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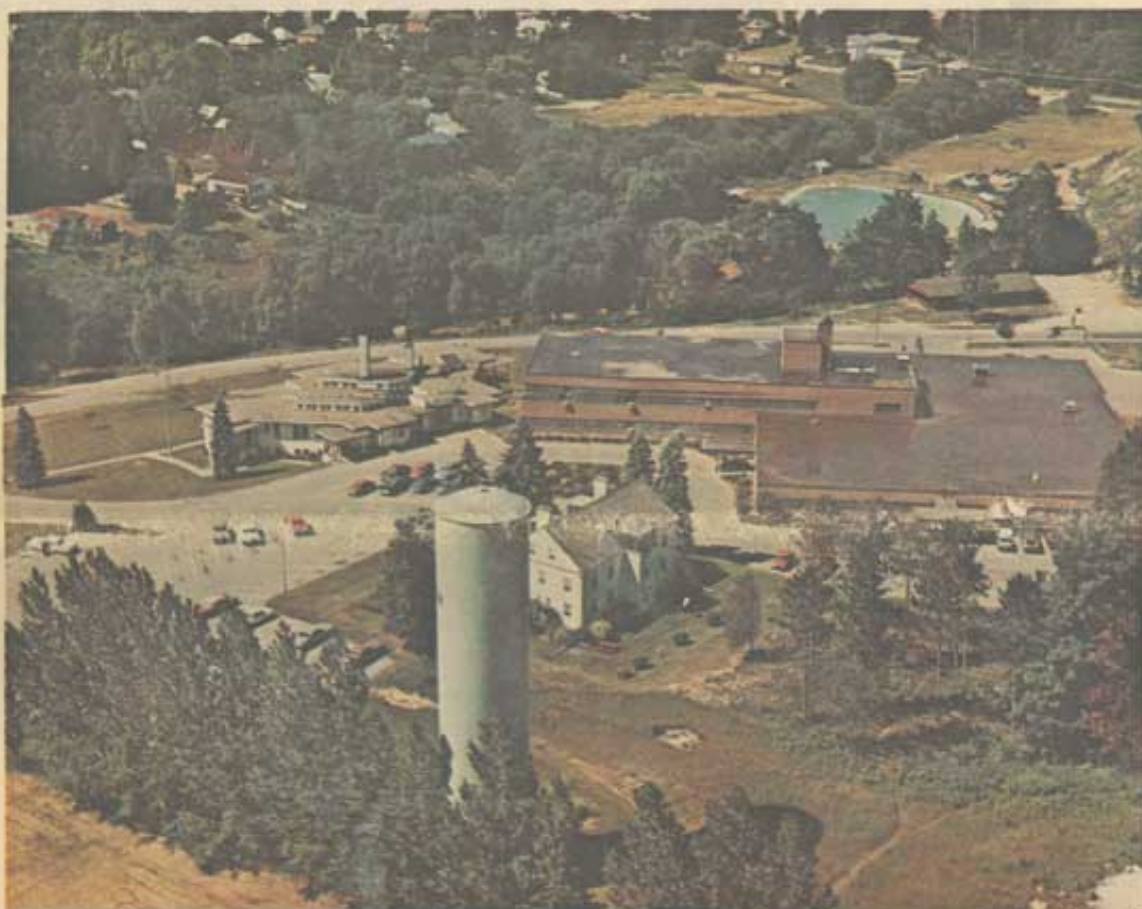
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ALLISTON

# **50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

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## **1928 - 1978**



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# **STEVENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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50 Years ago, on July 1st, 1926, the original Stevenson Memorial Hospital opened its doors to the community. This distinctive little hospital was donated to the community by the late T.P. Loblaw in memory of his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. William Stevenson, pioneers and lifelong residents of our community.

Many other prominent local citizens also generously subscribed towards its founding.

The original hospital was at that time of fire-proof construction, modernly equipped and had a total bed capacity of 27 active treatment units.

In 1964 after several years of industrious work by another dedicated group of citizens, the present modern hospital was opened, having a bed capacity of 85 modern units for the service of all residents in our hospital area. Because of limitations of space it is not possible to reproduce photographs of all those many men who contributed so greatly over the years. We have

pictured above however, six of the honorary life members, five of whom are still resident in our community, along with the late Mr. W.J. Wood. It was the efforts of persons such as these that led in 1964 to the replacement of the original hospital with its present sister institution.

Not all of the credit is due to those volunteers whose aim was solely the betterment of their community. How many of us ever pause to think of the untiring efforts of the medical profession? And yet it is to that profession more than to any other agency that we owe our modern hospital organization. Neither should we forget their sister organization, the nursing profession. Only those who have been actually committed to their care can fully appreciate their never failing devotion and estimate the real value of their services to the public welfare. A sincere vote of thanks is also due to our Hospital Auxiliary and its many volunteer services.

I cannot conclude my short remarks without also

commending the efforts of the many other specialists and service employees which comprise the balance of our hospital staff in our community hospital. The pictures of the present hospital Board of Governors are also displayed. It is to their selflessness and the co-operation with the officials and staff of our institution that our doors are open daily to readily render instant service to any and every member of the community in need of same.

In closing I should like to see every citizen of our community fully awake to his and her responsibility in the matter of community health, getting solidly behind their hospital, their boards, and the allied health institutions. They require understanding and sympathetic support and we in the Alliston Hospital area, I am proud to say, have received all of the foregoing from the residents of our district.

C.C. COLLINS  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF GOVERNORS



**Hospital in 1928**

Stevenson Memorial Hospital as it looked just before it opened in 1928. Note the farmers and other local residents preparing

the grounds in the foreground.  
[Photo from the files of Jean Corrigan]

## Original hospital had 30 beds and 3 sides

by Tracy McKeay

In 1926, Theodore Pringle Loblaw intimated to friends a desire he had to build a hospital in Alliston in memory of his grandparents William and Elizabeth (Pringle) Stevenson.

Two years after he first expressed this desire, on July 1, 1928, Stevenson Memorial Hospital was officially opened in Alliston. Now, 50-years later, in celebrating the hospital's anniversary, it's interesting to retrace the steps leading to the development of our present Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

After the initial discussion about the hospital that Mr. Loblaw had with friends, a meeting was held in Alliston and a Board of Trustees was appointed for the proposed hospital.

The first order of business was to choose a site for the hospital and it was decided that it would be built on the north side of the Boyne River between the gates of Riverdale Park and a William Martindale's residence.

Mr. Loblaw donated \$100,000 to build the hospital and Fred K. Murrow pledged \$20,000 over 10 years.

The land was then purchased and construction began.

The original Stevenson Memorial Hospital was built in a triangular shape. The front of the building was 180 feet long and contained two large wards with five beds at each end. In the centre, the hospital held two semi-private rooms on either side and five private rooms. In all, including the nursery, the new hospital was equipped with approximately 30 beds.

The two sides to the hospital ran to a point at the back with the main entrance and office on the east side. The kitchen was placed in the rear and the operating room, anaesthetic room, case room, nursery and sterilizer room lay to the west of the entrance. The basement was used to house the nursing staff.

Patients were being cared for and medical service had been extended for several weeks by the time the hospital's

official opening took place, and, ironically, Mr. Loblaw was the first patient admitted to the new hospital, named for his grandparents, after he was thrown from his horse while riding around his farm.

In 1928, Stevenson Memorial Hospital was described in an American Medical Journal as the most modern hospital for its size in North America.

Some of the most rapid changes in the past 50 years have occurred in the field of medicine and, to remain current, or at least as up to date as you possibly can be, is a continual battle all medical institutions must wage.

In 1932, a clinic room was incorporated into the basement of the hospital to hold a baby clinic, and the hospital's women's auxiliary began actively taking an interest in hospital affairs, early in 1932.

The year 1932 was a big one for the hospital in a number of ways: it acquired its first consultant, Dr. H.J. McCollough, an eye, ear and nose specialist, and, it almost closed down.

The hospital had been officially opened for less than a year when the depression hit in 1929 and, by 1932, it was hard going for everyone, including the hospital. Mr. Loblaw admitted he thought "it best to close the hospital on account of lack of patients and insufficient funds". At that time, the rates for public wards was \$1.75 per day; semi-private, \$3.50 and private, \$5.

Somehow, the hospital managed to make it through that year without closing and, in April of 1933, Mr. Loblaw died.

During the Easter vacation of 1934, the hospital freely opened the doors of its operating room to perform, without charge, all cases of tonsillectomy sent to the hospital by the Ministry of Health.

The latter years of the depression were not quite as strenuous for the hospital and, in 1935, sufficient funds were available to have portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Loblaw painted by F.J. Haxby at a cost of \$350 each plus \$50 for hand carved frames.

In 1936, a doctors' waiting room was added to the hospital and a contract was drawn up with Turnbull Elevator for an elevator to be installed. In addition, a nurses' residence was constructed and opened in 1939.

Throughout the war years, Stevenson Memorial's board contributed generously to the Red Cross and supported the British war victims as well as sending boxes to the boys overseas.

After the war, the hospital continued on smoothly but it was slowly becoming too small to handle the numbers it was serving. In 1957, an architect, Gordon Adamson, was asked by the hospital board to begin planning a new 80-bed hospital.

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**Theodore Pringle Loblaw**

The portraits of hospital founder Theodore Pringle Loblaw and his wife, Isabella Helen Adam Loblaw, hold places of honour in the

entrance foyer of Stevenson Memorial Hospital. [Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]



**Isabella Helen Adam Loblaw**

# Hospital founded by T.P. Loblaw

Stevenson Memorial Hospital's founder was none other than Theodore P. Loblaw, the president of what was to become one of Canada's leading food store chains.

Born in Alliston on July 1, 1872, the son of William James and Isabella (Stevenson) Loblaw, he was educated at Scotch Line School and, then, Simcoe County and Banting Memorial High Schools. Banting was then known simply as Alliston High School.

In 1889, he went into the grocery business. By 1906, he was owner of the Loblaw Accounts System and then went on to be owner of The Loblaw Stores, chain groceries, from 1910 to 1919.

In 1919, Loblaw became known officially as Loblaw Groceries Company Limited, Self-Service Groceries, with Mr. Loblaw as its president.

He was also president of Loblaw's in Buffalo, New York, and a director of the Canada Bread Company Limited.

In 1893, shortly before his entry into the grocery business, he married Isabella Helen Adam. She died in 1900, two years after the

hospital's opening. He died three years later.

The couple had three foster sons and one daughter.

## Aided by F.K. Morrow

Another Alliston "old boy" vitally involved in the donation of Stevenson Memorial Hospital to the district was Fred K. Morrow.

A financier, Mr. Morrow was known as a "retiring" man. His cheque to the hospital was sent to founder Theodore P. Loblaw with the request that nothing be said about it.

He did, however, attend a thank you banquet with Mr. Loblaw at which both men were presented with golden keys, giving them the freedom of the town.

A report of this banquet said that even Mr. Loblaw was "somewhat embarrassed, something unusual for him".



HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR ART CONSAUL

## First male administrator

by Sheila Roberts

Art Consaul is a "first" at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Until Mr. Consaul came along seven years ago, the hospital had always had a female administrator.

"They were all very dedicated women," said Mr. Consaul. "They acted as both administrators and senior nurses."

Mr. Consaul's hiring in 1971 was the beginning of a new era for the hospital, following the trend of hospitals everywhere to have non-medical personnel handling the running of hospital affairs.

"Now, administrators are responsible for budgeting and fiscal operation," he said. "And I find it an interesting, challenging job."

The director of nursing, Marion Carlton, handles the nursing aspect of the job which once belonged to administrators because, as Mr. Consaul says, "treatment isn't my business".

The administrator first became involved with hospitals when he returned from active service with the Essex Scottish Regiment in Britain and the Continent.

"Like many fellows coming out of the service, I had my high school graduation and then two years of accounting," he explained. "I joined a hospital in Muskoka as a cost accountant."

In seven years, he worked himself up to the position of administrator and in the meantime, studied advanced accounting through.

He stressed that a would-be administra-

tor couldn't follow this course today but then, there weren't any university courses to train people as hospital administrators.

"I've seen a lot of change and sophistication in hospital administration," he said.

From 1956 to its closing in 1960, Mr. Consaul was administrator of the former Tuberculosis Hospital in Gravenhurst. He spent the next four and a half years as administrator of Fort William Sanatorium, followed by seven years at Senebrenner General Hospital in Kapuskasing.

Although Stevenson is the smallest hospital in which he has served as administrator, he believes "there is no such thing as a small hospital".

Stevenson is dealing this year with a \$3,299,540 draft budget, of which just under \$2.5 million will go for salaries alone.

Another \$62,000 will be spent on drugs, \$61,000 for medical and surgical supplies and \$525,000 on all other categories together.

The staff numbers 240, including 60 part time members.

Mr. Consaul believes that Alliston area residents are "fortunate" that a man like Theodore Loblaw came along when he did with his generous donation or Alliston might never have had a hospital.

Another fortunate aspect of this particular hospital is the "extremely strong auxiliary," he said, which has purchased so many valuable pieces of medical equipment.

He also noted that this hospital boasts a "low turnover of staff". In the last three

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DIRECTOR OF NURSING MARION CARLTON

**Nursing director,  
 came 'just for a year'**

By Sheila Roberts

Fresh out of nursing training in 1956, Marion Carlton answered a newspaper ad for Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

She applied, was hired and moved to Alliston, "just for a year".

Today, as director of nursing, she's in charge of a staff of well over 100 and obviously not leaving town.

It was quite a challenge for her when she started and was placed in charge of obstetrics.

"There was no orientation program then," she said. "You just walked in the door and started to work."

Promoted through the ranks, Mrs. Carlton became assistant superintendent to Irene (Shaw) Brickstock and, when the new hospital opened in 1964, she was made director of nursing, a position that did not exist before the expanded quarters.

Her staff grew slowly, to cope with the increase from a 35 or so bed building to a building with a potential of 85 beds.

"There was no emergency department in the old hospital," she said. "Just beds in the corridor - now we handle well over 1,000 cases a year."

The new building had both an emergency room and a recovery room. It also had two operating rooms with a recovery room, in contrast to the previous single operating room.

Stevenson Memorial Hospital offers a variety of services to help make the patient's stay more comfortable. All rooms are wired for phones and for 50 cents per day, patients can rent one from the business office. A television service, operated by the Hospital Auxiliary, provides viewing for patients at a cost of \$1.50 per day.

If patients make arrangements with the head nurse, they can in most cases bring in their own small radio units. The Hospital Auxiliary will also provide the use of a small portable at no charge.

The obstetrics department grew from a cramped one-room nursery to a two-room suite which still overflows now and then.

Mrs. Carlton was at first interested in physiotherapy but, after working a few summers in her native town of Brantford, found out that it was nursing with its "broader scope" that really held her interest.

A graduate of the nursing school at Hamilton General Hospital, she feels unhappy about the number of "eager students with their RN" who cannot get a job after graduation.

She is not in a position to offer a new grad a job because she has had nurses who have been working part time at the hospital on the waiting list for as long as two years in the hopes of full time work.

"Salaries have increased greatly in the past few years," she said, "and the turnover is practically nil."

The only times she loses a staff member is when the nurse retires or, in some instances, when the nurse's husband is at Base Borden and is posted elsewhere. But even that isn't happening as often these days.

She sees an "obvious difference" in today's graduates from community colleges, who are packed full of theory but have not had enough practical experience.

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**Hospital offers services**

Both visitors and patients can take advantage of the good, inexpensive meals provided in the cafeteria from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The general public, however, is not allowed to use the cafeteria, tempting though the prices may be!

Anyone spending the night with a critically ill patient can have a coffee if arrangements are made with the nurse.

And, a far cry from most hospitals, parking is provided FREE. However, visitors are asked to keep the doctors' area clear in case of emergencies.



CHIEF OF STAFF DR. N.D. GRIPPER

## Chief says staff's good

The function of the chief of staff at Stevenson Memorial Hospital is to be the representative of the hospital board to the medical staff. In addition, the chief of staff is usually the president of the medical staff which in turn makes him the doctors' representative to the board. Although at times it would seem as though this might create a conflict, the hospital's present chief of staff, Dr. Nigel Gripper, says that Stevenson is small enough that difficulties seldom arise because of this situation.

Dr. Gripper, who was chief of staff from 1969 to 1974, was elected again in 1977 and is mainly responsible for the medical staff and the quality of medical care administered at Stevenson Memorial.

A native of England, Dr. Gripper studied

at Guy's Hospital in London and did post-grad training in Anaesthetics and Obstetrics.

He then spent three years in the army, a year as a general practitioner in England and then a year in Saskatchewan as a general practitioner before coming to Stevenson Memorial Hospital 14 years ago.

Although a great deal of his time is spent in administrative meetings and on an ever increasing volume of paperwork, Dr. Gripper manages to maintain a general practice.

On the whole, he considers the staff at Stevenson to be a good one, claiming the whole process of medicine involves filtering out and that, generally, those who make it through are good.

## General Information

Fully accredited since 1968, Stevenson Memorial Hospital is operated by a governing board of 12 elected members and two appointed members representing the medical staff and the Hospital Auxiliary.

Board members are chosen from the area served by the hospital and speak for a population of approximately 19,000.

They receive absolutely no remuneration for their services.

Elected members on the board of governors for the 1977-78 fiscal year are president Charles C. Collins of Alliston, past president Francis Kelly of Adjala, vice president Grace Ludlow of Adjala, secretary L. Nicol of Essa, treasurer J.A. Lewis of Alliston, and governors Ross Brett of Alliston, Rev. T.H. Bridle of Alliston, Alan Corrigan of Essa, Robert Dickey of Alliston, H. Downey of Essa, G.B. Mallion of Tottenham, James Wales of Everett.

Honorary life members are Earl Rowe, former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; J.D. Bowerman; J.A. Murphy; L.L. Whiteside and Austin Rutledge.

Appointed members are Jean Kingsbury, auxiliary president; and Dr. Nigel D. Gripper, chief of staff.

This board annually appoints the medical staff of the hospital. The staff consists of 20 qualified medical consultants and general practitioners.

Hospital administrator Art Consaul is employed by the board and is responsible for the management and operation of the hospital.

Director of nursing, Marion Charlton, is in charge of a qualified nursing staff of 120, who supply a 24 hour a day, seven days a week service. The assistant director of nursing is Mrs. D. Cooney.

In the area of para-medical services, Betty Kleinstueber supervises a staff of nine in the laboratory, while Anna Pucis and assistant Alice Callow have a total staff of five in the X-ray department. Bruce King and Norma Varcoe are in charge of pharmacy purchasing.

Medical records librarian Pat Callan has a staff of five, while head of physiotherapy Sonni-Michele Wagner has a staff of two.

On the services side, Ms. A. Vergunst is director of dietary services assisted by Mrs. D. Winger. They have a total staff of 21.

D'Arcy MacIntyre is in charge of housekeeping and laundry services with a staff of 30.

In the maintenance department, J. McCullagh heads a staff of six.

Mrs. M. Sharpe is business manager with a staff of 14.

Pat Sheridan heads up the ambulance service. His staff totals 11, including part time help.

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CONTACT Information Centre operates from quarters in Stevenson Memorial's nurses' residence. Although a limited number of nurses live there these days, the beautiful building is put to good use by the hospital by allowing such tenants as CONTACT and the Victoria Order of

Nurses to use the facility. Here the CONTACT crew from left are Marney Thivierge, project manager; Ruth-Anne Brownlee, field worker; and Lorraine Hawkins, bookkeeper.

(Herald photo by Sheila Roberts)

## Hospital tenant is CONTACT centre

A friendly tenant at Stevenson Memorial Hospital is the CONTACT Information Centre.

Since October 31, the group has been "in residence" in a ground floor office in the nurses' residence adjacent to the hospital.

Although project director Marney Thivierge says, "Information is what we're really here for", the group is involved in a variety of services to the community.

They dispense information on almost anything by phone - and like the story about the Bell Canada operator, they have been asked how to cook certain dishes.

Ever-increasing calls have been concerned with baby sitting, baby clothes, housing or have been made simply for the sake of hearing a friendly voice.

A "Listening Ear" service lets people get concerns off their chest or, perhaps, worries that he or she cannot confide to their family or close friends.

CONTACT has also received permission from the board recently to visit senior citizens in their homes, bringing friendly conversation and a new friend into the homes of some of our older residents.

Field worker Ruth-Anne Brownlee handles these visits, while back at the office, bookkeeper Lorraine Hawkins holds

the fort.

Dropping in to CONTACT is not encouraged because the residence location means that nurses may be sleeping. But phone calls are most definitely encouraged and, as the community is becoming more aware of the group, it is making more use of the service.

Groups have started to call in to file dates of dances and other events so that conflicts with other groups don't arise. They can leave their event date on file with CONTACT who, when phoned and through The Herald, will inform other groups that that date is "taken".

For the first seven months, CONTACT was totally funded by a Canada Works grant. The group recently started operating under a slightly different Canada Works grant which will fund them for the next few months for salaries and benefits only.

"Now, we have to figure out how to make some money," says Mrs. Thivierge.

CONTACT's first money raising venture is a cookbook, written by the staff, which will sell for \$1.

"We tried to pick some old recipes and also some funny ones," Mrs. Thivierge adds.

The group can be contacted at 435-4900.

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chairman Ruth Wright in the middle, and gift shop supervisor Mary McCutcheon on the right. The shop is air-conditioned for the convenience of its customers and provides the major share of the funds raised by the auxiliary each year.

[Herald photo by Judy Scott]

## Hospital's 'helping hands'

by Judy Scott

One of Stevenson Memorial Hospital's greatest "helping hands" is the Hospital Auxiliary.

The first auxiliary was formed when the original hospital opened in 1928, but disbanded during the Second World War, as they felt their services should be given to the Red Cross work for the soldiers.

In June of 1960, the auxiliary was revived and has been going strong ever since. There were 34 members in the first year and this has increased until in 1977 the membership stood at 143, including three honorary members - Mae McCague, Mary Gingras and Irene Brickstock, a former hospital administrator.

The auxiliary has contributed much in the way of funds and "womanpower" to the hospital for the past eighteen years.

They have donated \$600 to the ambulance fund, \$3,900 to the hospital board, and spent a total of approximately \$66,000 up to and including 1978.

Some of the material contributions they have made to upgrade the hospital are an air conditioner for the gift shop, trees and other landscaping for the grounds, a medical library, a blood cell counter, flame photometer, patient lifter, three black and white television sets, curtains and draperies, seven-up dispenser, Candystriper uniforms and pins, an inolette and resuscitator basinnet, a blood gas analyzer and

accessories, a Boyle gas machine, a cardiac monitoring system, three nebulizers, a fetal heart monitor, an I-var and three diascopes.

The auxiliary raises funds chiefly through operating the gift shop near the hospital entrance and with the annual tag day in downtown Alliston.

Members of the auxiliary take turns on duty at the gift shop which is stocked with high quality merchandise from wholesalers in Stratford, Toronto and Kitchener.

The auxiliary has also sponsored many blood donor clinics, served on the "Meals on Wheels" project, given bursaries to high school students, helped with the Ad-Tec tag day, canvassed for the Arthritis Society and donated Christmas gifts to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Many members also chauffeur patients for the Cancer Society and the Mental Health Clinics.

The object of the hospital auxiliary, as stated in the constitution, is "to create greater community interest and understanding of the hospital and to render volunteer services to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital and its patients through ways approved or proposed by the Governing Board of the Hospital", and also "fund raising for the hospital through various approved ways".

Judging by the enormous amount of work, time and money donated to the hospital since 1960, the auxiliary is certainly living up to this ideal.



Candy strippers

Stevenson's Candystrippers, invaluable volunteer assistants at the hospital, recently were honored at an awards night, sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary. Here Candystriper chairman Cindy Orr and fellow Candystrippers Valerie Gallagher

and Margaret Armstrong pose beside the soon-to-be-eaten cake. All three girls were recipients of 300 hours bars, signifying 300 hours of service to the hospital.

[Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]

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# A glimpse of the past



On its way

The first hospital building was well under construction when this photo was taken. The 35-bed building was constructed so that all patients faced the sunny side of the

building, lending a warm atmosphere to a hospital stay.

[Photo from the files of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary]

From 1926 to the present, the hospital has been well documented through photographs, written words, and the work of the auxiliary. His efforts have kept the files up to date minute by minute, and the important moments would be remembered.



Quite the style

Superintendent Edna Campbell and Dr. F.M. Walker celebrate Alliston's Centennial in style in August, 1947.

Photo from the files of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary]



Important moment

The area was ready for a new, larger hospital and, in 1963, these people got together to sign the contract. In this photo, building committee chairman Joseph McCarroll, administrator Irene Shaw, archi-

tect F.E. Fletcher and board chairman L.L. Whiteside participate in the important event.

[Photo from the files of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary]

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First step

An impressive ceremony marked the turning of the sod for the new Stevenson Memorial Hospital in 1963.

[Photo from the files of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary]



The signing

Superintendent Edna Campbell and her staff members, Charlette Mason, Marguerite Burke, Alda Ruthven and Dorothy Shannon pose with a patient Audrey

Fearock. Miss Campbell was superintendent from 1934 to 1964.  
[Photo from the files of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary]



At last!

W. Earl Rowe, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the new hospital on Sunday, June 23, 1964. The need for a new hospital had been emphasized for some time. The

new building cost \$1.8 million and had 78 beds. Wonder how much it would cost with today's prices?

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**Ambulance Supervisor**

Pat Sheridan has been an employee of Stevenson Memorial Hospital for the past fifteen years and is now the ambulance supervisor with a full time staff of five men. Mr. Sheridan goes out with the ambulance every time he is on duty and will be retiring

in December of this year. Before working at the hospital he served for twenty-four years in the army and was a tank crew commander in the second World War.

[Herald photo by Judy Scott]

## In an emergency they're there

by Judy Scott

When an emergency strikes at home or on the highway, the first telephone call usually goes out to the ambulance service. The man who is often in the van when it arrives is Pat Sheridan, ambulance supervisor at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Sheridan says that the first ambulance service at the hospital was run by volunteers and began in June of 1963 with a converted van carrying one oxygen tank, splints, bandages, dressings, blankets and sheets.

All equipment was supplied and maintained by the hospital, but the volunteers actually drove the van and charged the users for the service, usually by the mile. The money gathered in this way went into a fund to purchase equipment for the ambulance.

When Mr. Sheridan took over the service in August of 1968, the van was a converted 1964 GMC.

At that time, there was pressure from the federal government for hospitals to run their own ambulance service and dispense with the volunteers then providing it.

Mr. Sheridan, who had been a housekeeper at the hospital was approached to be the supervisor of the service and took an ambulance supervisor's course at Base Jordan in September, 1968. Shortly after that, the government placed minimum regulations on equipment to be carried by ambulances.

The present 1977 Dodge that serves as Alliston's ambulance was purchased in

April of this year and possesses all the most up to date equipment recommended by the regulations, plus about forty additional items installed with the initiative of the hospital and Mr. Sheridan.

The blue and white van contains two mobile oxygen tanks which can be used either in the vehicle or taken into a home or beside a swimming pool if necessary.

In addition, there is another large tank and two smaller tanks that stay with the van.

The main stretcher is clamped to the wall of the vehicle, with another stretcher available at all times. This means that the ambulance can carry two stretcher patients at once, and there is room for an additional two or three ambulatory patients.

There are wooden and air splints in various sizes, cervical collars, oxygen masks, oral-pharyngeal devices to force oxygen into the lungs, bag masks, all in sizes to fit tiny babies and up to full adult size.

There is a heart monitor for heart attack victims. The monitor is battery operated so it can be used in transit. At present, an incubator is on order for the ambulance that will be able to be fastened inside the van and oxygenated or air-conditioned to suit the needs of the tiny patients who need transportation to distant hospitals such as Barrie and Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

Mr. Sheridan tells The Herald that the "basic purpose of the ambulance service is

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# Hospital's ambulance always kept busy

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to make sure there is no deterioration in the patient's state until we deliver him or her to competent medical hands. We try always to protect the patient from any undue pain."

He says that some people have complained to him about the flashing lights and loud siren on the van, but he says that "that same person, if he was lying on the side of the road after being injured in an accident, would be very happy that we travel quickly, because his life may be at stake."

A full time staff of five men is required to run the ambulance, plus three men on part-time duty. Mr. Sheridan himself goes out with the van whenever he is on duty, and his staff consists of Harry VanNiekirk, senior ambulance attendant, Leo Verschuren, Ken Wright and Bryan Laurin. All these attendants are graduates of an ambulance emergency care course at various community colleges. In addition, they have all taken either St. John's or Red Cross first aid classes and ambulance courses, which have to be retaken every three years to keep them qualified. The three part time helpers are Joe Heydon, Art Irvin and Lloyd McVittie.

The ambulance service is a busy department at a busy hospital. In May alone, there were between 25 and 35 calls per week, and the van travelled over 8,000 kilometers on calls. In 1977, there were 1,105 calls for a total of 35,530 miles.



## New ambulance

Ambulance attendant Ken Wright sits in the back of the modern, well-equipped Alliston unit just put into service in April of this year. This ambulance not only has all the equipment recommended by the government but also carries forty additional pieces of emergency equipment and the hospital has ordered a special incubator

for transporting infants to distant hospitals for special treatment. It should be noted that vehicles in traffic must yield the right of way to an ambulance that is either flashing its light or operating the siren, not just when the siren is sounding as many people seem to believe.

(Herald photo by Judy Scott)

## Hot meals ensured

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years, only 50 full time members have left.

He finds the business of being an administrator an "unusual" one, in that even though he runs a \$3 million plus a year business, he has no control at all over who uses the service.

"My role is to provide the physical capabilities for treatment and the director of nursing provides the staff to give the service," he explained. "But it's the physician who admits the patient."

As Mr. Consaul naturally wants to make the patient's stay in Stevenson a pleasant one, he takes careful note of views expressed in the comment form distributed to all patients.

A major change in the food system

resulted from repeated complaints about cold food. A new system was recently installed which insures that the patients will receive piping hot meals.

Many of the forms submitted after praise and they "can make your whole day", he said, but he does like to get to the bottom of the less than complimentary ones. On the day he was interviewed, he had received a letter from someone who had been concerned about some aspects of the hospital but who had their questions answered to their satisfaction and didn't hesitate to let Mr. Consaul know that they were pleased.

An Alliston resident, Mr. Consaul and his wife Noma have two daughters, Laurie Lynn (a Candystriper) and Lisa Ann.

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This imposing looking piece of apparatus is called the Kreiselman and does just about everything the newborn could possibly ask for. Heat is available from above and below, and oxygen and a resuscitator are right at hand. The unit, which is turned on just as

the baby is being delivered, was provided by the Women's Auxiliary and is an exceptional unit to be found in a hospital of this size.

[Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]

**A baby a day? Only an average**

It's either feast or famine in the nursery at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

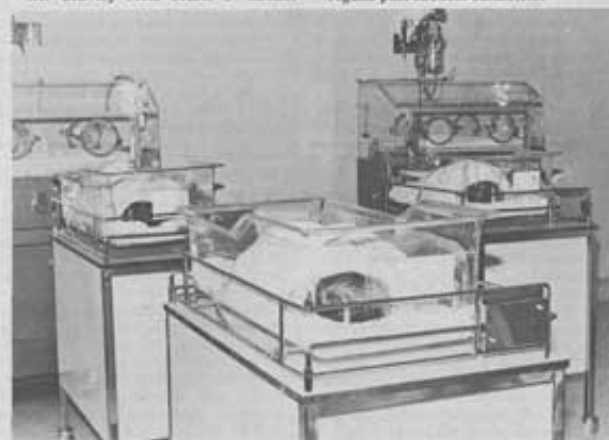
Some days the 17-bed nursery has only a few newborns in residence, while upon occasion, the nursery bursts at the seams and overflows to the surgical floor.

Obstetrics supervisor Theresa Cranston says that the averages show that one baby per day is born at the hospital, although the babies do not arrive that systematically.

Her delivery room boasts a "Kreisel-

man", donated about four years ago by the Hospital Auxiliary, which offers newborns more comforts than home. The heated unit keeps the just-delivered infant snug, while keeping close at hand all sorts of emergency apparatus in case the baby has difficulty breathing.

The nursery has isolettes, also donated by the auxiliary, for premature infants and special lights for babies with jaundice related to blood problems, as well as the regular pink and blue bassinets.



**Snuggled in**

Newborns nestle snugly in their beds, dreaming about their next feeding in Stevenson's maternity ward. The hospital averages one birth per day on a yearly scale

but sometimes the 17-bed nursery overflows down to the surgery floor.

[Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]



Sluggo

Three weeks before this picture was taken Malcolm couldn't make a fist but, now, thanks to the neuratron and the work of Sunni-Michele Wagner and her staff in the physiotherapy unit of Stevenson, his hand

is coming along fine. Malcolm severed a nerve in his hand and needs therapy to retrain the movements.

[Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]

## Physio department has brighter look

The bright, pleasant physiotherapy quarters didn't always look as cheerful as today.

Two years ago, the department was housed in cramped quarters opposite the radiology department. But, the hospital decided to turn the unused portions of the

basement into an expanded physio department where both in and out patients can learn to handle crutches, stretch injured limbs and learn to use their muscles again.

Sunni-Michele Wagner and her staff treat about 125 out patients each week and approximately 12 to 16 in hospital patients.



Let's get going

Tiny Stacey is feeling much better now, thank you, courtesy of the care given to her in Stevenson's paediatrics ward. Here, she's about to take a scoot around the halls

in a walker with the assistance of nurse, Mary MacAdam.

[Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]

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### Let's operate

Everything's at the ready in the large operating room for the next patient. Here the gas machine, blood coagulator and

cardiac monitor "pose" beside the operating table (the staff was shy).  
[Herald photo by Sheila Roberts]

## O.R. Supervisor runs tight ship

Operating room supervisor Margaret Taylor runs a tight ship, so even visiting photographers "gown up" to take a peek at the facilities.

She and her staff assist or float at an average of 60 to 80 operations each month, although like most things, the operations tend to come in spurts.

One day, only one scheduled operation will be underway, while the next, a rash of emergencies plus scheduled operations will boost the day's total to eight or ten.

When the operations are over for the day, the staff makes their own sterile packs for the next day's surgery.

Mrs. Taylor, a nurse at the hospital for 18 years this August, finds the operating rooms "very well equipped" for a hospital of this size.

She has worked in the operating room since 1964 and has spent the last 11 years as supervisor.

Obviously, it's the kind of work she loves.

## VON home nursing care provided for all

by Sheila Roberts

The Victorian Order of Nurses offers a service for everyone who needs home nursing care.

The size of the handbook or the number of bills in the wallet makes no difference to them. If a patient can pay, he does. If he can't, he'll be taken care of anyway.

Says Mavis Cavanaugh, full time VON nurse based in the nurses' residence of Stevenson Memorial Hospital, "Service is never refused because of inability to pay."

A voluntary, non-profit organization with its head office in Ottawa, the VON aims at a fee which will cover costs.

On the average, a home visit costs \$14. But, of those patients who can pay, fees range from 25 cents up - some patients have little income but want to feel they are contributing in some way to the cost of their care.

The only criterion for receiving VON care is that the patient must have a family doctor. Referral, however, does not have to come from this physician.

In Alliston, most patients are referred by the home care service but others are referred by doctors, family and often from the patients themselves.

No limit is put on the length of time care from the VON is received. In Alliston, one patient has been receiving care on a weekly basis for seven years.

But care can also be as brief as one visit. VON nurses are sometimes called in to give an assessment of the patient's needs.

Age also makes no difference to the VON. Mrs. Cavanaugh recalls patients as young as 48 hours, while another patient still in their care is 99 years of age.

The 48 hour old baby was born to a couple who had no Ontario Health Insurance Plan. Because of the cost of hospital stay, the mother went home shortly after delivery and the VON dropped in to do the bloodwork. They would also do this blood

work on babies born at home by the choice of the parents.

Once the blood work is done, the VON usually steps out because well babies come under the care of the public health nurses.

But if a baby gets sick, it is often the VON which is called in because they can get to the home faster.

Mrs. Cavanaugh loves the work in which she finds "not much routine".

She also enjoys the responsibility that comes from working on her own.

"And I enjoy being involved in the whole family situation - you work with everyone from the grandfathers right on down," she said.

Care for the elderly often involves diet teaching, or the turning of bed patients. With diabetics, the VON must teach the patient and the family about insulin injections and proper diet.

The goal is to make the patient as independent as possible said Mrs. Cavanaugh. Once independence has been established or if the family is able to cope with only occasional drop-in visits, the patient is transferred to public health.

Mrs. Cavanaugh is the only full time staff member based at Stevenson. Another nurse works half time and two relief nurses work out of Alliston and Bradford.

She has been involved with the VON in Alliston for six years. Starting as a relief nurse, she moved up to half time and then served full time for the past year or so.

Like most VON nurses, she has trained in a variety of fields - with surgery, geriatrics, psychiatry among them.

"This is the usual kind of background," she said. "They like someone who has worked with the public and who has had a variety of experience."

Quarters are provided in the Stevenson nurses' residence free of charge for the VON. They also use the hospital switchboard for their phone calls and receive mail through the hospital.



### 'Copter drops in

Director of nursing Marion Carlton chats with a visitor who arrived at Stevenson last week to explain procedures for the landing of the Ministry of Health's emergency heli-

copter. The hospital is a licensed heliport for the 'copter.

[Herald photo by Baker-Pearce]

## Stevenson's a landing site

An unusual sight literally dropped into Stevenson Memorial Hospital on June 8. The Ministry of Health's emergency helicopter landed in the hospital parking lot to introduce itself to the area.

Leased for a year by the ministry at an approximate cost of \$800,000 the 'copter can shuttle patients to Toronto hospitals for special emergency care.

Stevenson is licensed as a heliport for this particular helicopter, although the hospital has not yet required its services.

The local ambulance crew under the direction of Pat Sheridan along with other hospital personnel was given instruction on how to set up the parking lot to accommodate the 'copter's landing. Once

the helicopter starts to land, visibility is almost nil so a perfect setup is essential.

At this stage, the helicopter has been making approximately one trip a week. Two paramedics travel with it, unless the doctor on the scene indicates that more help is needed.

The pilot, a paramedic himself, is trained in a rigorous six-month course to prepare him for any emergency.

The helicopter can travel anywhere in a 200 mile radius from Toronto to places like Huntsville, Kingston, London, and the Niagara peninsula.

From Stevenson, it takes only 20 to 25 minutes to any Toronto hospital.



### In pilot's seat

Ambulance supervisor Pat Sheridan and his grandson test the pilot's seat in the Ministry of Health's emergency helicopter. Mr. Sheridan and his crew are responsible

for clearing the hospital parking lot for emergency landings.

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## A solution

# Home care solves problems

by Sheila Roberts

Mrs. Brown has had a stroke, has been in hospital and could be heading home soon if she could receive some nursing care and some physical and occupational therapy to help her be self sufficient again.

Her family too needs some advice on caring for her and helping her get over her illness.

The solution? Home care, short term active treatment at home which can help a patient like Mrs. Brown (not her real name) get home from hospital earlier.

Home care is also a solution for Mr. Black, who has been burned and requires dressings but does not necessarily need to be admitted to hospital. Or for Mrs. White who has three small children running around at home and has just broken her leg. She doesn't need hospitalization but she sure needs some help.

Once again, home care can step in with its variety of services to keep these potential hospital patients out of hospital.

Provided only on the referral of a doctor and supervised by him, home care is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and, here in Simcoe County, is administered by the Simcoe County District Health Unit.

Sally Taylor, home care liaison nurse with the Simcoe County Health Unit, works out of an office in Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Once she has a referral from the physician, she arranges the necessary services which include nursing (by the Victorian Order of Nurses or a public health nurse), physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, homemaking (by the Red Cross Homemakers) and provision of equipment, such as hospital beds, walkers, wheelchairs and a variety of other items.

To be eligible for home care, the patient must require at least one professional service. However, to receive homemaking

service, the patient must require another service such as nursing or physiotherapy.

As home care is for short term treatment, Mrs. Taylor tries to help the family arrange its own services on a self-pay when long range plans must be made, either on a self pay basis or funded through extended health care insurance.

Chronic patients are not generally eligible for home care unless a teaching program is necessary to instruct the family on how to care for the ill family member. This type of patient might be slightly disabled with heart problems, arteriosclerosis or vision problems. Another patient who requires home teaching is the diabetic - both he and his family must be instructed in insulin injection.

Hand-in-hand with Mrs. Taylor's home care role goes the discharge planning service at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

The hospital pays home care for 10.5 hours a week of her time.

"It's well co-ordinated," said Mrs. Taylor. "The services go really well together."

The idea behind discharge planning is to make the "most efficient use of all resources," she explained.

While in hospital, the patient's needs and his resources are assessed so that the next phase of his care is properly planned.

Mrs. Taylor tries to let the family know early in the patient's stay at Stevenson just what services are available afterwards.

Without this planning, "some families are afraid to take the patient home because they don't know what to do with them," she said.

When a patient with a number of diagnoses - Mrs. Taylor talks to the family about looking into nursing home applications. A waiting list can be long and, even if the patient does not need the home when his name comes up, nothing is lost.

# Change in order to serve

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The new hospital was contracted at a cost of \$1,909,800 and construction began on April 24, 1963.

After the new hospital was opened on June 28 of 1964, the old hospital was left vacant for two years. Then, in June of 1966, it was rented by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baker as a nursing home.

The old hospital was well used until the Bakers built their new nursing home just east of Alliston in 1973.

By this time, it was simply impossible for the old hospital to be returned to the strict hospital standards set by the Board of Health. The building was demolished in 1974.

When the new hospital was opened, it included five private rooms, 13 semi-private rooms, nine standard rooms with four beds in each, a children's ward with five beds and a nursery with 17 bassinets.

Three day rooms were built for patients and oxygen was piped into each room.

A volunteer ambulance association was formed in Alliston in 1963 and the hospital was awarded provincial accreditation in 1968.

Presently the Hospital Auxiliary is very active in donating money yearly for the purchase of necessary equipment that continually updates the hospital.

Already more accommodation is needed at the hospital. Right now, the board is willing to build a chronic wing or building without cost to the provincial government but so far, support has not been granted for the wings maintenance.

The whole history of Alliston's Stevenson Memorial Hospital has been one of continual changes in an effort to best serve the changing needs of our area and it would seem obvious that future good service from our hospital is guaranteed as long as this attitude is maintained.

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Famous journalist Kate Aiken in 1947 wrote about the hospital in The Standard, Montreal.

Termed a "success story", the hospital was described in glowing terms.

Mrs. Aiken led her story off with: "Sunday noon trays at the Stevenson Memorial Hospital come in sharp on time

are emptied in short order for Sunday afternoon is the big visiting day at the hospital. It's like Old Home Week, an Old Boys' Reunion and a Ladies' Aid Tea all rolled in one."

The hospital, she said, had an "air of happy restfulness that helps patients recover quickly".

She recommended that anyone with a pain or an "operation coming on", should head out to Alliston and recover with "some scenic effects and in comfort".

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## A few fascinating facts...

Just 18 years ago, a semi-private room in the hospital cost \$13.25. Today, it's worth \$136.25.

Since the new hospital opened in 1964, two major changes have greatly affected the services available. The Hospital Auxiliary provided a four bed Intensive Care Unit and a whole new physiotherapy department in the basement provided space

for a third X-ray department.

The old hospital once claimed to have 48 patients in 45 beds, without doubling up. How did they manage it? By having some people in operating rooms and taking treatment while the others used the regular beds - these figures were cited during the hospital's concern for new quarters in the late 1950s.

## Leadership, encouragement her job

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And, unless they get a job right away, they will lose whatever practical experience they have behind them, she fears.

On her staff are two community college graduates who had to go south of the border to get jobs, where they improved their practical skills and came back to be on staff at Stevenson but Mrs. Carlton feels it is sad that they should have to go so far away - the colleges, however, are still turning out many graduates.

Her staff is divided about two to one into Registered Nurses and Registered Nursing Assistants.

Although she possesses a job description, her duties often vary. In administrator Art Consaul's absence, she is in charge but, generally speaking, all staff that comes under the heading of "nursing" is her responsibility.

Basically, she feels her job is to give leadership and encourage her nurses to get involved in putting together the aims of the nursing department.

Her assistant director of nursing, Dorothy Cooney, operates "a very good in service program", said Mrs. Carlton.

"This program keeps the staff abreast of changes and keeps us up to date," she said. The nurses study everything from

infection to control to fires.

"We have become very mechanized in the past ten years, with such equipment as ultra sonic nebulizers - in larger hospitals, inhalation therapists would look after these, but here, it's the nurses," she said.

Doctors speak to the nurses every month on topics which will update and explain and, Mrs. Carlton says, the doctors are generous with their time. In particular, Dr. Meziens comes in regularly to assist nurses with such things as electro cardiograph interpretations.

"We need to work constantly to keep up," she said.

Mrs. Carlton believes in an open door policy where her staff members "don't have to go through the chain of command."

"Mr. Consaul operates the same way and I think it means a lot," she said. "And if they have suggestions, we'll try them if they're feasible."

Along with Mrs. Carlton and Mrs. Cooney, the nursing department has two supervisors, Mrs. M. Campbell and Mrs. M. Cando.

In charge of surgery is Mrs. M. Roberts; medical-paediatric floor, Mrs. L. Smith; obstetrics, Mrs. T. Cranston; operating room, Mrs. M. Taylor and central supply room, Mrs. B. Pawis.

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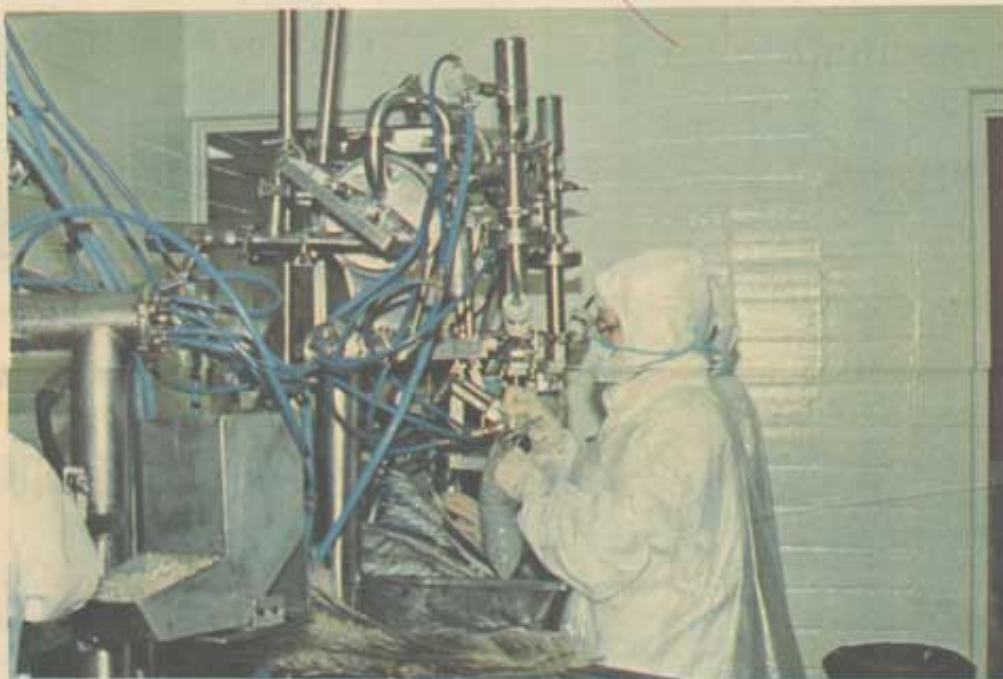
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