

Film Processor, Bickell Gift, First in Canada

— by Les Clark

Last Friday was a red letter day for the Georgetown Hospital, with our new x-ray film processor being completely installed and ready to go. The machine is completely automatic, and will save considerable time in processing.

Mr. P. J. Sewell, of the National Trust Company was present to officially give this expensive piece of equipment on behalf of the J. P. Bickell Foundation.

Mr. Bickell, one of Canada's mining and industrial giants, established this foundation some 37 years ago, before his death, directing the use of which the money was to be used. Half of the income was to be given in bequests to the Sick Children's Hospital, and the rest to Hospitals, and other worthy groups as well as into mining research.

So well has the Foundation been managed that the Funds have appreciated to the point that last year a million and a half dollars were given to the various causes. And we hasten to add, our hospital is proud of the fact that they were among this group. Certainly the Foundation has made it possible for our hospital to be the first in Canada with this particular piece of equipment.

In passing we might note the Bickell Foundation seems to have a different and much more sympathetic approach than many other such groups. They decide each case upon the individual merits and circumstances, and this certainly worked to the benefit of Georgetown.

The Automatic X-ray film processor is something quite new in the field of medicine. The one installed here is the first of its kind in Canada, although it has been thoroughly field tested and a number are operating in the U.S.

Until very recently all hospitals were using the old, time-consuming manual method for processing films. This necessitated each film being handled individually and was a slow process. There were four individual processes to go through.

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taking some four minutes development time. After this, film is lifted by hand and placed so that the film is in a fixing solution. Following this, the film can be handled in the light and is usually placed in a wash until all chemicals are washed away. After anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes of this each film is inserted in a drying cabinet to remove the moisture. As you can see this is extremely time consuming. The whole process has limitations where you get capacity in the washing and drying area overworked, and one technician spending all their time handling the procedure.

With the automatic processor now installed some 90 seconds later after the process is begun, a fully processed dry film is available outside the dark room for immediate viewing. The doctor's findings is much more certain on a dry thoroughly processed film, and there is no interference with other work going on in the dark room. The main advantage probably is the availability of a dry film to the attending radiologist, that treatment of the patient may begin or be decided upon immediately with no waiting by the patient involved.

The processor is as well as time saving, a reasonably priced machine (\$5,000) and, due to the use of very little water, savings are considerable in electrical heating costs.

For all of which Georgetown Hospital is most indebted to the J. P. Bickell Foundation, and the administrators of this foundation.



FROM LEFT ARE Dr. McElligott, demonstrating new processor, P. J. Sewell, of National Trust, representing the Bickell Foundation, and technicians David Barton and Mrs. Geraldine Hickey.

Budget \$71,750 Will Help Conservation Development

A total of \$71,750 for further development of 10 conservation projects is included in the Halton Region Conservation Authority's 1968 budget. The estimates were approved at an authority meeting Wednesday.

Kelso will take \$31,000 of the total this year, with \$10,000 of this figure earmarked for roads and parking lots. Other improvements include landscaping, clean-up, fencing, drainage, grading and sanding the beach, a boat launching ramp, waterfowl enclosure, well, signs, addition to change-house, pump-house, toilet installation and renovations to the ski chalet, renovations to the A. Service house and contour mapping.

Improvements along a similar line will take place at nine other conservation areas, at the following costs.

- Burns nature area \$1,500; Rattlesnake Point park \$6,000; Carleton Place \$5,000; Mount Nemo conservation area \$600; Campbellville pond \$1,250; Esqueping conservation area \$800; Sixteen Valley conservation area \$1,000; Authority forests \$4,000; and Mountsberg, conservation park, \$16,200.

Doll, \$25 Dress To Terra Cotta

The lucky winners of a recent draw by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion for the Sports Fund were: a doll dressed in 25 one dollar bills — Elsie Puckering, Terra Cotta; blanket, Barbara Lorusso, Georgetown; cushion, Trudy Lusty, Glen Williams; candle sticks, Mid Brunski, Georgetown.

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Kernighan Seeks County Federal Seat for NDP Party

Halton New Democratic Party Friday night unanimously nominated Milton industrialist Murray Kernighan, a father of three, to fight the Halton riding political contest in the June 25 federal election.



MURRAY KERNIGHAN

The Halton association's election committee met this morning to work on the campaign contingent of a good chance for their candidate.

Kernighan, the 58 year old owner of Beacon Chemicals which manufactures sanitary chemicals was the only nominee for the position.

House Shortage

He said Friday some of the most important issues that interested him were inflation, the housing shortage, the division of responsibility between the provinces and the Dominion, English and French relationships, foreign ownership of industry, inequalities in taxation and medicare — or lack of it.

Kernighan said, as an industrialist, he was greatly concerned that Canadian industry, business firms and natural resources were passing under foreign ownership and control.

"In broad terms, over half our manufacturing industry is foreign owned, largely by interests in the USA," he said. "The amount of such foreign ownership is gradually increasing."

"There are several consequences of this foreign ownership — all bad in my opinion," he told the nomination meeting.

Foreign Profits
"The profits usually go back to the foreign country and these represent about \$750 million a year in dividends, which is quite a drain on our country."

Kernighan said often the profits remained in Canada but were used to buy other Canadian firms.

"Now, because these plants are branch plants, export markets are in many cases not open to these firms as a matter of company policy," he said.

He said usually most plants researching was carried out at head offices, resulting in a brain drain of many of Canada's top engineers and university graduates who went where the work was.

"The work for which they are qualified is not being done in our country," he added. "This results in them and their child-

ren building up the USA in place of Canada.

Kernighan cited Jim Chamberlain — the man who designed the CFI100, the C102, and the Avro Arrow — as one example. He said Chamberlain and his 30 member team of top men were now concerned with the US space programs — in the US.

"Public opinion must be aroused as to the danger of the situation," he said.

"Our proposal is in principle to buy Canada back, using money from a government fund, which we call the Capital Resources Fund."

He said the money would come from sources such as funds to be invested by insurance companies, from other varying pension funds and from individuals.

The money would then be used, he said, to buy up foreign-owned firms as the opportunity arose, or to buy into them.

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

"We're going to have to give consideration to this, with development in east Georgetown," said Cr. Bob Francis. Monday when a request for the town to share fencing costs was made by George Finlay, 26 McGilvray Crescent.

It was the second such request in recent weeks.

Appearing again for Charles Street residents who oppose the new Gray Coach bus route, Cec Greenlade was told that bus firm officials would be meeting with council at a committee meeting the next night.

Asking if he may attend, he was told by Reeve Hunter that the meeting is open, and any resident has the right to be present.

Construction work on Ewing St. has changed the course of a spring on land behind his property which he has landscaped. Cyril Clarke told council. Cr. Smith promised to investigate and restore the spring if possible.

A dispute about a parking ban on the highway in the vicinity of St. John's United Church was referred back to council by the police commission, which said this is a matter for council to decide.

Victorian Order Had 16 Georgetown Visits

Victorian Order of Nurses made 16 visits to Georgetown during March according to a report on the operations of the Peel Branch during the month. Miss Lois McElheran, nurse-in-charge of the branch said at a meeting in the board room of the Peel Memorial Hospital last week that the branch made a total of 703 nursing care visits during the month.

Other visits were to Misses: 323; Port Credit 78; Streetsville 18; Chinguacousy 46; Brampton, 240; Bolton, 13; Caledon, 1 and Georgetown 16.

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