

Opening Ceremonies Begin at 1.30 p.m.

The official opening of Georgetown's Hospital will take place on Saturday afternoon. It is hoped that several thousand will be present for this occasion.

The public are invited to attend at 1.30 p.m. to see the Hon. Health Minister and other dignitaries open the building. Coffee will be served to all inspecting the building that day.

Both bands will be in attendance.

Following is the schedule for touring the Hospital. It is emphasized however, that due to the crowd attending Saturday, they will have the opportunity of touring without guides, although staff will be stationed at various places to tell them about the various points of interest.

TOUR PROGRAMME

Thursday, June 15

Grade 8s of Georgetown will be given a tour. Women's Auxiliary will act as guides for tours during weekend.

June 16th

Building open 2 to 4 — 7 to 9

June 17th

Opening Ceremonies 1.30 p.m. Building will be open to the public until 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 18th

Senior Citizens will be taken to Hospital courtesy Rotary Club from 11 am. to 1 p.m.

General Public: 2 to 4 — 5 to 9. All citizens are asked to be on hand for this great day.

The Administrator's Message

Others in this special edition of the Herald will have given some of the past history of the local hospital. — Its development from a desire in the minds of a few persons to ensure adequate health facilities for the community, to the fund raising stages and the many meetings both locally and with government to gain necessary approval for the actual construction of the building. Since May of 1960, it is safe to say that every member of the community has been keenly aware of the construction itself. I would like to give some thought to the present and future of the institution. At the moment the building itself is finally a reality — the roads which give egress are now in place and all the outward trappings of a hospital exist. Indeed to any who have peered in a window, (and their number is legionary) it would appear that all the many items that go to make a hospital in the physical sense are also in their places. This too is a correct assumption. All the equipment has been selected and purchased, all the items of supply are also either in the building or on the way to it. However, the main functions of the hospital, that is, the care of the sick and injured, leadership to and cooperation with all groups and individuals who are dedicated to the preventative aspects of community health, research with all other health facilities to enlarge the total knowledge of health and welfare may not be realized until the most important of all requirements have been met.

I refer of course to the forming into a team of the staff which will actually be the hospital as time goes on. This hospital team is made up of many parts and includes the physicians & surgeons who will have the privileges and responsibilities for utilizing the hospital facilities, professional nursing personnel who will interpret and carry out the orders of the medical staff, technically qualified persons who will carry out diagnostic and treatment services, skilled persons who will ensure that the hospital is a safe place in which to be ill, trained persons who will prepare and serve the food so vital to proper recovery, wash the linen, scrub the floors and maintain the records of all that which is done whether to increase the value of medical treatment or to conserve and use wisely the money which all these things must cost.

Without the people to do all these functions there exists only a shell of a building containing costly and quite useless machines and supplies. It is with a good deal of pride that I may say that we have, not only good and adequate equipment and facilities in our hospital but also the basic ingredient for a most worthy hospital staff.

This is even more worthy of note in view of the fact that the bulk of all the staff will be persons who know and are known in Georgetown and District. Of course, the very nature of some of the positions require previous hospital experience as time itself obviates any possibility for training a total staff as an initial venture. However, every position possible including a number of department head classifications has been filled with a local person. The others, regardless from where they came to us are here because they wish to become local residents and will undoubtedly add much to the community.

Because the staff will be largely new to the Hospital field, and a time of training and initial growth in capability will be required, I would ask that you readers who are the owners of the hospital, and therefore, our employers, grant to us some measure of courteous understanding of our problems. We in turn, will assure you that as rapidly as possible we will have you a hospital in which you have the greatest guide.



H. G. GILHOOLY

When the first patient is admitted on 27th June, 1961, a new local industry will have come into being. An industry whose only product is service to all members of the community, but a product which is most vital and a service in which you have already had a part, through physical effort or kind generosity. I trust that you will not consider the job done now or in the future. The need for constant improvement in facilities or services will go on through all the years which may follow. The hospital can only be the institution the community wishes it to be. It will need the strength many of you can give through your membership in the association, selecting and electing the most qualified persons available to form the future Board of Directors, so vital to interpret the community needs and desires and formulate the policies necessary to meet the constantly changing needs as they become known.

I have been most gratified with the cooperation and understanding of the present group of directors, the wisdom and thoughtfulness they have shown at many lengthy meetings must be recognized as most of them. Being a member of a Hospital Board of Directors is a difficult task indeed but it must be one of the most rewarding of all volunteer enterprises. Without the deliberations and decisions of the Board of Directors no policies could be formulated and therefore there could be no framework within which the management function could be performed.

The present status of the hospital is a good omen. I am sure for your future. With the assistance and cooperation of all members of the community, both through continual finan-



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS include (seated, left to right) Mrs. Alex Taylor, John Gunn, Mrs. Lloyd Marks, Mrs. William Hamilton, Mrs. Win Wallace. (Standing, 1 to 7) Leslie Clark, Denny Charles, John Ord, (a staff doctor, Dr. A. Macintosh) Ted Evans, John T. Armstrong, Boyd Garland, Sam Penrice, Sid Silver, Wm. Kinrade. Absent: R. Licata, W. Breckenridge.

cial support to ensure the additions of the many items of equipment for which the hospital plan does not provide and through the continued understanding that all hospital regulations are made only with the thought in mind "what is best for the sick and injured and their rapid recovery," all will indeed be well with the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

H. G. GILHOOLY, Administrator

LATEST OF MANY TO BE COMPLETED IN '61

Hon. Waldo Monteith, Minister of Health for Canada, who had originally planned to be present to assist Hon. Dr. Dymond to open the hospital, found himself unable to be present, due to cabinet duties in Ottawa this weekend.

However, he plans to stop in Georgetown to see and inspect the local structure. This is the latest in the number of Hospitals being completed in 1961.



HERE'S THE KITCHEN!

MISS EDITH ELLIOTT is dietitian and poses before an oven where tasty food will be prepared for those who will be partaking of the hospitality of Georgetown's newest public service.

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GENERAL INVITATION TO ATTEND OPENING

It was decided by the Opening Committee and Board of Directors to extend a general invitation only to attend the Hospital opening ceremonies. This decision was reached because of the impossible task of sending out individual invitations, as almost the entire community had taken part in one or another phases of the work. It is hoped that the entire community will consider the invitation in this paper as their personal one, and that the entire

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