



Preparing for the hospital gift shop are (from left) Mrs. A. W. Miller, Buttonville branch, Mrs. Hardie Nelson, Allanbrae branch, Mrs. R. H. Foster, Markham-Unionville branch and Mrs. N. Robson, Pleasantville branch who work at cutting stuffing for the many cuddly toys to be on sale such as the Santa and boudoir doll they display.

### Seventy Serve On Nursing Staff

## Head Nurse Outlines Hospital Duty Areas

The time has quickly approached for the nursing staff of York Central Hospital to begin their duties with care for the sick their prime objective.

"Nurses today have a much better concept of health, disease, disability and at the new hospital are most fortunate to have new, modern surroundings in which to practice their knowledge," said Director of Nursing Gloria Gatehouse.

In order to provide for maximum patient comfort and most effective nursing care, the hospital has left no stone unturned, she said.

"Each patient room is bright and cheerful which will help just about anyone get well."

The nursing staff will represent one of the most active groups within the hospital with a total force of approximately 42 registered nurses and 28 registered nursing assistants. It will work closely with community agencies to provide a continuity of care in the home when desired.

All nursing personnel will be involved in a three-day orientation program after the hospital is officially opened but before patient admission.

"This is an orientation to hospital facilities new to many of the staff.

"Advances made yearly in the field of medicine and nursing care require this type of program.

"It should promote smooth functioning of the nursing units, thus good patient care and involves the staff becoming familiar with every department in the hospital, the use and care of complex equipment, new drugs and advanced methods of treatment," said Miss Gatehouse.

**Hospital's Features**  
Patients will use a modern hi-lo bed which can be raised for nursing care or lowered to assist the patient in being ambulant.

Modern conveniences in each room are a central oxygen and suction system, a boon to nursing care because the former system would require the nurse to leave her patient to obtain a cylinder of oxygen; with the new method it is piped in over each bed.

Also above each bed is a tri-lamp controlled by the patient and providing a reading light, examining light or subdued night light.

Each patient can speak with a nurse through a communication box located at the head of the bed, so the patient need not twist or turn and can speak in an ordinary manner to which the nurse can respond.

This saves many steps as the patient's wants are then known without the nurse having to visit the room first and then make a second trip with the desired object," Miss Gatehouse said.

Television will be available to those who desire it and will be controlled and operated by remote control system and a speaker resting under the patient's pillow. No other person in the room can hear the speaker except the operator. Telephones will also be available.

#### Visiting Rooms

On each floor is a sitting room where patients may congregate and chat with relatives and visitors. Hospital visitors will also be able to locate their friends by a quick glance down

the hall as each room has a number located above it, facing out into the corridor. "This saves peering in every door until the right one is found," said Miss Gatehouse.

Each nursing station has facilities for storage and preparation of medications away from the hustle-bustle of doctors and other staff.

There is a treatment room in the surgical unit where the patient can have an examination in privacy and return to his own room.

Some of the additional facilities where the nursing staff reigns are the three operating theatres.

The post-operative recovery room, adjacent to the theatres and anaesthetic department, provides for close surveillance of a patient following an operation where he can receive intensive care.

The recovery room will contain space for seven recovery stretchers equipped with protective bedrails raised and lowered as the need arises for quick accessibility to the patient. Each recovery room unit has central oxygen and suction apparatus. Operating theatres and recovery rooms are located out of the path of general personnel traffic.

Emergency has its own space for receiving ambulant or accident patients. There are facilities for minor operating procedures, care of fractures, observations and recovery room facilities.

Two large general nurseries

have fully equipped bassinets where personal care can be given to the new born. A small examining room is located within the centre of the nursery. The infant's formula room storage has facilities for receiving formula bottles and provision for washing. In a separate room new formula is prepared, sterilized, cooled and placed in storage.

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## Former Sheep Pen Now Beehive Of Hospital Gift Shop Activity

BY JEAN LEAF

The workroom of Mrs. William G. Finlay's home near King has been an exciting place to visit these past weeks.

Perched high on a hilltop in what was once a sheep pen, the workshop is a large paneled room with wide windows overlooking wooded hillsides.

No sheep would recognize it as the hive of activity where York Central Hospital Auxiliary put finishing touches to the many hand-crafted articles to be sold in the hospital's gift shop.

Sewing machines whirr; scissors click; glue pots glisten and ingenuity is the watchword.

Better still, women from across Southern York County whose paths have never crossed before have become firm friends over the tables as they stuffed toy animals, cut out a slipper pattern, sewed on labels bearing the legend, "Handmade by York Central Hospital Auxiliary" or tucked hand-knits into professional-looking packages.

The auxiliary has 600 members in 16 branches; as only a dozen or so do workshop duty one day each week, no one is overworked . . . unless it is Mrs. Finlay herself, tireless gift shop convenor.

Since its inception, aim of the auxiliary has been to serve and the work already accomplished for the shop is concrete evidence of this.

It is the committee's intention to run the gift shop as a business and what they don't know, they intend to find out.

As Mrs. Finlay put it "We're all green as grass but we are learning fast".

A gift shop committee has been organized to share the responsibility.

#### Corps of Convenors

Working with Mrs. Finlay, who has had some purchasing experience is Mrs. J. Turnbull, treasurer whose banking experience will be helpful.

The corps of convenors and buyers includes Mrs. B. Butterworth, Allanbrae and Mrs. Bert Gardhouse Unionville—Mark-

ham, handicrafts; Mrs. H. Sanderson, Richmond Hill and Mrs. A. W. Miller, Buttonville, supply; Mrs. W. A. Smith, Richmond Hill, tuck cart; Mrs. J.P. Lumsden, Markham, schedule; Mrs. Charles Peacock, Gormley, display; Mrs. R. Britnell, Gormley, pricing. Buyers are Mrs. F. J. Maw and Mrs. W. J. Wesley, Thornhill; Mrs. M. Whitehead, Richmond Hill; Mrs. G. H. Wood, Mrs. G. Watt, Thornhill; Mrs. J. MacDonald, King; Mrs. R. Challener, Richmond Hill; Mrs. S. Parker, Thornhill.

When the hospital is open for inspection today, the gift shop will be stocked and ready for business.

Each purchase today will receive a York Central Hospital emblem . . . a White Rose of York.

Except for one or two items donated by interested persons, the moveable equipment in the giftshop has been paid for by the auxiliary.



**MAYOR WILLIAM NEAL**  
Trustee

Mayor of Richmond Hill; 33 years resident of town; 14 years municipal service as councillor, reeve and mayor. Richmond Hill's first mayor in 1957. Automobile dealer. A family man, father of five boys. Mason and member of Richmond Hill United Church.



**GRAHAM WALTER**  
Trustee

Branch manager of Canada Life Insurance Company and member of hospital campaign committee. Mr. Walter is an elder of Maple United Church and an eloquent and ubiquitous speaker both on behalf of the hospital and other causes. Chairman of Toronto Ad and Sales Club. Member North York Hunt Club. Graduate in law from Marquette University in Wisconsin. Former Canadian Olympic track team competitor. Maple resident for 18 years. Married with three children.



### Nursing Director Gloria Gatehouse

Graduate of Montreal General Hospital with a bachelor of nursing administration degree from McGill, Miss Gatehouse, York Central's director of nursing came to her new job from the 45 bed hospital in Iroquois Falls where she was director of nursing.

A native of Montreal, she worked in Montreal as a teaching supervisor and ward administrator for five years.

She arrived in Richmond Hill this past July and has been concerned with hiring nursing staff, budgeting, planning and setting up of various sections of the hospital.



**B. P. HAYES, Jr.**  
Trustee

Executive vice president of Toronto Carpet Manufacturers' Company, Mr. Hayes who lives on Maple Sideroad near the hospital was on the original joint committee of York Hospital in Newmarket and York Central to form the hospital campaign. A member of the public relations committee, he is married with four children and belongs to St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Maple, a former choir member.



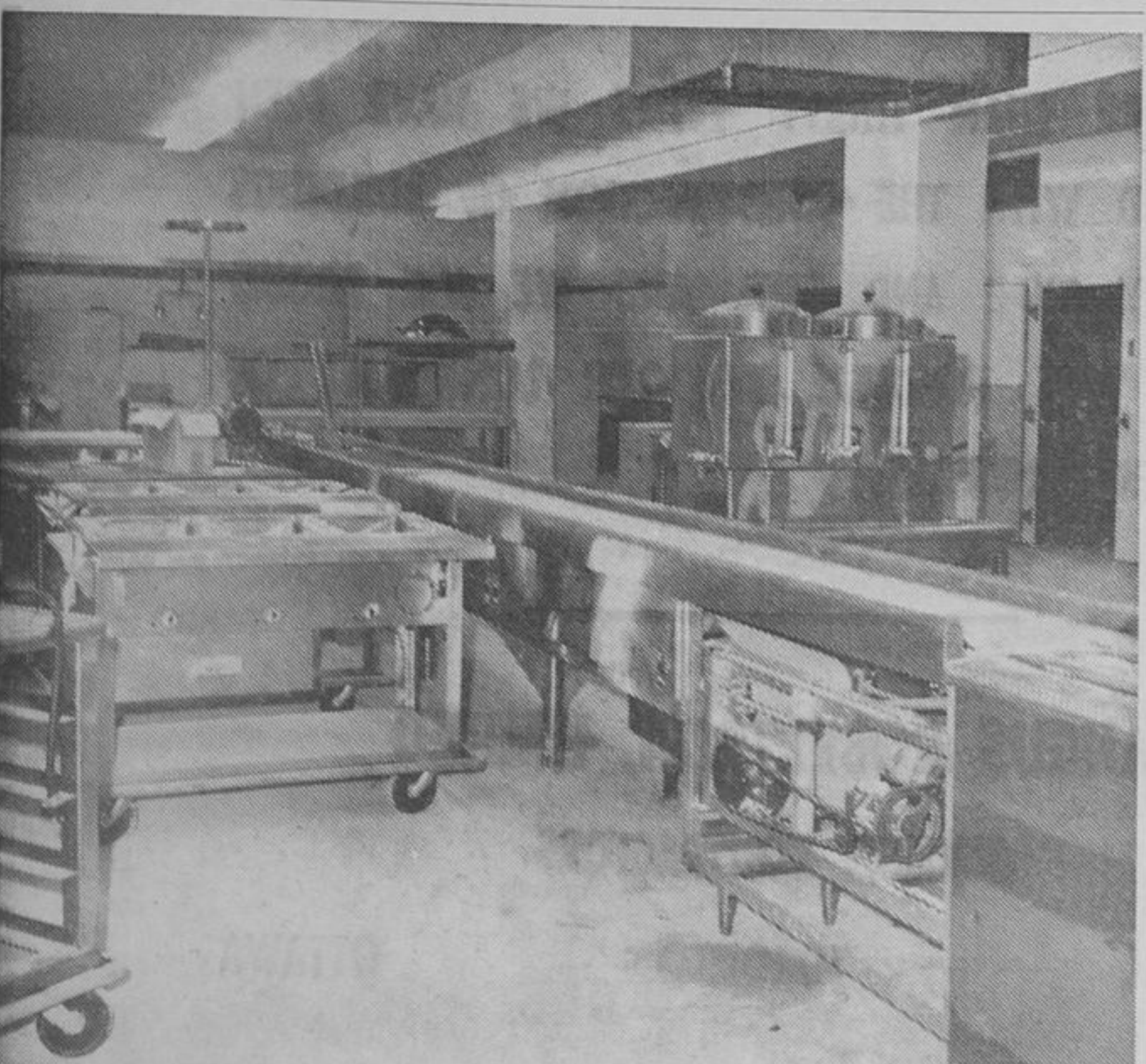
**JOHN L. TURNER**  
Trustee

Member of the Board of Trustees York Central Hospital who has served on the building committee. He lives at 47 Bridgeport St. and has been a resident of Richmond Hill since 1956. Active in starting the Richmond Hill Boy's Club and is a past president of the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce. Keenly interested in Boy Scout organization, he is now scoutmaster of the 5th Richmond Hill troop.



**JOSEPH FRY**  
Trustee

Resident of Markham Village, builder. 1961 York County Warden. 17 years in municipal work. 10 years reeve. 10 years member York County Children's Aid Board. Elected 1962-63 to public utilities commission for Markham Village. Charter member of Markham-Unionville Lions Club, with 20 years perfect attendance. Secretary-treasurer Board of Trustees (20 years on board), and member of Board of Stewards (30 years) St. Andrew's United Church.



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