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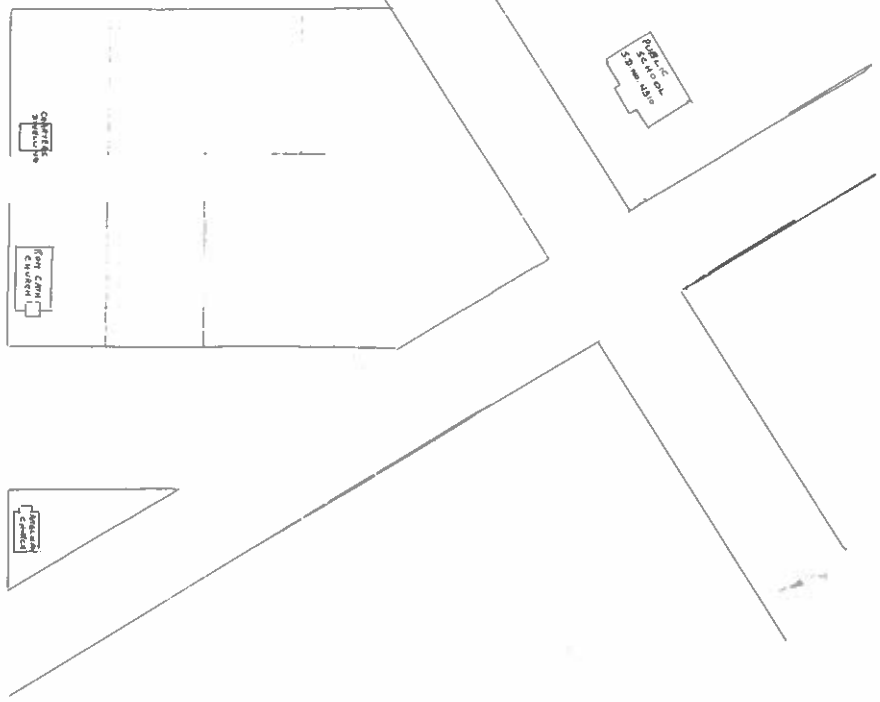
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1930

Village of Barhead as shown by the heavy black line and overlaid in red at its execution Nov. 14, 1927 Area of Division

All that portion of land contained in the north-east quarter of Section 20, Township 59, Range 3, West of the 5th Meridian, lying north of the left bank of Paddle River.

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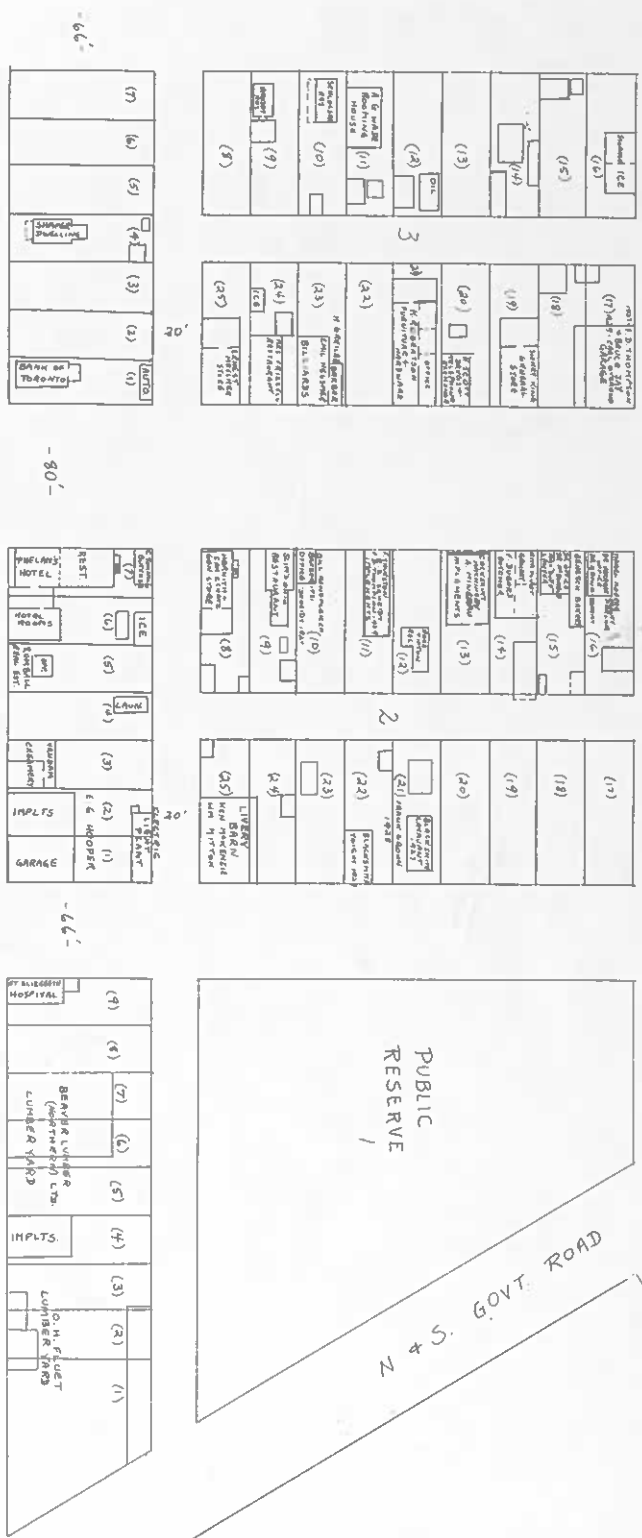
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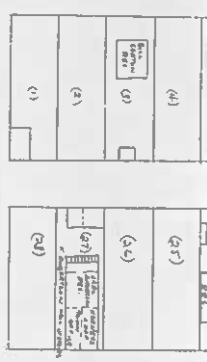
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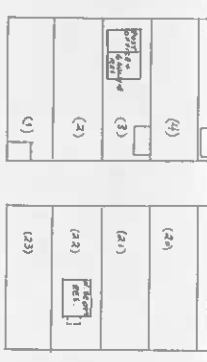
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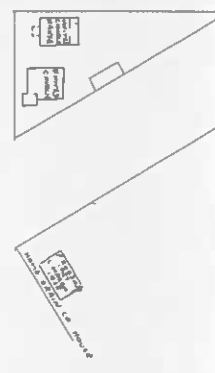


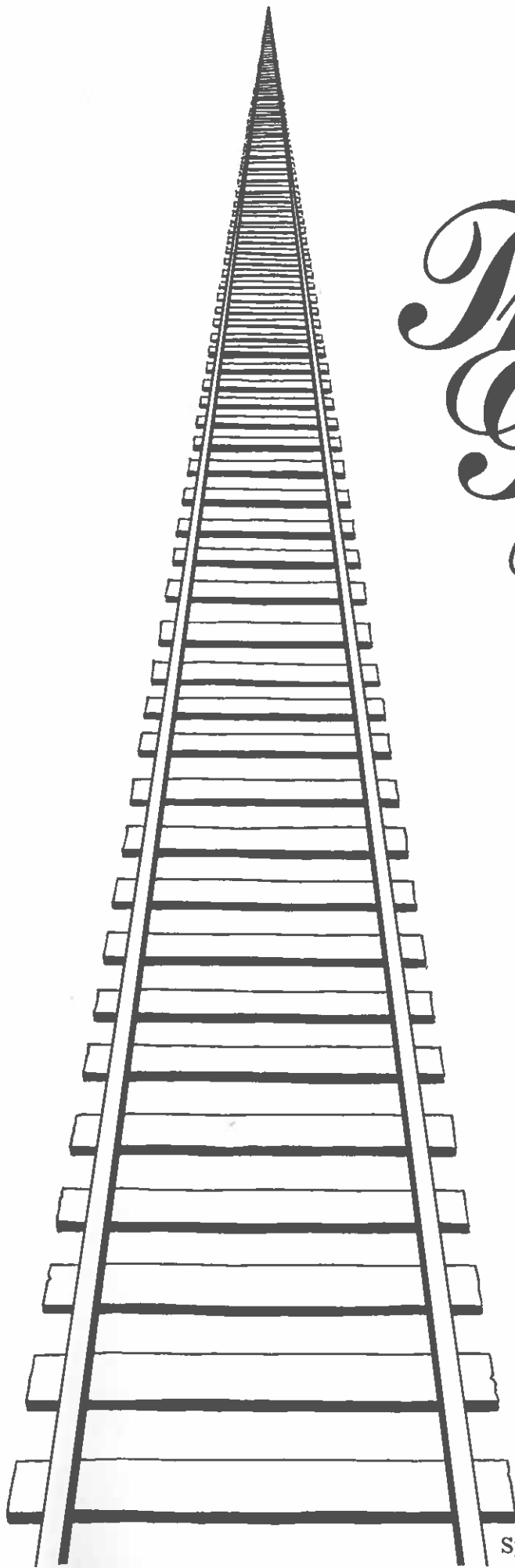
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would be stronger. They were: Barrhead proved to be stronger. In March, 1977 we were at the CBC T.V. Studios for a second time. And we were ready.

We were to be the second game of the day. Since there were five teams, the rules state that the highest average from previous play gets a bye. The four other teams have to play off. In these play offs the team with the lowest point spread in their victory has to meet the original team that got the bye, St. Francis Xavier (390 average). After the first round, Barrhead was faced with overcoming a 100 point difference. They did. They defeated Glenmary R.C.S. (Peace River) 485-200 and won a bye into the Northern Finals.

In that Northern Final game, the Barrhead Team proved to be more aggressive and confident than their opponents. After a well fought game, the final score was Barrhead 390, St. Francis Xavier 300. We were Northern Alberta Champs! (The 1975 team lost this game by 15 points).

The team members received gold watches and gold medallions and a right to play in the provincial finals.

Our opposition from Calgary's Henry Wise Wood High would prove to be very difficult to overcome — and they were. In this best of three finals, Barrhead lost the first game 435-325. After being down at half time with a most embarrassing point difference, the team from Barrhead managed to pull within 10 points of their opponents. In the final two minutes of play the Calgary team resumed the initiative and went on to victory.

The Barrhead fans, the team, and I knew that if this come-back was any indication of what the second game was to be like, the final score was going to be in our favor. And it was. In the final two games we assumed the lead very early in the games and maintained it throughout the games. Henry Wise Wood lost these games 475-380 and were crushed in the final game 555-360. We were Provincial Champions and on our way to Calgary for National play on June 24.

MUSES

I can look at this photograph no longer
My precious memories of you haunt me
wherever I am

Clear, sharp and somewhat abrasive as your im-
age sears my flesh
Disheveled hair painted by the night,
Sparkling eyes disperse harmony
Beaming face sheds hope.

And I can really look at this photograph no
longer

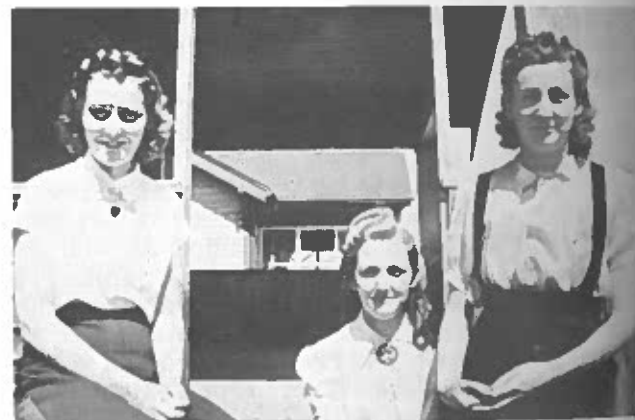
My fantasies of you engulf my days
Wave wand, flip switch, projector runs as your
drama unfolds

No one understands why the actress wouldn't
recite her lines

She barely reacted to the play
But the sorceress knew and she spoke.

So, I will only think of you forever
My hands will file this away
Labelled, packaged and stored deep within
Believing nothing to be something
The substance of my existence
Created by someone I once knew.

Jan Michaud



Hospitals and Nursing Care

HOSPITAL

Jimmy Phelan was the first baby born in Barrhead on July 1, 1927. Mrs. Rumball and Mrs. Wade helped look after him at the Phelan Hotel which John Phelan had just completed building in the new hamlet of Barrhead.

Dr. Verreau had a small office along railway avenue. He then purchased a small building, a former bakery, and converted it into Barrhead's first hospital just down the street, east of the hotel, at the corner of the next block next to the Beaver Lumber.



First Hospital in Barrhead 1928.

Miss Patterson was the first matron. There were no rooms, just curtains separating the various areas. There was a wood and coal heater in the waiting room, one in the kitchen, at the back, and one in between in the three or four-bed ward. A cesspool was located in the ground behind the hospital.

Elsie Craft graduated from the General Hospital in Edmonton in 1927 and came right to Barrhead to nurse in the hospital. She stayed in Phelan's Hotel. If her room was needed to rent out, Elsie slept with the Phelan children.

Pete Craig Sr. was the handyman at the hospital. Elsie tells of the time she was delivering a baby in the hospital and Pete was fetching things for her and handing them through the curtains! He also waited on tables in the dining room at the Hotel.

The Women's Institute started by Mrs. McCaig and Mrs. Chas. Shaper in 1928 helped provide beds and bedding for the first hospital.

Miss Florence (Flossie) Kellington graduated from the Camrose Hospital.

In January, 1929, the Sisters at Westlock bought the hospital from Dr. Verreau. They named the hospital St. Elizabeth's. The Sister Superior in Westlock contacted Miss Kellington through the registrar. She was working as a "special" nurse at the time and had sprained her ankle. The sister insisted that she was needed in Barrhead although "she protested". Miss Kellington and Mrs. Robertson (another nurse) came on the bus together. They slept on cots in the hospital. Mrs. Robertson stayed about a month. During those early years Miss Kellington was observed washing the baby clothes on the scrub board at night in the kitchen. When asked why SHE was doing the washing, she remarked "Well it has to be done doesn't it."

She writes the following:

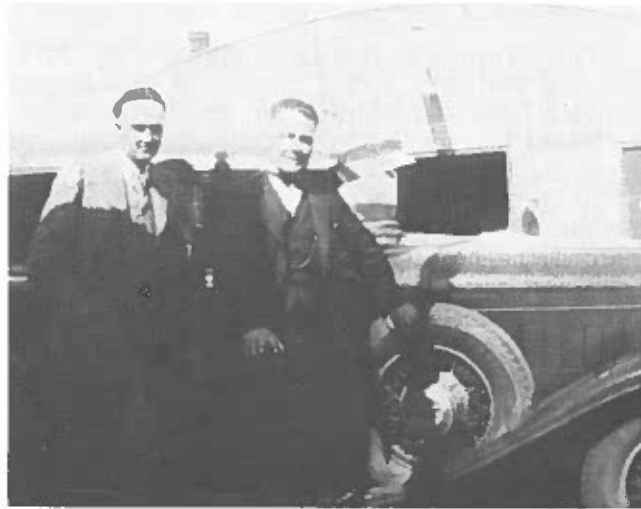
"The weather was cold and there were lots of patients, some with injuries from camps; one little girl with frozen hands. She had just put her dinner pail down in the snow and her mittens along with it and forgot to put them back on — as a result — frozen hands. I saw her many years later, the nails were a bit bent and thickened but the hands O.K.



Mrs. Berthold and Flossie Kellington 1930.

As the need for baby clothing when time for going home was something the new mothers sometimes did not have, I tried to do the best I could. Once when a new baby was going home and I had nothing for the baby's head, I asked one of my patients to go and ask Mrs. Mason for the loan of a baby bonnet. I could see she had two children playing in the yard but I had never met her. She gave me the bonnet for which I will be forever grateful.

After the hospital auxiliary was formed, they supplied the hospital with one dozen layettes each year for needy people. There was a depression in 1930 and many people were in need.



Dr. Brown (dentist) and Dr. Verreau in 1930.

When it became evident Barrhead needed a larger hospital, the Sisters of Westlock purchased a piece of land from Mr. Sam Cobb and planned to build a new hospital, but due to the depression, decided not to go ahead with the building. Dr. Verreau was able to buy the land from the Sisters and so the new hospital was built in 1934 by Dr. Verreau, with much help from the citizens of Barrhead and surrounding district."

Among the many men who worked with their

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Mrs. Berthold and Charlie Whitney (mailman) in front of St. Elizabeth's.



teams at the hospital site were Paul Meunier, Gordon Slocum and Matt Schmaus. They were "working off their baby tax."

The early nursing staff also consisted of Mrs. Berthold and Mrs. Reed as well as Flossie Kellington and Elsie Craft, who later married Ed McFarquhar. One of the last babies to be born in the old hospital was Doreen Wolfinger.



Elsie Craft McFarquhar with husband Ed in 1930.

The official opening of the new hospital was Labor Day, 1934.



Hospital opening 1934.



The New Hospital September, 1934.



Some of the many who helped build the hospital in 1934.



The Hospital with the Maternity Wing Built in 1938.

On July 1, 1938 a new maternity wing was opened, the Hospital Auxillary had a tea. Mrs. Ab Staniland remembers the date very well as the Power Plant burned down and Pauline Staniland was born by lamplight July 2nd.

Miss Kellington remained on the staff as matron until 1940.

An invitation was sent to an order of nursing sisters, The Hospitallers of Chatam, New Brunswick. They accepted the call and arrived during the summer of 1940. Sister Bordon served as matron.

Miss Kellington and Dr. Verreau were married in 1941 and made their home at the rear of the office building on main street where the Bank of Nova Scotia stands today.

Dr. McDonald, a 1927 graduate of the U of A Medical School, came to Barrhead in 1930. He practiced medicine here for 1½ years then became Medical Officer for the Dominion Government when they built the highway from Jasper to Banff.

His office in Barrhead was downstairs in an office block located near the present Acme Store.



Dr. Verreau with Joe and Sis.



Harry Cornell by Dr. Verreau's Office.

Miss Duff's law office was next door. Two teachers, Emma Drebert and Margaret Allen had the apartment upstairs.

In July, 1932 Dr. McDonald married Margaret O'Brien of Lunford and became the Municipal Doctor for the Lockerbie Municipality which included the Barrhead area. The McDonald's lived in Dunstable, then moved to Highridge in 1935. He was Municipal Doctor until 1940.

There were two major typhoid outbreaks in Barrhead in 1929 and 1934. In 1929, Harold Watts, was fatally stricken. Mrs. Phelan also caught it while pregnant with Jean. Katie Metzger (Kalmbach) and her dad were among the very ill.

During the 1934 epidemic, Edith McLellan caught typhoid while picking up clothes from the Bett's household. Mrs. Bett's was sick in bed and Bob also was very ill. They were put into quarantine in the new hospital.

The last big epidemic of diptheria was in January, 1943. Miss Tillie Radke was the teacher in a Grade 2 room that had two carriers — children who carried and transmitted the disease but did not get sick. Luke Grant tells of how terrified all the children were when one of their classmates, Wallie Steinbring, caught diptheria and died. Wallie sat across the aisle from Luke and they had planned to play marbles at noon. By noon Wallie was sick and had to go home. The children were all aware of the symptoms. They were taken to be inoculated along with all the other children in town. After Luke had two inoculations, he suddenly realized he had the dreaded symptoms too. He went to the doctor, it



Barrhead Hospital Grounds.



The Heart in Front of the Hospital.

was confirmed and Luke resigned himself to the fact that he was going to die. But Luke recovered and the only thing that really burned him up was that he had two inoculations besides three more shots while he was sick, as well as catching it.

Dr. Dobson also practised medicine in Barrhead during the early years. His office was located in the building that the A & A Meat Market has acquired.

Dr. Sands used to drive over to Barrhead from Westlock once a week to care for the dental needs of the people of Barrhead until Dr. Brown settled here.

Mabel (Moberg) Wolfinger states that she had her beauty parlor in the same building with Dr. Brown, a dentist and Dr. Verreau for a time in 1931. That building was located where the Toronto Dominion Bank is today.

Dr. Brown then built the dental office that is occupied by Dr. Harder, who has been a long time resident and has contributed a great deal of time and interest in our town.

Dr. Keir arrived in Barrhead in 1945 and opened a clinic, which was very welcome at that time as Dr. Verreau's health was failing.

"Father Poirier, pastor of the Barrhead



FAREWELL GIFT: Mayor Breido had the honor at recent ceremonies at the Lotus Hotel Banquet Room, of presenting on behalf of Town and County residents, a gift symbolic of appreciation to Sister Mary for her many years of dedicated service at St. Joseph's Hospital. The presentation ceremonies followed a delicious supper tendered in the Sister's honor when County and Town officials spoke briefly - all indicating the high esteem in which the honored guest was held. M.L.A. Muller was also in attendance and conveyed his message of praise to the Sister for her 14 years of service to residents of this area. The gift was an engraved clock which the gathering hoped the guest would make good use of at her new position. A brief speech of thanks concluded the event.

Catholic Church, requested Mother Magdalen, then Superior General, to send Sisters from Pembroke, Ontario to administer and staff the hospital. In January, 1947, Sister Clara, Superior, Sisters Othelia, Monica, Genevieve, Mary Joseph and Edith left for Barrhead in response to this request." At this time the hospital had thirty beds, eight bassinets; equipment and staff was limited.

Dr. Hugh Horner moved to Barrhead in 1951 and set up his clinic on main street across from Dr. Harder's dental building.

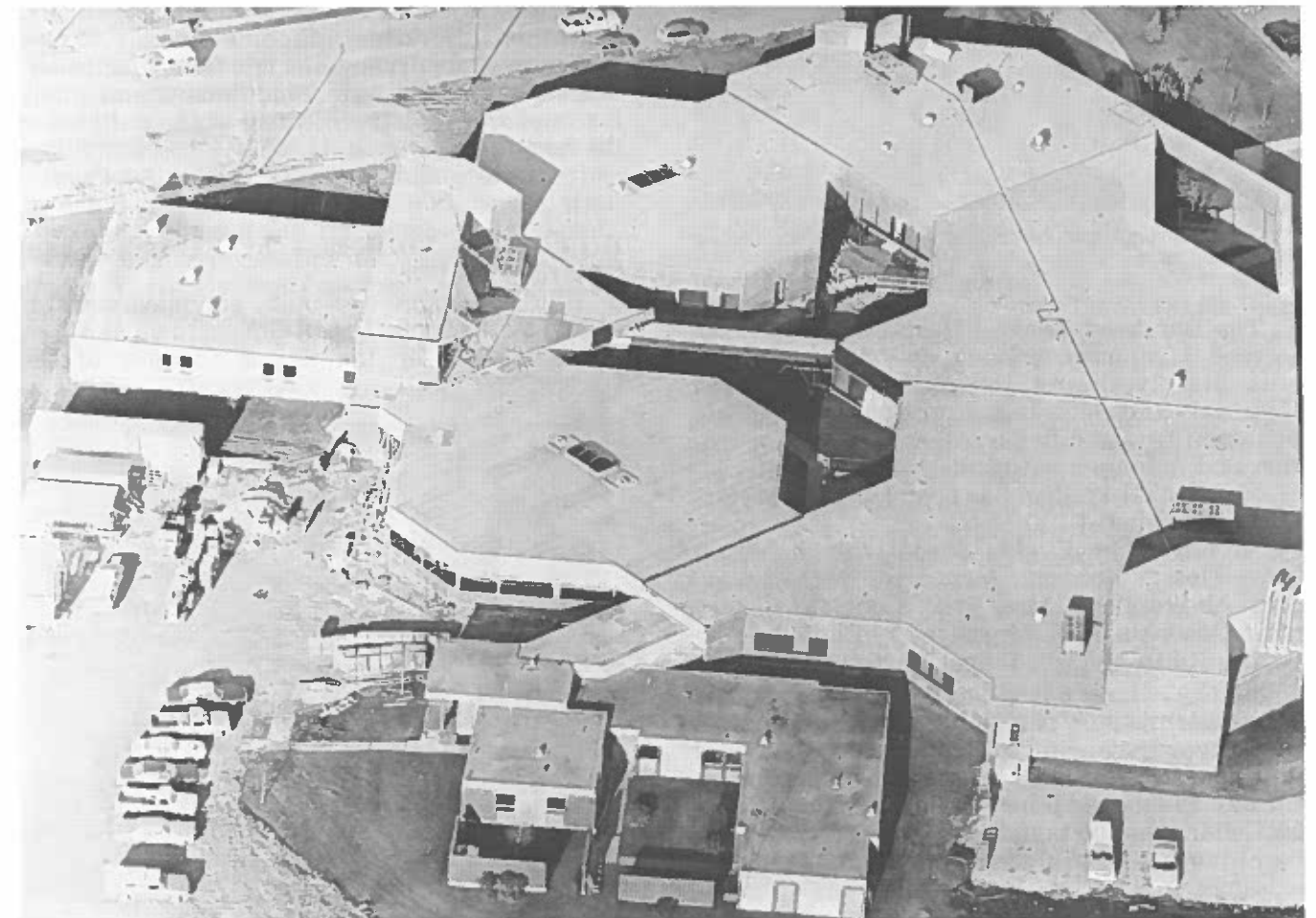
With the ever growing community and the efficient Doctors and Hospital Staff needing new facilities, negotiations were started in 1952 for a new modern sixty-bed hospital which was opened in 1955. In 1966 a new twenty-bed wing was added bringing the capacity of the hospital to eighty beds.

With the advent of Vatican 11 and renewal in religious life, the Sisters relinquished key positions in administration and management.

Sister Mary remained as administrator until January, 1969. She is now a consultant with the Alberta Hospital Association.

In April, 1969, Mr. Len Hough was hired by the Hospital Board as Administrator.

In October, 1969 the first proposal for a new



Aerial View of New Hospital — 1977.

hospital was submitted. The old part of the hospital built in 1934 was totally condemned because it would not meet the provincial building codes. To replace the boiler plant, four various heating systems and the electrical system would have cost between one and two million dollars. The new building to be completed in 1977 will cost about 3.3 million dollars.



Dr. Hugh Horner, Deputy Premier, Unveils Plaque at Official Opening of New Hospital.

The Barrhead General Hospital District was formed in January, 1974 and on February 4, 1976 was dissolved and the Barrhead General Hospital and Nursing Home created. This enabled the board to assume ownership, operation and management of the Nursing Home.

Mrs. Isobel Tredget has been Director of Nursing since April 1, 1970.

Submitted by Evelyn Sveen with thanks to Mrs. Flossie Verreau, Mrs. Elsie McFarquar, Mrs. Ab Staniland, Mrs. Fred Fluet, the Sisters of St. Joseph's, Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Luke Grant, Edith Molzan, Mabel Wolfinger and Len Hough.

A patient's view of first hospital: Babies were put in wooden apple boxes, then they were laid crossways on the operating room table during the day and moved into the kitchen at night. Mrs. McLellan was the laundress, Mrs. Reed was the night nurse. There were 7 beds; 3 mens, 3 womens and one for either. There was an isolation ward of one room with a separate entrance. The doctor slept in the office.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

On May 1, 1931 the organizational meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Ab Staniland.

The first President was Mrs. Ab Staniland, Vice-President was Mrs. Bill Williams and Secretary-Treasurer was Miss Duff (Barrhead's first resident lawyer).

The social committee was assigned to fund raising projects.

The sewing committee was in charge of cutting out materials, distributing and collecting finished work.

The visiting committee was in charge of visiting the patients in the hospital.

Fund raising projects were Bridge Parties, Teas and Raffles. Mrs. Houghton kept the Auxiliary supplied with a quilt each year for the raffle until unable to do so. The teas were often held in Dr. Verreau's office and home.

In 1952 a Building Fund was started. Donations were received from individuals and clubs.

In October, 1955 the Auxiliary had \$1,219.49 in the Building Fund. A semi-private ward was furnished and \$400.00 donated toward the drapes.

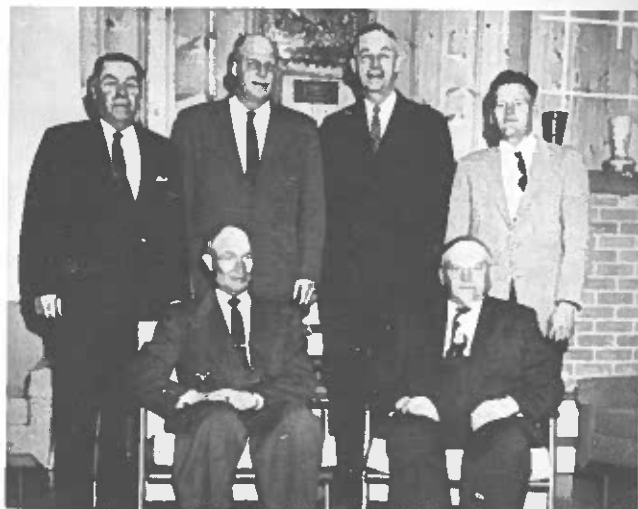
The Tuck Shop was started in 1956 with a mobile cart.

Through the years the Auxiliary donated T.V. sets, baby layettes, wheel chair, electric razors, a walker, dictating machine, Candy Stripe Uniforms, hair dryers, electric fans, electrocardiograph machine, air conditioners and many hours of work for the comfort of the patients in the hospital.

Submitted by Evelyn Sveen with thanks to Hospital Aux.

HILLCREST LODGE — by Agnes Graham (Matron 1960-1976)

Hillcrest Lodge was built, equipped and furnished by the Social Credit Government of Alberta in 1960-61 for the Senior Citizens of the Province.



First Board Hillcrest Lodge 1961. Left to right, W. Johnson, W. Olthuis, E. Stutchbury, G. Reddington. Front — J. Pecka, G. Schultz.

It was then turned over to a local board of directors, which consisted of George Schultz, as chairman, who was then reeve of the County of Barrhead. William Olthuis of Neerlandia, Eugene Reddington of Fort Assiniboine, William Johnson of Barrhead and Joe Pecka who represented the local improvement district and Mr. E. W. Stutchbury who was secretary-treasurer and who assisted in obtaining the twenty acres, on which the Hillcrest Home was built, from the Cobb estate in Ontario.

The Lodge opened in November of 1961 and our first resident was Mr. George Careless of Barrhead who came to the Home on December 19th. By Christmas, we had fourteen residents in the Lodge.

In those days we almost had to coax people to come as many thought of the Home as the poor house or charity. However, after the first year or two we didn't have room to accommodate all who wanted to come in. I grew along with the residents to their needs and wants, which arose every day as time went on. The ages of the residents ranged from seventy years to eighty-five years or more — a few younger and several in their 90's. Perhaps you will remember James Dance of Freedom who reached the age of 99 and you will know Rusty Roberts who is 97 and Sid Cuttriss who is 94.

The official opening of the Lodge was held on May 22, 1962. Mr. E. W. Stutchbury acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion, who, after the invocation by Rev. Ed Samuel, introduced the Hon. R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Health and Welfare, Mr. J. K. Austin, Director of Homes for the Aged for the Province of Alberta, also local dignitaries — Mayor Wm. Bredo, who brought greetings from the Town of Barrhead, Rev. Knebel, representing the local clergymen, Mr. R. W. Harris, representing the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. W. R. Keir, representing the medical profession, who also brought greetings



Agnes Graham Matron 1960-1976.



Hillcrest Lodge.

on behalf of the Sister's, of St. Josephs Hospital, Mr. Harvey Doherty, chairman of Pembina Lodge, Westlock, Mrs. Agnes Graham, Matron of Hillcrest Lodge, Barrhead who introduced her staff of Iona Clifford (cook), Pearl Gillese (dining room and kitchen), Pauline Ferus and Ricky Vogelzang (wing girls).

Mr. George Schultz, chairman of the Board and Hon. R. D. Jorgenson cut the ribbon to officially open the Hillcrest Home in Barrhead.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received from local organizations and a delicious lunch was supplied and served by a combined effort of ladies organizations in Barrhead. Four of our Sr. citizens poured tea, Mrs. Ella Beecroft, Mrs. Cordelia Adair, Mrs. Alice Marshall and Mrs. Annie Rose. Mr. Mervyn Lucas of Belvedere, one of the first residents of the Home, gave a very descriptive talk on the benefits and comforts of Hillcrest.

Over the past sixteen years, 760 people have made their home in Hillcrest, two being still there since the opening and quite a few others over ten to fourteen years.

Federal pensions were then \$55.00 per month in 1961 plus a subsidy from the provincial government and rates in the Homes were \$60.00 for double occupancy and \$65.00 for single rooms, which of course included room and board, laundry and most of their entertainment, but left very little for spending money.

The pensions are now \$240.17, Federal and \$45.01 from the Provincial government. Rates are \$157.30 for single rooms and \$139.15 for double rooms.

Remembering when we had to have the tow truck to cross the mud to get any residents out to the ambulance to be taken to the hospital. Every day someone was stuck in the mud — even our chairman — George Schultz, right at our back door — after that we got a little action and things improved — with a lot of hard work — over the years until the grounds etc., were a source of pleasure and pride.

In 1971-72 ten single rooms were added to our Home making a total of twenty-four single rooms and eighteen double rooms. There had always been a need for more single rooms, however this

addition made our dining area and recreation area very crowded, but since the building of the sixteen self contained units in 1976-77, a new large recreation area has been added, also sauna and whirlpool baths and dining room facilities expanded. This part of the complex was financed by the Hillcrest Home Foundation, the sponsor group. The uniqueness of this project is that it is joined by a covered breezeway to the original Lodge.

The residents of Hillcrest Lodge are made up of many different races but all seem to get along well. They appreciate each other's love and understanding and thus give a purpose and need for life in the Home.

The town and community have played a large part in keeping our residents interested and active by their visits, entertainment, handicraft groups, Sunday worship services, etc. They are well remembered the year around. One of the highlights of life, in the Home, are the monthly visits and birthday parties from the Legion Aux., who always make a birthday cake to celebrate those who have birthdays in that month and have a lively singsong which all enjoy.

We should be very proud of our Senior Citizens who had the courage and fortitude to pioneer our country with many experiences of happiness and disappointment and long hours of hard work, making our lives and work more enjoyable today.

Mrs. Agnes Graham, Matron, retired end of September, 1976.

HILLCREST HOME FOUNDATION — A Board Member's View — E. W. Stutchbury

What makes this Senior Citizens Lodge stand out is that it was one of the first built in the Province under a plan devised under Honorable Bob Jorgenson, who was present with his wife, and Premier and Mrs. Manning at the opening. With a combination of double and single units to accommodate 50 residents, it was quickly filled.

Another factor was that the acquisition of an area over 20 acres from boundary to boundary at a price under \$500.00 per acre was an excellent buy, on level ground, and a perfect location. Oddly enough the Provisional Board was offered another piece of property from Dr. Horner, at a very favorable price, but chose this location and of course the Horner property proved to be an excellent area for housing expansion in the Town.

As time progressed the lands which were held by the Provincial Government, Department of Municipal Affairs, were transferred to the Hillcrest Home Foundation. Some of the property has been disposed of, particularly to the Barrhead Historic Society and the Nursing Home and for housing development.

The recent addition of separate housing units, for those couples who maintain their own housekeeping was officially opened when Barrhead celebrated its 50th Birthday.

From the first the Board consisted of a

representative from the various Municipal units in the area and only recently the original Matron, Agnes Graham, retired and Mrs. Schiewe is the present matron. The original Board were Reeve George Schultz, Bill Olthuis, Bill Johnson, Gene Redington, Joe Pecka and E. W. Stutchbury as secretary.

Barrhead was unique in holding its operation without deficit over the years, at the same time preserving a fine relationship between a dedicated Board, a dedicated Matron and staff, and a kindly family relationship with the Lodge residents and staff.

Many of the residents have been there since the beginning. Bachelors who have been used to their free life on the homestead where they could fish and hunt, live as they pleased, take the good and the bad both economically and weather wise in their farming operations, still adapt to the regular routine of the Lodge and pitch in and help, as part of the family.

On one occasion, Matron Graham had to send out a search party for the odd wanderer who met up with friends at the local pub. On the occasion of the opening when the Premier and Minister of Public Welfare and wives were present, such a search resulted in rescuing one, the worse for wear, who was conveniently smuggled into his room without alarming the visiting brass.

The daddy of them all is Rusty Roberts, fast approaching the Century mark, an accomplished writer. I recall that he moved in with some reserve and also with about \$2,000.00 worth of valuable guns and rifles, to the consternation of some of the other residents. He used to boast that he had a moose for every year he had lived, which might be hard to explain to a Game Warden.

Visiting church, lodge, service clubs, school and other groups help keep up the religious, cultural and recreational activities of the residents.

BARRHEAD NURSING HOME — by Lana Withage, Matron

Northwest Nursing Home opened its doors to admissions on January 14, 1966. The one storey building was built by Barr Construction for Dr. H. M. Horner and Mr. Ivan Messmer.

The first resident to be admitted to the Nursing Home was Mr. Carmen Properzi. Some of you will remember him as a long time resident of the Naples-Barrhead area. The second resident to be admitted was Mr. James Dance. He was our first experience with some one who, not under any circumstances, was going to live out his days in a Nursing Home. Construction was not yet completed in the south wing and the north wing had only two residents in it. Mr. Dance spent the whole week-end moving from room to room looking for the familiar surroundings of his room at Hillcrest. He lived out his days between Hillcrest and the hospital but never came to the Nursing Home. By March of 1966 our 52 beds



Barrhead Nursing Home and Residents.

were filled and we have been operating at full capacity ever since.

On February 1, 1969, Dr. Horner and Ivan Messmer sold the Nursing Home to the Barrhead-Thorhild-Westlock Auxilliary Hospital and Nursing Home District. At that time the name of the Nursing Home was changed to Barrhead Nursing Home. We continued to be governed by the BTW Auxilliary Hospital and Nursing Home Board comprised of appointed members from the participating districts. Our last Board Chairman, under that regime was Mr. Bill Olthuis. Dr. A. Harder represented the town of Barrhead on the board. Other members of that board were Mr. John Skarret — M.D. Westlock, Mr. Ted Bensharski — County of Thorhild and Ms. Iris Nelson — town of Westlock. Ms. Shirley Morie was our Administrator.

During our 11 years of operation we have admitted 353 residents — five of whom are still in

the Nursing Home; Ms. Edna Pringle, Ms. Della Roach, Ms. Carrie Fluet, Mr. Christian Beck, Mr. Emil Steinbring. It is interesting to note, that since her admission, Ms. Pringle has never been transferred to hospital with any kind of illness. At present, our oldest resident is 98 years old and the youngest is 54 years old. We have 4 married couples in residence: Mr. and Ms. George Skinkowy, Mr. and Ms. Harold Seal, Mr. and Ms. Lucien Girard, Mr. and Ms. Ananij Romaniuk.

Mr. and Ms. Romaniuk were Parade Marshalls for the 1975 Blue Heron Fair days for the Ukrainian Theme. We also have 5 staff members who have been employed here since the Nursing Home opened. They are Ms. Jo Storoz, Ms. Mary Clements, Ms. Anna Schuring, Ms. Florette Measures and Ms. Lana Withage.

We can equate Barrhead's progress with that of the Nursing Home. When the Nursing Home opened we were on the edge of town by ourselves. There were no street lights, no pavement or side walks. In the spring everything was a sea of mud. We have a vivid memory of one staff member who was trying to get from the street to the sidewalk in front of the Nursing Home. She slipped back 2 steps into the mud with everyone that she made forward. We could easily have lost a staff member if we had not gone out to rescue her.

On February 4, 1976, by Order in Council, Barrhead Nursing Home was incorporated into the existing Barrhead Hospital District. We are now administered by the present Barrhead Hospital Board with Mr. Len Hough — Administrator, and Mr. Joe Smith — Chairman of the Board. Other members include Mr. Dave Schulz, Mr. Ervine Wimmer, Ms. Reina Teske, and Ms. Rita Beale.

Among the long time residents of Barrhead and area who are presently living in Barrhead Nursing Home are: Ms. Frances Proulx, Meadowview; Ms. Helen Hoblak, Rossington;



Residents on Nursing Home Float. Ready for Parade.



Ms. Carrie Porter, Barrhead; Ms. Grace Doherty, Barrhead; Mr. Hugh Morrow, 'Old' Barrhead; Mr. Edmund Grynke, Vega; Ms. Olga Reichelmann, Barrhead; Ms. Ella Beecroft, Barrhead; Ms. Agnes Thomson, Barrhead; Ms. Edna Pringle, Lunnford; Ms. Della Roach, Fort Assiniboine; Ms. Ernesta Hoover, Barrhead; Ms. Emily Mason, Gunn; Ms. Edith Gray, Sangudo; Ms. Clara Haller, Highridge; Ms. Carrie Fluet, Meadowview; Mr. Christian Beck, Manola; Mr. Walter Hopcraft, Barrhead; Mr. John Kivimaki, Camp Creek; Ms. Marie Ostrum, Gunn; Mr. Emil Steinbring, Barrhead;

Mr. Walter Cooper, Vega; Mr. Albert Schulte, Barrhead; Mr. Rudolf Rilling, Cherhill; Mr. Albert Werner, Barrhead; Mr. Nick Miller, Barrhead; Mr. William Holt, Sangudo; Mr. Edward Cartwright, Fort Assiniboine; Mr. John Boutz, Bloomsbury; Mr. William Toebes, Neerlandia; Mr. Mathew Fischer, Mayerthorpe; Ms. Sophie Kowalczyk, Vega.

Other residents who are native Albertans and well known in the Barrhead area are: Mr. William Mark, Evansburg; Ms. Mary Hurt, Black Diamond; Ms. Annie Walker, Oyen and Mr. Jack Meakin, Lindale.