of three Sisters of Charity.

In 1900 Bishop Cameron expressed a wish to establish a separate congregation for St. Francis Xavier University from among the sisters from Antigonish diocese who had entered the Halifax institute. The Bishop's proposition was placed before these sisters at their annual retreat at Mount St. Vincent, Halifax. Fifteen sisters, including some who had made profession and some who were still in the novitiate, responded to Bishop Cameron's invitation.

The first volunteers arrived in Antigonish on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16, 1900. On the feast of St. Martha, July 29, 1900, Bishop Cameron presided over the election of the first superior, Mother M. Innocentia McNamara,

who was chosen to serve for a term of one year. The following year, Mother M. Faustina MacArthur was elected superior. She continued in office for three consecutive terms of three years. The fifteen sisters who volunteered, and Bishop Cameron, were in effect co-founders of the new congregation.

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On the day of the first election in 1900, St. Martha's Convent on the campus of the University became the motherhouse and novitiate of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish.

From the very beginning, the sisters regarded the work for which they were founded as co-operating with the University in the Christian education of youth and the training of young men for the priesthood. Thus, a strong bond developed between the members of the congregation and the priests of the diocese.

Within a few years of their founding, however, the sisters were called to respond in loving service to other needs in the diocese of Antigonish and in diocese in Central and Western Canada. They embarked on each new venture in a spirit of faith, with courage and trust in God. The first departure from the work of household management came in 1906, when the sisters were invited to open their first hospital. Care of homeless and neglected children began in 1917, followed by care of unmarried mothers and, later, by family social services. Teaching in rural schools began in 1925. In later years the congregation extended its services to include other fields, such as pastoral care in hospitals, religious education and diversified forms of social work and pastoral ministry.

Within 20 years of its foundation, the sisters also responded to a call from the Bishop of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, to assist him in the foundation of a similar in-

stitute in his diocese.

An important event in the life of the congregation was the opening in 1921 of a new motherhouse and novitiate on the outskirts of Antigonish. Named Bethany after the home of the congregation's patroness, it has been the focal point of all the congregation's activities and the home of all its members.

In 1952 the sisters were invited to open their first house in the United States, when social service activities were undertaken in Boston, and in 1961 they assumed administration of a hospital in Lowell, Mass.

In recent years, due to a combination of circumstances, the Sisters of St. Martha were obliged to give up ownership and administration of a number of hospitals. At the same time they have extended their services to include other fields, such as pastoral care in hospitals, religious education for children and adults, as well as diversified forms of social and pastoral ministry.

The first mission of the Sisters of St. Martha outside the boundaries of Canada and USA was accepted in 1986 with the opening of a house in St. Kitt's, an island in the West Indies. Here the sisters are involved in a variety of activities, including health care, teaching, religious education and pastoral ministry.

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facilities, and can also be used for the new extension.

The building is heated from low-pressure boiler by the vapor-vacuum system of steam and the latest type of radiation. A high-pressure boiler provides steam for laundry, sterilizers, kitchen, and, when necessary, heat for operating room and nursery. It also heats the water for laundry and bathrooms. Due to the fact that the water in this district is very hard, a system of water softeners has been installed. With use of soft water the upkeep of the plumbing fixtures and furnace

repairs as well as the cost for laundry should be greatly reduced.

### Remarks

The building was first planned for only basement and two floors for hospital use. The second-floor plan was to have been used as living quarters for the Sisters and staff. In this plan the maternity and nursery services were to be on the first floor. Due to the fact that the old buildings were left at the disposal of the Sisters, the second-floor plan was completed for hospital use and the old buildings are now used for living quarters for Sisters and staff.

As it now stands, the new hospital utilizes the basement. The

ground floor is also utilized as per plan with the exception that the private room is at present being used as a private office for the superintendent. The doctors' lounge is really a two-bed ward. The first floor is utilized as per plan. Some of the rooms on the second floor, without having been changed as far as size or installation are concerned, have nevertheless been made over for other purposes. Thus the four-bed ward on the southwest corner has been converted into a very fine chapel and the three-bed ward immediately opposite is being used as a community room for the Sisters.

## Message from Premier Devine

I am delighted to have the opportunity to extend congratulations to St. Peter's Hospital on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

The staff of St. Peter's Hospital has done a great deal over the years in bringing the spirit of commit-

ment, hard work and a willingness to help its neighbours. The residents of Melville and surrounding area greatly appreciate the distinguished efforts.

Quality health care plays a major role in making communities like Melville strong and vibrant. It is

communities like yours that help make Saskatchewan a special province with its own special qualities.

Again, congratulations and may God bring much happiness to your festive celebrations.

Grant Devine  
Premier



GRANT DEVINE

1944 Stats	
Admissions	2,424
Newborns	196
Deaths	36
Operations	752
Lab Tests	4,672

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ON YOUR

50th Anniversary

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**Congratulations and Best Wishes**

to

**St. Peter's Hospital**

on their

**50th Anniversary**

Our Lodge was pleased to have been of assistance in providing towards improving health care to Melville and District residents.

**Melville B.P.O. Elks Lodge NO. 407**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**St. Peter's Hospital**

On 50 Years of service to Melville and District

**Melville Rotary Club**



# Hundreds attend expansion's official opening

"This magnificent building is a monument to your dedication and devotion," the Hon. J. Walter Erb, provincial minister of health, told the Sisters of St. Martha at the official opening of the million-dollar addition to St. Peter's Hospital here Wednesday afternoon.

About 300 persons braved the intense heat to attend the ceremony held on the hospital lawn. Special guests, including three government officials, spoke from a covered dais. The Melville City band was also in attendance.

In addressing the group, Mr. Erb

commended the Sisters of St. Martha for the "wonderful" work they have done in construction of the original hospital building in 1941 and more recently the addition of the two new wings.

He commended also all Sisters' Orders in the province for the contributions they have rendered to the welfare of the people.

He said it is always refreshing to see "such a magnificent structure as this" that is not tax supported, because it points out what can be done when there is sufficient will.

Mr. Erb also congratulated the community of Melville for the co-operation it gave toward the new wings.

"The real wealth of a community is found in its people," he said, commenting on the role the citizens played.

Mayor W.R. Bailey, one of the speakers, also congratulated the Sisters on the fine hospital, adding that Melville taxpayers are fortunate that the Sisters took on the administration of the hospital service here in the early '40s, building

first the original building and later the two new wings.

He said it is not that the community could not have possibly built as fine a hospital but that it would have cost them, as taxpayers, "thousands and thousands" of dollars, where it has not cost them anything. He said that all the city has given the hospital toward its operation does not come to half a mill.

Others addressing the gathering were His Excellency Most Rev. M.C. O'Neill; J.N. Ormiston, M.P.

for Melville, representing J. Waldo Monteith; Rev. I.H. H. Melville Ministerial Association, Don A. MacMillan, Yorkton, Saskatchewan Hospital Association; J.W. Gardiner M.L.A. for Melville; F.J. Brennan, M.D., Melville Medical Staff; Bill McLelland, foreman of construction for W.C. Wells, contracting firm for the hospital construction.

The invocation was given by Reverend Thomas Novak, O.M.I. Presiding at the ceremony was J. A. Watson.

Cutting of the ribbon was performed by Joachim Pilon, 97, Melville's oldest citizen. Following this the hospital was declared officially opened by Mr. Erb.

Those attending the program were invited to tour the hospital and were presented with refreshments in the hospital cafeteria by the Hospital Ladies Aid.

It was the second official opening that St. Peter's Hospital has had since May, 1942, when a ceremony took place to mark construction of the original hospital building.

The Sisters of St. Martha, who took over responsibility of administering the local hospital here in 1940, paid \$74,088 for construction of the main building in 1942. This is in sharp contrast to the \$1,000,000 that went into the building of the two new wings recently completed.

With the loan on the original building, plus interest paid off in 1958, it was decided that further construction had to be undertaken in order to accommodate the increasing number of patients. Tender for the two new wings was let out July, 1959. Both wings were completed and occupied by the end of April this year.

# Technological change the biggest: Bell

As one of the longest employed staff members of St. Peter's Hospital, Stella Bell says the biggest differences she's seen through the years is change.

"The greatest change is the technological changes. Nursing care is nursing care but the use of cardiac monitors (and) monitoring pre-natals before they are born is

something that wasn't around before," said the registered nurse.

"The baby boom has decreased. Back then, 30 babies were born a month. The nursery was always jammed packed in those days," Bell added.

Other changes through the years

have included the addition of the "endwings" to the hospital, increased patient loads, new trends in infection control and other technological changes "especially in emergency quality life support," Bell said.

Bell has been at St. Peter's Hospital for 37 years. She has worked in all departments but now the majority of her time is spent in the operating room or in the outpatient department.

Bell followed two of her sisters' footsteps in her decision to become a nurse. She took her training at the Regina Grey Nuns School of Nursing. Bell says she continues to update her knowledge by going to workshops and other related health care conferences.

Bell says she enjoys her career. "I like the people contact. It's unpredictable. It's funny," Bell commented.

"It is stressful at some times but it is very rewarding."

# Health Care message

With the word of God as the foundation and spirituality an essential dimension of holistic care in a Catholic health facility, St. Peter's Hospital responds to Christ's call to His own healing ministry.

As the board, management and staff of St. Peter's Hospital prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of serving the residents of Melville and area, the words which focus on the Hospital's Mission Statement take on a very special meaning.

St. Peter's Hospital, linked historically with the Sisters of St. Martha, continues to provide an environment where every person has an inalienable right to life, to health, to human dignity and to freedom to worship.

I join with members of the association's board of directors, management and staff, and the entire membership of the Saskatchewan Health-Care Association in congratulating the board, management and staff of St. Peter's Hospital on the achievement of this great milestone of service.

We have every confidence that the next 50 years will mirror the unique caring and sharing of the

past 50 years.

Martin Arndt,  
chairman of the board  
Sask. Health-Care Association

## St. Peter's stats 1940-90

	Approximate:
Admissions	100,000
Patient Days	1 million
Births	8,700
Deaths	2,500
Surgical Cases	25,000
Emergencies	400,000
X-rays	600,000
Meals Served	4 million
Square Feet of Washed Floor	.450 million
Paid Hours	7.5 million
Man Years of Employment	3,750
Volunteer Hours	300,000



STELLA BELL



MARTIN ARNDT

## Congratulations

St. Peter's Hospital on 50 Years of dedicated health care

Melville Chapter of Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association



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# Pharmacy, almost a one-man department

The pharmacy department at St. Peter's Hospital is almost a one-man operation, but that does not mean the service isn't fast and reliable.

In fact, pharmacy director Gerry Ibrahim can recruit police to rush life-saving medication to the hospital from another city.

Ibrahim — who's responsible for the ordering, stocking and distribution of all drugs within St. Peter's — recalled an incident within the last year when he contacted Yorkton RCMP.

Police rushed a drug from the Yorkton hospital to St. Peter's "within 12 minutes... Without that drug, we could have lost the patient."

As the hospital's pharmacist, Ibrahim orders drugs direct from wholesalers and dozens of manufacturers. The drugs arrive by courier service.

He always has a supply of literally thousands of pills of every shape and color — all alphabetically arranged. Ointments, injections and li-



GERRY IBRAHIM

quids also line the pharmacy's shelves.

Gone are the days when the hospital pharmacist would prepare medication from scratch. Ibrahim says nearly all his drugs are shipped ready for immediate use.

He's still busy, however, because new pharmaceutical drugs come onto the market nearly every day.

"I have to keep up with things. It takes lots of time and lots of knowledge. It's really, really tough. Sometimes you can't even

remember your own name," he chuckled.

Ibrahim also has to keep his drugs secure. His door has a double dead-bolt lock. Addictive drugs such as morphine, codeine and pentothal are stored in a safe, with the contents registered by police.

Since joining St. Peter's over five years ago, Ibrahim and his part-time pharmacy aide have worked to better control the dispensing and distribution of drugs.

At the pharmacy, drugs are

packaged individually by Ibrahim using disposable wrappers. A computer produces two labels — one for the package and another on the doctor's prescription order.

Before the new, centralized method of dispensing drugs "every nursing station looked like a mini-pharmacy," he said.

Ibrahim said the system not only makes it easier for nurses and doctors to handle the drugs but it also reduces errors and improves the security and accountability of drugs.

## Melville Beach message



ERNEST R. FRANKS

To the board of trustees and staff of St. Peter's Hospital.

The council of the Resort Village of Melville Beach extends congratulations and words of appreciation to the members of the board of trustees and the staff of St. Peter's for 50 years of dedicated health-care service to the citizens of Melville and the surrounding communities.

Your unfailing dedication to serve the needs of the sick and the infirm has earned the esteem of all the citizens of your health-care area.

Thank you, St. Peter's. We deem it an honor to join you in your celebration.

Mayor and council of the Resort Village of Melville Beach.

Ernest R. Franks  
Mayor

# SASKEM

Congratulations to St. Peter's Hospital on the occasion of your 50th anniversary.

It is a pleasure doing business with dedicated personnel. We look forward to a long association in the future.

# SASKEM MFG.

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*Congratulations*  
ON YOUR  
**50th Anniversary**

And thank you, St. Peter's Hospital, for 50 years of dedicated service to our community.

Jake Skilnick  
Brian Robertson  
Larry Miller

# St. Peter's Hospital: A story of progress

If you haven't been there lately, you probably haven't noticed, but there have been changes galore at St. Peter's Hospital. In the past 10 to 12 years, the hospital has evolved from what was basically a cottage hospital offering only limited health care facilities into a modern health care centre offering, through expansion, a wide variety of top notch facilities operated by a highly-skilled and full-qualified staff.

Most of the credit for these progressive changes, in the hospital goes to Sister Florence Morrison of the Order of the Sisters of St. Martha, whose administrative skills have been a driving force behind efforts to affect progressive changes at the hospital. For ten or twelve years, she has held a very difficult position at the hospital, one liberally laced with serious responsibilities. Her energies and enthusiasm, coupled with her total dedication, have been instrumental in the hospital's record of progress.

The changes which have occurred at the hospital in recent years form a remarkable story of success which is unparalleled in Melville. Certainly, if the remainder of the community, especially the business community, had achieved progress at the rate the hospital has, this city would be a model community for Canada. With the new optimistic outlook various community leaders have recently displayed, this city could well achieve that goal.

The hospital's Out-Patient Department was expanded in size, staff and equipment in a program that cost about \$40,000 and which provides out patients with services that are second to none at any hospital in this province.

In the X-Ray Department, through the organizational efforts and guidance of Dave Chudyk, a total of \$85,000 worth of expansion has taken place. The physical expansion of the department cost about \$55,000 and the hospital recently installed a brand new \$30,000 Daylight Processor machine which further modernized X-Ray

procedures.

Expansion of the Medical Lab at the hospital has been remarkable and is geared for full automation in the near future. Mrs. Sonia Famulak has been the driving force behind modernization of the Medical Lab and the expansions and betterments in this department have been occurring over the past 10 to 12 years.

The expansion of various facilities in the hospital has been a story of dedication, progress and forward-thinking to which the entire staff has contributed a great deal.

Many staff members and administrative personnel have initiated a number of extra programs, such as the Obesity Clinic run by Sister Mary Dolores, the hospital's fully-qualified dietitian. This program involves about 150 people who, through the efforts of Sister Mary Dolores and themselves, are making serious inroads into correcting obesity problems.

Recently, the hospital commenced offering Level Four Care facilities for the elderly and although this facility has affected to some degree the flexibility of other bed care, it has proven to be a service which was badly needed in Melville, a service which eliminated to a major degree the need for Level Four Care patients to go to Yorkton for care.

Another expansion, which the hospital underwent was the hiring of a full-qualified physiotherapist, Mr. Steve Ong who set up a modern physiotherapy department in the hospital. As a humorous note, one local physician said Mr. Ong's massages are "pure heaven" when it comes to relaxing overworked muscles and weary minds.

In keeping with the progress at the hospital, a good deal of progress has been made at the physician level in Melville. With the addition of two more doctors to this city, Melville now has seven resident physicians to care for this community's ill. The two newest arrivals are a husband-wife team of Dr. Subassi Kohli and Dr. R. Kohli. Both most recently

practiced medicine at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary. Dr. Subassi Kohli is a graduate of St. Bart's in London, England, while his wife, Dr. R. Kohli is a graduate of the Lady Harding Medical School in New Delhi, India. Dr. Subassi Kohli holds specialist qualifications in gynecology and obstetrics, while his wife received a diploma in anesthesiology. Dr. Subassi Kohli is presently practicing medicine at the Melville Medical Clinic in associa-

tion with Dr. Basnyat and Dr. Wohlfarth. They expect Dr. R. Kohli to commence practicing medicine in association with them within three months.

The fact that Melville has seven physicians practicing medicine in this community is a remarkable one when you consider that a city the size of Estevan (about twice the size of Melville) has only five physicians. This is, in a very real sense, a testimony to the high esteem in

which St. Peter's Hospital is held by the medical profession. One of Melville's resident physicians was recently holder of the position of President of the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons, further testimony to the high degree of competence of Melville's medical services.

The past dozen years or so in the life of St. Peter's Hospital has truly been a story of tremendous progress.

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## Message from Sask. health minister

Congratulations on your 50th anniversary to the entire team at St. Peter's Hospital.

Whether you work in direct patient care, administration, support services, or as a volunteer, you are a special person. You care, and it shows in the outstanding reputation St. Peter's has earned over the years. It's what turns a building full of equipment into a source of life, hope and inspiration.

St. Peter's serves to remind us that people live longer, healthier and more productive lives when their emotional, social and spiritual needs are also cared for. A health system designed for the 90's and beyond must reflect these values in order to remain caring, effective and responsive.

On behalf of Premier Grant Devine and the Government of Saskatchewan, thank you for a job well done. We salute your efforts and accomplishments over the years and wish you only the best in the

years to come.

George McLeod  
Minister of Health



GEORGE MCLEOD

# Construction of \$1 million addition underway

Construction of the two-wing addition to St. Peter's Hospital, which will cost almost \$1,000,000 when completed, is now underway with the contractor expecting to pour forms this week.

Although the start is late through an unavoidable delay with plans, the contracting outfit, Wells Construction Company of Saskatoon, expects to have the shell of the additions completed before snowfall. The interior will then be finished throughout the winter months.

Construction figures reveal that the two new wings will cost \$734,099. Added to this cost is the cost of new equipment which will be more than \$200,000.

According to Wells representative, Bill MacLellan of Saskatoon, in order to speed construction a double shift of workers may be used with between 50 and 100 men working.

As many men as possible will be hired locally, he added.

None of the sub-contracts for plumbing, heating and wiring were awarded to Melville firms, however.

Hospital officials said this week that although construction is being rushed, everything will be done with the least possible inconvenience to the patients and staff in the hospital.

One staff member, commenting on the noise the bulldozer made during excavating, said that patients at first complained but later became accustomed to it.

Because of the amount of money required for the new wings and equipment, hospital campaign fund officials said it is now more important than ever that the quota of \$200,000 to be raised locally is reached.

Of the \$900,000 required, a third will be financed by the two senior governments, \$200,000 will be raised from local donations. The remainder is to be donated by the Order of the Sisters of St. Martha

who built the original hospital building in 1942.

The date only slightly more than \$100,000 has been raised in the campaign. Workers this week, however, renewed their efforts to complete the canvass of all persons missed last fall.

But in spite of the fact little more than half the required donations have been received, campaign officials said Monday they are confi-

dent of receiving the \$200,000 by the end of the three-year period that the campaign is run.

It was pointed out that Melville citizens possibly do not realize their good fortune in obtaining the hospital facilities for such a comparatively small outlay of money.

According to hospital board member, Peter Dielschneider, the municipality would have to raise the mill rate considerably if it attempted the hospital undertaking by

itself. It was estimated that in order to pay off such an expenditure over a 20 year period would require a boost in the annual mill rate of approximately 13 mills.

The total hospital, when construction of the wings are completed, will have the largest staff of any operation in Melville outside of the railroad. Present staff is 52. Additional staff to be required is expected to increase this figure to over 100.

## Best wishes from C.U.P.E. to St. Peter's Hospital



ROB EDLIN

Congratulations on 50 years of serving the community in health care.

This message goes out to all past and present board members, doctors, management employees and volunteers of St. Peter's Hospital. Hats off to all who have endured the ever-changing technology over the years to keep St. Peter's in the forefront of modern health care.

On behalf of CUPE Local 1143, we wish you all the best in the continuous challenges of the future, striving for the communities' best services in health care.

Rob Edlin  
President  
C.U.P.E. Local 1143

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On behalf of our rural residents we recognize and are deeply grateful for the continuing tradition of loving care provided by St. Peter's Hospital.

R.M. of Stanley  
No. 215



# Stamp of approval for hospital



R.N. HELEN THOMPSON checked the blood pressure of a patient in the obstetrics department.

It's official, but staff, management and the board of directors say they'd have known it even without the declaration.

St. Peter's Hospital is recognized by the health care profession as one of the best hospitals in Saskatchewan.

In December 1988, St. Peter's earned another three-year accreditation from the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation after a two-day inspection in July of that year.

"They praised the high level of care in the hospital and commended the staff on the performance of their duties," said St. Peter's executive director Brian Kines.

Kines said the only major recommendation by the association concerned the quality of the facilities, not the quality of care — the association recommended the present hospital be replaced with a new building.

St. Peter's has been a fully-accredited hospital since 1947 when the national accreditation program was started by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

In fact, St. Peter's was the first Saskatchewan hospital to be accredited. Today, only 52 of Saskatchewan's 135 hospitals have any accreditation.

Kines said the group evaluates "all areas of the hospital, not only medical services." Patient care and quality of facilities and equipment are also examined.

To achieve accreditation, the hospital has to meet standards and practices outlined in a 260-page book issued by the accreditation association.

The three-year accreditation "in-

dicates the hospital meets or exceeds all standards established by the accrediting body," said Kines.

Hospitals and nursing homes across Canada volunteer to be inspected and judged by professionals in the health care industry. The facilities are awarded a one, two or three year accreditation or are refused accreditation.

Members of the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation include the Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Hospital Association, Canadian Long-Term Care Association, Canadian Nurses Association and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A survey form is completed by St. Peter's to inform the organization of what services are provided at the hospital and to what degree, Kines said.

The information is then verified when a nurse and physician from another province inspect St. Peter's first-hand by touring each department, asking questions and checking records at random.

Those records are kept accurate and complete between inspector

visits thanks to in-house guidelines. The guidelines are tested by unannounced spot checks conducted by special standing committees at the hospital, Kines said.

He said such "quality assurance" measures are part of each of the hospital's 15 departments, where records and procedures are regularly held up to scrutiny, Kines explained.

"That's how we make sure policies and practices are in place. . . These type of things are going on externally as well as internally in the hospital."

St. Peter's will again be subject to inspectors from the association next year. Kines said the inspectors arrive after giving one month of notice.

While accreditation is voluntary, Kines said most larger Canadian hospitals ask to be evaluated.

Smaller hospitals decide against being inspected not because of fear of failing an examination by health care professionals, but due to the amount of time — and money — involved in the accreditation procedure, he explained.

## Sisters of St. Martha congratulations



SISTER JOAN FULTZ

The Sisters of St. Martha rejoice with St. Peter's Hospital community on this celebration of your 50th anniversary.

We continue to give thanks to God for the many dedicated people who joined with us in the past to serve the health needs of the people of Melville and surrounding areas.

We congratulate the present board, administration and staff for the evident way in which they show forth the love and values of Christ in this ministry to the sick and suffering.

God's blessing on the years ahead.

Sister Joan Fultz

General Superior  
Sisters of St. Martha  
Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Melville Order of the Royal Purple  
No. 271 congratulates  
St. Peter's Hospital on  
their 50th Anniversary

Best Wishes in  
the Future

## Grayson message

Thank you St. Peter's for the 50 years of service to our community. I feel this service was felt by all our people in the past 50 years.

I congratulate the staff, board and sisters for their service to the hospital on the past 50 years; your dedication has made St. Peter's what it is today.

Therefore on behalf of the people of Grayson, my council Fred, Ted and our secretary-treasurer Allan and myself, we wish you all the best in the years to come. Congratulations.

Doug Parislau  
Mayor of Grayson



DOUG PARISLAU

Congratulations to St. Peter's Hospital on their 50th Anniversary

Best of luck on the next 50.



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**PASTORAL SERVICES** director Isobel Holitski says her department provides more than just spiritual support.

# Pastoral dept. gives more than spiritual care, says Holitski

When people think of the care given at a hospital, they probably sooner think of physical care than of any other.

But pastoral care is a very crucial part of St. Peter's Hospital, says its pastoral services director Isobel Holitski.

"The pastoral work in the hospital is to provide spirituality and pastoral care to patients, residents, families and staff," Holitski said.

Holitski says her work "involves regular liturgical services for the Catholic patients, the Lutherans and the other denominations on request (and) liturgical services for staff and volunteers."

Holitski also works closely with the hospital's chaplain, Father Rudy Nowakowski. She added that communication with others is the key to her work.

"(Pastoral care) offers patients an opportunity to relate their concerns, especially those of a spiritual nature," Holitski said.

"But personally, I couldn't operate this department without the help of the volunteers or the support of the board, the chaplain, all other clergy and St. Peter's Hospital personnel," she said. And pastoral care does not deal

strictly with spiritual aspects, Holitski stated.

"The focus of any pastoral department is the holistic approach in care which includes physical, spiritual, mental, social, psychological and emotional," she explained.

## Auxiliary history dates back to 1910

On Oct. 30, 1910 a group of ladies met at the home of Mrs. R.B. Taylor to organize a Hospital Guild. Officers were elected with Mrs. D.R. Livingstone as president.

The purpose of the Guild was to help raise funds for the establishment of a hospital. The town's first hospital opened Oct. 30, 1911. The Guild provided extra comforts for patients, furniture for nurses' residence, supplies for hospital, sewing and mending and giving freely of their time and efforts.

In 1940 the Sisters of St. Martha took over the operations of the hospital.

Late in 1942 the Guild changed to St. Peter's Hospital Aid with Mrs. Joe Farrell as president. The Aid

## Auxiliary message

On behalf of St. Peter's Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, we would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to St. Peter's Hospital on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Also to the Sisters of St. Martha who did such an excellent job in our community.

We wish you the best of success in all your future undertakings.

**Anne Matechuk  
President  
St. Peter's Ladies  
Hospital Auxiliary**



**ANNE MATECHUK**

continued working sponsoring a Tag Day during National Hospital Week, a Florence Nightingale Tea in May and a Fall Tea to raise funds to provide extras for the hospital. Membership was 15 and meetings were held in homes of the ladies.

Early in 1963 the Hospital Aid was replaced by the St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary. A major event of that year was the adoption of a constitution and bylaws at the June 5 meeting. These were approved by the advisory board under the guidance of the administrator Sister Joseph Leonard to assist in bring greater community interest and understanding to the hospital through public relations, activities and to raise funds for hospital use with the view to maintain a high standard of patient care.

The Auxiliary sponsored Candy Strippers with directors assisting in the training of volunteers. As each group of Candy Strippers completed a year of volunteer service they were presented with pins and awards earned during this service. Another project was aded cataloging and addition of good and up-to-date books in the hospital library and the much needed services of a portable confectionary cart for the patients' convenience serviced twice weekly.

The annual scholarship was approved and awarded to a Grade 12 student with the highest academic standing from Melville High School enrolled in the nursing or technology field.

From 1942 to the present time many major purchases have been made by the Auxiliary too numerous to mention. In addition to this the Auxiliary provides treats for the patients at Christmas, carnations to new mothers on maternity and a silver spoon to the last baby born in the old year.

Since the adoption of the constitution in 1963 the Tag Day has been discontinued and fundraising is mainly done by holding teas, bake sales, raffles, T.V. rentals and profits from confectionary cart.

In 1966 the Auxiliary hosted its first District No. 8 meeting.

Over the years the Hospital Auxiliary has been blessed with many

strong leaders who held office as president including Mrs. Joe Farrell, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. L. Morris, Mrs. Pat Deshayre, Mrs. F. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Zaleski, Mrs. Geo. Bruch, Mrs. Eliz. Walters, Mrs. L. Racette, Mrs. Joan Wohlfarth, Mrs. Mabel Sargeant, Mrs. Eliz. Lemire, Mrs. Joan Martinook, Mrs. Cec Wozniak, Mrs. Margaret Wassill, Mrs. Charlotte Sastaunik, Mrs. Lavern Chapiel. Anne Matechuk is the current president for the Health Care. A member of the Auxiliary, Mary Bartake, has given 50 years of service.

During the latter years new projects have been completed - the compiling of a recipe book, an enlargement of the baby show case, purchased color T.V.'s for patients, and furnished the Pastoral Care room.

Many members have been faithful, dedicated and have given loyal service in visiting and comforting the sick and their loved ones.

A tribute to all deceased members of the Guild, Aid and Auxiliary.

Sincere apologies to anyone whose name may have been omitted.

-Billie Sastaunik  
Hospital Ladies  
Auxiliary member

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# Therapy, the first step to recovery

Accident, illness or disease can throw an unexpected roadblock in the life of a person any age, any time.

And occupational therapy or physical therapy can be the key stepping stone in the patient's journey on the road to recovery.

While both branches of medicine are designed to help rehabilitate the patient, each takes a slightly different approach to returning the patient to a normal — or near normal — life back at home.

Patients may suffer from arthritis, stroke or such physical injuries as broken limbs.

"Occupational therapy is helping people become as functional and independent as possible," says Heather Osterman-Burgess, director of occupational therapy at St. Peter's Hospital.



**HEATHER OSTERMAN-BURGESS**

Osterman-Burgess says occupational therapists work on "activities of daily living" with their patients. She assists recovering patients with

## Best wishes from Fenwood

Congratulations St. Peter's Hospital on your 50th anniversary.

To the past and present board of trustees and staff. Also to the Sisters of St. Martha who originally founded the hospital.

Best wishes for the future.

**Betty Ulmer**  
Mayor of Fenwood



**BETTY ULMER**

tasks such as dressing, bathing, cooking and eating.

Physical therapy, according to Stephen Ong, uses exercise, ice, heat, traction, ultrasound, nerve stimulation or other techniques to treat the patient's affliction or disability.

"It has evolved from massaging in the early days to the present day where we use a lot of electronic equipment," said Ong, the hospital's director of physical therapy.

One example of physical therapy is the use of wax. By applying wax to certain parts of the body, Ong can loosen tight ligaments or tendons and apply exercise as the treatment.

Ong treats patients suffering from problems in any of three areas — respiratory, neurological and muscular.

At her office, Osterman-Burgess has a model kitchen to simulate "the home setting". There, she suggests to patients with problems like arthritis easier ways of working in the kitchen.

Osterman-Burgess also teaches patients proper body positioning and body mechanics for tasks like lifting and bending to maintain maximum function and ability.

Her work does not end at the hospital. She also conducts home visits "to assess a person within their own environment."

"I see if there are problems such as a toilet being too low or if the house is easily accessible for a person in a wheelchair," she said.

She can also recommend the use of such devices as a long shoehorn, jar openers, one-handed cutting



**STEPHEN ONG**

boards and special handgrips for utensils.

Ong first sees his patients after they are referred by a physician. Ong then assess his patient to determine the most efficient and effective means of individualized treatment.

Care must be taken, he said, when handling patients.

"We are trained with techniques on how to handle them with minimal energy... We don't want to injure ourselves or injure them."

While he's applying physical therapy treatment, Ong tries to ensure the patient doesn't suffer any pain "but sometimes it's unavoidable." Each session can last 20 minutes to one hour.

Ong said physical therapy has proven itself as a valuable branch of medicine. For example, he's seen people barely able to walk or even move out of bed become well again after treatment.

"Apart from anything else, the satisfaction I get (from my work) is

seeing a person disabled become able and independent," Ong said.

Occupational therapy can help people with many illnesses and in-

juries by building self-sufficiency, minimizing long-term effects and shortening hospital stays, Osterman-Burgess explained.

"We help them to help themselves and this returns the dignity and helps them carry on in life," she said.



**ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** is used by physical therapist Stephen Ong to relieve pain and relax the muscles of his patients before treatment begins.

## Hospital second floor for medical, surgical or coronary patients

While the first floor of St. Peter's Hospital is for geriatric patients and the third floor is for pediatrics and maternity, the second floor is for pa-

tients who may fall under other categories.

"There are 30 beds plus two coronary care beds," director of nursing Terri Hodges said of the ward where medical, surgical and coronary patients stay.

"Any surgical patients or any accident victims" stay on the second floor, Hodges added.

"It's a unit for observatory," she commented.

Hodges added that all the equipment necessary for patients who

have had such problems as heart attacks are on the floor.

"The doctor can keep heart patients here in the unit with the services available," Hodges stated.

Some medical patients also stay on the same ward as pediatrics since there are less beds on the unit for children as there used to be, Hodges said. Immunizations and other breakthroughs mean that children are getting sick as compared to previous years, Hodges explained.

## RM of Grayson message

As reeve of the R.M. of Grayson 184, it is an honor for me on behalf of our rural community to congratulate St. Peter's Hospital for the 50 years of service they have provided for our community.

We wish them the very best in the future and look forward to work with them and provide excellent service which you have done.

**David Reiger**  
Reeve RM of Grayson



**DAVID REIGER**

## CONGRATULATIONS

St. Peter's Hospital on "Fifty Years" of excellent community service.



**SUN Local #102**



**EUGENE HNATIW**, director of St. Peter's radiology department, must take safety precautions when handling X-ray equipment.

# Precaution taken for X-rays

Working where radiation is commonplace doesn't bother the staff at the St. Peter's Hospital radiology department.

After all, says department director Eugene Hnatiw, precautions are taken for both staff and patients so X-rays help, not harm.

"It's all regulated by government standards," said Hnatiw, a registered chief technologist and 14 1/2 year veteran of St. Peter's.

With the aid of equipment worth \$200,000 to \$300,000, the staff of four technologists saw 6,200 people last year — both in and out patients — with some needing more than one examination.

He said the most common X-ray done at St. Peter's is a chest X-ray. Patients ready for surgery also have X-rays. Radiation therapy for cancer patients is not provided at St. Peter's.

When an X-ray is performed in one of the two X-ray rooms, only the necessary portion of the body is exposed, said Hnatiw. The technologist steps just outside the room to operate the equipment and watch the patient through a window.

Hnatiw said lead aprons and gloves are worn when staff members must be in the room for the X-ray to either hold a patient in position or to monitor confused or disorderly patients.

Differing amounts of radiation are used — a finger X-ray may take 100 milliamperes at 56 kilovolts for 0.025 seconds while an abdomen X-ray may take 200 milliamperes at 90 kilovolts for 0.15 seconds.

After the X-ray is taken, the date and patient's name are photographed onto the film before it's developed about 90 seconds later using a daylight film processor.

All walls, doors and windows in the radiology department are lined with lead. Equipment is regularly examined by inspectors from the manufacturer and provincial

government, Hnatiw said.

"They can tell if our equipment is deteriorating (and leaking radiation)," he added.

Precautions are also taken with the staff. For each X-ray, the technologist wears a special badge which can detect radiation. The badges are inspected every three months.

Each week, a radiologist from Regina visits the department to per-

form special examinations. As well, the radiologist reads all X-ray films and makes reports for the physician.

Hnatiw finds his work at the hospital interesting because of the people he meets and the cases he handles.

"There's also the feeling of helping people. When they're sick, they appreciate help and a kind word. It's a satisfying job."

## RM of Stanley message

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we extend to St. Peter's Hospital, board and staff, our warmest congratulations on the celebration of your 50th anniversary.

On behalf of our rural residents we recognize and are deeply grateful for the continuing tradition of loving care which began with the Sisters of St. Martha in 1940.

Having celebrated our 75th anniversary in 1988, we can appreciate the historical significance of your milestone of service. We look forward as a council to working with you as a most vital part of our community.

Best wishes on behalf of the council and administrator of the R.M. of Stanley No. 215: Administrator -

Marie Steiner; Division 1 - Elmer Litzberger; Division 2 - Albert Steffan; Division 3 - Carl L. Rathgeber; Division 4 - Andrew Stadnyk; Division 5 - Sam Oscieny; and Division 6 - Ray Rathgeber.

**Lawrence Yuristy  
Reeve  
R.M. of Stanley**



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**Village of Killaly**

# Admitting department makes first contact with patient

Almost before a patient receives any type of care at St. Peter's Hospital the admitting department is the first to make contact with the patient.

Admitting department director Darlene Jendrasheske says the department covers all outpatients, admissions and transfers as well as duties such as patient accounting.

"All accounts receivable come through us," Jendrasheske said. She says the department takes care of the Lifeline accounts and other miscellaneous office duties. A total of six people work in the department.

The process of admitting a patient to St. Peter's Hospital can be divided into a number of steps.

"First, the doctor contacts us to see if there's a bed for this patient unless there's an emergency," Jendrasheske said. She added that not all patients are seen in the outpatients department as some may be seen right in the doctor's office when he chooses to admit them.

"Next, the doctor gives us the diagnosis and the type of admission," she said. Type of admission refers to whether it is an emergency or urgent, Jendrasheske said as an example.

After that, the a member of the admitting department fills in an admitting form with the patient and records various types of personal information.

"The ward is then notified to come and get the patient," Jendrasheske said.

And when a patient is discharged, Jendrasheske says the head nurse notifies the admitting department, the patient's admission form is pulled, charges are calculated, the total day stay is recorded and other

departments are then notified that the patient is discharged.

But Jendrasheske says the "accounting part is heavy" in the admitting department.

With the hospital having 10 Level 4 designated beds, patients are billed for their monthly stay.

"Billing is a big thing," she commented.

Jendrasheske has been director of the admitting department for three years. She has been employed at St. Peter's Hospital for 13 years



DARLENE JENDRASHEK, left, and Francie Weger are two of six staff in the admitting department.

## Congratulations from RM of Cana

St. Peter's Hospital has provided vital health care services to Melville and area for the past 50 years.

Many organizations and individuals have helped St. Peter's Hospital accomplish this golden dream.

None were more instrumental than the Sisters of St. Martha, who established St. Peter's Hospital in 1940 and operated the facility until 1980. To the Sisters of St. Martha, "May the heavenly Father in the richness of his love, fill your hearts with happiness and blessings from above."

To all the doctors, nurses, members of staff and board members, past and present, thank you, for your services rendered in providing residents with top notch health care services and the best facilities possible.

To all the volunteers and donors, who have given freely of their time

and money over the past 50 years, thank you and may you receive your just reward. Congratulations to all who helped make this special anniversary a golden dream come



JOE KREKLEWICH

true. Hopefully the cherished memories of the past 50 years will serve as a spark to help start a even brighter future for St. Peter's Hospital in Melville.

On behalf of the ratepayers and residents of the Rural Municipality of Cana No. 214, I would like to congratulate St. Peter's Hospital on their 50th anniversary and look forward to their future successes.

Joe Kreklewich  
Reeve, R.M. of Cana

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and Best Wishes  
to  
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on their  
**50th Anniversary**  
**Melville and District  
Chamber of Commerce**



**LAUNDRY AIDE** Carol Mathies is one of four employees in the laundry/linen department at St. Peter's Hospital. Between 800 and 1,000 pounds of laundry are washed daily.

# Cleanliness department's aim

Like all other departments at St. Peter's Hospital, the housekeeping and laundry/linen departments have an definite objective.

"We are here to make sure the place is environmentally clean," director of housekeeping and laundry/linen Carol Vranai said.

Perhaps, the mission statement of the department best summarizes its aims.

"The department is responsible for delivering a service of excellence in the areas of cleanliness, sanitation, orderliness and provides for the absence of cross-infection," the statement said.

Working in the housekeeping department are three full-time janitors, five full-time and five part-time employees.

Vranai says the housekeeping department seems to be in contact more with the patients than the nurses sometimes.

"They (housekeeping) do a lot of chatting with the patients when they're cleaning rooms," Vranai said.

The housekeeping department works eight hour shifts Monday to Saturday and a four hour shift Sunday. Daily tasks include cleaning patient rooms, bathrooms, hallways and offices with specialty cleaning being done in areas such as the operating room, outpatient department and laboratory areas.

"When patients are released, housekeeping does the cleaning up of units (beds) but while the patient

is here, the nurses do the bedchanging," Vranai also said.

Four big washing machines take care of the laundry/linen at St. Peter's Hospital where three full-time and one casual employees work in the department.

About 16 loads or between 800 and 1,000 pounds of laundry are washed daily, Vranai said. Service

is provided five days a week.

"We wash everything from sheets to towels to personal clothes of the long term and rehabilitative patients," Vranai said.

"In summary, this department is truly a ministry of service providing for the ultimate goal - quality health care," the mission statement concluded.

Congratulations to St. Peter's Hospital Board and Staff on their 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Best wishes in the future.

from

**R.M. of McLeod No. 185**

## Congratulations

To St. Peter's Hospital and Staff for 50 years of Community Service.

From the

**Kelville Kinsmen**

and

**Kinette Clubs**



## Town of Melville building becomes first Melville municipal hospital

On Oct. 30, 1911, a two-storey building owned by the Town of Melville, became Melville's First Municipal Hospital.

The building was constructed following a May 27, 1910 meeting at the home of Mrs. R.B. Taylor to raise funds for the structure.

The hospital had room for 15 patients. A second building was erected to provide for the care of 'isolated' cases. A third building was constructed to serve as a staff residence.

One of the first doctors to admit patients was Dr. J. McGillivray who came to Melville in 1908. In 1911 the first baby was born at the hospital. The baby was Vaughn Motter, now deceased.

Among the first hospital matrons were Miss Jessie Morrice 1911-1912; Miss Sommerfelt 1912-1913; Miss Garrick 1915-1918.

The first doctors were Dr. J. McGillivray 1908; Dr. Brass 1910; Dr. D. Livingstone 1910.

### First Baptism

The first baptism recorded at the hospital, following the changeover to administration by the Sisters of St. Martha, was that of Gordon John Kruef of Grayson.

The baptism ceremony conducted by Father Warnke, O.M.I. took place on July 6, 1940.

### Last Patient

The last patient confined in the first St. Peter's Hospital prior to the hospital being moved to its present

building in December 1941 was Mrs. Katherine Yastrub.

Mrs. Yastrub was admitted Sunday, Dec. 13, 1941. On Dec. 14, she gave birth to a daughter named Gloria, weighing eight pounds, one ounce.

## Message from our MP

Providing health care for 50 years to Melville and community is a proud achievement.

Congratulations to everyone at St. Peter's Hospital for a job well done.

**Lorne Nystrom, MP**  
Yorkton-Melville



**LORNE NYSTROM**

### 1957 Stats

Admissions	2,895
Newborns	254
Deaths	50
Operations	1,456
Lab Tests	11,081
X-rays	6,659

# Congratulations

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# 50th Anniversary

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**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT** Hilda Kuhn sterilized equipment in the autoclave located in the central supply room located on the third floor.

**MELVILLE ADVANCE—JUNE 18, 1975**

## Sister's Diamond Jubilee celebrated

Recognition and thanksgiving to Sisters of St. Martha, who have dedicated their service in St. Peter's Hospital since June 28, 1940 was held on Monday, June 16, 1975 on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee.

A Thanksgiving Mass requested by the Sisters for friends and benefactors started the celebration at 7:30 p.m. in St. Henry's R.C. Church. Pastor of St. Henry's, Rev. C. Krystkowiak, assisted by the former pastor Rev. Tom Novak, celebrated the Mass, while Rev. C. Sulej, assistant pastor, attended to the many necessary acts behind the scene.

The St. Henry's folksingers led the congregation in the singing. A very impressive ceremony was witnessed when the Sisters, each with a lighted candle, renewed their professional vows in unison. The readings were shared by the Sisters, the pastor delivered the homily, and Sister Florence Morrison read a message of thanksgiving in "They Call Me Sister" to a hushed, near capacity filled church. The assembled were treated to a beautiful hymn to St. Martha, sung by the local Sisters and joined by Sister Mary Sullivan, who was visiting here from Boston, Massachusetts.

Following the Mass, approximately 200 well-wishers assembled in St. Henry's Junior High Auditorium. Across the front of the hall in large bold letters were greetings which read, "Happy 75th Anniversary Sisters. We appreciate your devotion". Bouquets of white and mauve lilacs adorned a table on which was a cake in the shape of a book,

decorated by Mrs. Steve Sarvage. Mrs. Mary Bartake and Mrs. Betty Lemire attended to the guest register.

Alex S. Yachyshen, Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus, on behalf of the local churches and their affiliated organizations; St. Paul Lutheran Home and St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary, congratulated the Sisters on their Diamond Jubilee and presented them with a painting of an Eastern Canadian scene, painted by Mrs. Margaret Wassell of Melville. Sister Marie Therese Richard, Superior, accepted the gift and thanked all those who participated.

The crowd mingled freely, chatted over coffee and cake. Although the social evening was short and informal, it was very impressive. "God bless each one of you dear Sisters", was expressed by many.

## Congratulations

The management and staff of Mark's Agency wish to congratulate St. Peter's Hospital on their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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# Melville's first hospital opens doors to public October 1911

On May 27, 1910 a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R.B. Taylor to organize a committee to raise funds to establish Melville's First Hospital.

A year later on Oct. 30, 1911, hopes and aims were realized when a two-storey building situated on the north-east of the town was to serve as the first hospital, which would provide accommodation for 15 patients. The first guild with Mrs. D.R. Livingston as their president were quite active in providing extra comforts for the patients and furnishings for the Nurses' Residence, which was then a small cottage on the premises at the back of the hospital.

Miss Jessie Morrice was the first matron and Doctors McGillvary and Livingston served on the medical staff. In spite of all combined effort, the town found itself with a hospital operating at a deficit of \$10,000, annually and the Municipal Hospital was closed in 1933.

A year or so later a large dwelling house was rented and Mrs. Brandon undertook to establish a

private hospital situated at southern part of the town, she continued to operate with the aide of the former guild for about two years, when another change was to take place.

In 1937 Mrs. Smith made the offer to reopen the former hospital and once again hospital services were available with Mrs. Ruth Smith as Matron and with the assistance of the Hospital Guild she managed to operate until 1940.

In 1940 at the request of Bishop P.J. Monahan and the residents of Melville, the congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish, took over the administration of the small municipal hospital, which was then serving the district of Melville.

The first two Sisters arrived June 28th of 1940. Sisters Mary Daniel, first administrator and Sister M. Consolata.

The name, St. Peter's Hospital, was chosen with the approval of Archbishop Monahan, since it was on the Feast of St. Peter they first saw the hospital in Melville. The next few days were spent in getting the necessary supplies contacting the Department of Health and generally in setting things in order.

On Feb. 17, 1941, a telegram was received from Mother Immaculata, who was Superior General of the Sisters of St. Martha at that time, announcing that a new hospital of some 55 beds would be erected on the same site that year. This hospital would be built for the district with funds borrowed by the congregation. Turning of the first sod for the new hospital took place May 14, 1941. The patients were transferred to the hospital in Dec. 1941. By May 28, 1942 the new St. Peter's Hospital, a modern brick structure was ready and formally opened. The old hospital was converted into accommodation for nurses, and the small engineer's house was renovated and painted to serve as a residence for the Sisters. In Feb. 1942 St. Peter's obtained their first set of Constitutional by-laws for the Advisory Board of Trustees.

Members of the said board being: Mr. R.C. Lane, Mr. L.T. McKim, Mr. J.A. Watson, Mr. Phil Walters, Mr. E.L. Sier, Mr. J.F. Farrell, Mr. Leo MacDonald, three representatives appointed by the Corporation of the

Sisters of St. Martha.

Members of the medical staff were: Dr. Paille, Dr. Angelle, Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Crosby.

Great sorrow came to St. Peter's, when on Jan. 9, 1943, death unexpectedly claimed Sister Mary Daniel, administrator of the hospital. She was buried in St. Henry's cemetery, the first and only Sister of St. Martha to date to be buried in Saskatchewan. Sister Philip Neri was appointed administrator of the hospital the following August 1943-1944. Administrators since then: Sister M. Augustine 1944-1946, Sister F. de Sales 1946-1952, Sister M. Elizabeth 1952-1958, Sister Helen Joseph 1958-1961, Sister Joseph Leonard 1961-present.

In 1947, St. Peter's Hospital, like all hospitals in Saskatchewan began to operate under the new government sponsored health insurance plan for the province - the first experiment in Canada. For February of that year the hospital for the first time received full approval of the American College of Surgeons. St. Peter's has continued to grow - by 1956 the hospital with 53 bed rated capacity was totally inadequate to meet the demands for hospitalization. Plans for a new wing were commenced.

On July 20, 1956 approval for construction grants for the project was received. A portion of land 500'x300' was donated by the town for the proposed extension. Initial plans for a building fund campaign were begun in fall of 1956. On Sept. 1, 1958, a National Fund Raising Services officially arrived in Melville to get the campaign underway. A goal of \$200,000 was set as an objective for Melville. Mother M. Immaculata arrived from the east to assume responsibility for the finalizing plans and supervision of the construction. Tenders were called in June 1959 and construction work progressed favourably.

The new extension to St. Peter's consisted of north and south wings, new boiler room, kitchen and dietary services, out-patient department, central service supply, operating and obstetrical services, new pediatric department to accommodate 22 patients including isolation. Official opening took place June 7, 1961.

## Waldron message

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to St. Peter's Hospital on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Exemplary staff dedication and commitment is sincerely appreciated by those entrusted to their care. May God bless and guide you in many years to come.

**Bev Petracek  
Mayor of Waldron**



**BEV PETRACEK**

**We Congratulate  
St. Peter's Hospital  
on providing 50 years  
of health care to  
Melville and District.**



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# \$600,000 expansion

Plans for a \$600,000 extension to St. Peter's Hospital to be commenced next spring were announced this week by I. Grotzky, acting chairman of the hospital board.

The three storey, 42x93 foot addition, which will mean an increase of 30 beds and expansion of other facilities, will alleviate crowded conditions that have existed in the present building for a number of years.

In announcing the plan, Mr. Grotzky pointed out that expansion of facilities at the hospital is an absolute necessity to avoid overcrowding, which at times in the past two years has presented a serious problem.

There are frequently more patients in the 51-bed hospital than there are beds, resulting in many persons having to sleep in the hallways on cots. As many as 74 patients have been crowded into the hospital at one time.

Financing of the extension is to come from three separate sources: provincial and federal governments, \$200,000; Order of the Sisters of St. Martha, \$200,000; and \$200,000 to be raised from donations by local and district persons through a special campaign commencing October 14.

Plans were originally made in 1956 for expansion of hospital facilities, but for financial reasons they were delayed until this year when the provincial government announced they had increased hospital construction grants 100 percent from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per bed or bed equivalent.

With every department in the hospital crowded, the extension will provide for a new maternity section, case room, labour room, nursery. Of

the 30 additional beds, 21 will be reserved for medical and surgical pediatric care.

The present crowded diagnostic services will be replaced by departmentalized laboratory, radiology areas. Emergency, physiotherapy, medical records, office, cafeteria and staff lounge are added features in the proposed extension.

In the existing building major renovations will include improved dietary, surgical administration, dispensing services and storage facilities.

Better and larger laboratory facilities will mean that certain operations which cannot now be performed in the hospital will become possible.

At present, hospital files which are kept in cupboards in a staff cloakroom are being squeezed into the last bit of space available; surgical supplies - due to insufficient room in the small laboratory - have to be fetched daily from the nurses' residence; arthritic patients, some of them crippled, have to climb a flight of steps to make shift accommodation for physiotherapy in the nurses' residence; there is no pathological service provided; patients must line up in the corridor while waiting to be x-rayed, and the x-ray specialist who visits the hospital weekly from Regina must read the plates in the Sister's dining room.

Because of crowding, a fear has been expressed that unless extra accommodation is provided for the various departments the certificate of accreditation which the hospital has held for the past eight years may not be renewed.

The certificates are granted an-

nually to hospitals which measure up to standards set by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals, an American-Canadian association.

Only about one third of Saskatchewan hospitals are in possession of the accreditation certificate, which indicates how well the hospital staff have operated in spite of crowding.



## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Congratulations to St. Peter's Hospital on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary.

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service.

ST. HENRY'S C.W.L.

# THANK YOU



St. Peter's Hospital Board of Trustees and Administration extend a sincere Thank You to the Hospital's most valuable resource — its people.

These dedicated individuals, whether they be staff, physicians or volunteers, have provided a special service to our community for 50 years. This commitment has been distinguished as professional and caring.

## Congratulations from Village of Killaly

On behalf of the residents of the Village of Killaly, I would like to express our congratulations to St. Peter's Hospital on 50 years of dedicated service to our village.

We have always found St. Peter's to be a great place to stay when we need medical attention.

St. Peter's always has been a well operated hospital with well trained staff. The clean professional atmosphere of St. Peter's Hospital is something we are very proud of.

We wish St. Peter's Hospital board, administrator, doctors and staff many more years of "success" and hopefully with a "new hospital", to be able to continue the great service we have enjoyed in the past 50 years. Good luck.

Zack Bernhardt  
Mayor  
Village of Killaly



ZACK BERNHARDT

## Duff mayor's message

The 50th anniversary of St. Peter's Hospital marks an important milestone.

Over the past 50 years St. Peter's has provided quality health care to the residents of Melville and surrounding communities.

The dedication of St. Peter's is much appreciated by all. The council and residents of the Village of Duff extend their congratulations and wish St. Peter's the best of luck in the future.

Gordon Shaw  
Mayor of Duff





**DIRECTOR OF LAB** Rose Rokosh recorded the results of the chemical analyzer.

## Lab tests aid doctors' diagnosis

Tests, tests and more tests.

No, it's not school but the laboratory department of St. Peter's Hospital.

"Our duties are issuing reliable and accurate results to aid the physician in his diagnosis," registered medical technologist Rose Rokosh said. She has been the director of the lab since 1978.

"With this, it helps him decide course of treatment (and) course of disease," Rokosh said.

Some examples of work the lab does include haematology, microbiology and electrocardiograms (ECG), Rokosh said.

Haematology involves tests with the blood. Analysis is done to detect diseases such as anemia and leukemia. Other work includes identifying a patient's blood type.

Rokosh summarized the steps taken for a blood test. She said that after the doctor orders the test, the blood is collected and "taken to the appropriate department and analyzed with different instrumentation."

"Some are semi-automated and some are fully automated in-

strumentation," she added.

Microbiology detects bacteria which cause infections. The study of viruses, parasites and fungi are branches of microbiology.

ECGs involves diagnosing abnormalities of heart action. Rokosh called it "heart tracing."

Rokosh couldn't say how many tests the lab does on a daily basis but she did give statistics of the last fiscal year.

A total of 7,500 patients visited the lab department. Some 2,065 ECGs were done. And the lab transferred 140 units of blood.

Rokosh also said that "very specific tests" are sent to Regina to be done. And if someone is sent to a hospital such as the Regina General for surgery, tests specimens are referred there, Rokosh said.

Five full-time and three part-time staff work in the lab at St. Peter's Hospital. The lab is staffed Monday to Saturdays, Rokosh said.

"And we're on an on-call basis after hours and we respond to all emergencies," she concluded.

## Donations on the increase

One source of income for St. Peter's Hospital can change drastically from year to year and there's nothing hospital officials can do about it.

No, it's not provincial government funding — the backbone of the revenue column of the hospital's yearly budget.

It's donations — and the amount depends totally on the generosity of Melville and area residents.

For the 1989-90 fiscal year, St. Peter's received \$21,406 of its \$5 million income from donations, said

St. Peter's executive director Brian Kines.

And fortunately for St. Peter's, the amount is growing.

Donations totalled \$18,319 in the 1988-89 fiscal year and \$13,351 in 1987-88.

"There is a trend upward on (donations)," Kines said.

Some of the money is specially earmarked by the donor for the new hospital building fund or for special equipment — such as the Lifeline response system — or furnishings, he explained.

On the increase, Kines said, have been memorial donations. In fact, in the last year St. Peter's received \$6,500 in a bequest from one estate alone.

Kines said donations help St. Peter's buy extra equipment that may not otherwise be considered.

The largest donation to the hospital regularly comes from the St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary, which annually raises \$8,000 to \$10,000 through various fundraising projects, Kines said.

# Congratulations St. Peter's Hospital

We congratulate you on your 50th anniversary.

Thank you for the many years of dedicated service you have given to Melville and District.

# The City of Melville



## Our Congratulations

on your **50th Anniversary**

Merv Ozirny

Mike Fisher

Kevin Bell

Colleen Matthews

# New hospital said urgent for Melville and district

St. Peter's Hospital has reached a turning point in its history.

Fifty years have passed since the hospital began serving a small group of patients from Melville and area.

Now, a decision has to be made whether the next 50 years — or at least a part of that time — will be spent in a new hospital or the existing facility.

"The board has taken the position that construction of a new hospital is the most appropriate alternative and is certainly a better option than throwing good money away in fixing an old hospital," said St. Peter's executive director Brian Kines.

Application to the provincial government for a new hospital was

made in 1987. For eight years, hospital officials have wanted to replace the present 80-bed facility — built in 1941 and enlarged in 1961.

St. Peter's now considers a decision by the government as urgent in order to allow plans to be made for the future.

Kines said an announcement "is expected in the near future" from the government.

"Should this not occur, the board will have to consider renovating the existing facility," explained Kines, who said needed renovations would cost 85 percent of the price for a new building.

## Millions of Dollars

If St. Peter's gets approval to

build, Kines said it could be about two years before tenders were called for construction.

A new hospital — to measure 25,000 square feet more than the present 55,000 square foot facility — could carry a price tag of \$15 million by 1994.

The provincial government would carry about 80 percent of the new building's cost, but about \$2 million may have to be raised locally for extra equipment and furnishings.

While the existing hospital has \$3 million in equipment and furnishings which could be transferred to a new building, more would be required because of the new hospital's larger size, Kines said.

Right now, 13 area municipalities

served by St. Peter's are collecting extra tax money for the hospital building fund.

Including accrued interest, about \$3 million would come from the municipalities.

RMs, towns, villages and the city itself are being asked to raise regular yearly contributions to St. Peter's from two to five mills over eight years, with all the money going toward a new hospital.

Agreements have been signed with city council, one RM and four area communities. Three RMs and four communities have yet to agree to raise their tax contribution.

"We're about half way there in the numbers (of municipalities) but we're more than half-way in

dollars," said Kines, who noted city council provides the largest amount because of Melville's population.

Kines said laboratory and X-ray departments — among others — would gain badly needed extra space in a new hospital.

As well, a new elevator is required and the present ventilation system is inadequate, he explained.

"The patients' rooms themselves are (at present) exceptionally small. They would also be expanded in a new hospital," added Kines.

It hasn't yet been decided what could become of the current hospital should a new one be built. Location of a new hospital is also up in the air, but Kines said "primary consideration" is being given to the present site.

## Public Support

As part of a public awareness campaign, St. Peter's expects to stage a public meeting to bring local residents up-to-date on plans for a new hospital.

A public meeting — possibly in November — will "let the public know where we are and how they can help us," Kines said.

Meetings will also be held with service clubs and other organizations. Kines said some groups have already approached St. Peter's "anxious to contribute to a new hospital."

Getting the public involved in plans for a new hospital is the responsibility of St. Peter's building and fundraising committee.

The committee is tasked with determining costs and design of the new hospital, authorizing any studies needed and soliciting ideas from staff department heads.

Kines said the committee plans to give details of a fundraising campaign "quite possibly after the announcement for a new hospital is made.

"It's quite difficult to do a fundraising campaign when you don't have approval for a new hospital," he said.

A public campaign is intended to dispel rumors about a new hospital building. He said some rumors indicate a new hospital would not offer such services as obstetrics and surgery.

A new hospital in Melville, he said, wouldn't follow the route of some new medical facilities in smaller centres which have seen services reduced.

"In fact, a new hospital will bring more enhanced and additional services. It's the board's intention to maintain a fully active surgical and obstetrical unit. The need is there."

With many smaller Saskatchewan hospitals ceasing to offer some medical services, regional hospitals like St. Peter's are gaining new prominence in the provincial health care system, Kines said.

People with medical problems living in small towns and villages have traditionally been referred to Regina or Saskatoon for treatment, but he said doctors are now sending patients to regional hospitals.

A new Melville hospital, therefore, would be a prime candidate for more sophisticated equipment and medical specialists, Kines explained.

"Because St. Peter's is the 12th largest hospital in the province, it's expected to play a much more major role in the province than in the past," he said.



**THE ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL** Board of Trustees for 1990-91 include, front row from left, John Dohaniuk, RM of McLeod, trustee; Oscar Schneider, member-at-large, secretary; Kevin Fenwick, chairperson; Ray Miller, RM of Cana, trustee; and chief executive officer Brian Kines. Back row, from left, are Roch Pilon, member-at-large, trustee; Marie Steiner, RM of Stanley, trustee; Maxine Walters, member-at-large, trustee; Florence Winichuk, member-at-large, trustee; Allan Gelowitz, RM of Grayson, trustee; and Dr. Frank Kowbel, member-at-large, trustee; and Harvey Fox and Wilf Rieger, Catholic Health Council, trustees.

# Salaries take big slice of budget

Over \$5 million is needed each year to run St. Peter's Hospital.

But most of the money isn't for new and better equipment — it's for salaries for the hospital's 120 full-time and 45 casual and part-time employees.

"Salaries represent 75 percent of our total budget," said St. Peter's executive director Brian Kines.

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990, the hospital in all spent \$5,031,067 — including \$3,836,407 on salaries and another \$355,323 on employee benefits.

In fact, the hospital budget nearly doubles the \$2.8 million budget set yearly by the City of Melville for its municipal expenses.

Other major expenditures for the last fiscal year include:

- \$164,831 on plant operation and

maintenance.

- \$107,013 on food,

- \$106,039 on medical and surgical supplies,

- \$102,222 on drugs and gases and

- \$63,416 on lab supplies.

The expenditure amount of \$5,031,067 does not include depreciation of equipment and the building.

Operating revenue for the year from Saskatchewan Health was \$5,018,786. Other revenues from Saskatchewan Health included capital revenue of \$386,223, equipment grants of \$87,222 and other grants of \$7,246.

Taxes levied by 13 area municipalities came in at \$173,576. Donations totalled \$21,406, with interest on investments for the year earning the hospital \$96,773.

Kines said the hospital's budget

is set based on a formula laid out by Saskatchewan Health.

For the purpose of budget allotments, Melville's population is considered to be 7,000 people because of the high percentage of senior citizens living in the city, he explained.

The artificial population figure rises to 9,500 people when the outlying communities served by the hospital are tallied, said Kines.

Other factors determining St. Peter's grant include the number of staff, admissions and beds as well as the number of days an average patient spends in the hospital.

Kines said a provincial committee of health professionals annually advises the provincial government on what level of funding would be reasonable for Saskatchewan hospitals.

He said St. Peter's can appeal the amount of its annual grant, arguing that while the amount might be fair for similar hospitals, St. Peter's is handicapped by an older building with a poor floor layout.

As well, Kines said St. Peter's can make the case for extra provincial funding due to the amount of tax levies received from area municipalities.

While union hospitals have their own taxing authority much like school boards, St. Peter's and other hospitals owned by the Catholic Health Council only get a minimum of two mills a year from municipalities as provided by provincial law.

Kines said union hospitals are generally receiving levies of 4½ mills and more.



R.N. GRACE FRICK comforted little Michael Gelowitz Stuckey, a patient in the pediatric unit.

## Family key to obstetrics, pediatrics departments, says Hodges

When it comes to the obstetrics and pediatrics units at St. Peter's Hospital, family plays a key role, says director of nursing Terri Hodges.

"We want to promote the family," Hodges stated.

In obstetrics, the concept of family centred maternity care includes everyone from the mother to the father to the grandparents.

"Fathers are allowed in the delivery room. The labor room is more home-like and there's no actual nursery where the babes are lined up. And we've even had fathers in the delivery room for cesarean sections," Hodges said.

The labor room is decorated with wallpaper and contains an upholstered chair and lamp that one might find in any bedroom.

"We try to make it as home-like as possible," Hodges said. She said kitchen facilities are also available for the new mothers to make light snacks such as toast.

And instead of moving the maternity patient from the bed in the labor room to a stretcher to what Hodges called a "metal slab" in the delivery room, the labor room bed can be wheeled right into delivery.

After the baby is born, he or she stays with the mother so that important bonding can take place, Hodges said.

"Teaching is a big part of the program," Hodges said adding that the staff helps families with new babies learn about the baby and how to take care of him or her.

"We also have a telephone call-back service where we call patients two or three days after they are discharged to see how they are doing. This is fairly new and very well received," Hodges said.

The obstetrics unit contains seven beds and Hodges says specifically one or two staff members work in the unit on every shift. Between 90 and 100 babies are born in St. Peter's Hospital in one

year, Hodges stated.

Pediatrics, also located on the third floor, is a seven bed unit.

"Originally, it was a 20 bed unit so there's not as many (beds) as there used to be," Hodges said. She explained that through such things as immunization and other advancements in the medical field, less children and less children are getting sick.

"Parents are welcome to stay with their children," Hodges said. She added the parents may even

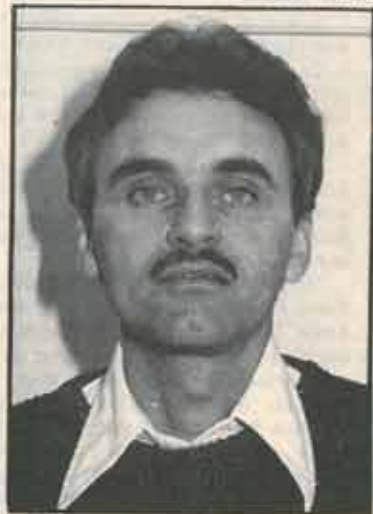
stay with their children on a 24-hour basis to make them feel more comfortable. Children can also bring their favorite blanket or toy from home. A T.V. and VCR are also available.

On a typical day shift, 5 1/2 staff members are on the unit. She explained that the one-half refers to the staff member who works in the central supply room where all sterilization is done.

Patients up to the age of 14 stay in this unit.

## Congratulations extended by Village of Neudorf

On behalf of the Village of Neudorf, I would like to congratulate the board of trustees and



MURRAY HANOWSKI

the staff of St. Peter's Hospital on their 50th anniversary.

St. Peter's Hospital has served the area faithfully and compassionately, giving to the residents not only their very best in medical attention, but also showing compassion and personal caring. The extended services you provide show that you are committed beyond the sphere in medical treatment. The Christian spirit so required in the healing process is an attribute greatly admired.

We thank St. Peter's for their support of life and human dignity, all the while allowing freedom of worship. May your board and staff be blessed with the spirit of God's love in order to bring his care and concern charitably to all those who require it.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Murray J. Hanowski  
Mayor of Neudorf

# CONGRATULATIONS

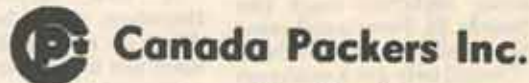
To the Board and Staff of St. Peter's Hospital on your Fifty years of serving the Health-Care needs of Melville and Area.


We look forward to your continued co-operation as we both work together to meet the community needs of today and tomorrow.

Best Wishes from the Board and Staff of



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# Patient records tell a story

Each of the thousands of patient files at St. Peter's Hospital tell a story, but it's the job of the health records department to keep those stories from becoming the "talk of the town."

"That's a big part of our training — determining what is considered confidential and how to screen authentic requests," says department director Brenda Leppington.

Patient records at St. Peter's date back over 40 years, although the records are only required by law to be kept on file for 10 years.

While an early record may only have four or five pages, Leppington said the average size for a patient record has grown to about 40 pages.

Some records — those for people admitted to hospital several times for extensive medical treatment — may contain 500 pages or more.

But Leppington says her department is not a walk-in library for former patients wanting to take a peek into their medical history.

"The main reason is people wouldn't understand the information in it. It could be confusing or even scary," she explained.

Leppington said medical records — which contain everything from X-ray results to nurses' notes — serve a useful purpose for authorized health professionals.

Doctors can learn about a patient's medical history before starting any treatment. Doctors at another hospital or new doctors can learn if their patient has previously been subjected to certain tests or treatments at St. Peter's.

As well, the files can come in handy with accident victims or confused, elderly patients who can't explain or remember what tests or treatment they've had in the past.

"Sometimes it (the record) is the only communication we've got," said Leppington, a nine-year employee of St. Peter's.

The records can also be valuable to the patient, doctor or hospital in legal cases, she added.

Besides storing and retrieving patient records, the department's staff of four also help add pages to the records — notes dictated by doctors onto hospital tape recorders are

transcribed by the staff into typewritten pages.

As well, the department compiles statistical data for educational and research purposes.

Leppington said although her department has word processors to help with typing, most patient records are stored in the hospital basement the old-fashioned way — file folders stacked on shelves.

Storing records on small computer disks would save time and storage space, but she said the introduction of computers would likely be a gradual process in her department.



**PATIENT RECORDS** by the thousands occupy the time of Brenda Leppington, director of the health records department of St. Peter's Hospital.

## Best wishes from City of Melville

As acting mayor I wish to extend, on behalf of the City of Melville, best wishes to the staff, the medical team and the board members of St. Peter's Hospital on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

The City of Melville gratefully appreciates your contribution to the growth and prosperity of this city over the past 50 years. The presence of St. Peter's Hospital in Melville has provided the city and surrounding communities with dedicated health care and kindness that is cherished by many who were and are in need.

St. Peter's Hospital is one of the city's most important and valued establishments and we wish you



**FERNIE BAZIN**

continued success in providing the high level of service we have become accustomed to.

Thank you for the many years of faithful service.

**Acting Mayor Fernie Bazin  
Melville**

## Goodeve congratulates St. Peter's Hospital



**DAVE PETLAK**

St. Peter's Hospital has long been the medical hub for communities surrounding Melville.

The residents of Goodeve, past and present, have utilized the excellent facility St. Peter's provides and are extremely appreciative of that fact.

On behalf of village council and the residents of our community, I would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincerest congratulations to St. Peter's for 50 years of quality service and care.

**Mayor David D. Petlak  
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## Plant operations...

## At work behind the scenes

Doctors, nurses and other medical personnel are the most familiar members of a hospital staff.

But, just like other large institutions, the employees often seen in the background are also an essential member of the team.

Eight people work in the plant operations department at St. Peter's Hospital performing wide-ranging duties to keep the building and its equipment operating smoothly and efficiently.

One of the most important responsibilities lies with maintaining St. Peter's heating and electrical equipment, says Lorne Pfeifer, director of the department.

Two 35-horsepower steam boilers are used to heat hot water and the building itself but also to provide steam for cooking and sterilizing.

"We have to have somebody here around the clock because they're high-pressure boilers," said Pfeifer, who's worked at St. Peter's nine years.

Pfeifer said the boilers were installed at the time the hospital's new wings were being added. "(They're) about the oldest piece of mechanical equipment. Everything else has been updated since."

A 75-kilowatt power generator automatically starts when power to the hospital is interrupted. Pfeifer said the generator can supply power to about 90 percent of the building.

"There's no problem (during a power outage). A few lights will be out in the hospital, but most will be

on," he said.

Other areas of Pfeifer's department are no less important.

For example, all electrical equipment — such as TV sets, radios, shavers and curling irons — to be used by patients while in hospital is inspected to ensure cords aren't frayed and safety codes are met.

Unannounced fire drills are staged monthly by Pfeifer — a volunteer fireman in the city — during different shifts to test evacuation and patient safety procedures.

Minor repairs, unloading freight, groundskeeping, moving items from

or into storage and operating the incinerator are also part of the duties performed by department staff.

"We also act as security guards at night. If there's any problems, we look after that as well," he said.

Pfeifer's most memorable experience at St. Peter's was earlier this year when a city water line feeding the hospital burst, resulting in flooding in the boiler room and other areas.

"Everything else we can control here, but that one thing will stand out in my mind. We had a lot of work here that day," he chuckled.



HIGH-PRESSURE STEAM BOILERS at St. Peter's Hospital are the responsibility of Lorne Pfeifer, director of the plant operations department.

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## Congratulations from Melville's MLA

Congratulations and thank you to St. Peter's Hospital on your 50th anniversary. Our hospital has given us efficient and caring service through all of those years.

St. Peter's will always have a special place in my heart as the hospital where both of my sons were born. Sheron and Kurt were saved by the hospital's ability to do emergency surgery.

I am certain everyone has similar memories of staff, management and sisters helping their families over the years.

Last year I wrote a letter confirming my support for St. Peter's Hospital Board's plan to rebuild or renovate our hospital. The central section of the hospital is now over 40 years old. The board is raising money to pay our local share of the project. I encourage all citizens and local municipalities to pay their

share.

As a member of the cabinet, I have scheduled Melville for rejuvenation in 1994. I know that St. Peter's excellent staff and management will continue to give us good health care until a better building

can be provided.

I thank everyone who has supported St. Peter's over the years. Congratulations to St. Peter's for a job well done.

Grant Schmidt  
MLA Melville



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# St. Peter's fundraising campaign kicks off

campaign to raise \$200,000 local and rural sources for the extension to St. Peter's Hospital will get its kick off October 14 when the first part of a five-stage program is undertaken.

According to acting chairman I. Grotzky, this week, the campaign will get underway with solicitations of the "big gifts" from corporations, companies, or individuals who are capable of giving in larger amounts.

Four successive stages of the well-organized campaigns are in categories of "business and professional," "employees," "residential

section," and "rural."

It is estimated that committee organization should be nearing a stage of completion in a few days' time. Committee members and the campaign chairman will be announced before the kick-off date.

Following "big gifts," the kickoff for business and professional canvassing will be Monday, October 20; employee canvass starting October 22; residential - for those missed - October 27; and area kick-off - canvass of rural families, October 29.

Mr. Grotzky pointed out that every family and all business and

professional men in the service area shall be visited during the campaign and given the opportunity to subscribe to the program.

He said that no high pressure methods will be used to solicit money from donors but that pledges for a period of 36 months will be suggested by canvassers.

He also pointed out that before a canvasser calls on anyone else he will first be required to make a pledge for his own part in donating toward the badly needed extension.

Suggested pledge for the average worker is expected to be set at the equal of two-hours' wages each

month, while suggested pledge for rural families will be roughly \$25 for each quarter-section of land owned or operated.

It was again pointed out that the donor in no case will be told what to donate, that suggested pledges will only be used as a guide.

## Social work new program

In order for a patient to heal physically, Nancy Morris believes the patient must also be emotionally and socially healthy.

Morris is the social worker for St. Peter's Hospital. She is currently at the hospital on a half-time basis.

"I'm really concerned with helping clients obtain and maintain optimal social function so they can benefit from medical intervention," Morris stated.

Areas Morris is involved in include crisis counseling, social assessment and identifying social and emotional needs.

"An example would be counseling someone that has a physical injury that's changed their appearance."

Morris said. Other examples include cases of emotional trauma or crisis and suspected abuse, she said.

"I'm working as a member in the multidisciplinary needs of health care," Morris said.

Education also plays a key role in her duties, Morris stated.

"I help educate hospital staff on the social and emotional concerns of patients."

The social work program at St. Peter's Hospital is relatively new. It was implemented in June.

"The need for social work in health care is very great. To a degree it affects the whole issue of illness."

"With a social worker on staff, it's

a sign of commitment by the hospital that social issues do affect people's health. Across Canada, it's recognized as an integral part of the health care team," Morris said.

Morris spends Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Peter's Hospital. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree.



NANCY MORRIS

REGINA LEADER-POST—SEPT. 3, 1980

## Sisters leave Melville hospital

MELVILLE - The Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, have left Melville leaving few hospitals in Saskatchewan that are operated by religious orders.

Negotiations began in May 1979 for the transfer of ownership of the Melville hospital and the final property deeds were presented to the Catholic Health Council for Saskatchewan Aug. 27.

"The decision of the Sisters to leave is entirely an internal one," said Sister Florence Morrison, the final administrator. "The Sisters are required elsewhere."

"Should the council be unable at some time to accept responsibility for the ownership of the hospital, the terms of the agreement provide that the Sisters of St. Martha will be given first option to resume ownership and administration."

"We are confident the health council, with its board of trustees in Melville headed by R.A. Kawecki, will ensure St. Peter's will continue the same quality of service it has been noted for during the past 40 years."

At the request of Archbishop P.J. Monahan, of Regina, and the Melville town council, the Sisters took over the 20-bed municipal hospital and undertook to build a new 55-bed institution, July 1, 1940.

In 1961 two new wings were add-

ed increasing the bed capacity to the present 81. At most there were nine Sisters on staff, with a total of 28 registered nurses. There are now six doctors in Melville.

The final complement of Sisters was five, each with a department under her direction. Besides the administrator, there was a Sister in charge of accounting, housekeeping, pastoral care and the director of nursing.

The Order was formed in Antigonish in 1900 and its main objectives were teaching, social work, health care, home care and household management. At the peak there were some 500 members during the 1950's, but at present there are 330.

They still have hospitals in Massachusettes and Alberta. They have recently sold the hospital in Glace Bay, N.S. to the provincial government and they manage the hospital in Waterford, Mass., but do not own it.

Two of the Sisters left to Banff and Sister Florence is taking a year off to study in Ontario.

The Catholic Health Council of Saskatchewan, which received the deed to the hospital at no cost, is operated by 10 board of directors. Present chairman is Ed Marlon, the hospital administrator at Saskatoon City Hospital.



Hon. George McLeod  
Minister



Hon. Jack Wolfe  
Associate Minister

## Congratulations St. Peter's Hospital

Congratulations to St. Peter's staff and Board of Directors on the occasion of your 50th anniversary.

By continually developing and improving programs and services to meet local needs, St. Peter's provides a fine example of a hospital responding to the changing health needs of its community. Through the blending of care and cure, you enable the preservation and promotion of health and dignity for all those who benefit from your many services.

We look forward to working with you in the future as we strive to meet the health challenges of a new decade. By working together, we can achieve our common goal of delivering better health for the people of Saskatchewan.

Best wishes for continued successes into the future.

Hon. George McLeod  
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# Era ends as Sisters of St. Martha leave

The month of September, 1980 will signify the end of an era of magnificent service to the people of Melville and surrounding district. For it is in that month that the Order of the Sisters of St. Martha have been scheduled by their Mother General (Sister Mary MacIntosh) in Antigonish, Nova Scotia to withdraw from St. Peter's Hospital in Melville.

The decision came about as a result of a study, done in July of 1978 by the firm of Hickling and Johnson in Toronto, into the hospital. The study stated that the sisters were becoming fewer in number as the years went by, fewer and fewer of them available to oversee hospital operations. It was felt that a certain number of sisters were required in order to adequately manage the hospital and that number simply could no longer be reached and maintained.

With great regrets, the General Council of the Order of the Sisters of St. Martha in Antigonish made the decision to withdraw from service the sisters at St. Peter's Hospital effective September, 1980.

**With great regrets the Sisters of St. Martha made the decision to withdraw from service at St. Peter's Hospital.**

The Mother General herself, accompanied by the Order's auditor, Joe McMullen, came to Melville from Antigonish in order to meet with Bishop's Representative Father Norman Andries of Regina, Father Sulej of Melville, St. Peter's Hospital Board chairman Richard Kawecki and hospital administrator Sister Florence Morrison in an attempt to develop possible alternatives for the hospital's management. The Catholic Hospitals Council of Saskatchewan are presently investigating the possibility of taking over St. Peter's Hospital and further meetings in this regard will be held possibly in October. One such alternative would be the taking over of the hospital by another Order of Sisters or by Catholic lay people. In the event that the Catholic Hospitals Council of Saskatchewan (CHCS) cannot see

the Sisters of St. Martha remain in Melville at St. Peter's Hospital.

The brief read as follows:

**"To Whom it May Concern:** Whereas the Sisters of St. Martha have for the past 40 years operated St. Peter's Hospital according to the highest standards of Christian medical ethics and have endeared themselves to the people of Melville and the surrounding communities, And whereas Sister Florence Morrison has served St. Peter's Hospital as an excellent and capable administrator, We the undersigned express our concern, and the concern of many of our fellow residents of these communities, that St. Peter's Hospital remain under the operation of the Sisters of St. Martha, and that Sister Florence Morrison be permitted to remain as administrator of St. Peter's Hospital. This petition was adopted on Saturday, the 11th day of August, 1979 at an ad hoc meeting at which the following organizations were represented:

St. Peter's Hospital Board, Melville City Council, Royal Canadian Legion, Lions Club, Village of Fenwood, Melville Churchmen's Association, Catholic Women's League, St. Henry's RC Parish, Melville Baptist Church, All Saints Anglican Church, Ukrainian Catholic Church, Pentecostal Church, St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary, Melville and District Chamber of Commerce, St. Bernard's Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Melville branch of the SRNA, the medical staff of St. Peter's Hospital, St. Henry's School Board, Melville Ambulance Association, Melville Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Cana District No. 214, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First United Church, Bethany Evangelical Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church". The delegation was composed of 83 representatives from the above-mentioned organizations, giving true testimony to the high esteem in which the Sisters of St. Martha are held in Melville and surrounding district.

The Mother General also met with St. Peter's Hospital Board of Trustees to explain to them the decision arrived at by the General Council of the Order of Sisters of St. Martha in Antigonish, a decision to which she was left little actual choice but to make.

The current situation is that the Sisters of St. Martha are scheduled to leave St. Peter's Hospital in

September, 1980. The final decision as to what happens with regards to management of the hospital in Melville is in the hands of the Catholic Hospitals Council of Saskatchewan and the Order of the Sisters of St. Martha in Antigonish. That decision will not be made at least until October of this year, at that all-important meeting.

And so, barring a miracle it would seem, the good sisters of St. Martha

will, in September of 1980, leave St. Peter's Hospital. If that, in truth, does occur, they will be forever remembered in the hearts and minds of countless citizens of this area and they will be leaving behind a magnificent record of faithful, expert hospital and community service - a record which will be extremely difficult to equal in the future. their way clear to take on the responsibility at this time and in

such a manner, the other alternative would be to form a Union Hosp District, thereby transforming Peter's Hospital into Melville Union Hospital.

Now, prior to the Mother General's meeting with the Bishop's Representative and Committee, she unexpectedly met with a large delegation of concerned citizens from Melville, who presented her with a joint brief requesting that

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# Stolar's concern is quality staff



**KATHY STOLAR** is in charge of personnel/payroll at St. Peter's Hospital. Some of her duties include planning the hospital's annual recognition banquet and sending time sheets into Saskatoon where the payroll is processed.

While other employees at St. Peter's Hospital are busy taking care of patients, Kathy Stolar is busy taking care of the staff.

Stolar is the personnel/payroll director at St. Peter's Hospital and tackles a wide variety of jobs in her position.

When a person applies for a position at the hospital, Stolar identifies if he meets the qualifications. For example, a nurse has to be registered with the Saskatchewan Registered Nursing Association and must be in "good standing" with the Association, she said.

"We have to make sure they are providing good care. We still have direct contact with the patients as we are providing the best-qualified people," Stolar said.

"We work together as a team," Stolar said of the hospital staff. She explained that she regularly meets with department heads to discuss various programs.

"The main concern is the availability of quality staff at all times."

Stolar also arranges education programs, conferences and workshops for the staff.

As for the payroll, Stolar must submit the time sheets and related necessary information to a firm in Saskatoon that prepares the payroll.

"We don't process it right here. They do all the implementation," Stolar said.

"And there are certain records you have to keep for each employee," Stolar added. She keeps track of vacation days and items such as the pension plan and life insurance for the employee benefits program.

Stolar also plans the annual hospital recognition banquet where staff are recognized on a five, 10, 15 and 20 year basis.

# Food service supervisor ensures wide variety of hospital meals

There's an old belief that's common in almost every hospital that hospital food is bad.

But St. Peter's Hospital food service supervisor Joey Smith hopes to dispel that myth.

At every meal, Smith says she checks the trays to make sure the "food is neatly decorated."

All meals are prepared in the kitchen located in the hospital's lower level. Separate trays are prepared for each patient, loaded into food trays and sent to the wards where the nursing staff delivers them.

And patients on regular diets have their choice of what they would like to eat. They have the option of marking selective menus found on the trays. The foods ordered will be received the following day.

"Full diets can get almost anything (but) you have to be careful with meals for patients that may have diabetes or are on any other special diets, Smith said. Diabetics can choose their food with the assistance of the dietitian.

Nightly snacks are available from the nursing staff. The nursing staff can prepare these snacks, such as toast, in kitchenettes located in each ward, Smith stated.

hospital can get meals or snacks from the cafeteria, also located in the hospital's lower level, Smith said.

"I also check to see if their is a wide variety of food for the staff," Smith said.

In total, 14 staff members work in the hospital's dietary department. This includes everyone from cooks to dietary aides.

Smith has been the food service supervisor since May. Previous to that she was a cook. She has been at the hospital for 14 years.

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**SPECIAL CARE AIDE** Gail Hoffman assisted Charlie Coppin in the geriatric unit.

## Geriatric Unit new project

"It's been an exciting project over the past few years."

That is how director of nursing Terri Hodges describes the geriatric assessment/long term rehabilitation unit of St. Peter's Hospital.

"It's a new program in Saskatchewan," Hodges said.

The geriatric assessment unit involves admitting a person to the hospital for a period of five to seven days, Hodges said.

"We assess the whole person (and) determine where best in the

community they should be placed," she said. She says the hospital helps determine if the person should reside in a nursing home or should be in a program such as Meals on Wheels.

The long term rehabilitation unit is designed to help people who may have had a stroke or had orthopedic surgery in a centre like Regina, Hodges said. Instead of waiting to get into a rehabilitation centre like Wascana in Regina, the patient can get the help they need at St. Peter's Hospital, she said.

"This is so they lose as least of their abilities as possible," Hodges said.

The geriatric assessment/long term rehabilitation unit is also the base for Lifeline, a 24-hour personal emergency response system offered by the hospital to Melville and area residents.

Lifeline is a service that allows individuals to remain at home and feel secure knowing that should an emergency happen, they may summon help with the simple touch of a button.

## St. Peter's board chairman's message

In these times of rapidly changing technology, no aspect of our lives seems to be affected by change anymore rapidly than health care.

Fifty years of continuous service, therefore, is an accomplishment worth recognizing. St. Peter's Hospital is both proud and thankful to have been able to provide necessary quality health care to the people it serves over that span of time.

We are proud because we know that our hospital has an outstanding record of achievement. While we have kept abreast of technological advances, we also recognize that health care is primarily a people industry. Without the dedication of the people within our hospital - volunteers, administrative personnel, support staff, direct-care providers, and all others involved - the technology would be of little use. We are proud because we have such dedicated people.

We are thankful because of the support we receive from all the communities and groups, urban and rural, who we serve and with whom we work. Our hospital is truly recognized as a leader in health care in Saskatchewan. This would not be possible without the extra effort put forward voluntarily by our staff, by volunteers, and by those working with other agencies in the health care fields. For those extra efforts we are especially thankful.

Fifty years have seen a lot of

changes. The next 50 will undoubtedly see more than we can now even imagine. We are confident that St. Peter's Hospital will meet the challenges which will come in order to continue our tradition of service to the community.

**Kevin Fenwick**  
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