



Saugeen Memorial Hospital has, once again, benefitted from the ceaseless efforts of its Auxiliary. A cheque for \$14,301 was presented by the Auxiliary, last week, to cover costs of equipment purchases by the hospital. Included in that equipment were a wheelchair and new stretchers. Nurses Cathy Paddon and Jo-Anne Siefert accepted the cheque, on behalf of the hospital, from Auxiliary treasurer, Liz Chatterton, and Auxiliary president, Louisa Hyslop. The moneys were raised through the Auxiliary's tag days, geranium sale and garage sale. The Auxiliary's popular Christmas-in-the-Lobby will again be held this Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, in the hospital.



Kiddie Junction was judged as having the best Christmas window display, in a competition conducted by the Port Elgin Merchants' Committee. Gerry Patterson accepted the \$100 prize from Tim Simson.



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Mrs. Irene Good, wife of Wayne Good, pastor of the Port Elgin Missionary Church, has been diagnosed as having a very rare disease. Dr. Sandra Black, head of the Neurology Department of Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, along with a team of six doctors, last week diagnosed her illness as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. It is a very rare and uncommon disease which strikes about one in a million, usually after middle life.

Very little is known concerning how it is contracted. They confirmed however that it is not common to the African, Mid-East or South American countries that Pastor Good and his wife visited in the past number of years.

There is no known medication or treatment that will arrest or cure this illness.

Symptoms began in the spring when Mrs. Good became tired very easily, her vision began to bother her and she complained of

dizziness. By June she had tests at the Owen Sound Hospital which showed no abnormalities. On July 25, she had become increasingly weaker and found it difficult to speak and walk. She was no longer able to read or knit, and her speech was becoming weaker. We were able to have her admitted to Owen Sound Hospital for tests. She was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital by ambulance for a CAT scan which revealed no tumours or clots that should cause her discomfort. She was released from hospital, August 3.

Through the assistance of a friend at Sunnybrook Hospital we were able to have her admitted for dizziness tests on Monday, August 19. She was admitted to the hospital under the Neurology department on Thursday, August 22.

The disease attacks the brain cells causing them to spongify. Symptoms of crying, abnormal vision, involuntary jerking of the muscles, lack of ability to remember anything told her a few moments ago (Irene knows friends of long-past standings and things which happened some time ago). As the illness progresses there will be greater disorientation (there are times now that she does not

know where she is) hallucinations, confusion and frustration when she will need the presence of someone to assure her of their care.

The doctors have assured us there is no physical pain associated with the illness.

When I shared with her on Monday night what the doctors had told me about her illness, she simply said to me, "It would be so nice to go to sleep and not wake up." She is experiencing a deep sense of peace and resting in the Lord for His will to be accomplished.

We expect this week that she will be moved to Cambridge Memorial Hospital in Cambridge, near to where our son and daughter live as well as many friends and members of her family.

Irene is unable to speak but appreciates company. At times she has a good laugh, like when our youngest grandson, Steve, was sitting on top of her walker and it tipped and he almost fell into bed with her.

Your prayers and many words of encouragement are appreciated. Sept 85