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# Office hub of activity

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By all accounts, Pat Hamilton loves her job.

From accounts receivable to accounts payable, Hamilton keeps the Renfrew Victoria Hospital accounting department humming.

"All activity in the hospital ultimately flows through the business office for documentation," says Hamilton who has been business office supervisor since 1988.

"Things are constantly changing, for the good," she says.

"I anticipate a busy year ahead."

Hamilton assists with the hospital's financial management program, under director of finance Pat Baker. She also handles accounting for the Alcohol and Drug Assessment Referral Service and Mental Health Program.

The department handles payroll for 260 employees.

The three divisions under Hamilton's jurisdiction are accounts receivable, accounts payable and cash receipts.

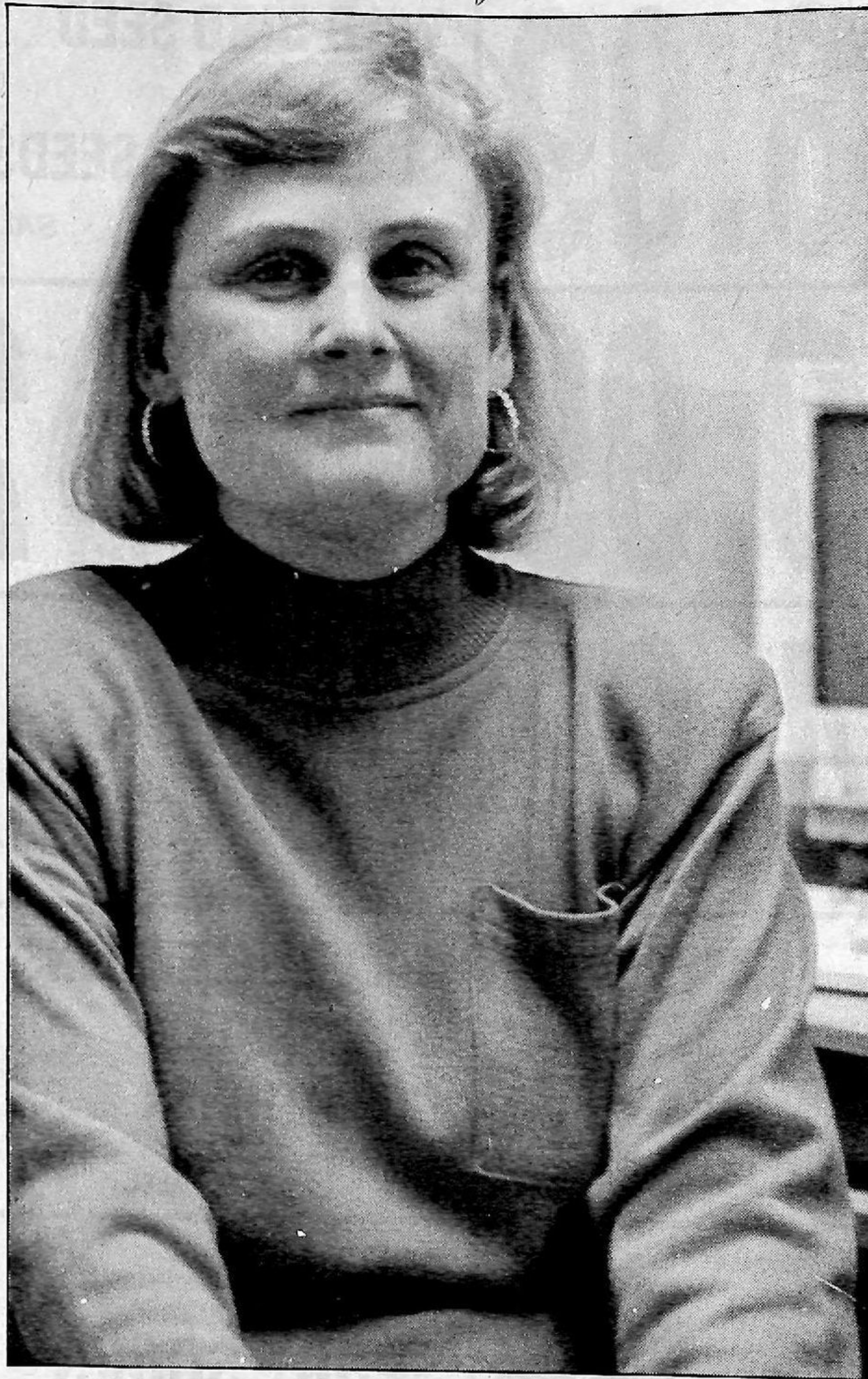
Accounts receivable maintains financial records on all in patients and out patients and verifies appropriate charges are invoiced to patients or their insurers, while accounts payable verifies and records invoices and issues AP cheques.

Hamilton is blessed with three experienced co-workers: Jean Virgin and Eileen Butler who each bring 24 years of experience to their jobs, and Carol Cuff who has 11 years of experience to her credit.

"I was previously supervisor of admitting department and switchboard but admitting has moved to the area where emergency is located. There is now easier patient direction to the 13 clinics," Hamilton explains.

"It is more convenient for patients who are being admitted through the emergency department," she says.

As plans materialize for new clinics and services, there will be even more activity for the business office to administer. But that suits Hamilton and her team just fine.



Pat Hamilton

"It's a very progressive and dynamic management team," she says.

Hamilton's previous experience includes five years with Peat Marwick Thorne in Pembroke and the County of Renfrew clerk treasurer's office.

Her credentials include a two-year municipal administration program and

she is in the fourth year of the Certified General Accountants' program.

Hamilton is no stranger to Renfrew Victoria Hospital. Nineteen years ago, from 1974 to 1975, she worked as executive secretary to former administrator Russ Mackenzie.

# Forester's Falls native, Effie Curry, celebrated her 100th birthday Feb. 1

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Monday, February 1, was a special day for a Forester's Falls native who now resides in Ottawa.

Effie Amanda Curry celebrated her 100th birthday.

She was born on Tuesday, February 1, 1893, a daughter of the late Laughlin Curry and Elizabeth Ross. She was born in their newly-built brick home in Forester's Falls, the second child in a family of seven, namely Catherine (Sam Thrasher); Effie, R.N.; Laughena (Allan Oates), David; Elizabeth, R.N. (Dr. Harry B. Kidd); Laughlin, and James.

They were great-grandchildren of James Ross and Elizabeth Galley, who came from Scotland to

Ross Township in 1832. They were the pioneers after whom the Township of Ross was named.

Effie received her early



Effie Curry

education in the public school in Forester's Falls, and continued there to complete Grade 10. She then worked a number of years in the district before going to Ottawa to take nursing training in 1921 in the Old Protestant Hospital. After graduating in 1924, she did some general duty nursing, but mostly she worked as a private nurse until she was seventy years old.

She joined the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, Lodge 224, when she went to Ottawa. There she has been a staunch and active member for over seventy years. Now unable to attend the meetings, she now keeps in touch with the members. She is a life

member.

Effie retired in December, 1963, and has had a very active retirement. She skated and downhill skied in season, and walked at least a mile every day. She travelled to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Europe, and the British Isles, and in many places in Canada and the United States.

Until recently she lived with her younger sister, Elizabeth, who celebrated her 90th birthday in July 1992.

She has been a subscriber to the *Cobden Sun* for the past seventy-two years and looks forward to keeping up with the local news in and around Forester's Falls each week.