

Behind the scenes at McCausland

By Dave Chmara

The McCausland Hospital has a vital function in the areas health care. Beginning this week, and running every two weeks, the News will examine a different department of the hospital to give area residents a clearer understanding of how it operates.

Despite being behind the scene, the McCausland Hospital Lab plays an important role in

helping doctors diagnose patients.

Few people get the chance to see the lab, except maybe when they have blood taken, and even then they only get to see the outer part of the department.

Richard Lipowski, chief laboratory technologist, has been the department head for the past two years. Along with the help of Jean Fisher, Wendy Ylijoki, Mary Bedard and Brenda Lennon, the lab performs a wide variety of

tests which help doctors reach a diagnosis for their patients.

The lab performs tests to look for everything from heart, liver, and kidney problems to various infections and diseases.

The catchment area for the hospital lab is for doctors' patients in the Pays Plat to Jackfish area and also for any people travelling through who may require tests.

Lipowski noted the lab itself does not make the final diagnosis, but, provides doctors with information which the doctors then use, along with other tests and examinations, to make the diagnosis.

All the work the lab performs is held in the strictest of confi-

dence, said Lipowski.

"We don't even give the results to the patient," he said. Lipowski noted that's the doctors responsibility - and besides, it's illegal for the lab to give out this information, even to the patient concerned.

The world of the lab is constantly changing with new technology constantly improving the accuracy and speed of the testing.

Because of this lab, technologists must upgrade their skills and education. But, because of the distance to teaching centres, or for teachers to come here, and the related transportation costs, correspondence courses and teleconferencing are two alternatives to going away to learn.

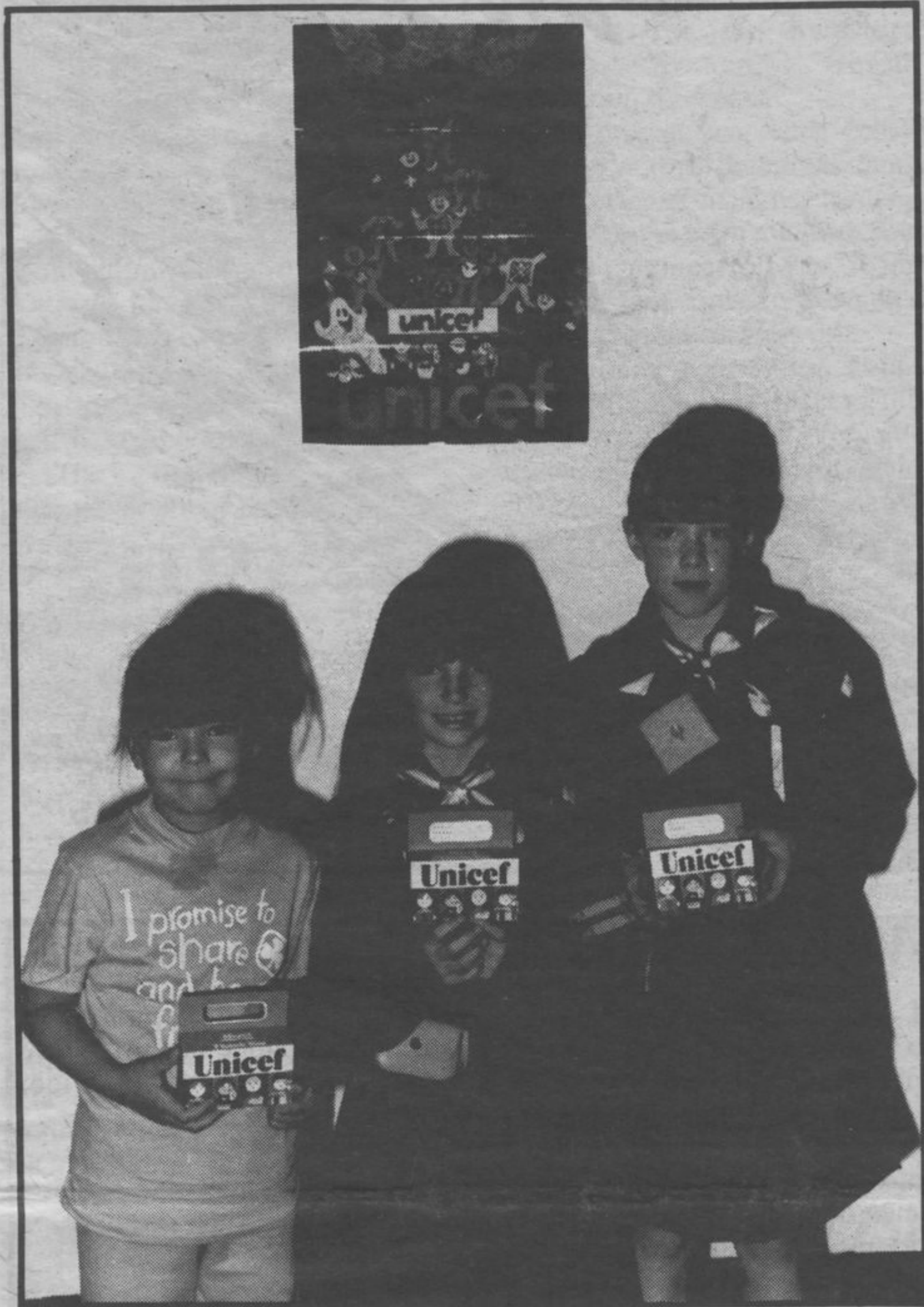
Just last week the lab technologists took part in a teleconferencing lecture. The McCausland Hospital lab is sent literature and a video in advance of the lecture date. They can then follow along by watching the video and printed material while listening to the instructor over the phone lines. If they have any questions, they can ask the instructor at any time.

Lipowski said the lab also runs a clinic in Schreiber to collect blood from seniors.

"Many seniors have no way of getting here to the hospital so we offer this service and it helps," said Lipowski.

The blood collecting, which

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Brownies, Guides and Sparks will be collecting more than candy this Halloween. Armed with familiar boxes, they'll be collecting money for Unicef. The Girl Guides will also be blitzing Terrace Bay November 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. selling their Girl Guide Calendars. Pictured above, from left to right are, Michele Turner (Spark), Amy Colebourne (Brownie) and Sherry Fisher (Guide). Photo by Dave Chmara

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