



# The *Great* Canadian Catholic Hospital History Project

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

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## Providence Hospital Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1912-1962

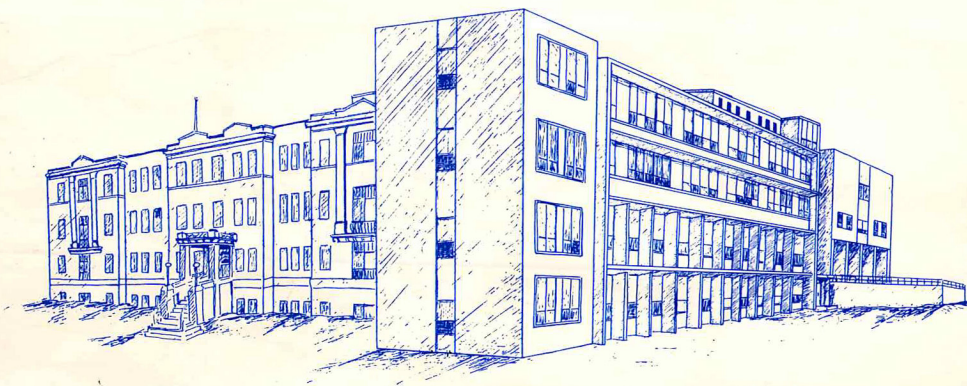
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# PROVIDENCE



1912 - 1962

## *Foreword*

Our intention is not to compile a lengthy and detailed history of events—this would indeed be impossible. Neither can we publish all the names of the good and generous friends who served the hospital in various capacities during its fifty years.

Our doctors, administrative staff, nurses, technologists, pharmacists, dietary and house-keeping staffs, the carpenter, plumber, electrician, the architect all take pride in their part.

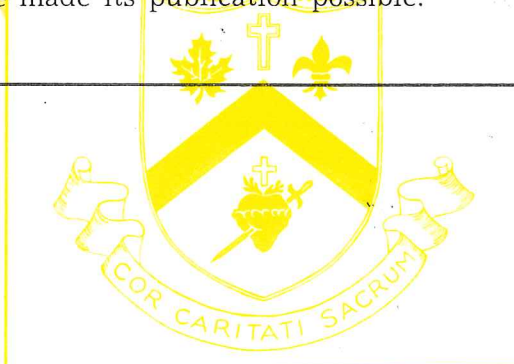
To all we owe a debt of great gratitude. It is the people who live in the hospital—their joys, their tears, their pain, that make the hospital a place of safe harbor and a place of peace in times of storm.

Without people, any hospital building might as well be an abandoned warehouse—instead of a vital community service facility.

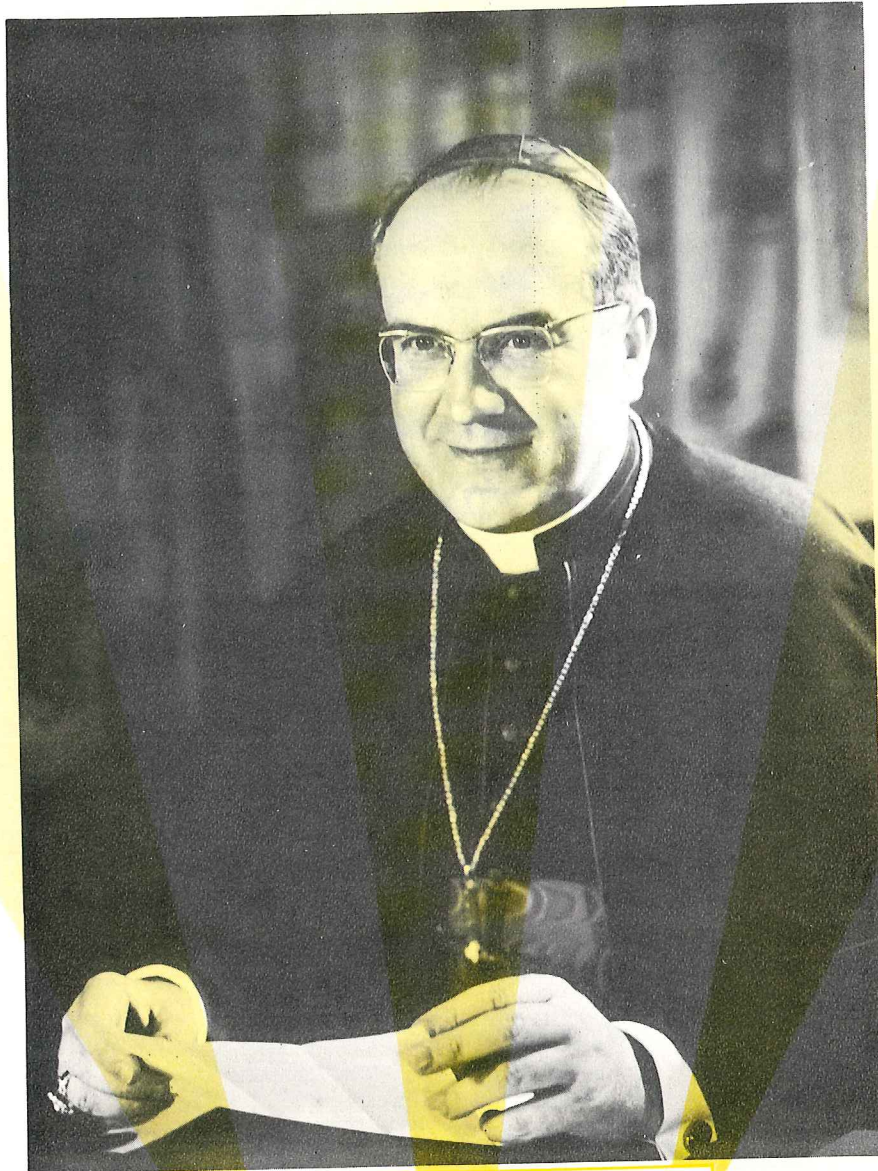
The story of a hospital is a story of how dedicated people have made use of advances in medical science, resulting in more effective treatment, shortening the patient's stay and lowering the total costs.

The jubilee committee extends its sincere thanks to those who, by their co-operation made these celebrations a success.

In particular, the reader of this booklet is asked to patronize those, who by advertising have made its publication possible.







MOST REVEREND SEBASTIANO BAGGIO, D.D.







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January 25th, 1962.

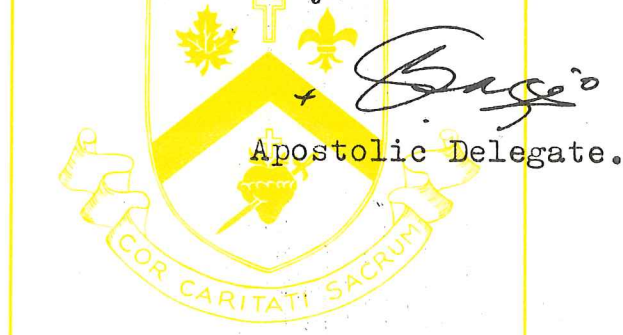
Rev. and dear Sister Superior,

Your beloved Archbishop, His Grace the Most Reverend Michael C. O'Neill, has brought to my attention the fact that the SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE are preparing to celebrate the fiftieth Anniversary of their coming to Moose Jaw.

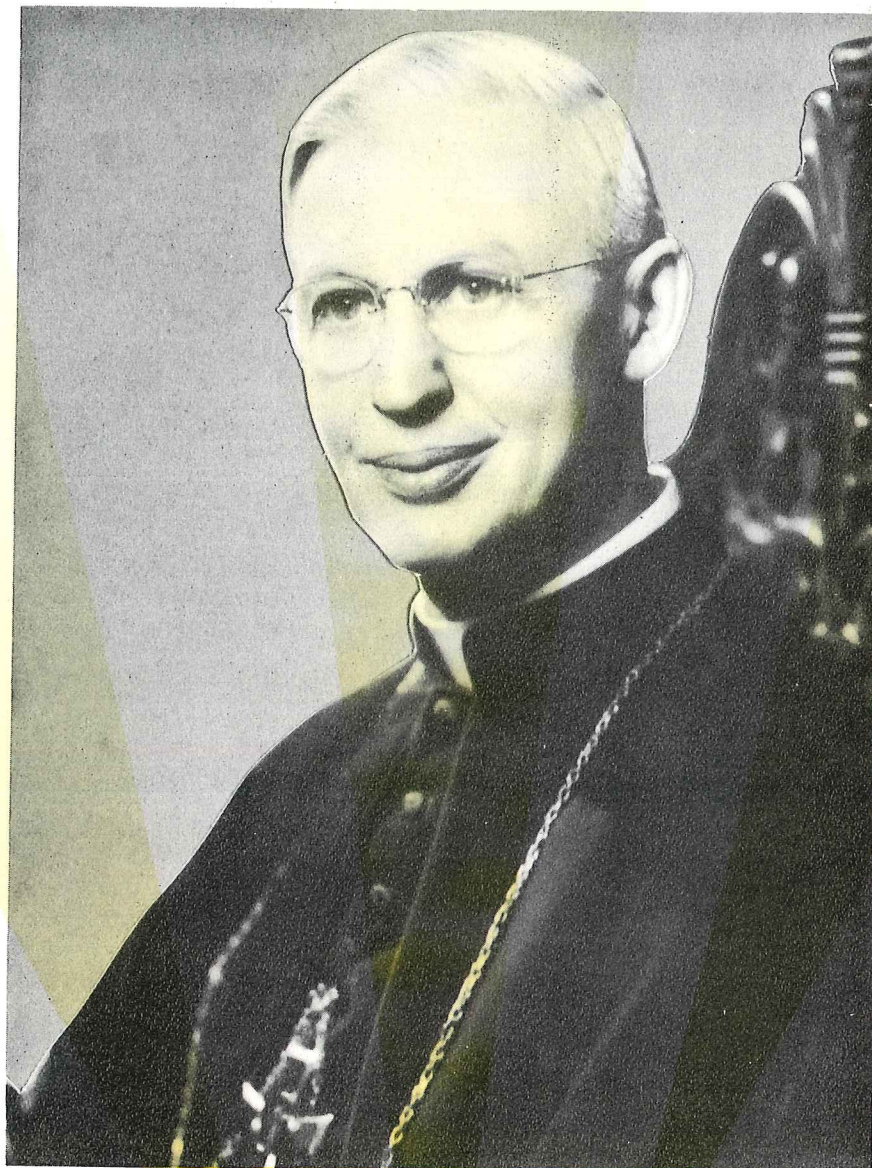
Fifty years - half a century - is a milestone worthy of being suitably underlined in the life of any organization or institution. But when we consider the implications of such an Anniversary in the annals of a Religious Community - we pass into the realm of the supernatural, where no one can assess or evaluate the spiritual contribution that has been made by the Sisters who have dedicated their lives to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy - in the name of Jesus Christ.

"Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God.... and thy neighbour as thyself". Our Lord declared that herein was contained the whole of the law. It could well be described as the charter of those consecrated souls who devote their lives to the sick, the dying and the abandoned.

May our Blessed Lord to whom the good Sisters of Providence have ministered in the person of the sick, continue to bless your work. May He be your inspiration, your guide, your consolation and your eternal reward. This is the prayer that accompanies my sincere congratulations and my heartfelt paternal Blessing on this auspicious anniversary.







MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP M. C. O'NEILL





# Archdiocese of Regina

REGINA, Sask.

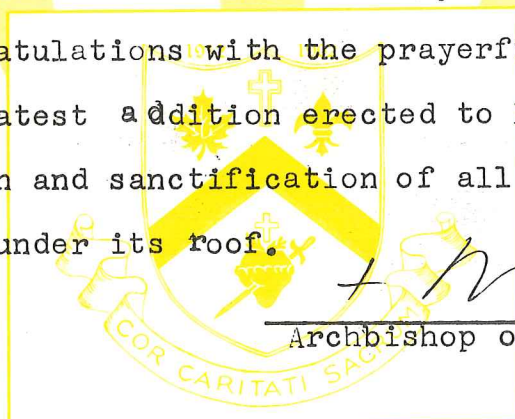
January 30, 1962.

It is always difficult for a contemporary to assess the pioneering work of former generations. Our knowledge is chiefly gained from historical records that seldom do justice to the vision and sacrifices of those who laid the foundations. Fortunately in the annals of the history of Providence Hospital, we have recorded the terse statement of the hopes of the first Superior, Sister Mary Angel Guardian.

"We trust", the Superior wrote in her diary, "that this begins the never-ending work of our good Community in this young and progressive city of Moose Jaw. May God be glorified, the neighbour edified, and our souls sanctified!"

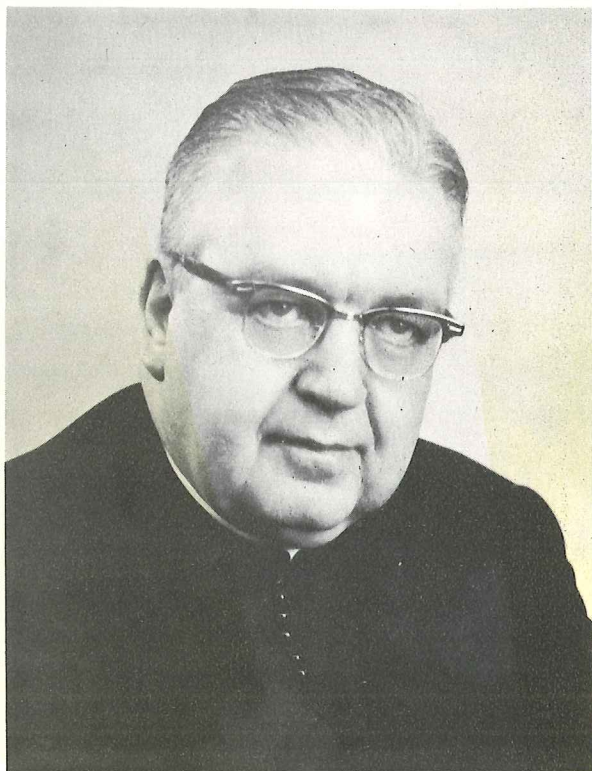
The fifty years that have passed since Sister Mary Angel Guardian expressed her hopes have seen their fulfilment. The Golden Jubilee of Providence Hospital and the official opening of the new wing is a further indication that the spirit of the Foundress hovers over the institution that had such humble beginnings.

To the Sisters of Providence and the City of Moose Jaw I extend my heartiest congratulations with the prayerful wish that God will accept this latest addition erected to His glory for the edification and sanctification of all who may find peace and healing under its roof.



*J. McConell*  
Archbishop of Regina.





Rev. G. F. O'Donnell

Church of Our Lady,  
Moose Jaw, Sask.

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to extend my greetings to the Sisters of Charity of Providence Hospital on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary of hospital work in Moose Jaw.

The care of the sick, the aged and the infirm is a responsibility that you have discharged in a very quiet, efficient and Christlike manner over those many years. Be assured the people of this city and community appreciate the personal and unselfish care extended to them in time of need.

I would like to congratulate the Sisters on the beautiful and functional extension to their hospital building.

May God Bless your work.

G. F. O'Donnell,  
Parish Priest



Rev. C. S. Godin

It gives me pleasure to add my words of congratulations and good wishes to all the members of your Congregation here and elsewhere, and also those who have gone to their Rest and are with us no longer, and who during the past fifty years by their energy, zeal and devotion have added little by little to the first modest beginnings of Providence Hospital till it has reached that level of proficiency and excellence which we witness today. From a very humble beginning in a converted residence, over the years it has grown and has become a haven for the sick and the infirm.

As long as Christian Charity shall endure in the heart of man, such institutions as Providence Hospital will continue to grow and flourish and continue to serve our God by the visible service of God's people. May Almighty God continue to bless your sacrifices and your devotion, and the Congregation through which you serve Him.

Reverend C. S. Godin, Chaplain.  
Providence Hospital.





MOTHER MARY JEAN

Half a century has elapsed since the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul answered an appeal to provide hospital care for the young and thriving town of Moose Jaw and its environs. Great material changes have taken place since the first gallant little band of four Sisters opened the doors of their heart as well as their home to their first patients. But the changes are merely material ones, for the same generous undaunted spirit has prevailed through the years. True heroism was needed in facing the almost insurmountable difficulties encountered during the first years, and still more during the dark depression years when patients were without money to pay for services, and, in addition to giving nursing care, the Sisters had to set out on begging expeditions through the country to procure food for patients and staff.

Now as Providence Hospital celebrates its golden anniversary with the opening of a spacious and beautiful new wing, we are happy to see the ultimate in facilities provided for the care and comfort of the patients. At this important anniversary the Sisters of Providence all over Canada join in congratulating the Sisters, the Medical and Nursing Staff for the high degree of efficiency they have attained and for the devoted service which they have always given. They join also in extending thanks to all those who have helped to bring Providence Hospital to its present high standard. Deep gratitude is expressed to the Most Reverend Archbishops and the Priests of the Diocese for their spiritual help and encouragement, to the Government Officials for their generous grants and advice, and to the citizens of Moose Jaw for their co-operation and financial help.

In the years to come, as in the past, may all who enter Providence Hospital, whatever their race, colour, or creed, find here a haven of comfort and help, and may those who minister to their needs continue to be guided by the bright light of Faith, the strong beacon of Hope, and the warm flame of Charity.

Mother Mary Jean.  
Superior General,  
Kingston, Ont.





SISTER MARY LALEMANT

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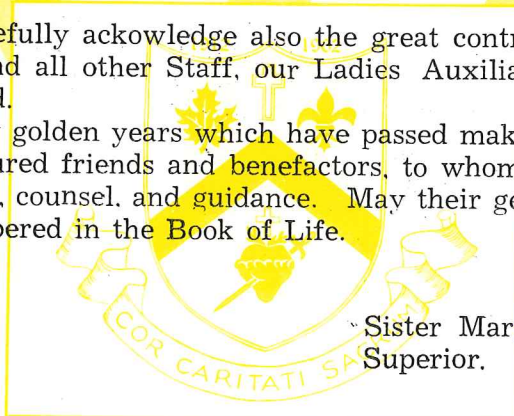
The occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Providence Hospital is a special time of thanksgiving and rejoicing, therefore I consider it a great privilege in being able to express in the name of the Sisters of Providence Hospital our sincere gratitude to Divine Providence for guiding our great work in the service of sick over the past fifty years.

In the midst of our rejoicing we must not forget our dear dedicated Sisters, who were the pioneers in this City, and who worked tirelessly to build the solid foundation upon which our institution now stands. To them, we younger Members of our Religious Community, this City of Moose Jaw and District, and the province of Saskatchewan owe a deep debt of gratitude.

A hospital could never render effective service if it did not have a good Medical Staff. Our thanks go out in a special way, to the Doctors, who in the past fifty years have so loyally helped and guided us while bringing relief from suffering to the sick intrusted to our care.

We gratefully acknowledge also the great contribution made by our Nursing and all other Staff, our Ladies Auxiliary and our lay Advisory Board.

The fifty golden years which have passed make us conscious of a host of honoured friends and benefactors, to whom we owe sincere thanks for help, counsel, and guidance. May their generous co-operation be remembered in the Book of Life.



Sister Mary Lalemant,  
Superior.





HIS WORSHIP MAYOR FYSH

We congratulate the Sisters of Providence Hospital on the completion of their distinctive and modern new hospital wing. With untiring efforts and faith in God, the Sisters have gone a long way in doing what they could to alleviate the pain and suffering of us humans in Moose Jaw and District.

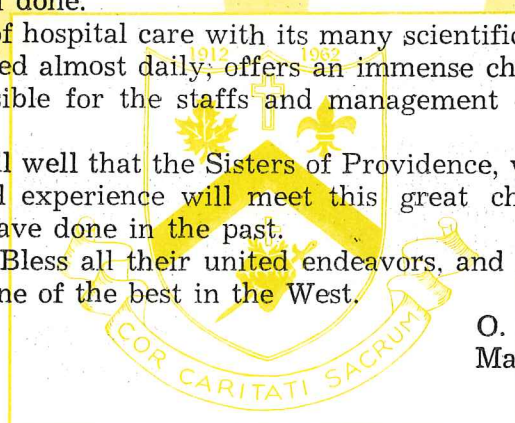
In good times and bad, they have ministered to our wants and needs, not questioning our ability to pay, nor asking us for help. However, the people of this community were not unmindful of this thoughtfulness and help, because when you decided to build your new wing, they came forward with token both large and small to help. Your Mayor, City Council, and our Citizens were happy to acknowledge your contributions over the years to the health of our Citizens by making a substantial contribution to your new wing. Now that your building is completed and, we know, dedicated to the relief of suffering in the community, we all join in extending to you our congratulations on an undertaking well done.

The future of hospital care with its many scientific changes which are being unfolded almost daily, offers an immense challenge to those who are responsible for the staffs and management of the hospitals of today.

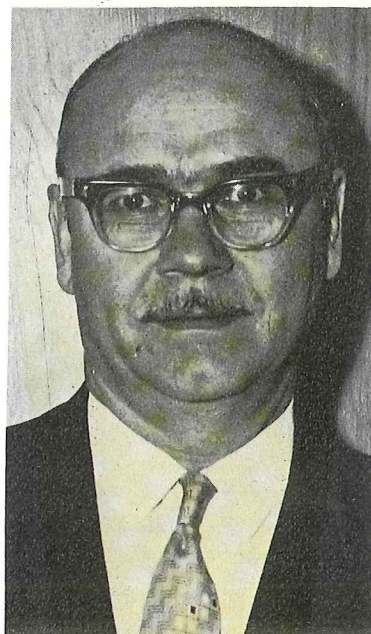
I know full well that the Sisters of Providence, with their many years of hospital experience will meet this great challenge in the future as they have done in the past.

May God Bless all their united endeavors, and keep the Providence Hospital one of the best in the West.

O. B. Fysh,  
Mayor







PREMIER W. S. LLOYD

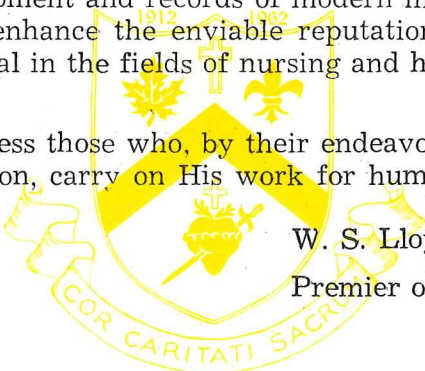
It is with sincere pleasure that I extend to the Sisters of Providence of Kingston the congratulations of the Government and people of Saskatchewan on the occasion of the Providence Hospital's Golden Jubilee and the opening of the hospital extension.

Much has happened since that day in 1912 when, in response to the pleas and the obvious needs of the settlers, the Sisters of Providence founded a 30-bed hospital in a converted house at Moose Jaw. From that time on, through the bright days and the dark times, the Sisters, by their selfless devotion and dedicated service have become inextricably woven into the tapestry of Saskatchewan's history. For half a century Providence Hospital has been one of the most respected institutions in Saskatchewan, and its service to people of all denominations is gratefully acknowledged.

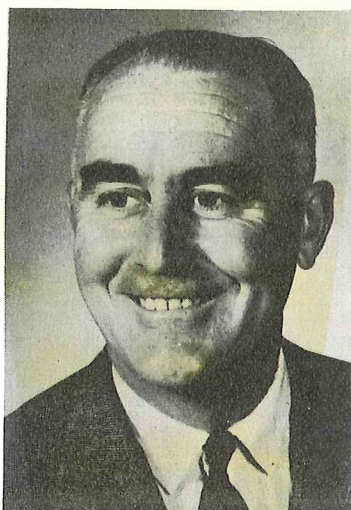
The construction of the new wing, which is equipped to house the scientific equipment and records of modern medicine and surgery, will still further enhance the enviable reputation established by the Providence Hospital in the fields of nursing and hospital care over the years.

May God bless those who, by their endeavours in the service of this great institution, carry on His work for humanity.

W. S. Lloyd,  
Premier of Saskatchewan







HON. W. G. DAVIES

Woven into the fabric of Saskatchewan's history are the contributions of many devoted persons and the institutions they founded. Among those whose services are most highly appreciated are the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul and the Providence Hospital they founded in 1912. The time has come when we may join the Sisters of Charity to look back with gratitude and happiness on their 50 years of service to the people of Moose Jaw and district.

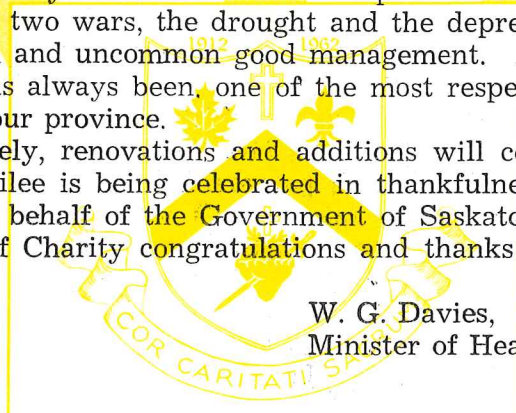
In the young province of Saskatchewan a half century ago there were many unmet needs. Sisters of various religious orders recognized some of these needs. Motivated by faith and love they accepted the challenge to provide care for the sick in a number of Saskatchewan communities.

In the early period there were few of the facilities and equipment which are available now. Yet, sickness made extremely heavy demands on hospitals and their servants. Nor were there then eight-hour days.

Through the years all the difficulties presented by primitive pioneer conditions, two wars, the drought and the depression have been faced with faith and uncommon good management. Providence Hospital is, as it has always been, one of the most respected institutions for the sick in our province.

Opportunely, renovations and additions will come into use as the Golden Jubilee is being celebrated in thankfulness and renewed dedication. On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan I extend to the Sisters of Charity congratulations and thanks on this notable occasion.

W. G. Davies,  
Minister of Health and Welfare





# 1912 HOSPITAL HISTORY 1962

The Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul were founded in 1861 at Kingston, Ontario. The principal work of the Sisters was the care of the poor, the aged and the orphan, visiting the sick in their homes and teaching school.

In 1887 the Sisters expanded their works to the care of the sick in hospitals, and in 1908 opened their first hospital in the west at Daysland, Alberta.

At the request of Archbishop Mathieu, a little band of Sisters left Daysland to minister spiritually and bodily to the typhoid stricken citizens of Moose Jaw and district and arrived here on November 13, 1912.

A house on Ominica Street and Fourth avenue was transformed to accommodate 30 patients. Dr. J. M. Hourigan, Dr. N. E. Betzner and Dr. H. M. Young are some of the pioneer workers and lasting friends still with us.

On April 21, 1913 the first ways and means committee was formed by people of the city to assist the Sisters in their work.

The object was to find money to purchase the many comforts necessary to restore health and happiness to the sick and suffering. The first edition of the Providence Cook Book was published.

The same month an annex was added to the building. With the population of Moose Jaw increasing rapidly, the Sisters found facilities inadequate in both size and equipment. Therefore early in 1916 property was purchased on Lillooet street.

Cowlin & Son of Toronto were contractors for the new project and on June 14, 1916 sod was turned by Sister Mary Angel Guardian and Sister Mary Irene. On September 19, 1917 Mayor W. W. Davidson formally opened the new hospital.

Dr. N. E. Betzner performed the first operation. This new hospital was in full accordance with the status of medicine at that time.

Later that year Sister Mary Raphael arrived to organize and direct the nurses training school with 14 students. Sister is still a valued member of our staff.

In 1918 an influenza epidemic struck our fair city in October and it taxed the hospital to capacity. Many nurses, Sisters and other

members of the staff were stricken.

The first nurses graduation exercises were held on March 29, 1920. In September of that year the first X-ray was installed and Sister Mary Benignus took charge of the department. In June 1921, Dr. Ponton, from the American College of Surgeons classified the hospital as Class A for the first time. Facilities increased with each year and on June 12, 1923 the first water softener was installed.

In 1926 we again were faced with grave difficulties coping with demands of a rapidly growing population and of government regulations. In May, 1927 Bird & Woodal began the new east wing to provide 64 additional patient rooms and a new chapel. All rooms were bright, with sun-rooms, built-in wardrobes and distinctive one-panel doors.

His Excellency and Lady Willingdon formally opened the new wing on May 14, 1928. The late Sister Mary Evlalia was the capable administrator from 1918 to 1930.

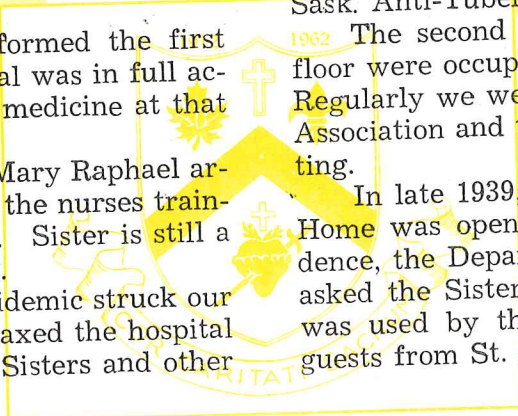
The period was known as "The Dirty Thirties", and Saskatchewan was the "Dust Bowl." It suffered greatly from the depression. No insurance coverage for hospitalization was available. Many people required hospital treatment and had not the means to pay for it.

The hospital found itself doing more Charity work than its finances could carry. Sisters found it impossible to collect many back debts. A number of patients tried to pay off their hospital account by having their daughters work with only a small remuneration.

At this time we must mention the debt we owe to Dr. John Orr, Dr. Charles Bennett and to Dr. Gordon Ferguson, members of the Sask. Anti-Tuberculosis League.

The second floor and most of the first floor were occupied by tuberculosis patients. Regularly we were paid by the Tuberculosis Association and this kept our hospital operating.

In late 1939, shortly after St. Anthony's Home was opened by the Sisters of Providence, the Departments of National Defence asked the Sister to vacate the building. It was used by the 77th Battery and the 20 guests from St. Anthony's Home were housed





ed on the ground floor of the hospital.

During the Second World War, the ground floor departments, nursing, classrooms, demonstration room, sewing room, staff room and record room were all turned into Isolation wards for the armed forces in training in the Moose Jaw district. The kitchen for special diets was used to serve their meals.

On June 17, 1946 a new extension was added to the furnace room, built by Bird Construction Co. At the same time a foundation was laid for an Air Force administration building moved in from Caron airport for a nurses residence. It accommodated 70 students and provided a large classroom, library, auditorium and other teaching facilities. This change released 75 beds for patients as the student nurses had previously occupied the third floor.

Our first pathologist, Dr. Geoffrey Kent, arrived from England in August 1950 and two months later a new eight-room laboratory was begun. By May of 1958 this too was inadequate and an additional five rooms were added. At the same time the hospital laundry was doubled in size and in both areas the latest equipment was installed.

On December 11, 1959, Judge Harold Pope met with Mr. Nairn Hagen, chairman of the Lay Advisory Board and its members to discuss the possibility of a campaign to raise funds for a new extension to the hospital. A new "Ways and Means" committee was formed.

During the month of March 1960 the Moose Jaw Times-Herald published separate stories and illustrations on all departments in the hospital to acquaint the public with the need for further facilities. On Wednesday, March 30 the burgesses of Moose Jaw were asked to support a bylaw to provide \$182,500 over the next six years towards the cost of the \$1,250,000 extension. We are most grateful to the burgesses — nearly a four-to-one majority voted in favor.

On June 1, 1960 tenders were called and P. W. Graham and Sons were the successful contractors. On June 14, 1960 preliminary work started on the site.

His Grace Archbishop M. C. O'Neill officiated at the sod turning assisted by many local dignitaries.

In November 1960 the municipalities around Moose Jaw, who are also served by the hospital voted in favor of money bylaws toward their part of the extension.

Sisters moved to their new private Convent on fourth floor from second floor Medical September 18, 1961. Maternity and Nursery entered their new superb department October 2 and 3, Sister M. Laurentia in charge. Keys to the new elevator were presented to Sister Superior, Sister M. Lalemant, October 7, 1961. Over the Thanksgiving week-end October 7, 8 and 9, Sisters and Staff worked overtime in order to move operating room, X-ray and Physiotherapy Department into their new areas. First operation in new O.R. was on October 10, Sister M. Michael in charge of O.R. Immediately as each department was vacated the extensive renovations were begun. Central Service and Emergency department entered their new departments October 23, 1961, Mrs. A. Cavan who has been here for a number of years in charge of moving. Sister Mary Christopher came in January 1962 to take charge of this new Department.

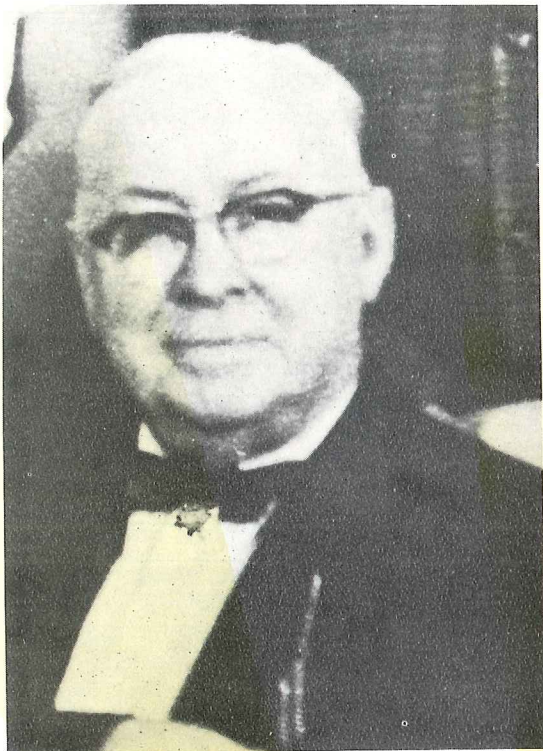
Surgical patients were moved into their renovated area (previously Maternity ward) January 10, 1962. Following week New Pediatric department was opened in area formerly occupied by the surgical patients on third floor East end. The Pediatric department has been closed all summer of 1961—Mrs. G. Spiller in charge. Record room took possession of their beautiful spacious new areas January 24, Sister M. Alma in charge.

Sister M. Edgar and her staff from 1st floor moved all the patients to renovated and new wards on second floor. Dietary department moved to new department with shining stainless steel equipment February 21, Sister M. Everildis in charge. Accounting offices, discharge offices moved to their renovated areas March 23 previously occupied by Diet kitchen and isolation area on 1st floor.

First week in April Pharmaceutical department, under the guidance of Mr. E. M. Eddy, moved from their cramped areas on the ground floor into spacious, bright renovated areas south side of hospital, first floor next to the Clinical Laboratory. During first and second week in April remainder of admitting offices and new visitors' waiting room areas were completed. New Cafeteria and centralized dishwashing area also completed by April 15 in area previously occupied by X-ray, Physiotherapy and C.N.I.B. canteen.

Medical staff room has been assigned next to Emergency—renovated ward previously a medical ward of 101.

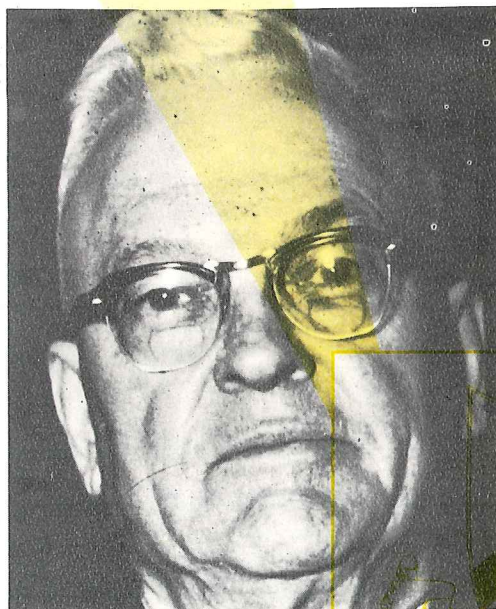




Hugh M. Young, M.D., CM., F.A.C.S.

It is a pleasure to be able to contribute many words of praise to the Sisters of Providence since the opening of the first hospital in 1912. It was my good fortune to be here when the Providence Hospital opened its doors—and from its early beginning my name has appeared on the hospital records, so together the hospital and I are celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 1962.

Doctor Hourigan and myself are the only two doctors of that era who are still practicing medicine. I must pay tribute to those early medical men who gave us younger men such a fine example to follow. Moose Jaw has been a lucky town. From my knowledge and 50 years of practice, the people of this city and surrounding country have had the best medical and surgical care ever afforded a community. You do not get that reputation with poor hospitals. That success has come from our fine hospitals in Moose Jaw, and on this 50th Anniversary, I give my thanks to the Sisters Superior of the past 50 years, to the members of the Operating Staff, to the Laboratory services, to the Maternity services and to all who have contributed to the success of this fine hospital.



Dr. J. M. Hourigan

Anniversaries such as Providence Hospital is celebrating is a time when those of us who have been with her all her life take stock of the changes and think back to the days when she first began. I can well remember those early times when the first Sisters laboured so diligently in their new home, laboured with little but their fortitude and the assistance of Almighty God. Theirs was truly a labour of charity, a labour of Love. The amenities of life were non-existent, in fact they were often hungry and cold, that their patients might have the best there was to offer. It is these pioneer hearts that gave Providence her great traditions; traditions that are being carried on today amid very different surroundings, but with one thought foremost—that of the welfare of those entrusted to their care. We salute the staff and give heartfelt thanks to God for their efforts on behalf of our patients.

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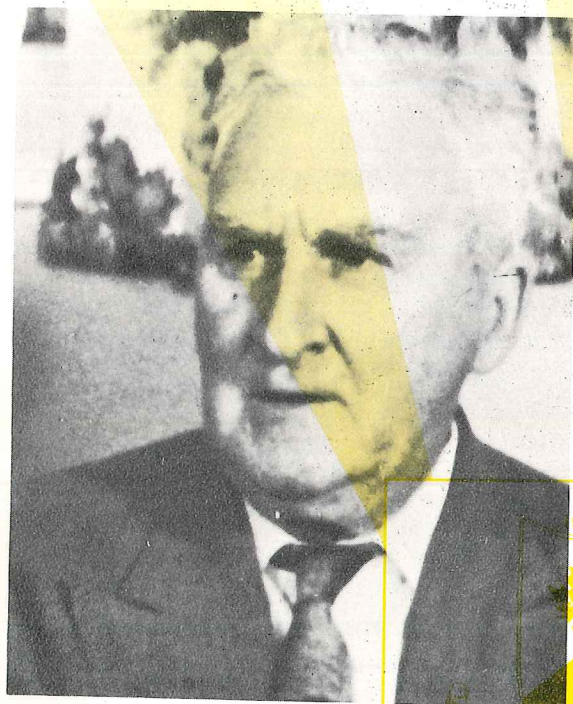
Dr. N. E. Betzner

When I first arrived in Moose Jaw the Providence Hospital was located at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Ominica Street West. This was in 1916. It was a large residence which had been converted into a hospital. The operating room was on the main floor and patients were carried on stretchers to and from it for surgery. At that time the only X-Ray machines were in doctor's offices.

A few years later the Sisters built a modern hospital on South Hill with modern facilities and water services and an X-Ray department.

More space was needed and the East Wing was added. Now the West Wing is being completed thus making a splendid modern hospital.

I wish to extend my congratulations to the Sisters of Providence of Moose Jaw on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee.



Dr. H. Gordon Young

Arriving in Moose Jaw January 1, 1921, one of my first visits was to Providence Hospital, situated on its present site where it was located when moved from its former location on Ominica Street West, where it functioned in what had previously been a large dwelling.

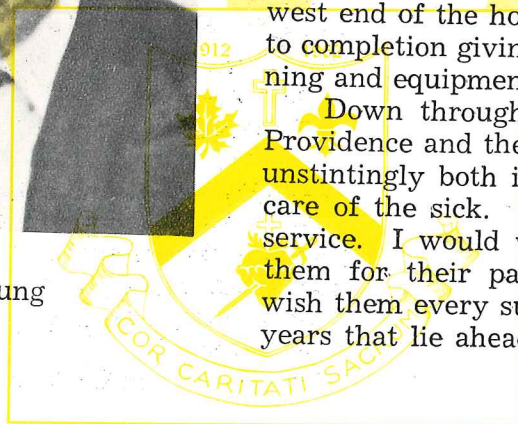
The hospital then consisted of the main building which now forms the central portion of the present structure.

During my practice I have observed, with a great deal of interest and satisfaction, the development and expansion of the hospital.

In 1928 the East Wing was added as the

Now in 1962 another large wing on the west end of the hospital has just been brought to completion giving the latest in hospital planning and equipment.

Down through the years the Sisters of Providence and their varying staffs have given unstintingly both in administration and in the care of the sick. Their's is a truly dedicated service. I would wish to pay high tribute to them for their past accomplishments and to wish them every success and God speed in the years that lie ahead.





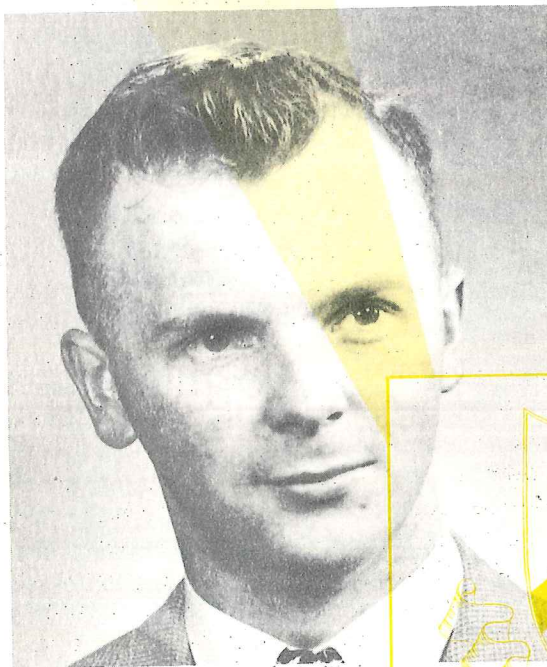


L. G. Bray, M.D.

On the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Providence Hospital here in Moose Jaw it is my privilege and honour on behalf of the Medical Staff to thank the Sisters of Charity for fifty years of service to this community.

When the present phase of construction is completed with its new O.R., new Maternity and Nursery wards, new X-ray and Physiotherapy departments, Central Supply room, Record office and Clinic rooms as well as a new kitchen; along with renovation of the present building to provide a more adequate Children's Ward, Emergency Department, modern wards and nursing stations, and Pharmacy, the Providence Hospital will be second to none in the Province.

The Medical Staff wish to congratulate the Sisters in their faith in the future of this community and to thank them for all the modern facilities provided for the diagnosis and treatment of disease that have been made available to the citizens and Doctors of this community.

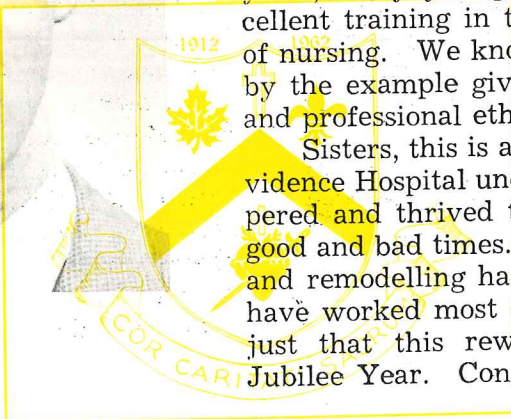


Dr. Alan J. Cox

On behalf of the Medical Staff, I would like to congratulate the Sisters of Providence who are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Providence Hospital, Moose Jaw.

We have always admired and appreciated the Sisters' devotion to their work, friendliness sacrifice and willingness to serve. This is well demonstrated by the development of the Providence Hospital School of Nursing. Over the years, many young women have received excellent training in the art and technical fields of nursing. We know they have been inspired by the example given by the Sisters in moral and professional ethics.

Sisters, this is a time for rejoicing, for Providence Hospital under your direction has prospered and thrived through fifty years of both good and bad times. For you the new addition and remodelling has been a goal to which you have worked most diligently. We feel it only just that this reward come to you in this Jubilee Year. Congratulations from all of us!







### *Ladies' Auxiliary*

### *Ladies' Altar Society*

### *Catholic Women's League*

One of the first groups to help the Sisters of Providence after they came to Moose Jaw was the hospital ladies' auxiliary. Over the years few records of their work has been kept and in fact, their name has been changed repeatedly. The Catholic Women's League itself has always been in the forefront whether there was another active body or not.

Indicative of the help given the hospital by these good ladies is the above picture showing the actual donation of \$750 made in September 1961. Sister Mary Lalemant,

Superior of the hospital, is shown receiving the check from Mrs. Margaret Cafferata, CWL treasurer, while Mrs. A. R. Dixon, first vice-president of the group and Father Edmund Quinn, spiritual director, look on. This particular donation was used in the construction of one of the new operating theatres in the hospital. Many other donations, particularly since construction of the new wing started, have been made by this group.

The hospital acknowledges its heartfelt thanks to the women who have worked so hard on behalf of the staff and the patients.



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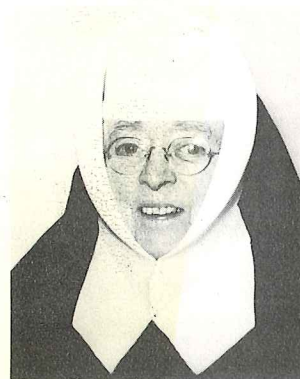
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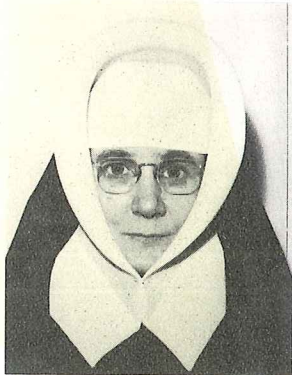
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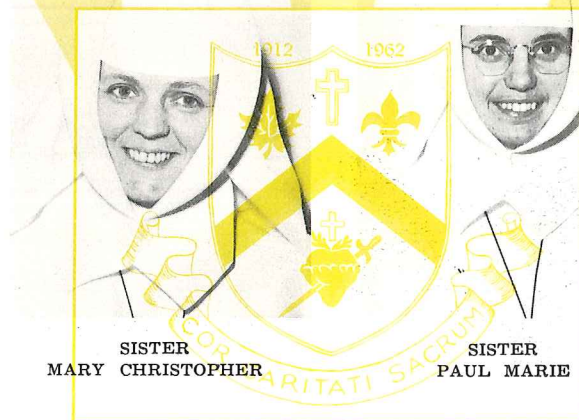
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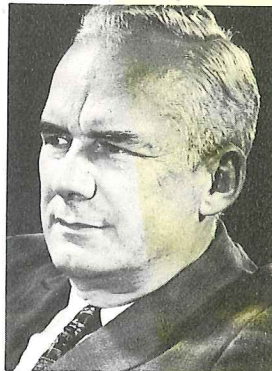
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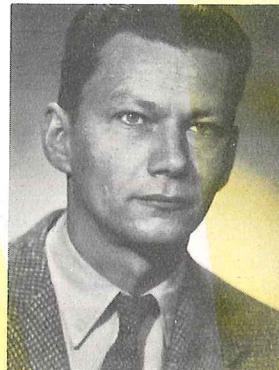
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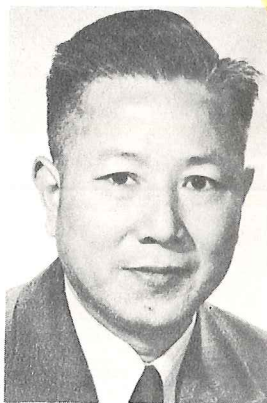
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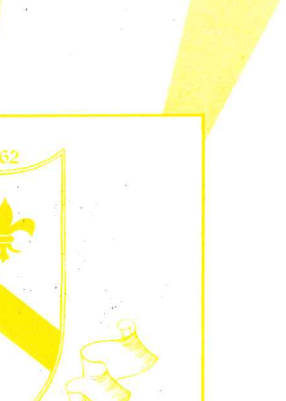
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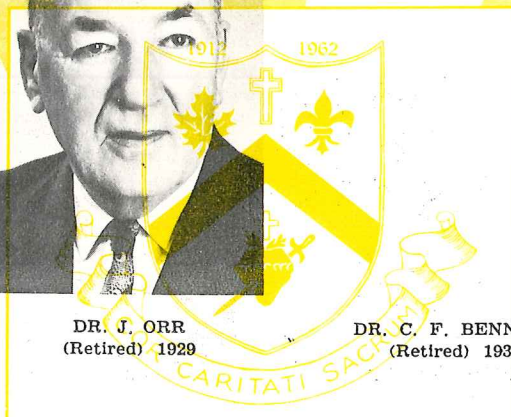
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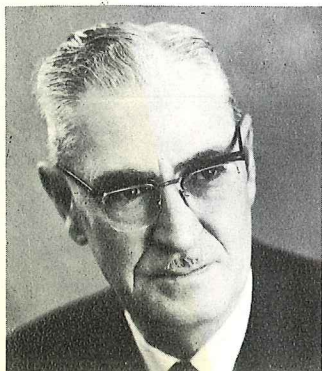
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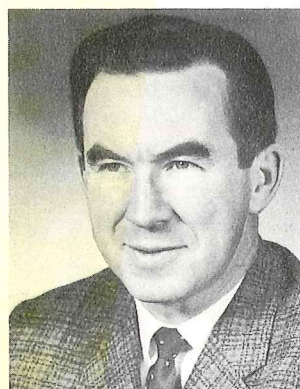
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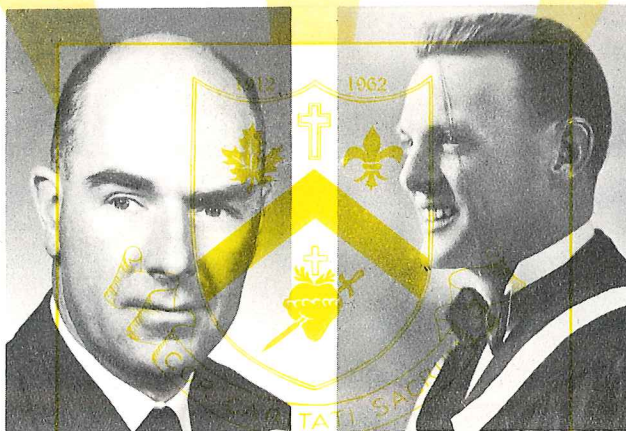
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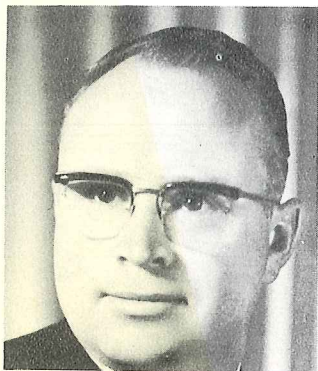
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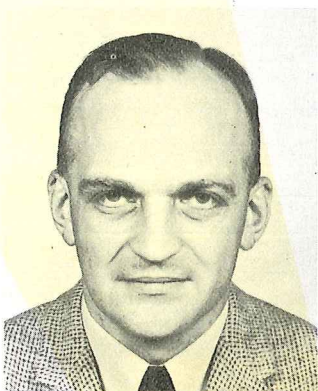
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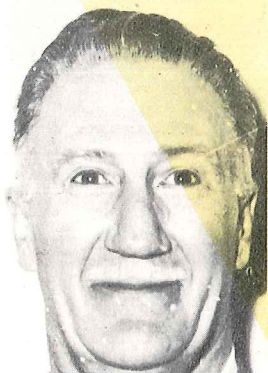
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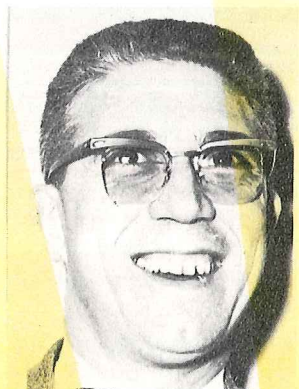
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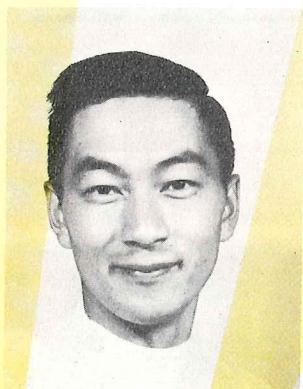
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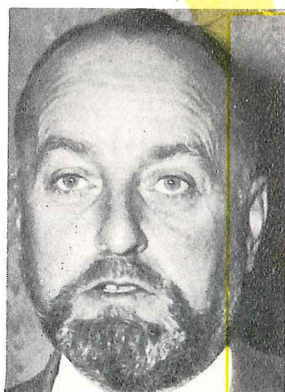
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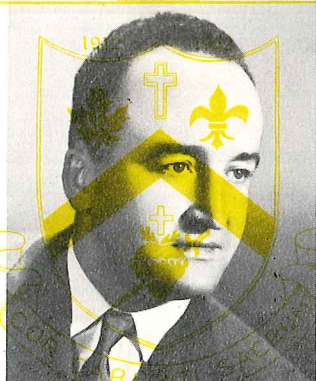
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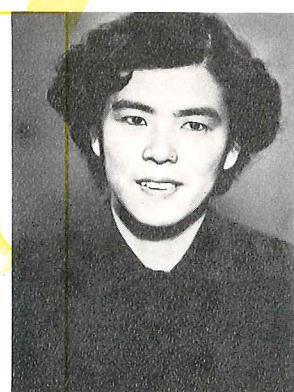
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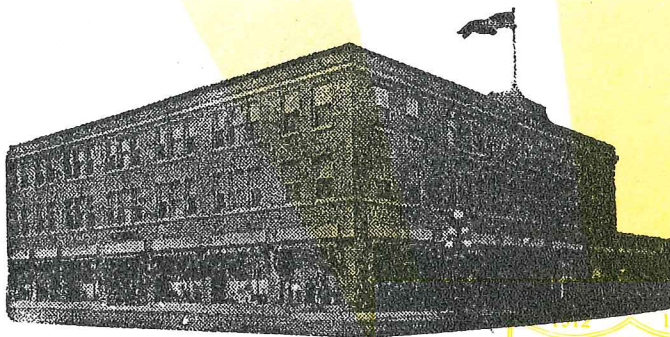
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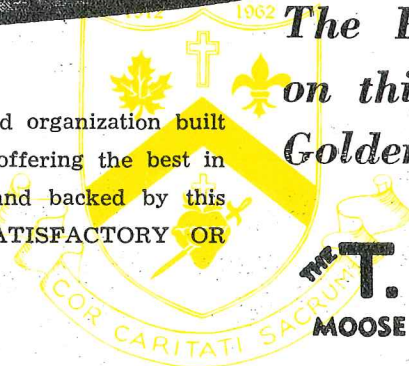
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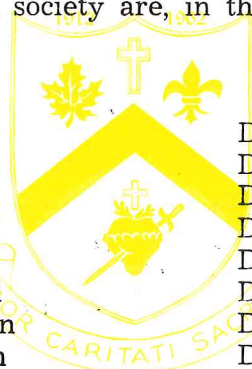
Nor can spirits ever be divided, that love and live in the divine principle, the root and record, of their friendship . . . Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still . . .

This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present because immortal.

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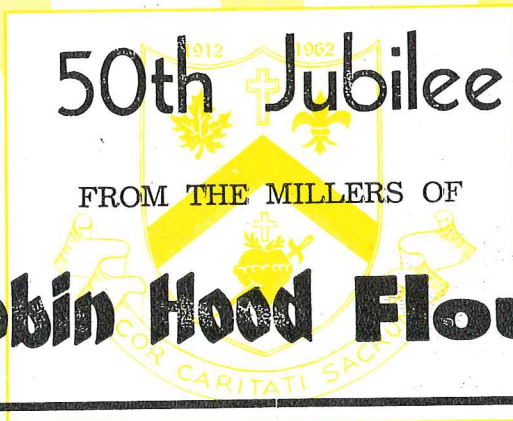
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## MEDICAL RECORDS

The Medical Record department first began as such at Providence in 1920. We still have operating room registers, as well as some statistical reports from 1912, but the department as such was then non-existent.

In 1927 when the east wing was built, a room approximately 10 by 12 was designated for the department. We then had one desk, five filing cases and a card file. For the next 20 years the complete staff consisted of one Sister.

Patient's names were entered in a large register book and the patients' charts were filed alphabetically. Slowly a system of coding diseases and operations and compiling monthly and annual reports evolved.

(Case histories were written by the doctors themselves.)

Sister Mary Alma, who is still in charge of the department, arrived in September 1941. In 1946 she received her qualification of Registered Record Librarian, the first such in the city.

In 1947 Miss Frances Kariya was taken on staff as the first medical stenographer. With her arrival the first dictaphone was

purchased and the doctors began dictating case histories for the stenographer's transcription.

The next year the filing system was changed from alphabetical to serial unit system and we began filing patient's records by number.

In 1950 eleven more filing cabinets were added and the doctor's staff room was taken over.

This year also the Standard Nomenclature of Diseases and Operations was adopted, a method standard all over the North American continent. We now had a four-way filing system, Diseases, Operations, Patients and Doctors, on an index card system rather than a register book.

In the new extension the main record library measures 35 by 17 feet. Adjoining it is a large room used by the doctors for their dictation on the one side with provision for the stenographer on the other.

In September 1961 Miss Lynette Nixon, a second Registered Record Librarian joined the staff. In addition we now have a medical stenographer and a part time clerk stenographer.

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## CLINICAL LABORATORY

The flashing years that have made the history of Moose Jaw's Providence Hospital, have also traced the growth of laboratory techniques from the almost non-existent to a major part of modern treatment of the ill.

The laboratory at Providence came into being in June of 1921 in a small 10 by 10 foot room just inside the old ambulance entrance.

At that time the entire staff was a sister, who, in addition to looking after the laboratory, had the whole of the first floor under her supervision.

Sister Mary Angelus, with a microscope, a centrifuge and a small incubator, took care of all the procedures then required.

She did tests at about the rate of 4,000 units a year.

In 1936 Sister Mary Cornelia, who is still in charge, came to Providence and, although the location remained the same, slowly new equipment was added.

When the walls were almost bulging, in 1945, the space was doubled. In 1950 eight

new rooms were built above the laundry and in 1957 a further six rooms were added to give the laboratory its present size.

In 1950 the laboratory technologists course was begun under the direction of Dr. Geoffrey Kent. Dr. Kent left the hospital in 1953 and Dr. Maurice Ernest took his place. In 1960 Dr. Eric Massig joined the staff as assistant pathologist.

A total of 64 students have completed the two-year course at Providence leading to their Registered Medical Technologist's standing recognized in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. Eight Graduates have also obtained their Specialist Certificates.

The staff now includes twelve graduates, twelve students, two aides, one technical assistant, one cleaner and two stenographers.

Over 300 different procedures, including radioactive substances, are now commonplace. In 1961 a total of 234,000 units were completed by the staff.





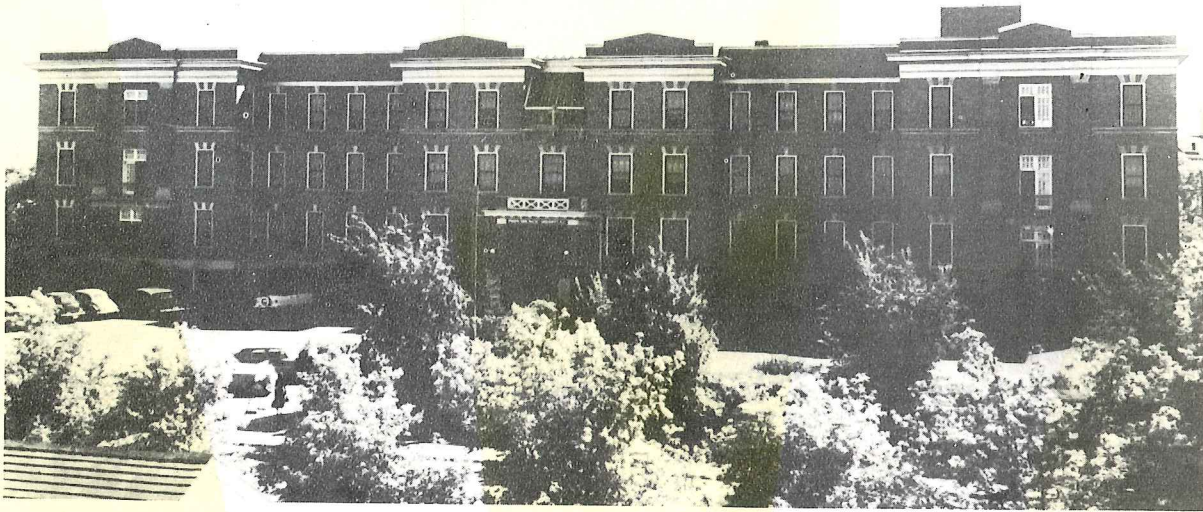
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## X - RAY

On March 27, 1920 Mr. Charles Broadfoot started a campaign to raise funds for an X-ray machine for the hospital and it was delivered on August 28 that year.

Under the direction of Sister Mary Benignus, R.N., R.T., the first department was set up during the month of September. The hospital functioned with the one machine until a portable model was obtained in January, 1941 at a cost of \$1,450.

Sister Mary Rosaire, R.N., R.T., took over direction of the group from Sister Mary Benignus in August 1945.

The department began to change quickly following that and a second machine was installed the same month.

At this time a training school for X-ray technicians was begun and 14 students have now graduated from the two-year approved course as Registered X-ray Technicians.

In March 1951, after the clinical laboratory was moved, the department expanded to take over the vacated premises and another machine was added to the equipment.

Dr. Rodolphe Michaud, employed by the Union Hospital, spent certain hours as consultant at Providence for many years. Dr. A. Perry and Associates from Regina, were engaged to read film and came regularly to give interpretations. Dr. J. Thomas was first full time Radiologist. Dr. Hugh O'Reilly is Radiologist on the staff, relieved by Dr. N. E. Dunn from Union Hospital.

Miss Gertrude McDougall, R.N., R.T., who came to Providence in January 1959 is now in charge of the department's technicians.

In October 1961 the department was moved to the new extension on first floor and now covers an area some eight times as large as previously.

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## PHYSIOTHERAPY

Physiotherapy, as such in hospital work, is a comparative newcomer. Providence purchased its first piece of equipment, a quartz ultra-violet lamp for heat treatment on Mar. 6, 1925. Two months later a short wave machine for deep heat treatment was added to the equipment. An infra-red lamp was purchased in 1926.

Until 1950 treatments were given under the direction of the Sister in charge of the X-ray department, next door.

The department was re-organized in 1950 and moved into larger quarters. Miss Agnes McGee, who was the physiotherapist at Union hospital was engaged part time, as the first on the staff.

In September 1951 Miss Jean McGregor took over the department and was to remain on the staff for four years. At this time Mrs. Marion Currie began her service with the hospital and she is still here.

John Crawford was in charge of the de-

partment from 1955 to 1959 and then Mrs. Betty Burt spent a year with Providence. Miss Else Toft-Hansen, MCPA, came to Moose Jaw in November 1960 and is now in charge of the department.

Dr. Hua Kao, a doctor of physical medicine has been on staff half days since November 1961. He spends the rest of his time at the Union Hospital.

When the move into the new extension was made on October 10, 1961 the department filled half the first floor of the extension.

Included in the equipment are the following: three short wave machines and one ultra sound machine for deep heat treatment; two infra-red lamps and two ultra violet lamps for superficial heat; a number of heat packs; two muscle stimulators, parallel bars, a bicycle, a Guthrie-Smith bed for exercise, walkers on wheels; a wax bath and a whirlpool for hydrotherapy.





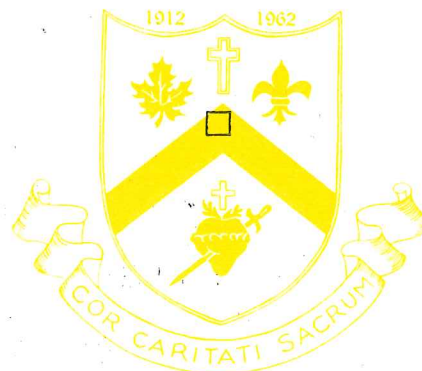
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## DIETARY

The Medical aspects of nutrition are getting more and more attention in today's modern hospitals. The trend now is toward more completely centralized service in all departments of hospitals and the dietary staff now serves the patients directly.

Although new equipment has been added to the kitchen at Providence at intervals, there has been no remodelling necessary since the structure was first built, under the old method of food preparation and service.

Nutrition as such in the past was largely a matter of delicious, generously-served food. Now it has advanced to the consideration of carefully calculated calories, and the energy supplied by them, as well as the study of the intricacies of how this energy is consumed.

The science is commonly called "dietetics"—a science of invaluable importance in medical care.

"Eye appealing foods, that will also satisfy the patient's inner requirements will be the type we will be able to prepare in our

new kitchen," says Sister Mary Everildis, who has been in charge of Providence's kitchen staff for the past 18 years.

Vernon Therens, chef at Providence since March 15, 1948, supervises the preparation of approximately 600 meals a day.

The new tray servery, where each tray will be individually served, under the supervision of a dietitian, will have hot storage chambers on one side and cold storage chambers on the other.

From the servery trays will be loaded on heated carts and they will then only be a step from the elevator that will transport them to the required floor.

Another innovation will be the large spacious cafeteria. In addition to provision for staff meals, those patients who are able to get up will be able to eat there too.

"Allowing patients to eat with others is one of the newer methods of therapy," said Sister Maria Everildis, "and our new quarters will make special provision for just that type of treatment."

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## PHARMACY

The hospital pharmacist has only become recognized by other members of his profession in the past 10 years. The present pharmacy at Providence bears mute testimony to that statement by virtue of its size alone.

"The actual separation of pharmacy from medicine is recorded as having first occurred in the forerunners of hospitals," said Edward M. Eddy, graduate pharmacist at Providence.

"Yet pharmacists, like hospitals themselves, did not really flower until the birth of the biological sciences at the turn of the century."

"Now, as drugs become more potent, more specific, more expensive, more dangerous and of infinitely wider selection, the op-

eration of a hospital pharmacy takes on increasing importance."

Many of these new drugs must be ready for use and close at hand in modern treatment of the ill. With larger quarters and more manufacturing facilities, we will be able to better serve the patients and doctors in Providence," he said as he prepared to move to the new quarters.

The new pharmacy will be located on the first floor of the hospital, bounded on one side by the laboratory and on the other by the new central supply room.

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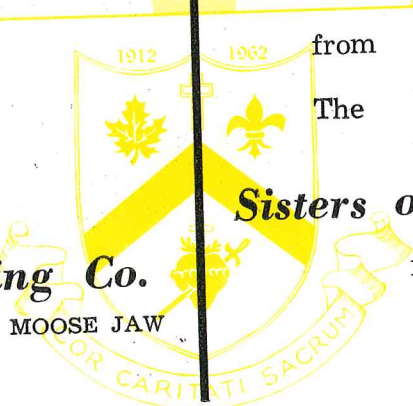


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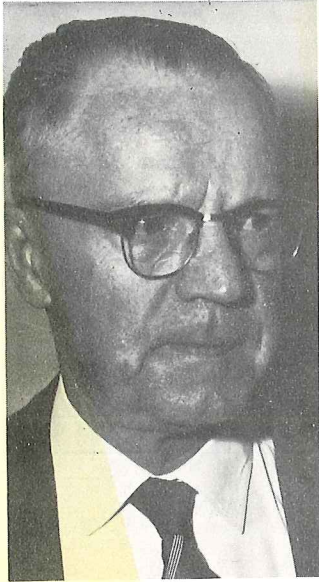
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## Laundry

In a world where people are almost constantly changing, Emanuel Baduluta has set a record of constancy.

He has been a continuous member of the staff of Providence Hospital since he arrived there in the fall of 1916. He has been in charge of the laundry department since 1931.



Born in Montreal Mr. Baduluta came west with a harvest gang in 1916. His first job was at Briercrest just south of Moose Jaw and he became ill while on the crew. He was brought into Providence by Dr. Hourigan.

As soon as he was able to get out of bed he applied for a job as an orderly and was given the then standard training. He served the hospital in that capacity for 15 years.

Since then he has been in charge of the laundry and has seen it more than quadruple in size.

"I used to do all the work with the help of a Sister or two, on occasion, but now we have eleven in the staff," he said rather proudly.

An avid fisherman, Mr. Baduluta spends all his off hours either at the water's edge or relaxing in front of his television set.

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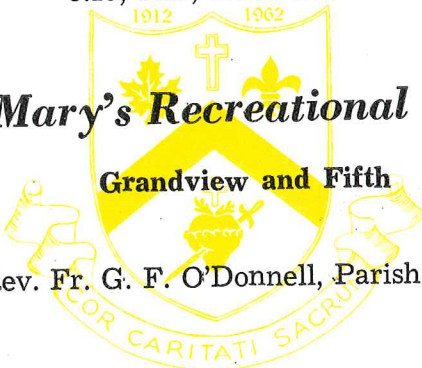
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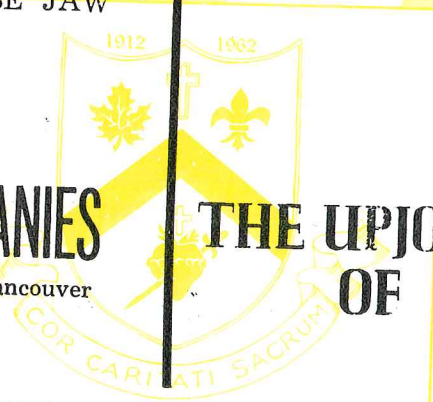
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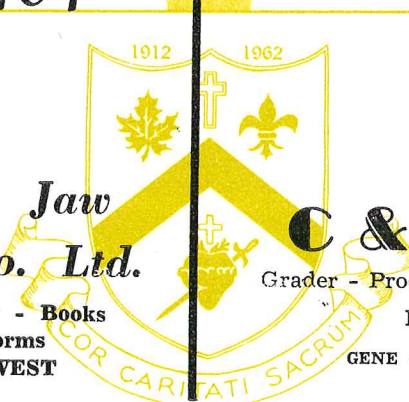
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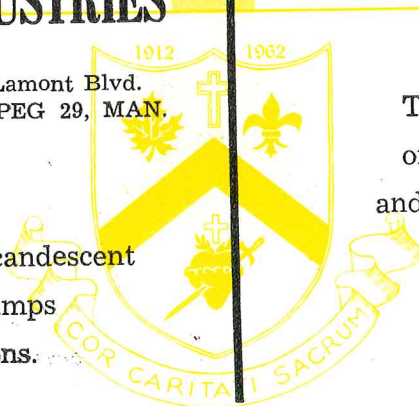
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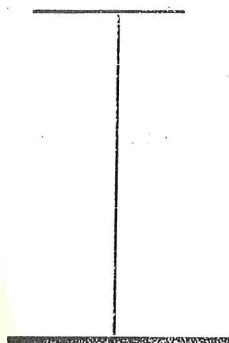
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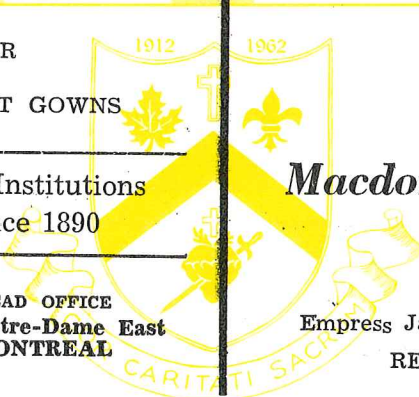


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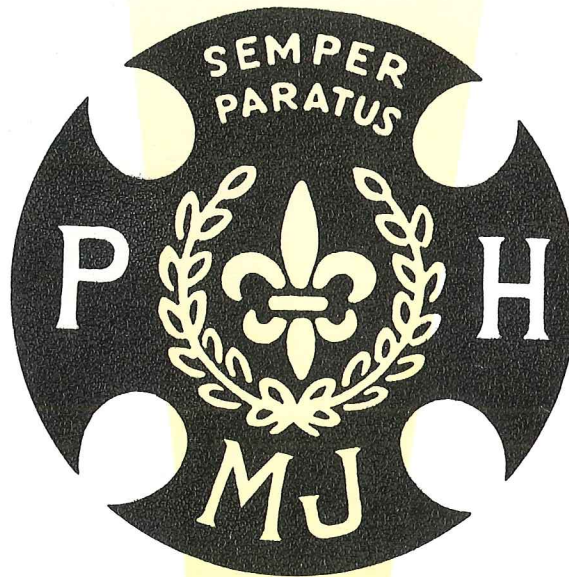
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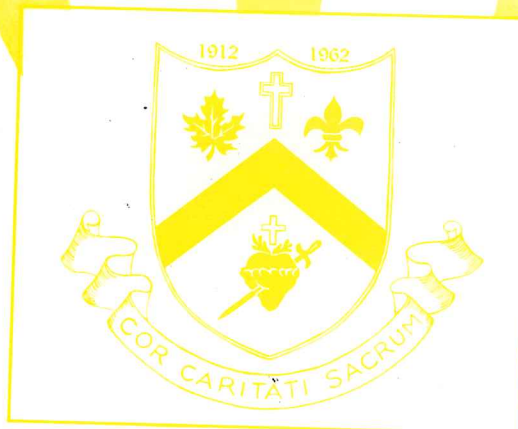
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## *School of Nursing History*

The Sisters of Providence operated their hospital in Moose Jaw just over four years before the School of Nursing was established.

On January 1, 1917 Sister Mary Raphael, who was to remain in charge for sixteen years, arrived from Kingston to establish the School. There were fourteen students. Conditions were crowded and instruction was carried on by the doctors as they went about visiting their patients.

The following September, with the move to the new hospital on the present site, the school was given the ground floor for classrooms, while living accommodation was supplied on the third floor.

It was then that the School actually began as we know it today. A curriculum was set up to conform with standards set by the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association and the University of Saskatchewan. Trained instructors were engaged to assist Sister Raphael and members of the medical staff gave lectures.

The first graduation exercises were held in 1920 in the nurses' recreation room, and the annals record the fact 20 guests were present.

When the new east wing was added in 1928 the students were moved to the third floor of that wing and more space was allotted to them for a library and a larger recreation lounge.

The present nurses residence, just across the street from the hospital, and covering a full city block, was established in 1946. An administration building and an officers quarters building were purchased from the Caron airport and moved in.

Accommodation for seventy students

was made available, and in addition a full-scale teaching unit was established. This included expanded library facilities, a nursing arts laboratory, a spacious and well-appointed recreation room fitted for all types of social activity as well as additional lecture rooms. In the front part of the building offices were set up for the director of nurses and six faculty members.

The grounds have since been landscaped and provided with a tennis court and other recreational equipment.

Further expanding our facilities, the School was enrolled in the Centralized Teaching Program in 1952. This program, organized by the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association, is designed to meet the shortage of prepared science instructors for pre-clinical nursing students. The four-month course is taken by Providence students at Saskatoon.

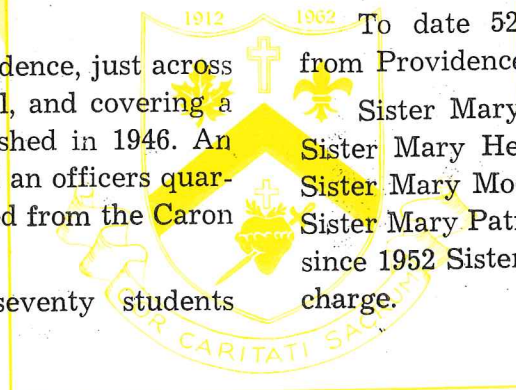
In 1944 a special four-week affiliation course in tuberculosis nursing was added to the curriculum. Students spend this time at Fort San, Fort Qu'Appelle.

In 1949 an affiliation course of 12 weeks in Psychiatric nursing was added.

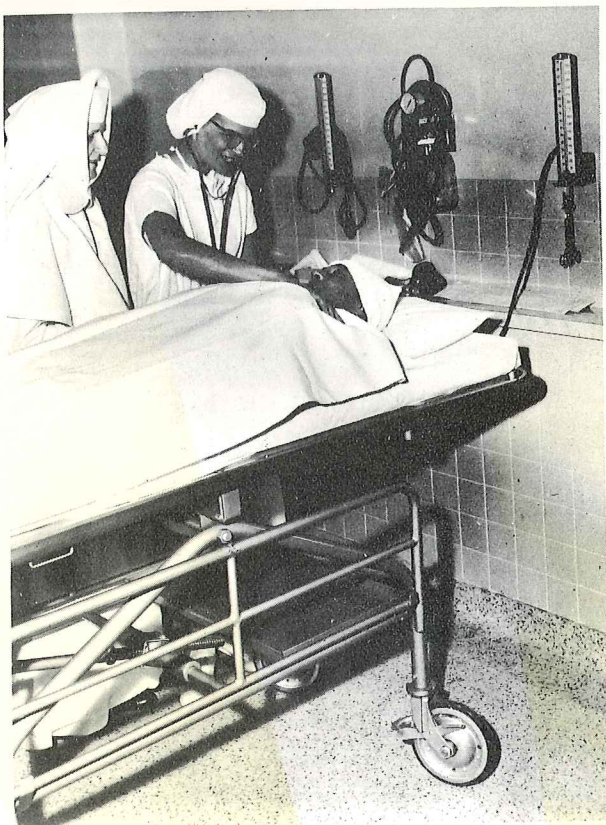
Last year a further innovation was set up with each student spending two days with Moose Jaw members of the Victorian Order of Nurses in their public health work.

To date 525 students have graduated from Providence School of Nursing.

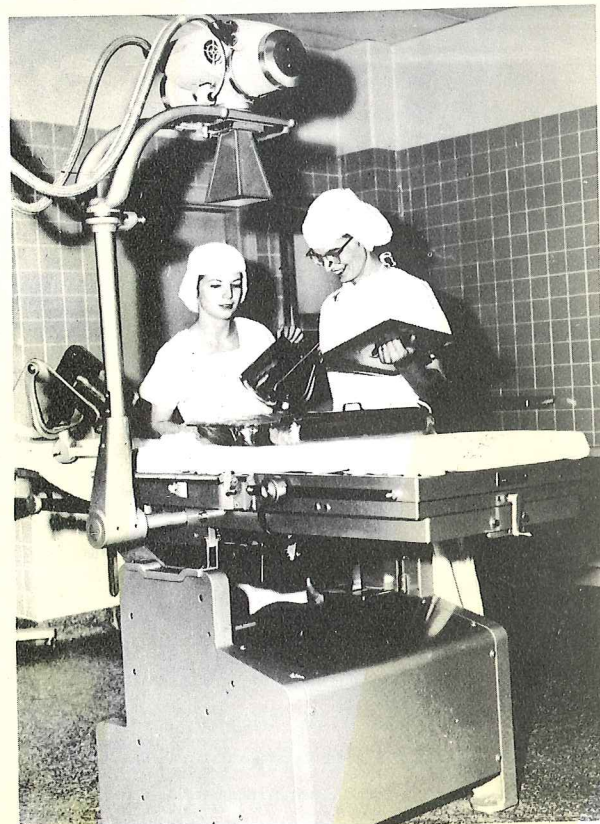
Sister Mary Raphael was succeeded by Sister Mary Helena, Sister Mary Veronica, Sister Mary Modesta, Sister Mary Alphonse, Sister Mary Patrice, Sister Mary Flavian and since 1952 Sister Mary Franchea has been in charge.



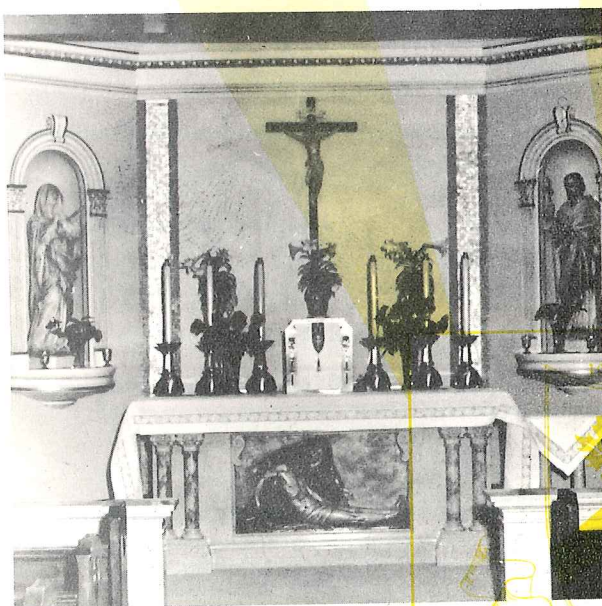




The recovery room where patients come out of the anesthetic



The Cysto Room has its own X-ray



Remodelled altar in the chapel.



Ward staff serve patient's meals onto conveyor belt in kitchen.



Sister Mary Raphael



My Dear Former Students:

I am very happy to be here to welcome you back to Providence Hospital on the occasion of our golden jubilee. You will see many changes around the hospital, but the spirit of kindly service to the sick you will recognize as unchanged. May you enjoy these few days in the renewal of former friendships and memories.

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Dear Graduates of 1962:

On this the Golden Jubilee of our hospital, you must feel proud and honoured realizing that you have the privilege of graduating on such a memorable occasion.

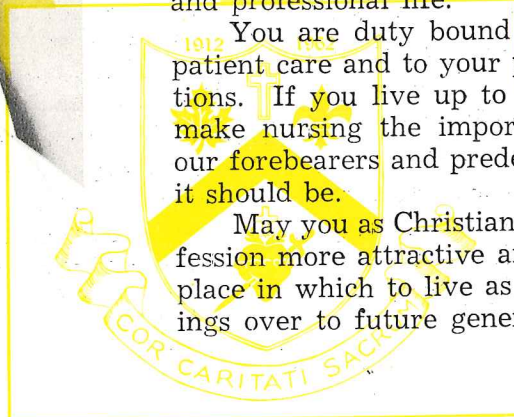
As you go forth to take your place among the members of the nursing profession may you also be singled out as worthy members by giving of your best. You must see to it that the true Christian ideals, motives, traditions and spirit of nursing never diminish or remain constant but that they flourish in your personal and professional life.

You are duty bound to give your best to patient care and to your professional organizations. If you live up to these ideals you will make nursing the important profession that our forebearers and predecessors intended that it should be.

May you as Christian nurses make our profession more attractive and the world a better place in which to live as you turn these blessings over to future generations.



Sister Mary Fanchea







This year of our Lord, 1962 commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the Moose Jaw Providence Hospital.

It is my honour and privilege on behalf of the Providence Hospital Alumnae to congratulate the Sisters of Providence on this worthy accomplishment.

Without the work of many this accomplishment could never have been attained. We pay tribute to our former pioneers who established the foundation to build on, and provided our basic principles.

We commend and thank those who are at this time guiding the destiny of our hospital and we wish also to express confidence in future leaders that their vision will make horizons unlimited in the future years.

Mrs. Jo Ann Boyd,  
President,  
Providence Hospital Alumnae

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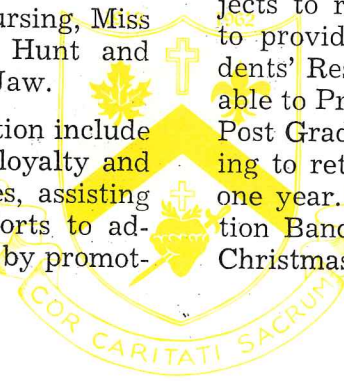
## *Alumnae Association*

The Providence Hospital Alumnae Association was formally organized in 1946. Its development was due to the efforts of Sister Mary Patrice, then Director of Nursing, Miss Patricia MacKenzie, Mrs. Mary Hunt and other graduates living in Moose Jaw.

The objectives of the Association include the promotion of friendship and loyalty and co-operation among the graduates, assisting the School of Nursing in its efforts to advance the standing of its students by promot-

ing interest in the social and cultural as well as the professional aspects of nursing.

Activities of the Alumnae include projects to raise funds which are mainly used to provide additional comforts in the Students' Residence. A \$500.00 bursary is available to Providence Graduates who wish to do Post Graduate work providing they are willing to return to the hospital for a period of one year. Annual projects are the Graduation Banquet, the Shamrock Ball and the Christmas Party for the Student Nurses.





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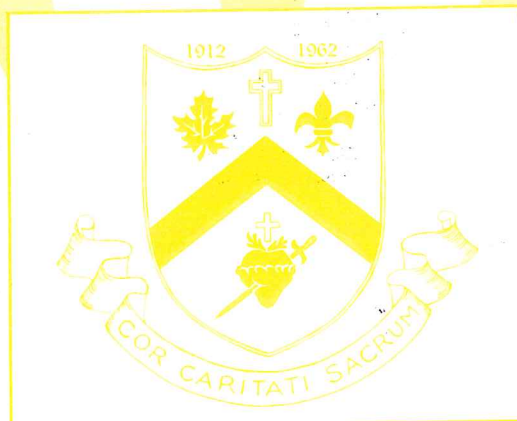
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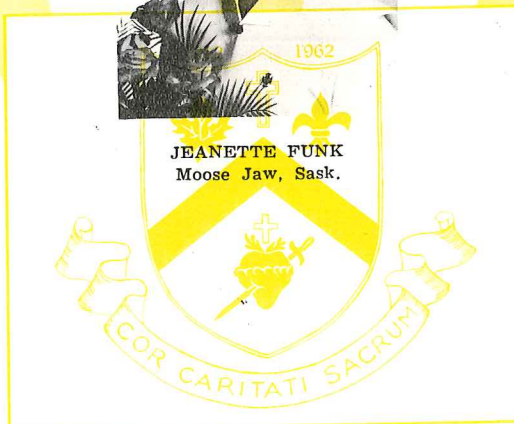
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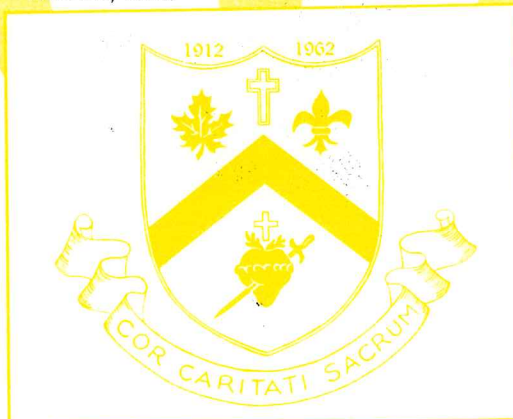
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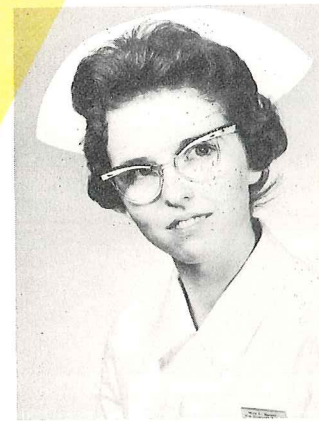
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