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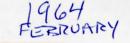
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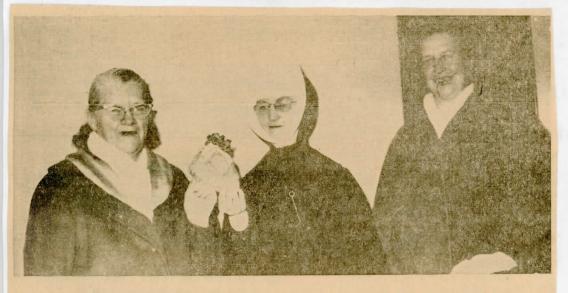
New executive elected is; president, Mrs Rose DeTonnancourt; first vice, Mrs Tulie Hamilton; second vice, Mrs V Brown; secretary, Mrs S Pellerin; treasurer, Mrs Jean Schoenenberger; publicity, Mrs Kathleen Chase.

Ways and means, Mrs Edith Janis; assisting, Mrs M Kirkpatrick and Mrs Edna Poulis.

shown above with her mother, Mrs Clinton Moffat in the Providence Hospital. Audrey was born at 7:13 p m on New Year's Day and is a baby sister for Shawna, six and Calvin, four. Mr, Moffat is employed by Flint Rig and the family has lived here for nearly two years. As

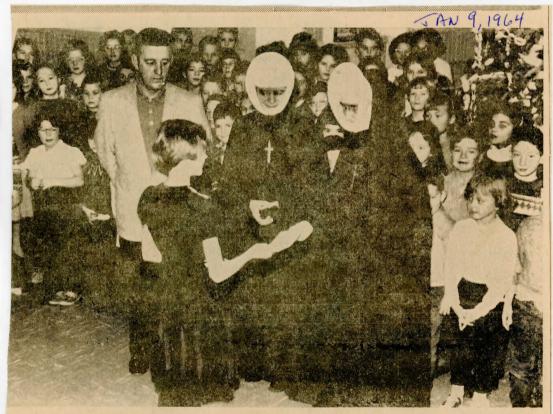
Audrey and her parents will receive a wide array of gifts as advertised in the Alaska Highway News last week from local merchants. Second baby of 1964 was a boy born to Mr and Mrs Sylvio Gauvreau of Taylor in the Providence Hospital only 17 minutes after the first baby.





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PRESENTATION - The students of the Central Elementary School in Fort St John present the Providence Hospital with \$123 for a stretcher and here Sister Mary Marcelina and Sister Mary Miriam

accept the gift. George Broadhurst chairman of the hospital board looks on. The children put on candy sales, and plays to raise the money and the gift reflected the true spirit of Christmas giving.

1964

Monday, February 17—The Providence Hospital W.A. members & associate members will hold their annual dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Frontier Inn Dining room. Tickets must be purchased by Saturday and may be obtained at Spicer's Bakery

Hospital WA asks help from teenagers

The ladies FEB 27, 1964
The ladies auxiliary to the Providence Hospital held their annual dinner meeting at the Frontier Hotel on Monday Feb 17 with 32 members present.

President Mrs R deTonnancourt welcomed old and new members. Mrs Annie Donis, Mhs Flora Pickell and Mrs Evelyn Powell were pinned with a lovely corsage, as these ladies were three of the original members when the auxiliary was formed in 1932 and are still active whenever help is need-

After a delicious dinner of fried chicken, a short meeting was held. Past president Mrs Marion Hamilton gave her 1963 report, and thanked one and all for all the help they gave to the many projects, the hospital cart, the Christmas bazaar, spring tea and the many hours spent in home sewing of baby layettes and pyjamas for children and adults, all in all it was a very successful year. Mrs Betty Herron's talk on the senior citizen's home was enjoyed by all.

A motion was passed, that the auxiliary will not have an Easter Monday ball, but will hold their spring tea as usual in May.

If there are any girls ages 14-19 who are interested in becoming Candy Stripers please phone either Mrs deTonnancourt or Mrs F Jarvis. These girls will be junior auxiliary members and will help in the hospital by reading to the children, writing letters for patients unable to write, also taking the cart one day a week.

One of the doctors who will be working in Providence Hospital has asked the auxiliary to help purchase a heart respirator, so that will be our project for 1964, the cost being about \$600, so any ladies interested in joining this very active organization will be welcomed on any third Monday of each month in the W A room in the basement of the hospital.

The date was set for our Christmas bazaar and tea to be held in the hospital on Saturday Nov 21, 1964.

Mrs deTonnancourt then thanked Mrs Hamilton and pres-



THIS IS OUR little hospital, with its newly painted red cross on the roof. Here about 80 patients come every month,

with clinics held twice a week. Give to the Red Cross this week, and support your local hospital.

FEB 27, 1964 Red Cross makes annual appeal

gress, with canvassers doing not much in demand. house-to-house visits all over town as well as in the outlying areas.

The campaign started early this year, on Feb 21, and continues for two weeks. Convenors are Mrs Robert Dundas and Mrs Stu Drinnan. Zone captains are Mrs Don Machan, Mrs Bill Olinger, Mrs Wally Munro, Mrs Danny Smith (Lynx Creek), Mrs Jean Davidson (Beryl Prairie), Mrs A H F Wylie (B C Hydro camp). These zone captains are responsible for their own areas, and have many canvassers to assist them.

To start off the campaign, an organizational luncheon was held at the Outpost Hospital on Feb 10. This hospital is no doubt responsible for the very good reception given to Red Cross canvassers in this area. Last year over \$600 was collected here and it is expected that this year's figure will be even high-

The hospital supplies the only medical facilities in Hudson Hope, with Mrs Drinnan as the resident nurse. It was first opened about 14 years ago, since when the stuation has changed enormously and the work of the hospital has correspondingly increased. Clinics are held twice a week, with the resident doctor from the project in attendance. Outpatients attending the hospital average around

The Hudson Hope district Red | 80 per month. There is one bed Cross canvass is now in pro- for inpatients, but this service is

A feature of the Red Cross service is that drugs are supplied at cost, which is a considerable saving over prices normally paid.

In addition the Red Cross funds are used for many other things, including disaster relief, aid to burnt out families, assistance in all kinds of distress and water safety work.

Our record in this town for Red Cross support is good, so let's keep it that way, and give something to the canvassers when they call.

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SEPTEMBER

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he following were elected to management board of Prolence Hospital on Apr 28 at annual meeting; G Broadrst, chairman; E Osborne, ce-chairman; Sister Miriam, cretary; H Fines, government presentative; Duncan Cran, MacLean, Pat Walsh, Mrs J eddell, Sister Mederic, S ster oseline and Sister Marcellina,

The administrator's report for .963 and the first three months of this year was submitted to the board by Sister Marcellina.

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The medical and surgical department showed the high average occupancy of 94 per cent For this reason the board decided to approach the government for approval to complete two rooms in the unfinished area. This has been granted and the hospital will have eight extra beds on the second floor by Jun 1.

The medical staff is making a determined effort to bring the hospital up to accredited standard.

It is expected that two new doctors will join the staff this summer. It is not yet known who they are. Dr G Stefanik will return in July.

Fire drills are to be resumed and will become part of the hospital's schedule. The 'disaster plan' will be completed in the near future.

for 1963 were \$3,691.95. SOME STATISTICS

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It is also of interest to note that although this is a comparatively new hospital it is still necessary to spend over \$3,000 on improvements.

Sister Lucien, director of nursing at the hospital has gone to Seattle for further study. She

line.

The WA to Providence Hospital donated \$600 to the hospital for equipment besides giving gifts to all the patients at Christmas. The hospital would like to express their sincere appreciation through the columns of th's paper.

will be replaced by Sister Rose-

Recently the hospital lost the association and service of two dedicated people whose assistance and interest in the affairs of the hospital have been untimely severed by death. Both Frank Gross and Pat McCann will be missed by all the staff.

Mother Superior of Providence Hospital wishes to thank the members of the board of management for their faithful and untiring efforts which have done so much toward bringing the hospital into being and for their continued assistance in endeavors to achieve the primary purpose of the hospital—that of providing a good and safe standard of patient care.

DONATIONS

Many private individuals have made generous donations to the hospital board. The hospital is of course more than grateful to all these people.

Apart from these there are many of the service clubs and associations in town who have also been very generous. Following is a resume of the donors and amount given: Kinsmen Club, \$388.50; WA to the legion \$548.86; Junior Red Cross \$58.50; Patricial Johnson memorial fund, \$155; Beta Sigma Phi \$132; Baldonnel WI \$220; JayCees, \$500; community shower service, \$65.25; WA to Providence Hospital \$600; Central Elementary school \$123.

Total donations to the hospital





is Duncan Cran, also on the board and between George and Sister Marcellina is Mrs Jim Young of Rose Prairie who was at one time the Red Cross nurse here and has been working with Sister Marcellina in the Peace River for the past 34 years.

SISTER SUPERIOR HONORED—Sister Marcellina, who left for North Battleford after six years as superior of the Providence Hospital was honored Sunday when George Broadhurst, hospital board chairman, presented her with a gift and a bouquet of flowers. On the left

HOSPITAL STAFF

Recent additions to the medical staff at Providence Hospital are two graduate nurses, Miss Karen Morrisen and Miss Joyce Sansregret. Both gris graduated from the Misercordia Hospital, Edmonton, and arrived in Fort St John this week.

Another new member of the staff is Donna Quesnel from Richmond and Vancouver Vocational School.

The mother superior expects more nurses to arrive through the next few months to complete her staff here.

To North Battleford

Presentation to hospital superior

Over 100 people gathered Sunday afternoon at the Immaculata Hall to honor the Rev Sister Marcellina, superior at the Providence Hospital who has been posted after many years ser-

vice at Fort St John, to North Battleford, Sask.

Catering for the tea were the CWL and the Providence Hospital Auxiliary. Presiding at the urns were mesdames George Broadhurst and Carl Donis.

During the afternoon, George Broadhurst, chairman of the hospital board made a presentation to Sister Marcellina who replied as follows: "My Dear Friends:

"First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind gesture on the part of the CWL. and the Hospital Auxiliary in preparing this most pleasant social gathering, the announcement of which took me by surprise.

"I am thankful for the inviopportunity to pay my tribute of gratitude to all of you who have shared with us the tremendous experience of developing and administrating a hospital, which serves the present needs of the community. It is a tribute to your dedication



AT FAREWELL TEA-Mrs Carl Donis, right, presides at the urn during the farewell tea for Sister Marcellina, Providence Hospital superior who left for North Battleford on Monday. Left to right are Mrs Cliff Marcoux and Mrs Heinz Goldbach. The tea, sponsored by the hospital auxiliary and the CWL was held in the Immaculata Hall Sunday.

care in this district has gone cept of charity to the sick. along way since a group of active and powerful leaders first conceived the idea of the need for a general hospital and got tation because it gives me an it off to a start by devoting much time, and effort in providing facilities for the health care of a growing community.

"The results of these efforts were far reaching because this community is still composed of a fine achievement and it is dedicated, public spirited, hard working citizens who give their "Progress in hospital and health best in fulfilling the great pre-

"To give credit to the accomplishments of these past years, we are indebted to the many organizations and citizens of this area for their untiring effort in the pursuit of the aims and objectives that we are all so desirous of achieving. It is an inspiration to see the unselfish spirit which animates you and your conscientiousness of the fact that an adequate hospital service can come only from the united effort of many people. Especially do I have in mind the Hospital Auxiliary. It makes me feel very humble. when I realize the hours of work and effort that go into their various projects for the benefit of the patients.

'For my part, it has been a pleasure and a real privilege to have in some way served you and your families in time of sickness and to have been part of this community for a number

"I shall cherish pleasant memories of my associations in Fort St John and shall ask God to bless each one of you.

"Once again, to everyone and for everything I say 'Thank You."

Sister Marc llina left for her new posting Monday



15 YRS AGO — SEPT 4, 1964 NORTH PEACE will lose a very dear friend this week when the Rev Sister Marcellina, superior of the Providence Hospital, leaves for a new posting in North Battleford. Many people will remember Sister Marcellina from the hectic days of the rickety wooden structure when under severe handicaps she and her dedicated associates offered only the best care to the sick. Then there was the difficult time during the planning and construction of the beautiful new Providence Hospital. Sister Marcellina never faltered . . . always had a kind word and a smile . . . and we feel that our new hospital was made possible to a great extent by her dogged determination and tireless efforts. During a tea honoring her, George Broadhurst, chairman of the Hospital Board, said that Sister Marcellina was his right arm and that her position will be a difficult one to fill. When one looks back over the 30 odd years since the Sisters of Providence first came to Fort St John and sees just what has been accomplished despite untold hardships, it is easy to understand what George said and what a loss sister's departure to North Battleford will mean to us all.

15 YRS AGO-SEPT 14, 1964 AFTER 16 years in Fort St NEW SUPERIOR: Recently arrived to take

John Sister Marcelina, superior at the Providence Hospital, is eleaving. She is also administrator of the hospital. She is leaving to become superior at North Battleford hospital.

RECENTLY ARRIVED TO take over the arduous responsibilities of Sister Superior from Sister Marcelina at Providence Hospital is Sister Ann Emily from St Joseph Hospital, Dawson Creek.

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1964 - HOSPITAL STATS for 1963 show that about half the population of FSJ, 2,755 were in-patients last year and more than the total population, 5,802, dropped in to have minor repairs affected.

Annual bazaar Nov 21

Providence Hospital W A will hold their annual Christmas bazaar and tea Saturday Nov 21 from 2-5 pm in the Elks Hall.

Mrs Tulie Hamilton general convenor has lined up a variety of booths, among these will be sewing, home-baking, lucky seven, plants, candy, parcel post, Christmas table with Yule logs, stockings, candles etc.

Santa Claus will be there to greet the children.

Raffle tickets are now on sale from any WA member, first prize being a chest of silver, second a turkey. Anyone wishing to nonate new or used articles, for the white elephant table, please phone 2362 and we will be happy to collect them.

15 YRS AGO — NOV 26, 1964 BAZAAR: Providence Hospital WA wishes to thank everyone who supported their very successful bazaar and tea which was held in the Elks Hall. Enough money was cleared to purchase the bone surgery supplies which the hospital needed, also a good contribution towards a tape recorder and projector. Raffle winners were: first, \$50 chest of silver, Mrs Phylis Ryder; second, turkey, Mrs F Knott; Cottage Cake made by Mrs Lawrick, Mrs G Kiss; Doll cake made by Mrs M Bougie, Miss Eileen Hella. Nursery raffle won by Mrs Clarice Richter. Door prize Christmas cake, Mrs Syd Johns. Penny Fair Prizes: Sister Medrich, scotty dog; Mrs Joe Laithwaite, lion; Mrs Hazel Nutter, leather case; Mrs Ella Fraser, horsehead plaque; Mrs Doreen Fell, broach; Mrs Rose Gretzinger, Nativity candle; Mrs Eva Chiulli, relish dish; Mrs Rose Green, necklace; Kenny Chase, cup and saucer; Joan Lewis, cream and sugar.

MONDAY, November 16—W.A. to Providence Hospital meeting, in the hospital at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 21— Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar 2 'til 5 in the Elks Hall.



LESTER NEILSON decided to give the emergency stretcher a try, when children of the Central school arrived at the hospital to present a cheque for the final payment. Seen here are, left to right, Peggy Scheck, Andy Campbell, Michael Eg-

lese, Cheryl Galbreath (president), Debby Brown, Dora Thompson, Joyce Dyck, Sister Ann Emily, superior. Standing is Alec Hendrickson, Central school principal.



KIRBY PARNELL, left and Raymond Knott, in high chair, were two patients who joined in the presentation, when Donna McRae, president of the Robert Ogilvie Junior Red Cross presented a cheque for \$40 to Sister Superior last week. That's Sister Thomas Andrew standing beside Kirby. Mrs Hickey and Mrs Bedard, teachers at the Ogilvie school, can be seen peeking over the children's shoulders.

15 yrs ago 8 dec 27, 1964 CHILDREN GIVE. Two local schools made presentations to the hospital at Christmas time. In both cases the money was raised by efforts of the children. One school was the Robert Ogilvie, where a group of about 20 children have formed a Jr Red Cross branch and have worked very hard. They put on a Christmas tea and raised \$160. From this they gave a jolly jumper to the children's ward in the hospial, and also a cheque for \$40. They also gave a \$40 cheque to the School for retarded children. The cheques were presented by the club's president, Donna McRae. The other presentation was a stretcher for the emergency ward, given by the children of the Central School. This is a project which has been going on for some time but the final payment of \$58 was made last week. The money was raised by the school's Jr Red Cross branch and by the the students. In addition, the school paid for a plaque to be put on the stretcher. Totalost of the stretcher alone is \$257. Of this the Government pays one-third. The children have raised \$181.78 as their share. A group of children went to the hospital last week to make the presentation to Sister Superior.

Providence tree. The only vacant chair was

THE SISTERS of Providence tree were hostesses on Wednesday that might at a filet mignon dinner the in the hospital auditorium when enjo

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There are several nagging deficiencies around the building. These include cracked formica on counters, missing storm windows, missing tile. The hospital board writes dozens of letters in a year, urging rectification from the sub trades on these fairly minor items. The elevators are finally in order, but have offered the biggest problem in efficiency so far. The tiles must be ordered from Eng-

"Surely," said Chairman George Broadhurst at the October meeting, "They must be coming around the horn without radar.'

The radiologist has terminated his contract with the hospital, and plates are currently being sent outside for analysis.

Sister Ann Emily, superior, Sister Miriam and Dr Lamont attended a disaster institute at Prince George in the middle of October. The course was on procedure and organization in the event of an explosion, fire or accident which would tax hospital facilities.

Explosion and fire the disasters which could strike any local hospital with fury and without warning-but BC's northern hospitals should be

June Tibbetts, Mr W Wanka, Mr Duwayne Bell of Pouce Coupe hospital disaster institute held at Prince George Oct 15 and 16.

A dummy run of the Prince George regional hospital's dis-

gency health services were described and advice on local special problems was given.

it Fireproof" was the best shown, and even senior personnel from emergency can get more inforthe coast who had been invited mation by calling any local hosto help instruct were able to pital administrator, Mr Murray learn more useful aspects which Stevens local civil defence cowould help them to meet any ordinator, or Dr Bailey at the future disaster with greater con- health unit.

fidence.

Discussion times were centered around "What Can We do Here" and so was practical and helpful to everyone.

make nice Christmas gifts.

Johns.

cream and sugar.

Anyone interested, or who might be able to help in time of

Hospital disaster plan viewed

Sister Anne Antoinette, Sister Jacintha and Mr A S Grudniski, (Engineer) of St Joseph's Hospital. Dawson Creek; Sister Anne Emily, Sister Rosaline and Dr J J Temple of Fort St John; Mrs and Dr T J Bailey of the Peace River health unit saw and heard of other hospitals' experiences both good and bad at the northern

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A Canadian film "They Called



21—Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar Elks Hall.

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