

A Message From the Chairman

As we are on the eve of the opening of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, I should like to bring a brief message to you on behalf of the board of directors of the hospital.

We hope that in our way we have added another facet to the external face of Georgetown and district, one which will add to the attractiveness of our district to industry and business in the days ahead.

We hope, too, that we have added a measure of something worth while to our citizens and that you will derive pleasure from the ownership of your hospital. To most of us, I am sure, a hospital is considerably more than a mere building; without exception, we are intimately involved with a hospital at various times during our lifespan, either through illness of our families and selves, or the visiting of relatives and friends who are confined.

Our hospital as a reality today as a result of the support given to the fund-raising campaign early in 1960. Among other things the campaign results showed that the citizens of this district measure up to the citizens of any other community in the level of charitable giving when they are solicited. At present the total is in excess of \$318,000 and is still climbing. I might comment at this time that the directors had to take a rather large scale gamble well before the campaign was launched. In the planning of a hospital there are extensive commitments to be met such as architects' fees, cost of land, and campaign expenses, which must be paid whether the campaign is successful or not. For



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this reason we had to place our faith in you that you would respond to our appeal. Our faith was more than repaid by your response. As you may visualize, a pro-

ject of this kind is not developed overnight; the reality of today marks the culmination of a suggestion made some six and one half years ago at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. Since then many people have contributed unreservedly in many ways to the unfolding of the project. Some have given their talents towards making sure funds were brought in by various means, to keep the wheels turning, others have looked after correspondence and records, others to the development of the plans and later the supervision, the construction of the building, others on publicity, and so on. It is unfortunate that the many people involved cannot be given individual recognition, but because of the number I can only hope that their reward is derived from a job well done.

I must mention the fine work of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary who in the short time they have been organized, have done so much. They have been working diligently, and now that the opening day is at hand they are ready to take their place and make our hospital a bright, cheery home for the patients.

Finally, I wish to commend the efforts made by our administrative staff in the physical preparation for patient acceptance. I know I am speaking for the board when I say that we are immensely pleased with the people who have joined the staff of the hospital; they are working hard to make sure the building opens on time and thereafter to provide the high level of service which you would like to have.

I sincerely hope that you will be pleasantly surprised with your new hospital as you inspect it and see how complete and attractive the equipment and furnishings are. In the purchase of such, just as in household items, there is a wide price range available to the purchaser. We have tried to provide attractive but durable and adequate equipment at a price which would enable us to stay within a sensible budget. And now as your hospital is about to open its doors and commence functioning we hope you will take pride in your ownership and take comfort from the knowledge that it is not far from you.

—JOHN GUNN
Board Chairman

Mrs. Muriel Adams was Organizer of Auxiliary

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary was organized in 1958 by Mrs. Muriel Adams, its first president and only life member. Many people were contacted, either personally or by letter and a notice of the formation was made in the Herald.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Adams, on November 8th, 1958. A number of ladies attended the first Auxiliary meeting, and John Gunn acted as chairman for the election of officers, and the Auxiliary was launched. Great credit is due Mrs. Adams, president of that time for her efforts towards a hospital, both financially and in work.

Since that time the Auxiliary has grown to a membership of over 135 women who have contributed over \$3,500 to the new hospital.

The first general meeting was held in Wrigglesworth public school, with Mrs. Little, Guelph, regional director of the Auxiliaries Association, speaking to the group. She explained work and duties of the Auxiliary. On March 18, 1959, the Constitution and By-Laws were drawn up and the Auxiliary's career was formally launched.

The first fund raising effort was a telephone drive, followed by a bake sale, and a Gala Day in the Park on May 23rd. On September 18th, the first Art Exhibition & Sale took place. During 1960, the W.A. held a more for children, a fashion show and another Gala Day. Later in the year a second art exhibition and sale and a cooking school were held.

That December, a most successful Christmas Ball was held.

Indicative of the extreme interest in the Hospital, was the group's response to the fund raising campaign in March, 1960. At that time they pledged \$5,000.00 towards the hospital nursery furnishings, and this culminated on May 9th, in the presentation of a cheque for \$1,000, bringing the Auxiliary's payment on its pledge to over \$3,000.

And now the Auxiliary will launch a new phase of its work. While the organization will still continue its fund raising activities in the future, with the opening of the hospital many new areas of service will open up. A corps of volunteer workers from Auxiliary members will staff the Gift Shop and will perform many patient services within the institution.

Every member of the W.A. is looking forward to the challenge of this new work.



NURSING STATION

PREPARING NURSING procedures at the nursing station are Mrs. A. Smith, night supervisor; Mrs. C. Garbett, head night nurse, surgical; Mrs. M. Hetherington, head nurse, surgical; Mrs. M. Manning, evening supervisor.

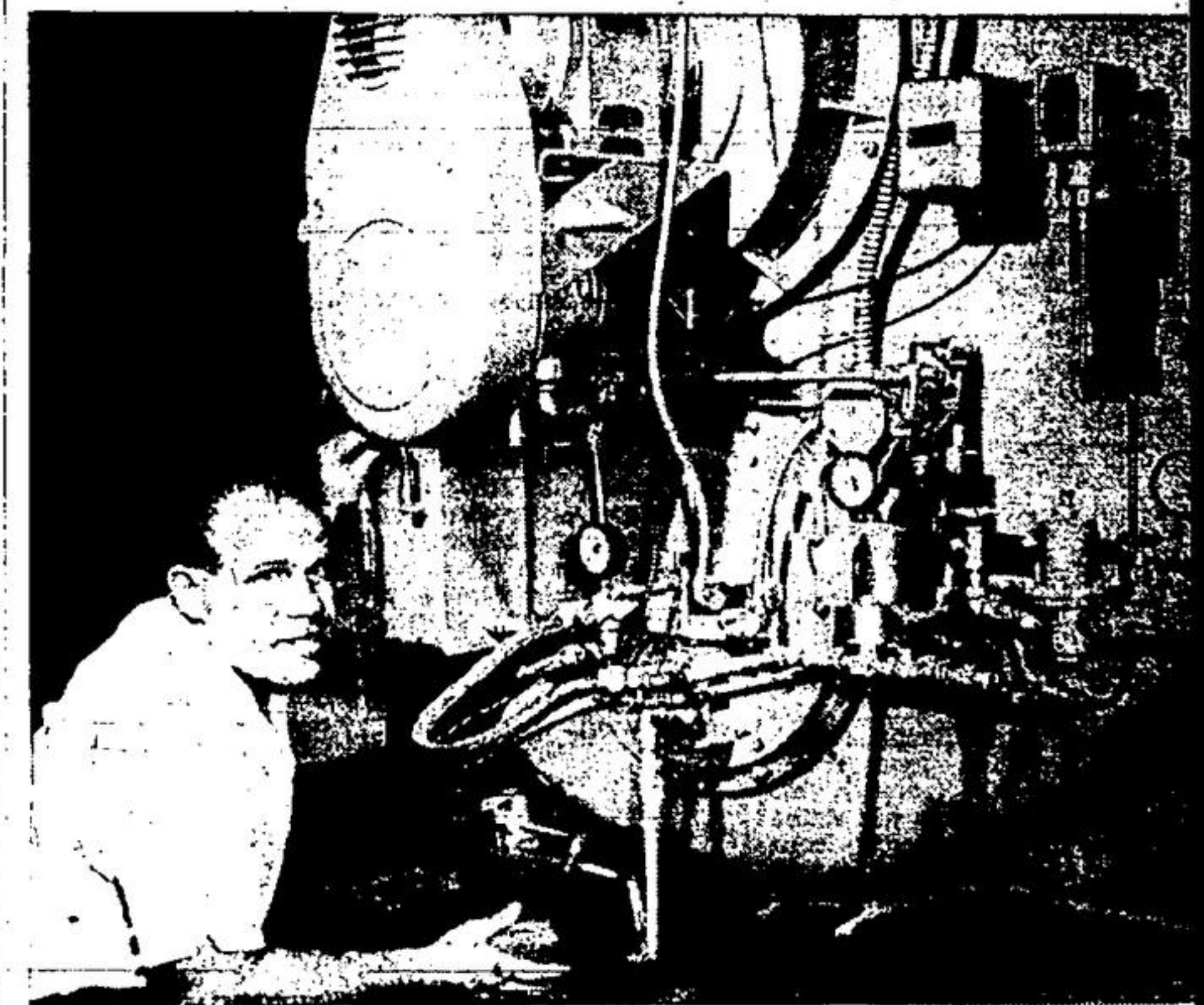


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THE BELL TELEPHONE contributes largely to the well being of the structure with a modern up-to-the-minute communications system. Here Mrs. Camman, operator, looks it over admiringly, as she checks its features. Bell technician Roy Ballentine looks on.

MANY 'OLD TIMERS' TO BE PRESENT AT OPENING

From advance reports and enquiries, it would seem that many former residents will be present to see the Hospital open.



GIANT HOSPITAL BOILERS

BIG JOB AHEAD for R. Law, shown here checks pressure on his boilers. The very heart of the hospital building, boiler room houses a maze of complex equipment.

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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Symbol of Progress

- Canadian Liquid Air joins well wishers everywhere in sincerely congratulating the new Memorial Hospital on the occasion of its official opening.
- This fine, modern centre of the healing arts and sciences symbolizes the progressiveness of a community. We salute all concerned in the work, including the hospital's dedicated staff and their tireless efforts for the sick.
- Liquid Air, marking its own development this year by celebrating 50 years of progress, is proud to be associated with the Memorial Hospital project. Modern hospital pipeline and other equipment, accessories, oxygen and medical gases all supplied by Liquid Air will aid the many and varied skills of the hospital's staff in their vital healing work.
- May the new Memorial Hospital prosper in the service of the community.

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