



G. J. CHATFIELD

Administrator's Role Commendable

Administrator of York Central Hospital, Mr. Chatfield is one of the busiest of men as plans are completed for the official opening November 28, and the opening for service as soon as possible, probably about the middle of December.

Appointed in August, 1961, he has taken an active part in the planning and equipping of the new hospital and has done a most commendable job in organizing staff and getting into operation York Central which he is confident will be one of the finest in the land.

Born in Winnipeg, he received his early education there and graduated from the University of Manitoba in pharmacy. After a spell with a pharmaceutical manufacturing firm in eastern Ontario he attended Toronto University and obtained his degree in hospital administration.

After an administrative post with Humber Memorial Hospital, he was engaged in special work for the Ontario Hospital Association before accepting the post of administrator here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield who have three young sons live at 162 Laverock in Richmond Hill.

York Central Hospital Management Group

- Administrator G. J. Chatfield, B. Sc. Pharm., D.H.A.
- Director of Nursing Miss G. A. Gatehouse, Reg. N., B.N.
- Business Office Manager D. W. Earnshaw
- Chief Engineer E. M. Thurston
- Purchasing Agent D. C. Sellen
- Medical Record Librarian Miss T. Oliver, Reg. N., R.R.L.
- Radiologist Dr. William R. LaCroix
- Chief X-ray Technician W. R. Burns, R.T.
- Pathologist Dr. D. S. Guthrie
- Chief Laboratory Technologist Mrs. K. A. Hargrave, B. Sc., R.T.
- Pharmacist Mrs. B. J. Sherk, B. Sc. P.
- Food Service Manager R. M. Semple
- Executive Housekeeper Miss I. R. Gaskin
- Physiotherapist Miss R. E. Flood, M.C.P.A.

Hospital Good Example

When York Central Hospital officially opens today, it will be a shining example of good community planning.

York County has been put up as a model of a community voluntarily assuming the responsibility for planning an orderly development of hospital and related health facilities on a regional basis.

In 1960, the county was faced with a problem common to many areas, a severe shortage of hospital beds.

Compared to suggested ratios of 4.5 beds for every 1,000 population, York County had one hospital providing 1.1 beds per 1,000 people.

In April, 1960 York County Council endorsed a comprehensive study of existing hospital facilities and recommendations for additions and their locations.

Hospital associations in Newmarket where York County Hospital was established and in Richmond Hill where York Central was proposed were asked to submit a joint report based on information from the Ontario Hospital Services Commission combined with a survey by consultants Agnew, Peckham and Associates and financial statistics from county auditors.

As a result, it was suggested a county hospital commission be established to co-ordinate hospital development in York.

Following acceptance of this report, on October 4, 1960, county council authorized formation of York County Hospital Commission with an overall objective of providing efficient hospital services for all persons in the county.

It was to be composed of two members of county council, the president of each hospital association, a representative of the York County Medical Society and two citizens of the county, one of whom was to be chairman and one of whom was to be a woman.

It was up to council to appoint members of the commission and set out their duties.

Investigated Needs

When organized, the commission set out to investigate hospital needs and means of fulfilling them, make plans for expansion of present facilities and building new ones.

They were required to recommend capital requirements and the means of raising money with a view to obtaining the maximum economy and efficiency and to co-ordinate all concerned groups and facilities including municipal councils, Ontario Hospital Services Commission and other governmental departments involved.

When financial assistance was sought for construction of Newmarket and York Central Hospitals, the county council, provided with accurate financial and statistical information from the commission, was able to assume a substantial portion of the local financing of the projects.

By its organization, the commission also showed advantages of having hospital representatives on its board to provide a working liaison between hospital and county administration.

The commission has accomplished stage one.

Future stages will be development and location of related hospital facilities as well as adapting present facilities to the changing need.

This year's commission with Chairman J. W. Rye, members R. N. Garriock, Frank Willoughby, Mrs. Elton Armstrong, W. A. Spear, D. H. Storms, Dr. William McClintock and Ward-Clarence Davis and commissioners A. H. Rutherford and Ken Rogers recently toured York Central Hospital to give their stamp of approval.

Space, Light, Vista Notable

Hospital Meticulously Planned

BY ANNE SMELLIE

Administration and workmen alike at York Central Hospital have had their sights set on today's official opening, and a December start for actual patient care.

But it is one deadline that must be met with perfection, judging from the attention being given to detail linking all the important functions of the \$2,000,000 new hospital for York County.

This observer, after a two-hour tour of the building in the wake of vigorous Hospital Chairman Douglas Storms, came away with the impression of quantities of space and light and meticulous thought given to planning.

The hospital building itself is a deceptive one from the outside; its facade, while well-windowed, doesn't begin to reveal the many rooms within.

Main floor, with a large foyer and reception area and hospital auxiliary's glassed-in gift shop, leads off to administrative wing and the pharmacy and on to obstetrics and surgery.

Double elevators which open on both sides take the patient to basement, second, third and fourth floors where rooms and wards, nursery, utility rooms, nursing stations, offices, reception rooms are in final stages of completion needing only neatly turned down beds and furniture, all of which is on hand, to make them complete.

en planned down to the last potato peeler.

Its size is beyond the scope of the average housewife. It will eventually serve a 600 bed hospital plus staff probably 2,000 meals a day and it is scaled to meet that demand.

With little exception, every large utility is stainless steel with giant ovens, boilers, mixers, racks, dishwashers and a centre floor conveyor belt where trays of food will be assembly-line produced, shunted on to huge carts and taken to serving areas via a separate elevator.

With an ingenious heating device under the plates, food can be kept warm for up to two hours.

The basement area houses as well as the emergency admitting section with its own surgery and recovery rooms, laboratory, morgue and storage.

Another world all its own is the area of the boiler room where the giant pulse of the hospital will be kept beating with a gas furnace with an alternative of oil in case of emergency.

An intricate system of pipes leads from the boiler room throughout the hospital. Taking away a section of fire proof fibre glass ceiling board, the maze of pipes is revealed snaking its way to where it is needed.

There appears to be adequate parking both for staff (in the rear) and public on three tiers leading to the circular driveway at the entrance.

Again departing from the normal concept of hospital areas, a restful shade of green tile has been set up about three-quarters of the wall space in delivery and surgery rooms.

Although the dining area, cafeteria style of service yourself is not large, it leads on to a remarkable kitchen.

Decorators have turned away from the too-antiseptic white or ivory hospital colours to paint the rooms in softly glowing blues, greens, and beiges to harmonize with the floors. Lighting in the rooms is indirect.

There are some shocks in colour too.

In a main floor physiotherapy room, one wall has been painted a vivid tangerine which appears again on a huge wall in the downstairs cafeteria teamed up with yellow. There has also been a compromise in the nursery where both pink and blue has been used in the colour scheme.

Distinctive wood panelling has been used in nursing stations on cupboards and desks and storage and cupboard space abounds.

A unique patient-nurse intercom has been installed enabling



JOHN E. SMITH Trustee

A charter member of the Board of Trustees of York Central Hospital and chairman of the public relations committee. Publisher of "The Liberal" since 1926, he has for many years been active in the community and public life of the County of York. First elected to the House of Commons in 1945, he represented the federal riding of York North for twelve years, retiring from politics in 1957. He has been closely identified with many local and district organizations and has been a Justice of the Peace for York County since 1934.

View Better Than Pills

Although these are only a few of the details, there is one area more aesthetic than antiseptic.

That is the view.

Without too much exception (the boiler room perhaps) from every one of the many windows in patient and staff areas, the vista of the countryside is magnificent even on a dull day.

To the west and north lie small wooded areas, to the east although there are few windows, the twinkling lights of Richmond Hill and to the south, the rolling farmland.

This is an "extra" that might have been considered in the choice of the Maple Sideroad site but which will undoubtedly have medicinal effects not found in a bottle of pills.

York Central will indeed be a monument to those who conceived it so carefully and to those thousands who underwrote its success.



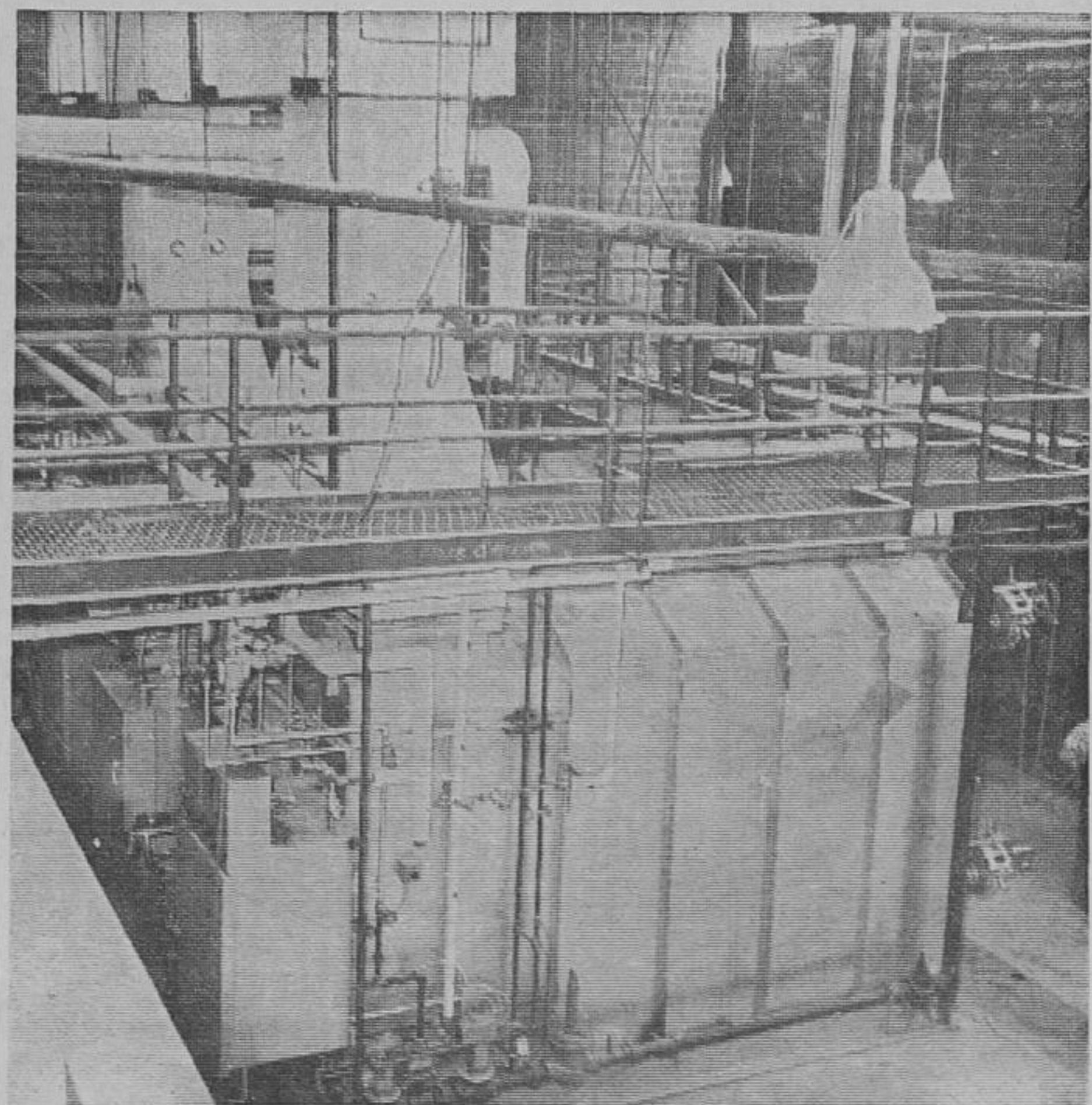
DR. JAMES LANGSTAFF Chief of Staff

Appointed in June 1963. Graduated in 1935 from University of Toronto School of Medicine. After interning in Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, he joined his parents, Dr. Rolph and Lillian Langstaff in general practice in Richmond Hill. An active member of Richmond Hill Lions Club, he was its president for a term. He lives in the old family home on North Yonge Street which has housed three generations of doctors, and their offices. Eight years ago the offices were moved to the newly-built Langstaff Building at 50 Yonge Street North. The Langstaff family has been practicing medicine in and about Richmond Hill for 114 years. The practice was begun in 1849 by Dr. James Langstaff, the new chief of staff's grandfather.



DR. A. J. SMITH Trustee

Dr. Smith is secretary of the hospital board, vice-president of the medical staff and on the medical advisory committee. A resident of Richmond Hill, he received his bachelor of arts and medical degree at the University of Toronto, is married with four children and belongs to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Former member of Lions Club and Richmond Hill Curling Club, member of Summit Golf and Country Club.



HOSPITAL'S WORK HORSE ... BOILER ROOM (Photo By Lagerquist)

- ### Members of Medical Staff
- Chief of Staff Dr. James R. Langstaff
 - Chief of Medicine Dr. Hagar Hethrington
 - Chief of Surgery Dr. J. I. Kerr
 - Chief of Obstetrics Dr. J. T. Bate
 - Chief of Anaesthesia Dr. W. O. M. Ede
 - President of Medical Staff Dr. Hagar Hethrington
 - Vice-president of Medical Staff Dr. A. J. Smith
 - Secretary Dr. A. W. Diamond
 - Radiologist Dr. William LaCroix
 - Pathologist Dr. D. Guthrie
- M. J. Abrams (M.D.)
 - R. G. G. Allmen (M.D.)
 - D. E. Andrew (B.A. M.D.)
 - A. T. Arai (B.A. M.D.)
 - J. T. Bate (M.D. F.R.C.S. — C.)
 - L. A. Belch (M.D. F.R.C.S. — C.)
 - R. A. Bigford (M.D.)
 - C. W. Birkett (M.D.)
 - M. J. Borland (M.D. D.P.H.)
 - W. C. Cowan (M.D.)
 - A. W. Diamond (M.D.)
 - G. H. Doherty (M.D.)
 - W. O. M. Ede (M.A. M.R.C.S.)
 - J. M. Fleming (M.D.)
 - M. P. Granger (M.D.)
 - B. W. Granton (M.D.)
 - Q. A. Hardy (B.A. M.D.)
 - Hagar Hethrington (B.A. M.B. M.R.C.P. — Lond — F.R.C.P. — C — E.D.)
 - D. T. A. Hutchins (M.D.)
 - H. M. Jackson (B.A. M.D.)
 - S. E. Jensen (M.D. L.M.C.C.)
 - J. I. Kerr (M.D. F.R.C.S. — C.)
 - R. M. King (M.D.D.P.H.)
 - S. J. Kovacs (M.D.)
 - R. C. Laird (B.A. M.D. M.S. F.R.C.S. — Eng — F.R.C.S. — C — F.A.C.S. F.A.C.C.P.)
 - J. R. Langstaff (M.D.)
 - F. M. McAteer (M.D.)
 - D. A. McBurney (B. Sc. M.D.)
 - D. F. McGregor (B.M. M.D.)
 - A. C. McKenna (M.D. L.M. F.C.C.P. D.P.H.)
 - J. A. McPhee (M.D.)
 - R. B. Mitchell (B. Sc. M.D.)
 - J. J. Mogan (B.A. M.A. M.D.)
 - P. G. Morse (M.D.)
 - N. W. Mortimer (B.A. M.D. F.R.C.S. — C — F.A.C.S.)
 - J. Nirenberski (M.D.)
 - G. N. Norheim (B.A. M.D.)
 - J. M. O'Neil (M.D.)
 - J. A. Ritchie (M.D.)
 - D. B. Robson (M.D.)
 - J. C. Saunders (B.A. M.D.)
 - C. C. Schofield (B. Sc. M.D.)
 - A. J. Smith (B.A. M.D.)
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 - A. W. F. Van Nostrand (M.D.)
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 - J. F. White (M.D.)
 - J. B. Wynne (M.D.)
 - V. Zuck (M.D.)

Memorial Fund Provides More Special Equipment

Begun in September 1962, a special memorial fund directed and supervised by York Central Auxiliary, was established to allow friends and relatives to express sincere sympathy at a time of bereavement.

A donation to this fund is a permanent and lasting memorial in helping to provide health care needs for the citizens of this community.

A book containing a record of all those in whose memory gifts to the fund have been made will occupy a prominent place in the new hospital and is in memory of the auxiliary's honorary president the late Mrs. D. H. Storms.

Co-operation of the public has been exceptionally good and something over \$1,000 in memorial gifts has already been received.

WHITE ROSE OF YORK

The white rose of York will be part of today's ceremony when Lieut.-Gov. Earl Rowe cuts a rose garland and fresh roses will be offered to purchasers at the hospital's new gift shop. The rose has also been adopted as the auxiliary's insignia on labels and hospital smocks.

This sum, as well as future donations, will be used to purchase special hospital equipment which would not otherwise be available but which is important in providing the highest standard of care and treatment.

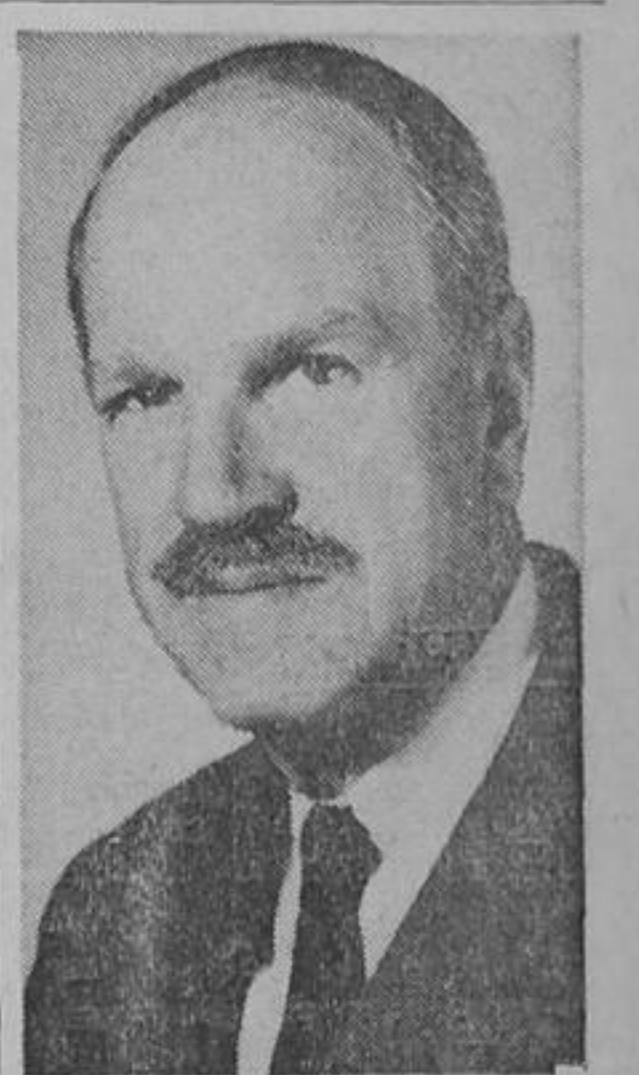
Memorial cards are available at all funeral homes in the area and at the hospital. Receipts will be issued and will be eligible for income tax deduction. Relatives of the person being remembered in this way will be notified by the hospital auxiliary as well.

Gifts provided through the memorial fund will be an enduring tribute by providing a lasting benefit to the sick and injured coming daily to the hospital, Mrs. J. M. Langton 47 Arnold Street, Richmond Hill, is in charge of the fund.



D. C. STEWART Trustee

Treasurer of the hospital board, Mr. Stewart, a Thornhill resident is a private hospital administrator. Graduate of the University of Western Ontario in economics who received his master's degree in administration at the University of Syracuse, he has been a business executive, teacher in elementary and secondary schools and university lecturer. Married with one child and member of Thornhill United Church.



DR. HAGAR HETHRINGTON

President of the Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Hethrington, born in Toronto attended University of Toronto gaining B.A. in 1925 and medical degree. Interned St. Michael's and Sick Children's Hospital. Served three years at London Hospital. One year with London County Council. Received his member of Royal College of Physicians in 1931. In 1936, became chief medical officer for Sun Life of Canada in Toronto. In charge of medicine at Camp Borden during World War II, overseas with No. 5 General Hospital and was in charge of No. 18 hospital unit. He is a consultant at Sunnybrook Hospital, assistant professor of medicine at U. of T. Resident in medicine at U. of T. Resident in practice in Toronto and Richmond Hill. Degrees of B.A., M.B., MRCP (London), FRCP (Canada), E.D.

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