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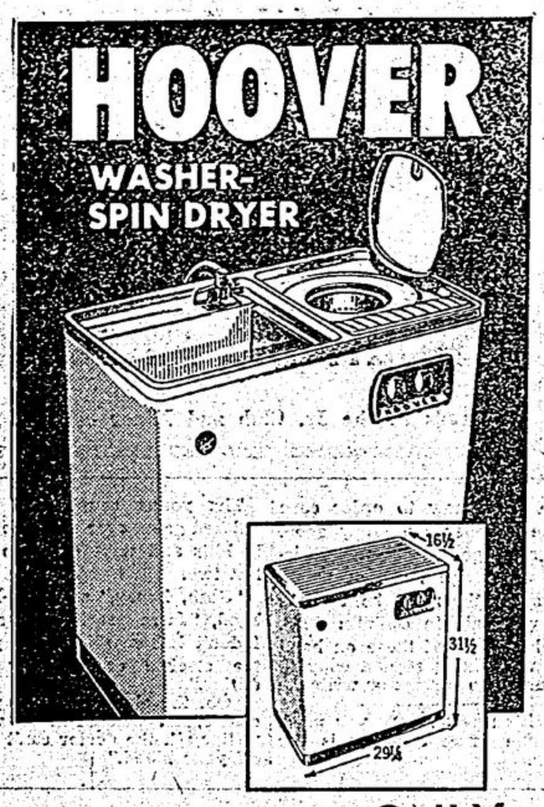

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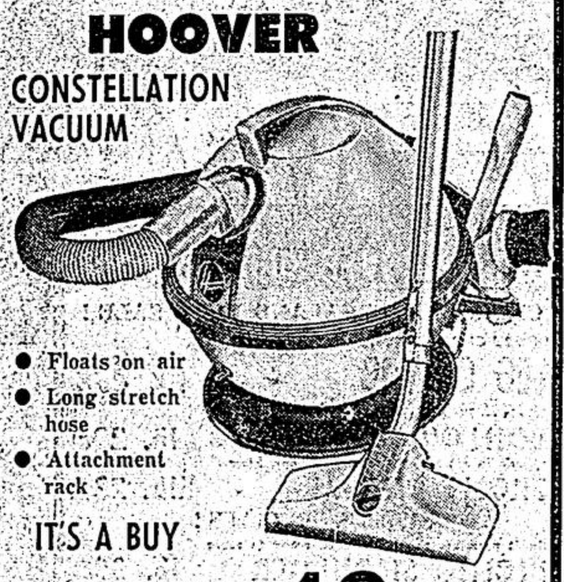

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Figures Show Value of Service Provided By York County Hospital

York Central Hospital has given service for 32,000 patient days since its opening November, 1963. This statistic was given by the hospital administrator, Mr. G. J. Chatfield to the annual meeting of the Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, February 11, when they convened in the hospital cafeteria.

Like all totals this means little to the layman but broken down into departments it gives an exhilarating picture of the hospital story and justifies the efforts of the pioneers who launched the plan. This total embraces 5,300 bed patients, 4,400 emergencies and over 400 others who received attention such as X-Ray and examinations. Seven hundred and sixty-six babies were welcomed into the world and nine of these births came in sets of twins.

A further breakdown of the total is in percentages according to area, Richmond Hill provided 40% of the patients, Vaughan 11.5%, King 10.7%, Metro 10%, Thornhill 9%, Whitchurch 5.6%, Aurora 6.3%, Markham 4% and miscellaneous 2.8%. Mr. Chatfield commended the women on the valuable contribution they had made to the hospital financially and through volunteer indirect service to the patients.

In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. E. Redelmeier, the vice chairman, Mrs. W. Pocknell warmly welcomed Mr. Chatfield, Mr. S. Parker, vice chairman of the hospital board, Mr. D. Storms, first chairman of the Board and Mr. R. Britnell, accountant for the hospital.

Mr. Parker added to the happy spirit generated by the feeling of the year's accomplishments by expressing the appreciation of the work the women did. He said that the Auxiliary and the Board shared a common interest in their desire for the highest possible care of the patients. He extended the thanks of the Board to the Auxiliary for the financial assistance given by them and he said that he was astounded at the magnitude of the hours of work given by the volunteers, 16,287 hours translated into 1,357 hours each month. He wanted the women to know how much the Board valued their efforts and that they appreciated the charm with which they carried through.

Mrs. A. Lander reported that membership had dropped. She felt that this was to be expected following the initial campaign for members and the remaining 425 were a keenly interested group of whom 420 were active.

Public Relations convener, Mrs. F. Jackson paid warm tribute to her committee and said that the individual in her specific work provided the best possible relations.

All of the reports showed an active interest of the members and the loyal support of projects. Tickets for the current project, Theatre night are now on sale and the committee hopes to have the house sold by March 1. It is wise to get your order in to your area sales manager as soon as possible.

Mrs. W. Finlay reporting for the gift shop provided an amusing moment when she said that one patient had drawn attention to the slogan on the match boxes, it read "Come back soon." These were replaced by another line only to find that the wording was, "Our customers are our best assets." Match boxes forthwith will have a less persuasive invitation.

Mrs. Toby Shore concluded her summary of Area activities describing them as steady and productive.

Junior Auxiliaries provide the services of 42 volunteers and in reporting for all of the volunteers Mrs. W. A. Smith stated that Mrs. R. J. Miller, director of volunteers, had trained 175 members for volunteer work.

A news item of interest was that St. Catherines Auxilary was, this year celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. It is in connection with this hospital that the first known auxiliary was organized.

Mrs. H. R. Howden presided for the election of officers and the slate was accepted as read; Hon. president, Mrs. S. Snively; Hon. vice president, Dr. Lillian Langstaff; Past President, Mrs. R. J. Miller; Pres., Mrs. E. Redelmeier; 1st vice president, Mrs. W. Pocknell, 2nd vice president, Mrs. J. W. Robinson; 3rd vice president Mrs. G. Kelly; recording secretary, Mrs. W. A. Smith, corresponding secretary Mrs. C. W. Stoddart, treasurer, Mrs. W. Kedwell.

Mrs. Miller instaled the officers asking them to affirm their dedication to the work and promises of their offices. The body members were asked to stand and pledge their dedicated support to the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Pocknell called on Mr. Storms for a message and in his usual breezy manner he established rapport between himself and audience. He said that he sometimes walked through the hospital just for the pleasure of enjoying it. He commented on the pervading cleanliness and the cheerful atmosphere and added, "It doesn't even smell like a hospital."

A letter from the president, en route to New Zealand was read by Mrs. Miller. She sent her greetings and regrets that she was not present and expressed her pride in the successful and dedicated work of the members.

Before adjournment Mrs. Pocknell acknowledged with gratitude the many contributors to successful work of the Auxiliary, to Mr. Chatfield the Hospital Board, the Staff and the Press.

Preceding the meeting a friendly social hour had been enjoyed over dessert and coffee under the supervision of the Allenbrae Branch Auxilary.

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Area residents will shortly have an opportunity to take part in a lively panel discussion on the three levels of government. The meeting, which is under the sponsorship of the Liberal Party in the southern part of the county will discuss any aspect of government at the municipal, provincial and federal level.

The meeting is scheduled for the evening of Friday, March 5 and will feature a panel composed of federal Labour Minister Alan McEachen, York North MP John Addison, provincial member Bob Nixon of Brant and Reeve Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill.

Labour Minister McEachen is a leading member of the Pearson Cabinet and is the author of many of the prospective pieces of legislation in Canada's labour code. A native of Nova Scotia, he has served both in Parliament and as a member of Mr. Pearson's personal staff. Mr. Nixon is remembered as a candidate for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party at last September's convention. A former high school teacher he is the son of former Ontario Premier Harry Nixon.

A resident of King Township John Addison has represented York North in the federal house since 1962. Mr. Plaxton who is a member of Richmond Hill Town Council was Liberal candidate in York North in the last provincial election.

Everyone attending the meeting will have an equal opportunity to ask questions of any member of the panel that evening. Questions may also be mailed in ahead of time. Anyone wishing to send in questions to the Liberal "Hot Line" is asked to mail them to Post Office Box 390, Richmond Hill.

The panel will cover a wide range of topics and is looking forward to answering questions on every aspect of government activity. The meeting will afford the residents of the district a real opportunity to engage in a lively personal discussion with their elected representatives. Remember the date—March 5 at the Richmond Inn, Yonge Street South in Richmond Hill. Coffee and light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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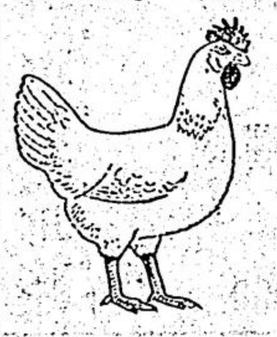

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Home is a place where love should grow and deepen—where lessons are learned and life is lived. This is what God intended home to be for—the welfare and happiness of everyone. And it is possible by His help.

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