

The New Georgetown Hospital

.... It's Facilities and Service

Estimate 60 New Jobs Available Each Year

Much curiosity can be expected whenever a new industry comes into a community whether it be a branch of some old established business firm or a local venture. How much more interest must be visualized when the new industry is a product of the imagination, planning and effort of almost every family and individual in that community.

People are certain to wonder about the type of business which will be carried on, the possibilities for future employment for themselves and their children and the amount of additional revenue the new business may be expected to bring to make progress as a whole. Some curiosity may also be expected about senior personnel and their families and what benefits their coming may bring.

With the hope of perhaps answering some of the questions the readers of this edition may have the following points are being presented. It must be kept in mind of course that a full description of what the hospital should mean in the way of health leadership, cooperation with all interested groups and individuals in the preventative aspects of community health and a bare outline of the qualifications of the many, many persons who will add their skill and knowledge to these objectives would fill volumes. The best that may be done is an outline of the facilities and services, their purpose and scope and some description of the various heads of personnel and families and departments.

At the head of the hospital of course will be the members of the Board of Directors

These are the persons who will interpret the health needs of the area, seek sound advice and translate the needs into hospital policies based on providing the best possible care of the sick and injured with the available resources, whether of medical skill and knowledge or direct financial aid.

To carry out the actual management of the hospital, within the framework of the policies is of course a full time job of many people. Because only one person can be responsible for the direct management and the actual interpreter of directors' policies and the needs of the hospital to directors and community, the answer is to acquire the services of a general manager.

in hospital terms, an administrator. This terminology denotes the complexities of the position and the breadth of knowledge necessary in so very many areas.

administrator is fortunate indeed to acquire department heads who are able and willing to accept the responsibility.

These department heads are the qualified nursing director and her supervisors who give guidance and leadership to the persons involved in actually caring for the sick and injured. The dietitian, who uses her training and knowledge of nourishment in sickness and health to oversee the preparation and serving of adequate meals to patients and staff. The laboratory and x-ray technicians who make the tests and carry out the diagnostic procedures so that the staff physicians may better decide on the course of treatment. The laundry manager who makes sure that linens are hospital safe for the patient. The housekeeper who assures a safe environment for both staff and patients. The chief engineer who maintains the mechanical equipment so vital to the building. The medical record librarian who records the course of every illness for future assistance and knowledge. The business manager who records the financial and statistical data which is the lifeblood of future growth and development.

These people are undoubtedly the hospital itself. The leadership and guidance they give to their co-workers are the framework upon which the hospital must be built. Elsewhere in this special Herald Hospital edition you will find photos of many department heads. Get to know them and what they do for you. For undoubtedly they are a hospital's chief asset.

Having given a brief outline of the people involved, here are the initial services and facilities offered.

The Hospital opens with 14 obstetrical beds and 14 cribs for newborn. There will be 4 small cribs for children from 15 days to age 9 and 4 larger models for children of from 10 to 13. These are in separate pediatric area close to a nursing station to provide constant supervision and care. There will also be a total of 46 adult beds for medical and surgical cases. All in all a fair beginning for community health needs.

As an initial service there will be one delivery room and one labour room for obstetrical cases, one operating room and

an emergency operating room for all surgical work, although in each case there is already built in, one more of each for future expansion. These will go into use when the demands so indicate.

There will be also an emergency and outpatients treatment room for minor treatment requirements and a large recovery room for the care of those who have undergone surgery. A qualified specialist in radiology has been acquired on a visiting basis to give early interpretation of all x-ray examinations, and while many laboratory specimens will at first be sent to the provincial laboratory, a capable man will be available to perform tests and procedures required for interpretation.

The best possible equipment has been acquired to carry out the services outlined, although there will be a need for many items for which finances were just not available. Your inquiry as to where you may help in their provision will be both welcome and appreciated by every member of the staff.

For some time to come certain surgical procedures will still have to be referred to larger centres until such time as the hospital can afford the proper equipment for their performance locally. The medical skill to utilize many of these items is available and it seems a pity that this skill cannot be used to the utmost right here in our own hospital.

The Department heads have been mentioned by classification of their function because they are so vital to the proper operation of the hospital. However, each will direct and guide a great many other persons who do much of the actual work involved, some professionally educated, some skilled through experience and knowledge gained in allied occupations and some with technical skill and knowledge learned through long apprenticeship.

There will be some 100 of these important people, almost all residents of the area who now enter a new field of work. They will have much to learn, and many new skills to develop. They include all the occupations you would expect to find in a restaurant, a commercial laundry, a good hotel, a service station, a public utility power plant, an industrial laboratory or a medical clinic. Your hospital contains every element of all these industries changed only in regard to the specific requirements of giving medical care and treatment to those who are injured or ill. These jobs will always exist in the future. Persons in them will retire or leave and it can be safely predicted that about 80 new jobs will always be open for workers in any particular year. For this reason it is evident that there will be future job possibilities even without the almost certainty of continued growth in the size of the hospital.

Planning Committee Spent Long Hours at the Job

Many people contributed time and talents to the Hospital. But among the many hundreds who did so, probably the least publicized, was the planning committee. It was the responsibility of this group to supervise the planning of the building, meet with the architects, advise the Board of Directors, and generally supervise the many phases of the birth of the Hospital.

That their task was well carried out, may be recorded in the beautiful new building that has reached completion and opens this Saturday.

The members of this group were: Howard Kentner, a well-known Georgetown businessman and builder; Thomas Niven, an engineer associated with Smith and Stone, Ltd., and Ted Evans, local architect with Delrex Developments, Ltd. and vice president of the hospital Board of Directors.

Construction Financing

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Following is the way the Hospital has been financed. The figures are to the first of May.

ROADS, SOME LANDSCAPING

Citizens who have viewed the grounds in front of the hospital with some dismay, have been reassured this week by the transformation.

With the paved roads and parking lots now in, a certain amount of landscaping is taking place. Flowers, and a few shrubs are in at the entrances, and it is hoped that at least one portion of the grounds in front will be sodded.

County Debentures	\$396,000
Provincial Grant	253,667
Federal Grant	192,680
Pledges	\$12,373

(Pledges have increased considerably, but a substantial amount is still needed.)

Anyone who may desire to contribute may ask for information at the Hospital. All new residents are urged to join the campaign, even now.



TYPICAL PATIENT'S ROOM

MRS. CRYSTAL WILSON, from the hospital's emergency department, displays a typical room in the new hospital, ready to receive the first patient when the new building opens in another week.

Hospital Committees

(First named in each case is the chairman)

Management Committee

John Gunn, Jack Armstrong, John Ord, Denny Charles, Dick Licata

Finance Committee

Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, B. Garland, Mrs. L. Marks, Sam Penrice.

Property Committee

Ted Evans, Dick Licata, John Gunn, Win Wallace.

Public Relations

Les Clark, Bill Breckenridge, Wm. Kinrade, Mrs. Larry Maughan, Mrs. A. Taylor.

Donations and Bequests

Denny Charles, Les Clark, John Armstrong, John Ord, John Gunn, Dick Licata, Sid Silver, Bill Breckenridge.

Opening Day Committee

Les Clark, Jack Armstrong, John Ord, Sam Penrice, Wm. Kinrade, John Gunn, Ted Evans, Mrs. John Inglis, Mrs. Larry Maughan.

Congratulations

Georgetown,

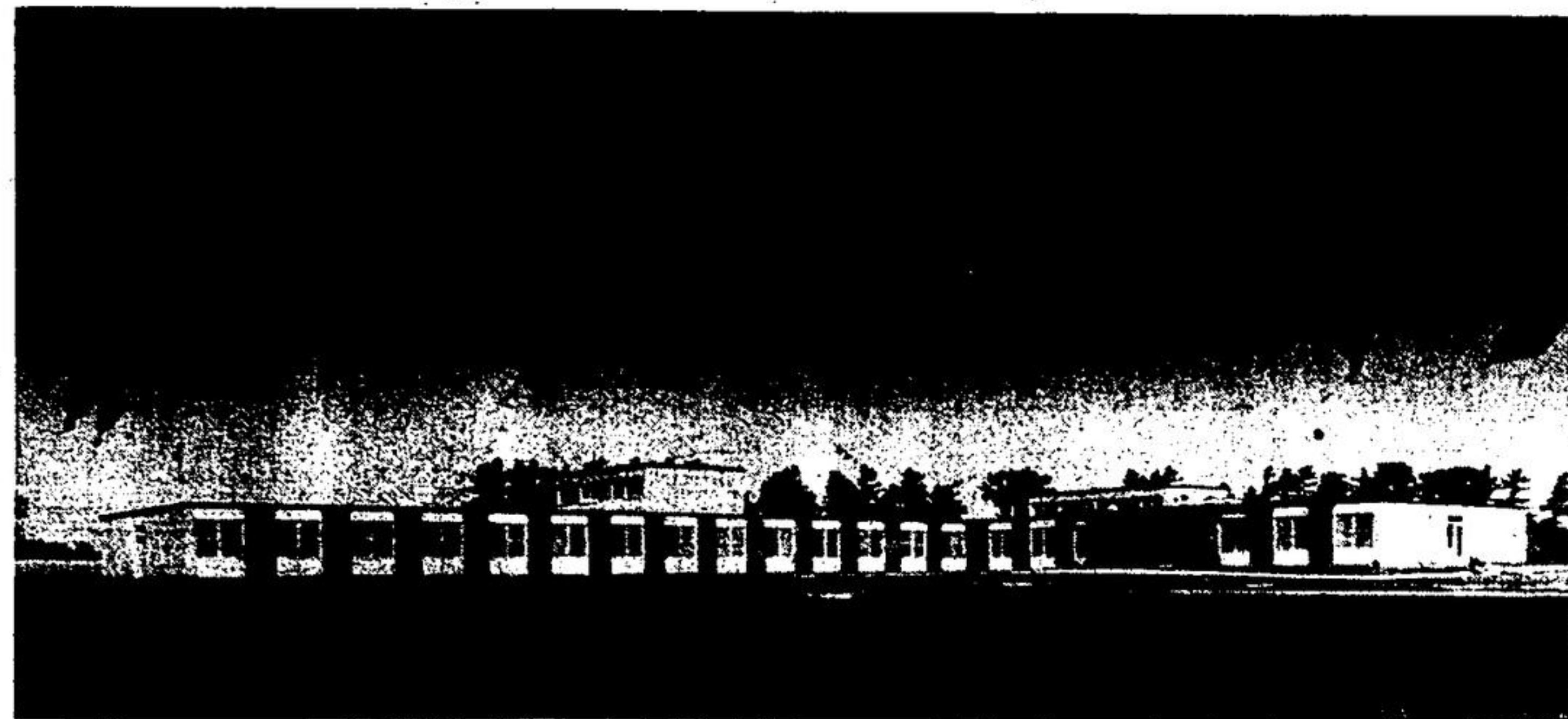
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