



Architects and interior designers of the Langstaff Wing of York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, now nearing completion, are trying to get away from the "institutional" atmosphere one expects to find in hospitals with "color coding" in corridors and patients rooms. Carpet colors — red, green, blue — will tell the visitor which wing he is in, while white and yellow walls and ceilings and multi-colored drapes will create a brighter atmosphere for the patients.

At the annual meeting of YCHA February 14 at Summit View Restaurant Architect Jerzy (George) Malion and Interior Designer Sheilagh Fletcher gave a picture preview of what the public can expect to see. In the picture Mr. Malion, centre, explains the plan to (left to right) Hospital Administrator Jim Hepburn, the YCHA's new President Joan Paton, and Past-President Peggy Temple while Miss Fletcher looks on.

(Photo by Susan Samila)

## York Central Hospital Addition To Open In Fall

**BY MARGARET LADE**  
The 11th annual meeting of York Central Hospital Auxiliary at Summit View Restaurant February 14 was one of the biggest and busiest in the history of the auxiliary.

The illustrated description of the Langstaff Wing now under construction which will more than triple the capacity of the hospital bringing it from 126 beds to more than 400, graphically demonstrated the revolutionary concept of hospital design in the 1970's.

Architect Jerzy (George) Malion and his associate, Interior Designer Sheilagh Fletcher, explained that they were attempting to produce an environment that is not institutional, that is pleasant and stimulating.

A lot of time has gone into researching the psychological needs and effects of environment on the people who work in a hospital as well as on the patients. Medical, nursing, housekeeping and back-up staff and visitors were all considered.

**COLOR CO-ORDINATED**  
When the new building is

completed, hopefully in September, the original building will also undergo a face-lifting. Colors will help in identifying various parts of the building, with green centre carpet, red in the east wing and blue in the west wing which faces the existing wing. Striped carpet in the main lobby will bind the three together.

The children's bedrooms in the east wing will have red carpets, white walls, yellow ceilings, and colorful drapes. The new pediatrics department will accommodate 74 beds. There are now just 12 beds for children.

There will also be accommodation for 70 chronically ill patients who, said Malion, need more than clean sheets and a backrub, and this is where the volunteers of the auxiliary can play an important role, taking them for an occasional ride, to a movie, to play euchre, to give them something to look forward to other than death.

**PLAYROOMS**  
In addition to other facilities, such as cafeteria, supply rooms, laboratories, physiotherapy, emergency,

outpatients, there will be visitors' lounges, playrooms for the very young children, for older children, and two extra day-rooms or "pads" for adolescent patients.

Auxiliary President Peggy Temple observed that the presentation showed how much thought has gone into the planning in addition to the original architectural concept which has not changed since the day it was approved, although six years have passed since the architect came on the scene.

Hospital Administrator James Hepburn added, "Now you can see why we need a lot more help in this new project, both paid help and volunteers."

**BOGGLES THE MIND**  
In installing the new officers for the YCHA, Mrs. Grace Jackson, president of the hospital's board of trustees, told the large gathering, "It boggles the mind to think of what has been done by our volunteers, and we are deeply grateful for the thousands of hours you have devoted to the hospital."

She spoke of the auxiliary's involvement in the

town's Centennial celebrations last year. "1973 was a year of tremendous general activity and you doubled and exceeded your activities." There was an atmosphere of happiness and goodwill generated by the auxiliary, said Mrs. Jackson, and it has added a great dimension to the total contribution of volunteers.

The size of the expectations of physical and financial demands made on the volunteers of the auxiliary has continued to expand. "As the demands increase, you have to keep running, but there have been no groans in the face of these demands," Mrs. Jackson said.

**TREMENDOUS BUILDING**  
From the outside the addition may appear to be still in the early stages of construction, she continued, but it is being finished from the top floor down.

"It is a tremendous building, and as the first excitement grew we had to face the question, 'How are we going to fill it with love, staff and services between now and October?' It is great that we are all in the

mood and ready to roll. It is great that there will be facilities for pediatrics, for the chronically ill, but what

haunts me is the multiplicity of staff and facilities that will have to be provided in a short time to get all those beds open."

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Members of hospital auxiliaries do not just retire, they go on to higher goals, said Mrs. Jackson, referring to a number of former auxiliary members who have become trustees of the board and serve in other capacities.

"At the hospital's annual meeting April 4 there will be a lot of new life members." May 12 (Mothers' Day) will also be Hospital Day, said Mrs. Jackson, and official ceremonies will be held for the laying of the cornerstone of the Langstaff Wing.

Reports of convenors spelled out some of the YCHA achievements referred to by Mrs. Jackson. Slides were also shown of auxiliary activities through the year.

Each of the 11 branches of the auxiliary had its own special projects in addition to four major fund-raising programs. Sale of Centennial Plaques brought in \$1,613. Photos of 412 of the 696 babies born in the hospital in 1973 provided a welcome service to new mothers and netted \$1,043 for the work of the auxiliary.

### \$20,000 GOAL

Social events such as the Pub Night, White Rose Ball and Oom Pah Pah Night were also highly successful. The gift shop and cart and membership fees also helped the auxiliary in realizing its \$20,000 goal for the year, and Finance Convenor Jean Simms reported that a "sinking fund" of \$15,000 has been set aside to be used to equip new quarters in the hospital.

The year began with 117 active members, 16 associate members, 60 junior members and 11 life members. At the end of the year there were

378 active members, 44 associate members, 131 junior members and 11 life members, totalling 264 in January and 564 in December — an increase of 300.

The branches held a total of ten events, made up of two fashion shows, two luncheons, two teas and four bridges, euchre and card parties. At four of these events a raffle was held. One branch sold Centennial pins, and the junior auxiliary, or "Candy-stripers" had a theatre night selling tickets for the Curtain Club's production of "Butterflies are Free".

### NEW ADVISOR

During the year, teenage volunteers worked a total of 5,396 hours and adult volunteers worked 1,027 hours,

a total increase of 738 hours over 1972.

Mrs. Georgina Stever, speaking for the junior auxiliary, reported that Mrs. Pat Robinson is to be the adult advisor for this group in 1974, taking the place of Mrs. Joyce Study. She paid tribute to Mrs. Study for her work on behalf of the auxiliary as a whole, also to Mr. Hepburn and Mrs. Temple who were always available when needed for advice and support.

She also emphasized that the need for new auxiliary members is urgent, that it is open to all, and that volunteers need not necessarily be directly involved in the operations of the hospital, that they can provide a service in their own locality as mem-

bers of one of the numerous branches planning fund-raising events and providing small comforts to the patients.

### NEW EXECUTIVE

The executive for 1974 are: Honorary President Emeritus Dr. Lillian Langstaff; Honorary President Mrs. Phyllis Storms; Honorary Vice-President Mrs. Grace Jackson; Past President Mrs. Peggy Temple; President Mrs. Joan Paton; 1st Vice-President Mrs. Buddy Stanfield; Vice-President Mrs. Gail Skinner; Secretary Mrs. Sheila Sharp; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mildred Service; Treasurer Mrs. Marg Norris; Members-at-Large Mrs. Kay Burgess, Mrs. Margaret Heard and Mrs. Evelyn Lazenby.



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- The St. Bernard Club of Canada for providing those beautiful dogs for sleigh rides.
- The judges of the Snow Queen Contest - Mayor Wm. Lazenby, Ben Wicks, Brian Glennie and Ms. Frankie Richards and Wendy Thatcher.
- Myles Crawford, Mark Crawford and Steve Sexton for their own special brand of beautiful music at the Richmond Hill Legion Dance.
- Ron Skinner and Jim Flett and Dalt Hicks for convening the Sleigh Ride and Dance at the Richmond Hill Golf Club.
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- The Bands that entertained - Langstaff School Band, The Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band. Also the Banjo and Guitar played by Bill Laing and Grant Gozley.
- The Mixed Blessings and Rev. Bernard Barrett for our closing services.
- Jim Barbour for the snowmobile rides. — All people helping with the snowmobile rides.
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