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### PROGRAM

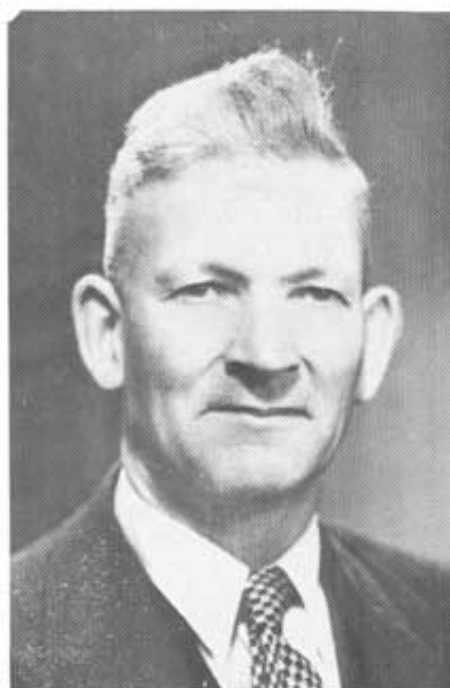
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2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS                      W. T. Reed, (Warden)
3. ADDRESS OF WELCOME                      S. R. McKelvey, Supt.
4. REMARKS                                      L. E. Ludlow  
    (Director, Homes for the aged)  
    J. D. McPhee, M.P.P.  
    George Johnston, M.P.P.  
    James McCurdy  
    (Chairman, Board of Management)  
    Mackenzie Beattie  
    (Chairman, Building Committee)
5. INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER                      Capt. A. W. Downer, M.P.P.
6. ADDRESS                                      Hon. W. A. Goodfellow
7. REPLY TO MINISTER                      Ex-Warden G. H. Shepherd

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Inspection of Building and Reception in Dining Room



HON. W. A. GOODFELLOW  
Min'ister of Health and Welfare



WILBUR T. REED  
Warden of Simcoe County



MACKENZIE BEATTIE  
Chairman of the Home for the Aged  
Special Building Committee



DR. S. R. McKELVEY  
Superintendent



MRS. MABEL McKELVEY  
Matron



DR. FRED SPEARING  
Home Physician



MISS EVA PARTRIDGE, R.N.  
Nurse in Charge

## *Simcoe Manor*

It was at the January, 1898, session of Simcoe County Council that the Standing Committee on County Property recommended that certain property in the Township of Tecumseth be purchased for a sum not exceeding \$6,000, this to be the site for the House of Refuge.

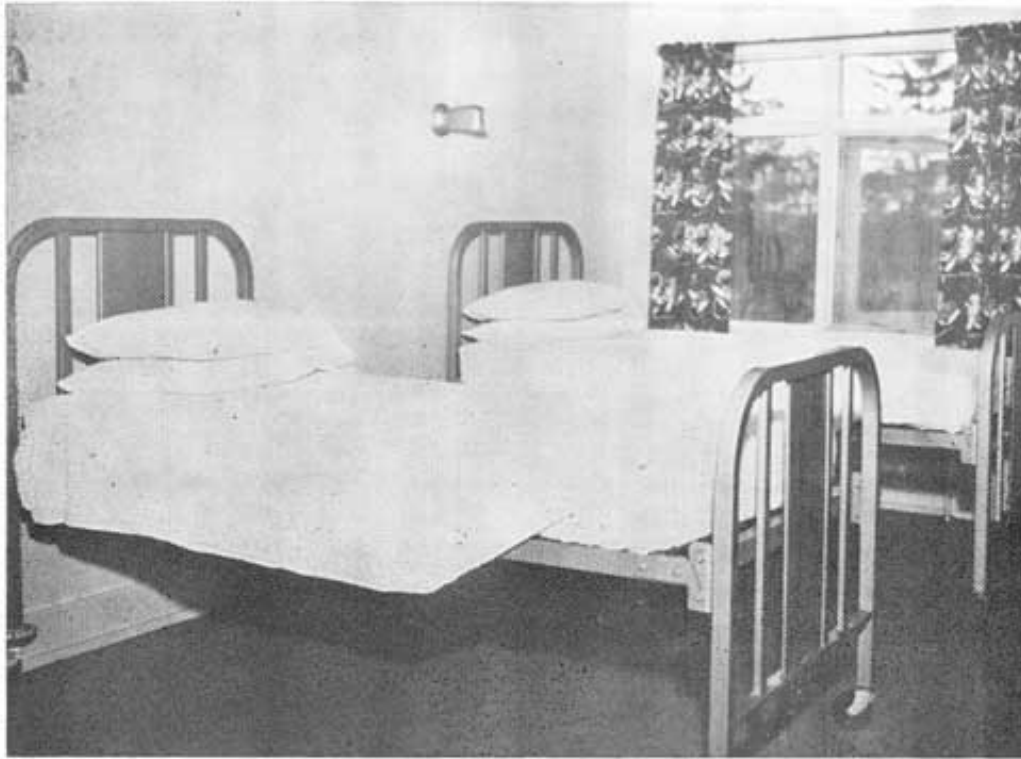
The committee then called for tenders for the erection and completion of such a building at Beeton. Twenty-seven tenders in all were received. The main contract went to A. Tessier, whose bid was \$14,966. The tenders of two other companies, Bennett and Wright for heating, and Fiddies and Hogarth for plumbing and wiring, brought the total up to \$18,220. A stipulation of the contract was that the work had to be completed on or before the first day of December, 1898.

In a later report the committee revised their estimates of the cost of the work. This came to \$28,400, less \$4,500 from grants, making a net cost to the county of \$23,900.

Before the session of County Council ended a bylaw, No. 603, was passed to the effect that: "Whereas the Corporation of the County of Simcoe has a floating indebtedness of \$44,000 or thereabouts, and the said Corporation are desirous of erecting in the said County a House of Industry, and for such purpose require to raise an additional sum of \$20,000, and it is desirable and expedient that debentures should be issued for such purpose to raise by way of loan the sum of \$50,000."



THE MAIN RECREATION ROOM



A VIEW OF MODERN FURNISHINGS

At the June session of County Council that year a bylaw, No. 610, was passed appointing John Ross of the Township of Innisfil as Superintendent of the House of Refuge and his wife, Margaret Ross, matron.

Another bylaw, No. 611 was passed, appointing Dr. W. H. Wright of Tottenham as physician and surgeon.

At the November session, a list of contracts was presented to Council showing a total expenditure of \$36,798.92.

Bylaw No. 626, which was passed at this session laid down that a committee of three members of Council, to be called the "Standing Committee on House of Refuge", should be appointed annually at the first session of each and every year. The duties of the committee were to oversee the management, exercise general supervision, keep a complete account of expenditures, purchase all supplies and material and investigate all charges and complaints made against any official of the Home.

One of the interesting points at this session of Council was approval of Bylaw No. 628 which amended the term "superintendent" in Bylaw No. 610 to read "keeper."

It was at this session of Council that the details were laid down in connection with the maintenance of inmates committed to the House of Refuge, that each municipality of the County would respectively bear and pay the cost of provisions and clothing of each person sent to the House of Refuge from such municipality.



At the January, 1899 session, the House of Refuge Committee was appointed, composed of W. H. Hamilton, Glen Huron; C. E. Hewson, Barrie, and George Hunt, New Lowell.

It was also at this session that Bylaw No. 638 was passed, approving the appointment of John Mackay of the Village of Creemore as Inspector of the House of Refuge.

At the June session it was reported: "That there were on the 15th inst. in the House of Refuge 48 inmates, 42 males and 6 females, the age of the oldest being 100 years and the youngest 7 years."

During the intervening years the name was changed from the House of Refuge to the Home for the Aged but at the November, 1952, session of County Council it was again changed, this time to Simcoe Manor.

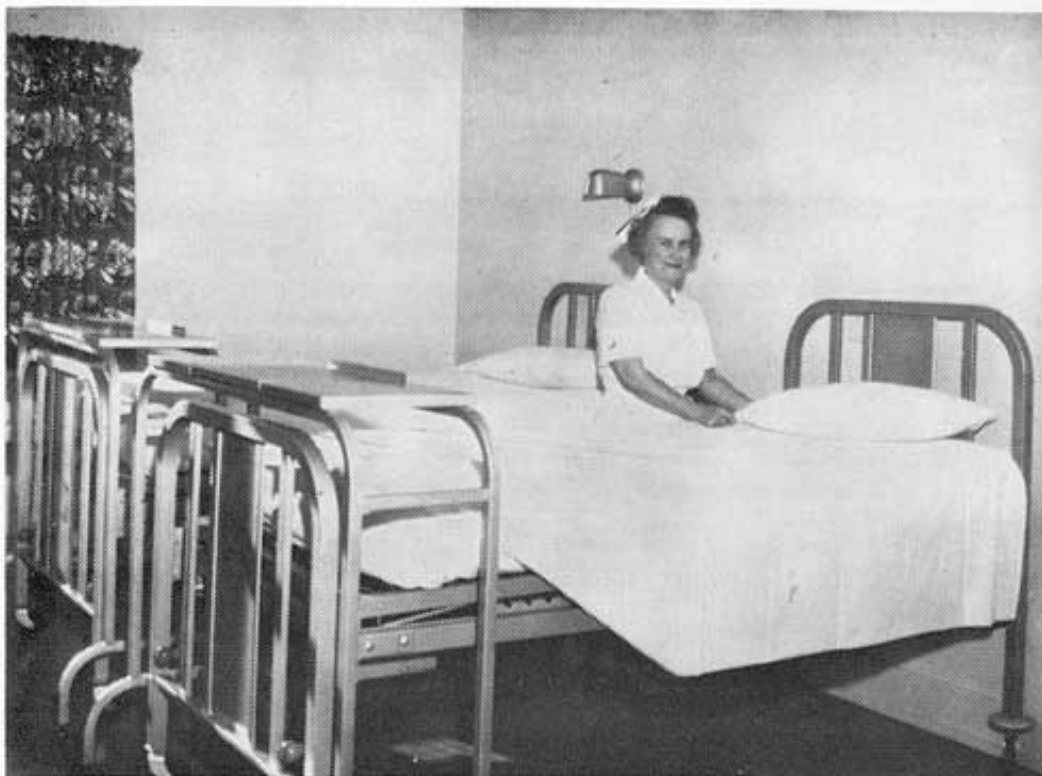
Little had been done over the years in building maintenance by the county and finally the entire council visited the Home in 1950 for a tour of inspection. At the January, 1951 session, the following building committee was appointed: Mackenzie Beattie, Alliston, chairman; James W. Hart, Barrie; Lloyd Scott, Oro; Frank Allan, Bradford; W. R. Benson, Penetanguishene and J. R. Coleman, secretary-treasurer.

After careful deliberation, it was finally decided that a new wing, laundry and boiler-room should be built. Estimates were obtained and during the June, 1951 session it was decided to proceed with the work. Rounthwaite and Fairfield of Toronto were engaged as architects. The first sod was turned on November 9, 1951, by His



THE LADIES' SITTING ROOM





A FINE HOSPITAL WARD IS MAINTAINED

Worship, Warden George Shepherd, and work by the Carroll Contracting Co. of Toronto proceeded at once. The entire project took one year to complete.

On Sunday, January 11, 1953, Open House was observed at Simcoe Manor and large numbers of visitors from many parts of the Province of Ontario attended to view the new addition. The total cost of the contract was \$336,723, of which half was paid in government grants.

Work was also proceeded with on renovations to the main building of Simcoe Manor. This contract was for \$75,898 and covered flooring, lighting, decorating and a new kitchen.

Today, Simcoe Manor has a wing available for chronic patients with 47 beds, a fine laundry and modern boiler room for the entire Manor. Everything is completely fireproof. The main building, now that it has been renovated, will care for 80 more needy people. Extra space is available for staff quarters in the second floor of the new wing while all hospital beds are on the main floor.

An interesting point in the history of the Manor is that when the original home was being erected the Chairman of the Building Committee was Joseph Whiteside, Warden of the County of Simcoe and the Reeve of Alliston. In 1951 when the new wing was being planned the Chairman of the Building Committee was Mackenzie Beattie, the present Reeve of Alliston.

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Provision has been made in the main building for married quarters for four couples and additional room is available for conversion to three bedrooms for married quarters or for staff. The apartment used by the Superintendent has been moved from the main building to the second floor of the new wing. In the main building, which has been extensively renovated and modernized, two new dining-rooms have been provided for the men and women on the second floor. Facilities also exist whereby patients requiring special treatment can be segregated from the others.

For male and female patients modern sitting rooms have been provided on the first and second floors of the main building and new furniture and drapes have been fitted throughout the building. All the floors in the building have been covered with inlaid linoleum.

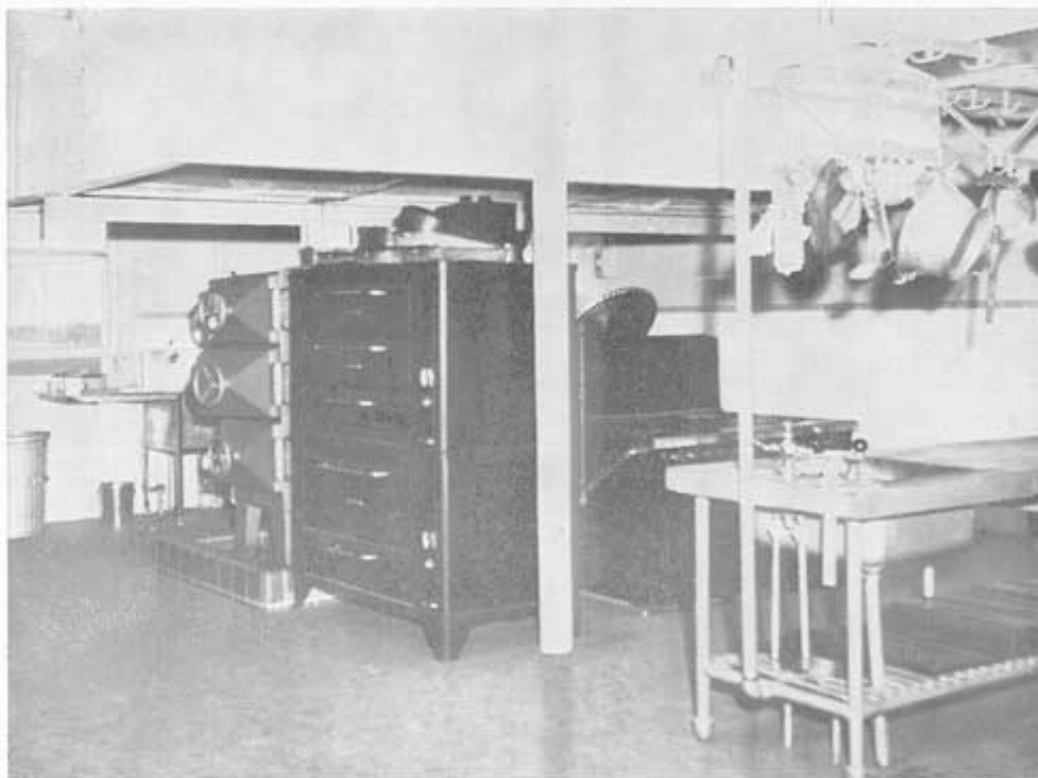
The residents of the Manor now also have a recreation room, fitted with a television set. There is a new dining room on the main floor and instead of the old method whereby the patients used one long table, meals are now served at individual tables serving four persons.



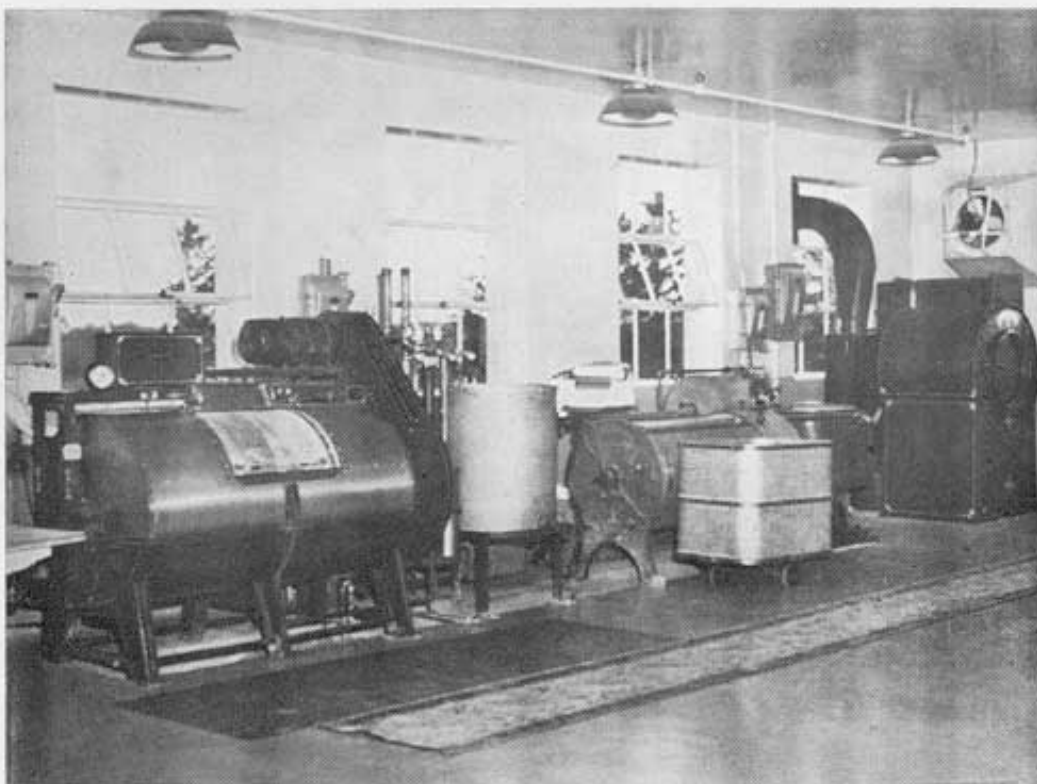
A SECTION OF THE MAIN DINING ROOM



A RESIDENTS' LOUNGE



A SECTION OF THE MODERN KITCHEN



A MODERN LAUNDRY IS MAINTAINED



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE KITCHEN



ACCOMMODATION OF THIS KIND IS AVAILABLE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

## *Committees*

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### BUILDING

W. R. Benson, Reeve of Penetang, Warden in 1950  
G. H. Shepherd, Reeve of Creemore, Warden in 1951.  
J. W. Hart, Reeve of Barrie, Warden in 1952  
W. T. Reed, Reeve of Orillia, Warden in 1953.  
Mackenzie Beattie, Reeve of Alliston, (Chairman).  
Frank Allan, Reeve of Bradford  
Lloyd Scott, Deputy-Reeve of Oro Twp.  
J. R. Coleman, Secretary

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

James McCurdy, Reeve of Tottenham, (Chairman)  
George Lisk, Deputy Reeve of Tecumseth Twp.  
W. J. Wood, Reeve of Essa Twp.  
John Small, Reeve of Adjala Twp.  
W. T. Reed, Reeve of Orillia Twp. and Warden.  
F. E. Hunter, Secretary

