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SIX NATIONS NEWS

Spital on Reserve Entering New Fra, To Be Nursing Home

Lady Willingdon Hospital will officially be opened as a nursing home May 19, the annual bread and cheese day on the Six Nations Reserve.

The closing of the hospital as an active treatment centre was announced last April by Dr. G. J. Nicholas, medical superintendent for the department of national health and welfare, at Ohsweken.

Dr. Nicholas said the hospital had become obsolete for active treatment which was available at larger hospital complexes.

In September, it was announced the hospital would become a 40-bed nursing home. The department of national health and welfare provided capital funds for the renovation of the facilities to nursing home needs.

The hospital was first opened in 1927 as a two-storey, 20-bed structure. It was

enlarged after the Second World War and remodelled and re-equipped in 1950.

Accommodations for 12 patients were available Nov. 1 when the home opened for business, under the administration of Miss Marion Moses, a registered nurse.

Six Nations residents have first opportunity to enter the home. If additional space is available, other Ontario Indians will be granted accommodation.

ity of non-Indian residency is being considered if there are sufficient facilities.

The daily rate per resident for the centre is \$8.50. Applications for entry can be made through the local welfare administrator, A. W. Anderson and Miss Moses.

The home contains a lounge which is available for reading, watching television and receiving visitors. It also contains sun rooms which are adjacent to the male and male accommodation centres.

Bread and cheese day, the day on which the home will open, began shortly after Queen Victoria's reign. The ritual was started by the Queen who provided an annual allotment of money for the purchase of food in appreciation of services rendered by the Six Nations to the English during the American War of Independence.

Phone Problem - Can't Get Answer

Dunnville Consolidated Telephone Company will receive 30 days notice to present a plan for changes in service to members of the Six Nations Reserve or face a bid to remove its telephone lines from the reserve.

At a meeting of Six Nations council Thursday, councillors said they felt the Dunnville company had had enough time to reach a decision on the telephone matter and that if no decision had been reached, the council would be interested in the Bell system.

At present, residents of a certain area on the reserve are connected to the Dunnville system and have to pay long distance rates to telephone neighbors across the road who are not hooked into the Dunnville line.

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