

Two doctors, dentist

Medical centre becomes part of Ho Wia

By ISABEL WELSH

In just 21 years the Warton and District Memorial Hospital has grown from a Red Cross outpatient centre to one of the most modern smaller hospitals in Southern Ontario.

The hospital has taken another giant step forward in improving its service to local residents and tourists on the Bruce Peninsula with its recently completed modern medical centre.

Lost Friday the public was given an opportunity to inspect the new centre located in the bottom floor of the hospital's south wing which was opened in June, 1968. For the past two weeks the town's two permanent doctors and one dentist have been using the facilities.

When the new wing was added to the hospital during the 1967-68 building project space had been provided in the basement floor for the medical centre and also a kitchen, dinging and laundry area which has still to be completed.

Work began last March to build the offices now occupied by Dr. J. I. Leeson, Dr. K. R. MacNay and Dr. Douglas J. D. Crane, DDS. Dr Crane recently came to Warton to replace Dr. M. A. Campbells who retired after almost 45 years as a dentist.

Each office has its own glassed-in reception room, waiting room and receptionists. The gay well-lit area provides a cheerful atmosphere for patients. Pastel colors and indirect lighting have been used throughout to make the rooms seem more spacious.

The maximum use has been made of the space. In the dentist's office there are presently two well-equipped dental rooms divided by a laboratory. Space has been provided for an additional dental room in the event another dentist would come to Warton. A room has been provided also for a recovery room, but this as yet has not been furnished.

Each doctor has two receptionists, two examining rooms and a dispensary which are kept busy constantly between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In addition to the doctors in the centre Dr. M. Hopkinson and Dr. N. Hopkinson, a husband and wife team from Lion's Head, have regular office hours three days a week in their downtown office.

The centre built at a cost of \$36,000 has been entirely financed by a bank loan which has been guaranteed by a number of interested citizens on the Peninsula including six guarantors from Tobermory.

No funds were solicited from the Ontario Hospital Services Commission for the project. The space is being rented by the doctors and Ray Walker, hospital administrator at Warton since February 1, said the

loan will be retired in a eight and a half years.

Rent collected will pay for the facilities and later go into a capital fund for future hospital equipment and expansion.

IS TIME SAVER

The location of the centre is proving a vast time saver for the doctors and patients. With all the medical, X-ray, and laboratory facilities virtually at the fingertips of the physicians, the patient can be examined, X-rayed, etc. in a minimum of time.

For example, a patient with an injured limb goes to the doctor's office; the doctor decides he needs an X-ray; the patient goes to hospital X-ray department and within a matter of minutes the doctor can determine whether or not the limb is broken and the nature of the injury. Prior to the opening of the medical centre there was considerable time involved in this type of examination.

Mr. Walker stated many tourists and summer residents come from larger centres where the logical place to go in the event of an emergency is the hospital's outpatient department, thus the natural impulse if an emergency arises on vacation is to go to the nearest hospital centre.

Complete and thorough treatment is now available at the hospital for a longer number of hours per day than in previous years. This greatly improves the medical services on the Peninsula.

The only other hospital on the Bruce Peninsula is the Red Cross 10-bed hospital

ker is the present administrator.

Mrs. Laurel Walker is the hospital's laboratory technician and Mrs. Grace Featherston is X-ray technician. Mrs. Ruby Saddler is in charge of the dietary division with Mrs. Clara Beacock in charge of house-keeping and Mrs. Cathleen McCoag with laundry. Roderick MacInnis is superintendent of maintenance.

Carl H. Whicher is chairman of the board of trustees, a position he has held almost through-

out the life of the board. D. R. Davidson is chairman of management; William Cramm, chairman of finance; Albert E. Cordingly, property chairman.

Mr. Cordingly, who along with the late Ewart Paterson, was responsible for organizing the hospital and for the initial fund raising campaign for the hospital. He has remained active throughout the hospital's growth during the past 21 years.

The tourist season is a busy time for the 33-bed hospital with accident input for July and Aug-

ust setting the peak statistics for the year.

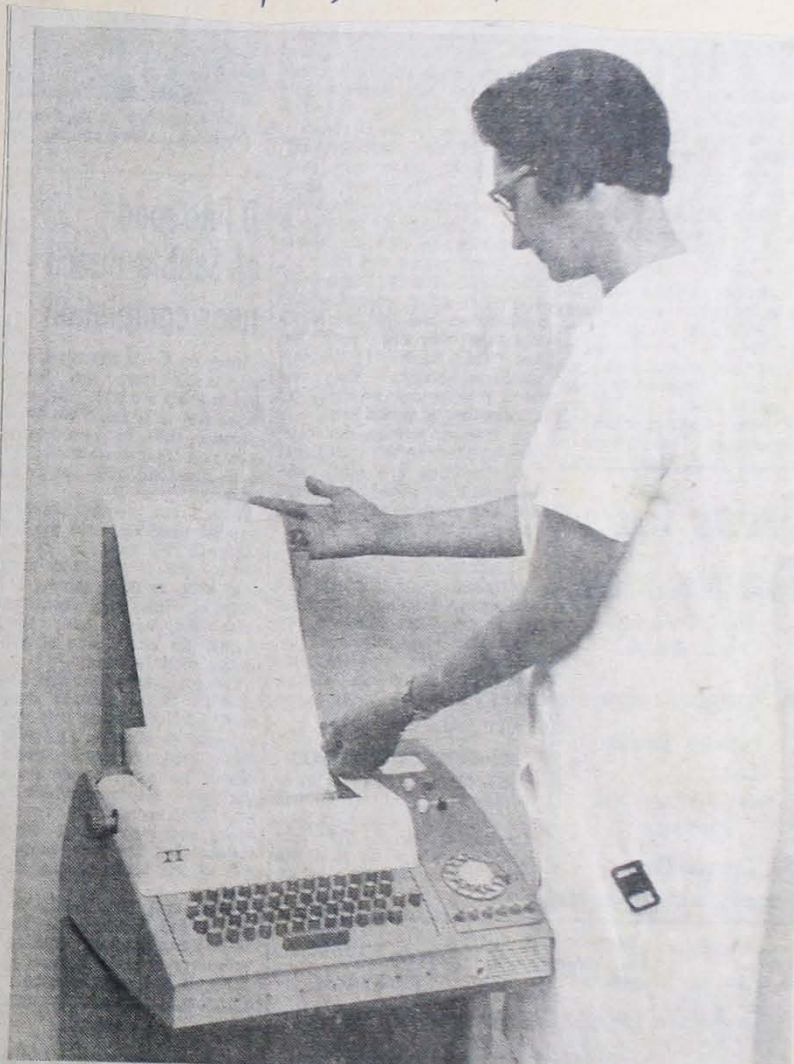
One operating theatre is kept busy at the hospital with the hospital providing only necessary emergency medical attention for the seriously injured who are usually taken to the larger centre in Owen Sound.

A completely community hospital it is built on 14 acres of land on Mary st, donated to the town for hospital purposes by Mrs. Forrest, Flora Greenlees Raines and other members of the Greenlees family in mem-

survey of the area. Idea of setting up a Outpost hospital years 1946 and 1947. ve fund raising pro so successful that unity quickly raised for the \$221,000

by the hospital and adding the most ne ment to keep pace for medical advances most expensive artio \$20,000 X-ray machio 1964.

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Mrs. Grace Featherston, the hospital's X-ray technician watches the telecommunications machine closely as a message is being received from the Doctors Clinical Laboratory in Ottawa. The machine, recently installed in the hospital, greatly reduces time as lab specimen results can be sent immediately to the hospital when they are completed. Along with the medical care centre the machine is just another step forward in providing thorough and quick medical attention to persons in the Bruce Peninsula area.

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