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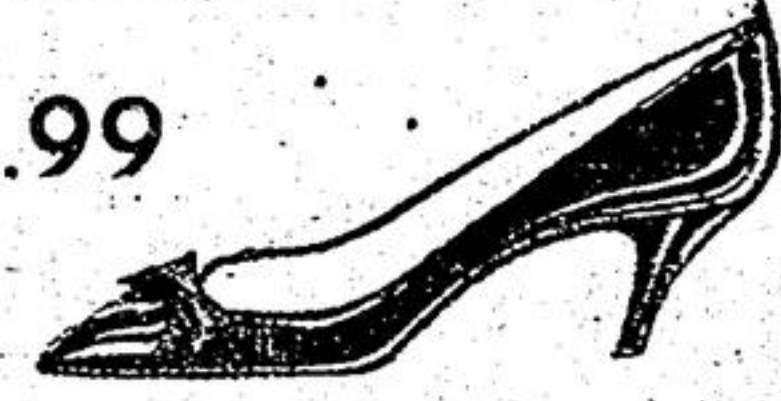
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249 Operations Performed at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital During First Year

On January 32, 1959, Dr. M. B. Dymond, minister of health, officially opened the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Only five days later, on the 19th of January, the first patient was admitted. Each year we celebrate our birthday or anniversary. Each year we pause to summarize our year's activity, to take stock of our position. Now, on the first

birthday of our hospital's opening it is appropriate to look over the year's activity, to praise its accomplishments, review its shortcomings, and meditate a moment on its future. To sing its praises will be easy, for they are many; to brood over its shortcomings, difficult, for they are few, and to meditate on its future, pleasant, for it is promising.

In the period of one year, since the first patient was admitted on January 19, 1959, to and including the 18th of this year, 951 patients have been admitted to and treated in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Almost all have been residents from our own communities, both those who thought the hospital a necessity, and those who did not.

To those who have required its services it has been a harbour in a storm, to their friends and relatives it has been a convenience both physical and economical, for it has made visiting our sick possible, and eliminated many a long and costly journey. To those who have not yet entered its doors it is a comfort merely by its presence. Perhaps only to those few whose requirements have gone beyond the facilities available for them here, and have had to be sent to some larger hospital for the special care that they require, has the true advantage of our own hospital become apparent.

During the year 149 babies were born. It is to the credit of our doctors that not one single baby has died. When one considers that even the best and biggest hospitals expect to lose one or two babies of every hundred born, then this achievement is something to congratulate. Neither has the nursery had any epidemics of infections, or other calamity, even though some of the babies have been premature, one as small as 3 1/2 pounds. Our hospital has helped many new citizens of Uxbridge and surrounding communities off to a healthy start.

The operating room has known few quiet days. Altogether, 295 operations have been performed, 116 being classed as major, 179 as minor. This, too, has been accomplished without a single death or serious anaesthetic complication, in spite of the fact that several of those operated on have been gravely ill. Nor has any age group been excluded. Those patients deriving benefit from operation have ranged in age from an infant of 7 months, to 92 years, three people over 90 being included.

Since the hospital opened, many services have been added. As soon as the x-ray department was completed, the advice and supervision of a specialist in x-rays was obtained, and is available

to all the patients and all the attending doctors. A qualified technician is on duty five days a week. Our hospital has been singularly fortunate in obtaining excellent technicians both in the x-ray, and in the laboratory. The lab. has been well equipped and provides our doctors with most of the tests and special information required to provide the best of modern day medicine to the patients.

While not yet completed, the Red Cross Transfusion Service has been most satisfactory. In one year 57 persons have been provided with this service, 150 bottles of blood having been supplied, and 32 have actually received 125 transfusions. In some cases blood must be available, but is not given unless really needed. It is of great comfort, and great credit that the local Red Cross Chapter and the blood drives have so ably supported this area. While considering the auxiliary hospital services, we cannot help but pause to congratulate those responsible for our excellent ambulance service. It could not be faster, more reliable, more courteous, or more appreciated.

Every town welcomes a new industry. Whether it affects us directly or not, we are all aware that a new industry, a new successful business enriches our town not only by materials or services that it provides, but financially by the taxes it pays, and by the local people it employs, and by the salaries it "keeps at home." While many commend the services our hospital supplies to our community, there has been little publicity to the fact that it employs on a full or part time basis, 45 citizens of this town and area, and that \$7,727 is paid in salaries every month. It takes but a moment's thought to realize that if our hospital were not here we would have to go elsewhere, which would drain out of our community each month Hospital Insurance premiums to pay for hospital care.

By comparison, F. W. Glitsch & Sons (Canada) Ltd., employs 54 on a monthly payroll of \$16,000, and Comco Stamping and Electroplating 101 employees on a monthly payroll of \$24,843. Our hospital is called the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital at the request of, and in memory of the late Dr. Campbell who was one of the hospital's loyal supporters. It does not have the greatness, the coldness, the impersonal air of "A General Hospital." Instead, it is filled with the closeness, the warmth, the friendliness of "Our Cottage Hospital." Those of us who have entered its doors know of the feeling that, added to the material things, multiplies the services that any hospital can provide.

Our hospital was built with dreams, perseverance, sheer will power, monies and labour, both paid for and unpaid for. To go over its history, to recount its adventures, and to pause where indicated to say thank you to each person who has done his bit is a feat beyond the literary abilities of this writer, and indeed possibly the physical size of this newspaper. Nor do I believe it necessary.

For every person who dreams, or toiled, or gave, need only look upon the results of his labours, or dwell upon the well earned reputation our hospital has achieved to receive thanks enough. Perhaps you have noticed that we have talked much of our hospital, its services, and its staff, but have named no names. The reason is that our hospital has succeeded as it has and provided the service that it has, not

because of any one person's efforts, but because of combined effort, because of teamwork. In modern medicine as never before, new and greater achievements become possible daily because of teamwork, and because of it our Cottage Hospital has succeeded in its first year as well, or better than even its staunchest supporter had hoped. May its future years be as bright as the one just past.

A polar bear should be complimented in that although he takes a cold bath in the winter, he never bores anybody bragging about it.

Air Uxbridge Charge In County Court

A hearing to determine the legality of proceedings at a nomination meeting Nov. 25 will be held in Ontario County Court at Whitby Feb. 10.

An application for a hearing was made by Mrs. Marguerite Chatterley who claims there has been a deliberate, improper and illegal attempt to keep her off council.

Through her solicitor, Thomas Harris, Mrs. Chatterley said this week that the application

will be heard by Judge Wilcott of Cobourg. Judge Wilcott is assisting at the Ontario County assizes during the illness of presiding Judge Pritchard.

Notice of the hearing has been served to Town Clerk Delmas Long, who acted as returning officer at the meeting, and to Wilfrid Gould, who subsequently was elected to the one remaining seat of the six seats open for council, after a second nomination meeting was held.



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