

CHESELEY AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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PLANS TO DATE - FEBRUARY 10, 1947

The closing of the private hospital in Chesley due to the fact that the local and district doctors had been reduced to a minimum in number by the war situation, that domestic help was almost impossible to obtain and that nurses were scarce caused the Town Council to call a public meeting on March 15th, 1944, to discuss hospital matters. Local doctors and nurses were among the leaders in urging that this meeting be held. About one hundred citizens attended and they were unanimously in favour of ^{a local} (the) hospital project. On March 21st a Provisional Board was organized with Rev. Dr. Gibson as Chairman - other members - Messrs. G. Mair, T. W. Henry, W. G. Durst, W. P. Krug, W. P. Oswald, Geo Mannerow, D. McTavish, V. Hanmore, Geo. Grabb. - *four of these representing surrounding townships*

On July 27th a permanent Board was named in order that a charter might be secured and a financial appeal launched.

On April 10th Messrs. Durst and Schaus interviewed the Kinsmen Club with a view to the club buying the Elliot property and donating it to the Board as a Hospital, which later was done. The name suggested was "The Chesley and District Memorial Hospital". Architect Kertland was asked to submit plans.

On November 26, 1945 the committee was authorized to launch its appeal. After the passing of Rev. Dr. Gibson, Gilbert Mair was appointed as Chairman, Mrs. C Obright was appointed to the Board and Miss Jennie McLean as representative of the Women's Institute.

On January 28, 1947 the Board decided to award the contract for the remodelling of the Elliot property into a hospital to the firm of Linde and Watts of Toronto with architect Kertland to draw up the contract and it is expected the work will soon be proceeded with.

At present, including the county grant the fund now stands at about \$61,000. The amount the Kinsmen Club paid for the Elliot home was \$3,800.