



IRON used once upon a time to smooth the lining of a pool table is shown by curator Erna Brittain to amused visitors. Table holds a collection of old irons and kitchen implements used in pioneer times.

Old medical equipment on display at museum

Halt Regional Museum recently opened a new gallery showing the effects of the late Dr. George Syer of Milton, mounted a display of a wardrobe belonging to Judge Kenneth Langdon, now retired, and acquired an editor's desk once the property of William McLean, owner of the old Toronto World.

The new gallery upstairs in the museum is devoted to a display of Dr. Syer's office and operating equipment. It includes cupboards full of instruments and poisons, his medical books, examining table and other accoutrements from his office.

Dr. Syer came to Milton in 1925, going into partnership with Dr. Hugh McCall in the old Farmer's Building on Main St. Later he moved his office to 21 James St., where he had built a home which included a room for his practice. He practised in Milton for 51 years until his death in July, 1976.

The late physician was described as dedicated, but possessing a good sense of humor. Although his office was open seven days a week,

he still found time to sit down and talk.

Born at Cavan, near Peterborough, Dr. Syer was a graduate of the University of Toronto. He did his internship at the Hamilton General Hospital.

The wardrobe given by Judge Langdon, who was appointed to the bench in 1944, is displayed in the Halt court room which has been reconstructed upstairs at the museum.

The curator and a group of volunteers from Oakville Museum viewed the two displays during a recent tour of the regional museum. The visit, which included a look behind the scenes, is an example of the co-operation which exists among museums in the area, said Erna Brittain, curator of Halt Regional Museum. The regional museum sometimes loans artifacts to the others for special displays.

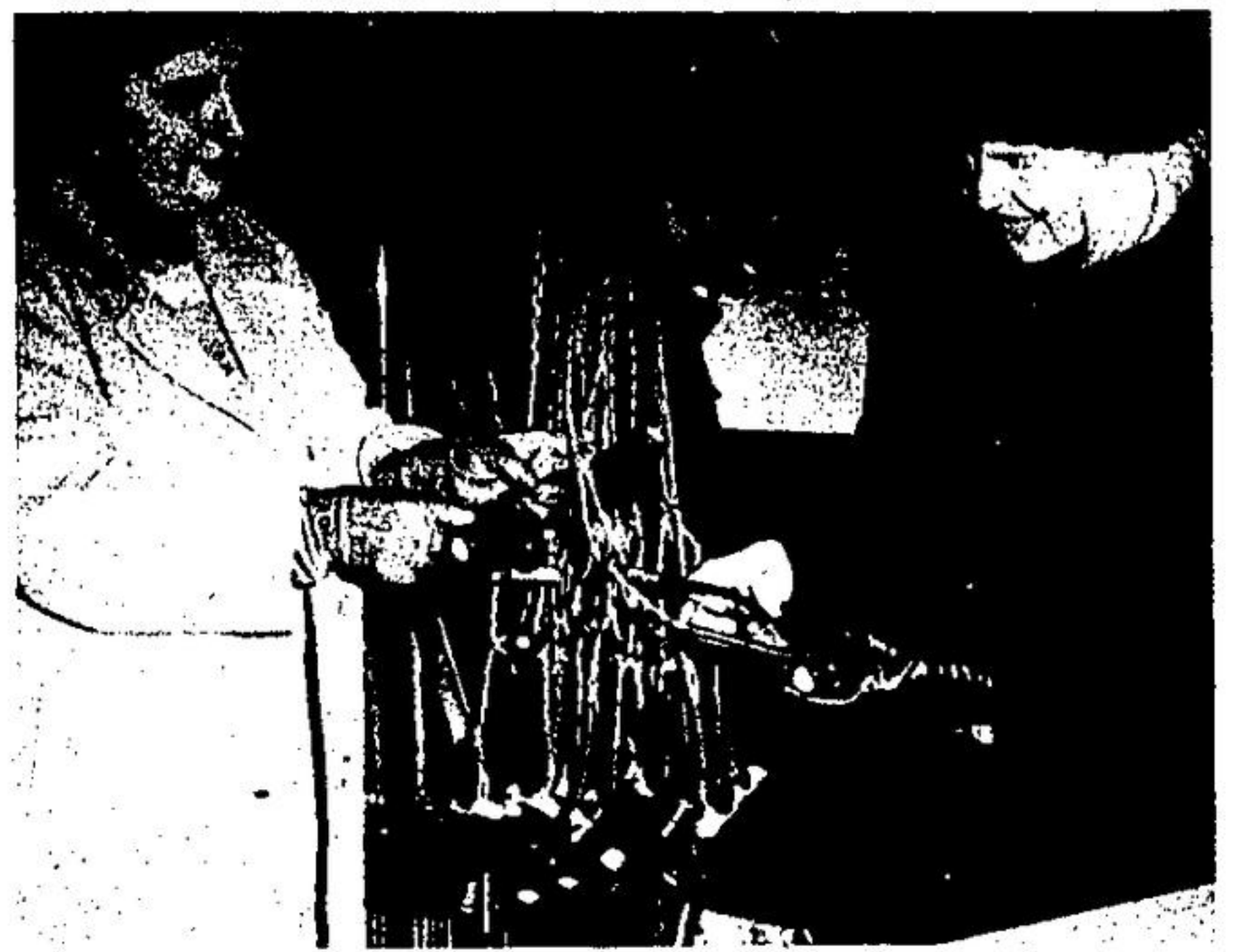
The editor's desk, which, judging from the design of the wood, Mrs. Brittain estimates to date to 1880, was a gift from J. Bryan Vaughn of Toronto and Terra Cotta. "It looks like it was made to speci-

fication to fit a certain size," commented Mrs. Brittain.

The desk is four and a half feet long by about four feet wide. However, it rolls apart to reveal numerous secret compartments and drawers. Open all the way the desk measures nine feet. Closed it hinges together so the inside section is hidden. It is set on casters to make for easy opening and closing.

The desk is tall. Evidently the editor stood or sat on a very high stool while he worked. On the side is a brass letter slot. On the front are even more drawers and cubbyholes. It has over 40 drawers in all.

The desk itself is constructed of walnut and walnut veneer. The drawers are pine. It has been located in the Carriage House by an old printing press from Milton.



INSTRUMENT OF TORTURE is what it looks like, and perhaps what it felt like. Visitors to Halt Regional Museum examine an old type of machine used to give permanent waves.

Cyclone relief funds still being accepted

A spokesman for the Red Cross informed that they will be continuing to accept contributions to their India Cyclone Relief fund.

At the banks, Halt Hills' contributions amounted to \$121.09. In total \$25,000 was donated by individuals and groups in Ontario, while \$75,000 was received from the Government of Ontario.

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