

A source of pride for area residents

#### Way back when

## "We were all like one big happy family then"

When Miss Emma cow bell swinging.

the mending in her spare years of service, she area.

mopped floors. She Hospital.

lifty cents. Those in on the top floor. A cir overnight."

she took this seriously Society

kept in baskets in the the kitchen was moved was that the new hospital Miss Baker. She hid it the private patients Baker was the superin- Miss Baker took a dim shelves of the linen room. from the second floor be named St. Andrew's, under the eaves of the There were chickens too. tendent of the original view of such noisy goings. If there was an overflow, down to the basement, a The hospital inspector new hospital, and doled it to assure patients of a Midland Penetanguis on She rose from her bed, dresser drawers were dumb-waiter lift was suggested a few changes out for medicinal pur-supply of fresh eggs. hene Marine Hospital in got a carving knife from pressed into service added to ease the work in the building and the poses as needed.

Sunnyside, she super- the kitchen and marched The first baby born in load of the nurses. gradual moving of fur- By 1922, a south wing doings in 1922. The first

were often spent in the memories of the early there was no steriliser. Spohn. kitchen as she made days in the three storey. Miss Baker described. "They were all won- there was no place to put raspberry patches behind and his daughter-in-law pickles and preserves for brick building which was sterilising methods this derful," said Miss Baker, them. the patients. She ordered the forerunner of our way: "We used a wash "and so were the nurses. Many patients were Nurses lived in a neigh-shire officiated, and the supplies and on occasion, present St. Andrew's boiler and tied cotton to We were all like one big bedded down in Midland's bouring house which had Duke's aide-de-camp was each handle and placed happy family."

patients and was on call erected in 1903 for \$6,700. We held the lid down with most water came from emergency by cooking turnished it completely later became Prime 24 hours a day. For this and there was a fireplace a flat iron. We let wells, typhoid was a great pots of soup which with her private funds. Minister of Great Britain. wards. There were 12 hour and then put the trame house was bought, hospital.

private rooms paid \$1.50 cular drive led up to the "We had two large tin isolation ward.

vised everything in the 12- out to the offending cow the Midland Doctors who worked in niture and patients was added to the hospital electric range was inand cut off the bell. She Penetanguishene Marine the first hospital were Dr. began. If the cook had a day did the same to the other Hospital was Chris Raikes, Dr. McGill, Dr. The post war epidemic range had been installed, wing added, and opened off, Miss Baker took over bovine wanderers. Foster, Born on March 2, MacDonald, Dr. Tanner, of influenza struck There were extensive by Royalty. at the wood stove in the When Miss Baker 1906, Mr. Foster now lives Dr. Walbridge, Dr. Clark, Midland in 1918 and the vegetable gardens and (The official St -kitchen. She attended to retired in 1942, after 30 on a farm in the rural Dr. Johnston. Dr. new hospital was filled to Rena Bell, secretary of Andrew's opening had moments. Her evenings wrote down some of her In those early days, and his son Dr. Howard arrived in Midland with board, remembers that epidemic).

supervised nurses and The building was the wrapped goods inside. In those days, when townspeople rallied to the Playfair in 1922. She Harold MacMillain, who

being of her patients and the Midland Horticultural boiled at night, and the Manley Chew home on nurse. Miss Atkinson, eight in their third year, 1955 and in 1956 the other in the daytime, so Bay Street to be used as a died in the epidemic. It was real ap-renovated older part. One night, a thyroid. There was no nursery, we always had hot and hospital. Because of the In the post war years, a prenticeship training. named the James patient was restless. Her because most babies were cold sterile water view of the water, it rum-running ship was In 1922, a cow was Playfair wing, was sleep had been disturbed born at home. Those who A hospital auxiliary reminded him of his caught in Midland har- added to the hospital's opened. by one of the hospital did arrive in hospital was established in 1906 ancestral Scottish home, bour. The alcoholic cargo facilities, and the milk Now the 101 bed cows which had wandered either stayed in the room and these ladies furnished St. Andrew's by the Sea, was confiscated by the was set in pans and the hospital on Dominion

McPhee and Dr. Spohn overflowing. Ships the St. Andrew's hospital been delayed by the flu desperately ill crews and there were thriving The Duke of Devonshire

she was paid about \$100 in each of the two public everything boil for one serious problem. A small they brought to the There were student. Emma Baker's name But then, the daily rate beds in the hospital. The bundles in the oven of the and put on the property. Said Miss Baker, "the learned not by any the opening of the new for ward patients was nurses and the maid lived wood stove to dry out next door to the hospital doctors were so busy we curriculum, but by doing west wing in 1936. The soci to form an overflow hardly saw them, what had to be done. They was turned by Lord Through God's great were paid six dollars a Tweedsmuir. Miss Baker's prime building and there were cans with spouts for In 1914, James Playfair mercy and help, we were month in their first year. The newest part of the concern was the well- flower beds, cared for by sterile water. One was donated the spacious able to carry on." One seven in their second, and hospital was opened in

close to the building, its with the mothers, or were many of the rooms. When and his only stipulation local police who gave it to cream skimmed off for Avenue is part of history

"We cannot buy of the first hospital and large framed pictures health," he said. "There the first pharmacy in will be hung in the new is a need for personal Ontario at Saint Marie hospital when it is open.

cooperation that was Board secretary and

that Huronia was the site theme of the evening. The

troduced by MPP Gord just \$6,700.

Hospital (which was built

Bey Hunter, whose four

the present St. Andrew's

and the first electric stalled and a new south

the nurses' residence. the Duchess of Devonpublic schools. The been purchased by Mrs. a gentleman called

nurses in those days, who was commemorated in

# The New Staff

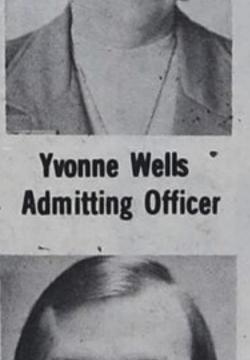


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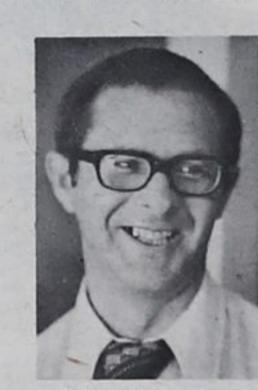
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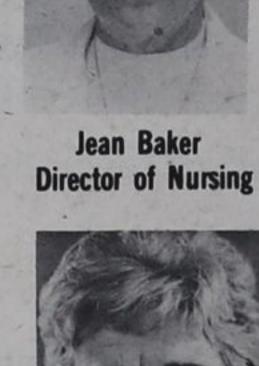
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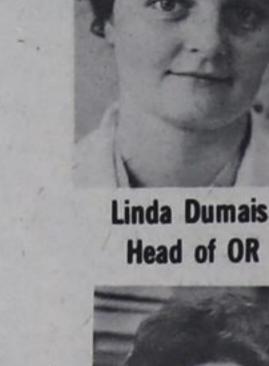
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