



FIRST BABY of the New Year in the North Peace, little Miss Patricia Louise Arntson, didn't arrive till 16 minutes past midnight on Jan 2. Shown with her mother, Mrs Edwin Arntson of Fort St John, Patricia who weighed 9 pounds 12 ounces at birth will receive a large number of gifts from local merchants as advertised in last week's

issue. One of the prizes, a month's supply of milk delivered to the door by Northern Alberta Dairy Pool, has been donated to the Horning family who lost their trailer and possessions in the fire on New Year's Eve. The Arntsons have lived here for nine years.

Membership duties outlined in verse

JAN 20, 1966

attend the meetings?
 And make sure your
 views are heard?
 Or . . .perhaps you
 are always absent,
 And yet criticize
 every word!
 Do you willingly
 take an office
 When it seems to have
 gone the rounds?
 Or . . .do you leave your
 share for others?
 Well! Such duty,
 evaded, rebounds!
 'Tis the time
 again for elections
 As we start
 another year,
 Just include in YOUR
 fresh resolvings

The Annual Meeting of the WA to Providence Hospital was held Monday, Jan 17, 1966 at the WA room and was well attended in spite of the stormy, sub-zero weather. The dinner-meeting for February was planned and it is hoped we will have a good attendance then also.

It was unanimously moved that our meeting night be changed to the third Wednesday of each month, commencing in February 1966.

Our slate of officers for the coming term is as follows: immediate past president, Mrs Rose DeTonnancourt; president, Mrs Lucy Sheek; first vice-president, Mrs Pat Haugen; second vice-president, Mrs Clarisse Richter; third vice-president, Mrs Mary Lohman; secretary, Mrs Molly Stark; treasurer, Mrs Phyllis Doetzel; publicity, Mrs Edith Jarvis; membership, Mrs Rose DeTonnancourt, Mrs Gay Spicer; WA 'goody' cart, Mrs Louise 'Toulie' Hamilton; booth, Mrs Georgette Rivet; Mrs Clarisse Richter; candy strippers, Mrs Marie Kirkpatrick; new-born baby pictures, Mrs Marie Bowlby.

Can you say you're
 an active member,
 Your Auxiliary's
 interest at heart?
 Or just casually
 pay your dollar
 Merely dead-wood, then,
 right from the start!
 Do you try to

expansion announced

JAN 6, 1966

George Broadhurst, chairman of the hospital board, has received a letter from the Hon Eric Martin, minister of health, promising that the remaining nine beds on the east wing of the second storey of the Providence hospital will be brought into use.

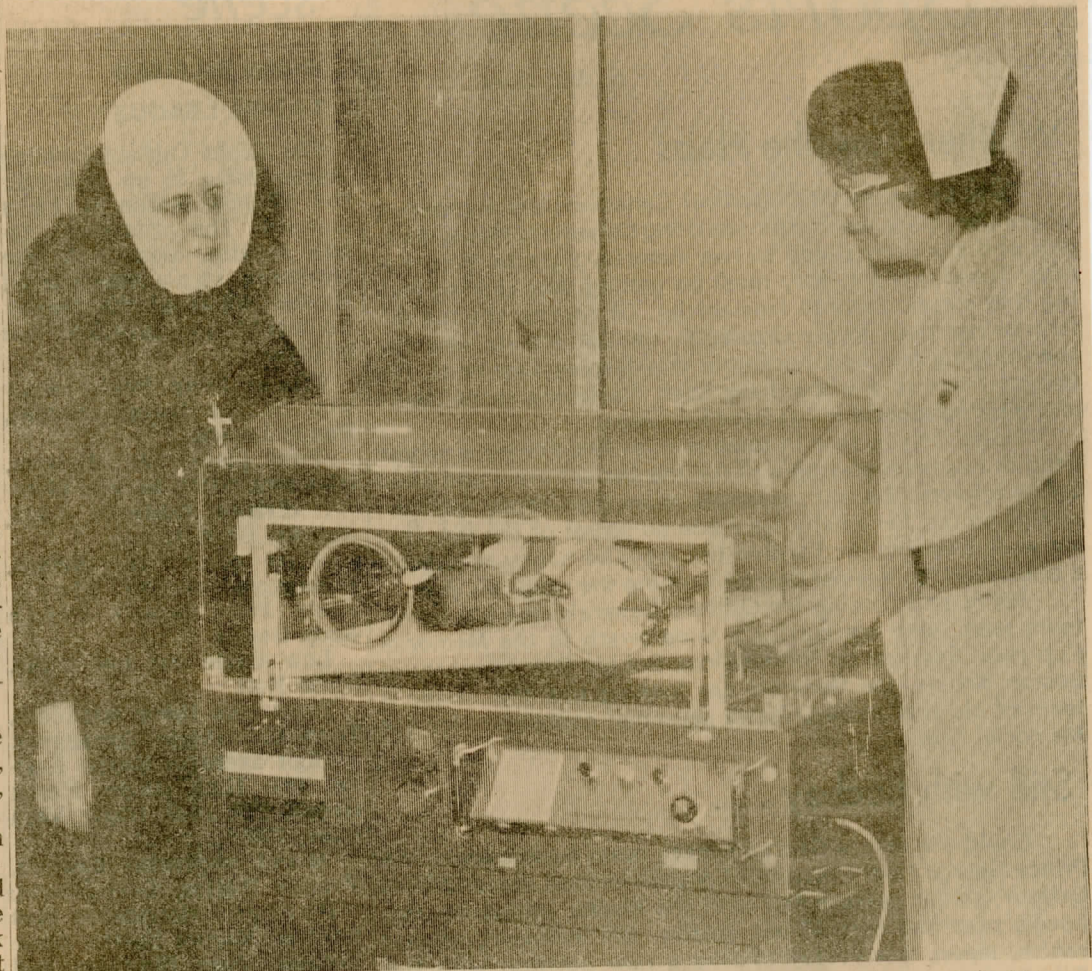
The move has been promised as a result of population growth, says the letter. This will leave the east wing of the lower floor still to be developed.

George is very happy over the letter and expects that the new area will be in use by spring.

Hospital regional meet here

The meetings of the Northeast Regional Division of the B C Hospital Auxiliaries to be held in Fort St John on May 13 and 14 will be open to anyone interested if they signify their intention to attend in advance. An agenda of the meetings will be published at a later date. There is to be a dinner on the Friday evening with registration to kick off the meetings the next morning. A trip to Hudson's Hope to the damsite is being planned for the Saturday afternoon. Speaker of the weekend will be Arthur McClellan, Dawson Creek barrister.

Auxiliary members will be coming here from Quesnel, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, Prince George, Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Fort Nelson and possibly McBride. Anyone of the public interested in learning more about the W A, its aims and work should make an effort to get to these meetings.



CURRENT PROJECT for the Providence Hospital W A is purchase of this intensive care isolette, costing \$1,104. The latest

newborn models the isolette while Sister Superior Ann Emily and Nurse Violet Woodward look on.

CURRENT PROJECT FOR THE HOSPITAL WA is an intensive care isolette costing \$1,104. Sr Superior Ann Emily took delivery in the name of the hospital this week.

THE TUSSLE CONTINUES over the new hospital situation. Voters of the North Peace gave a thumping majority to Bert Bowes, Frank Spicer and Bob Oakley for the Hospital Improvement Association.

Hospital sightseers

Three hundred North Peace children have toured the Providence hospital this week, as part of the publicity in connection with Hospital Week.

The tours are arranged with the schools and the sisters act as guides.

In addition, members of the general public are welcome to come and see their hospital, any time between 2 and 4 p.m.



HIGHLIGHT OF LAST week's hospital WA's regional meeting here for Valerie Brouillette was presentation of her 100-hour pin as a candy-striper. Mrs A B Watson of Dawson Creek, unanimously re-elected as regional representative, presented the pin. For more on candy-strippers, and full story on the regional meeting, see next week's issue.

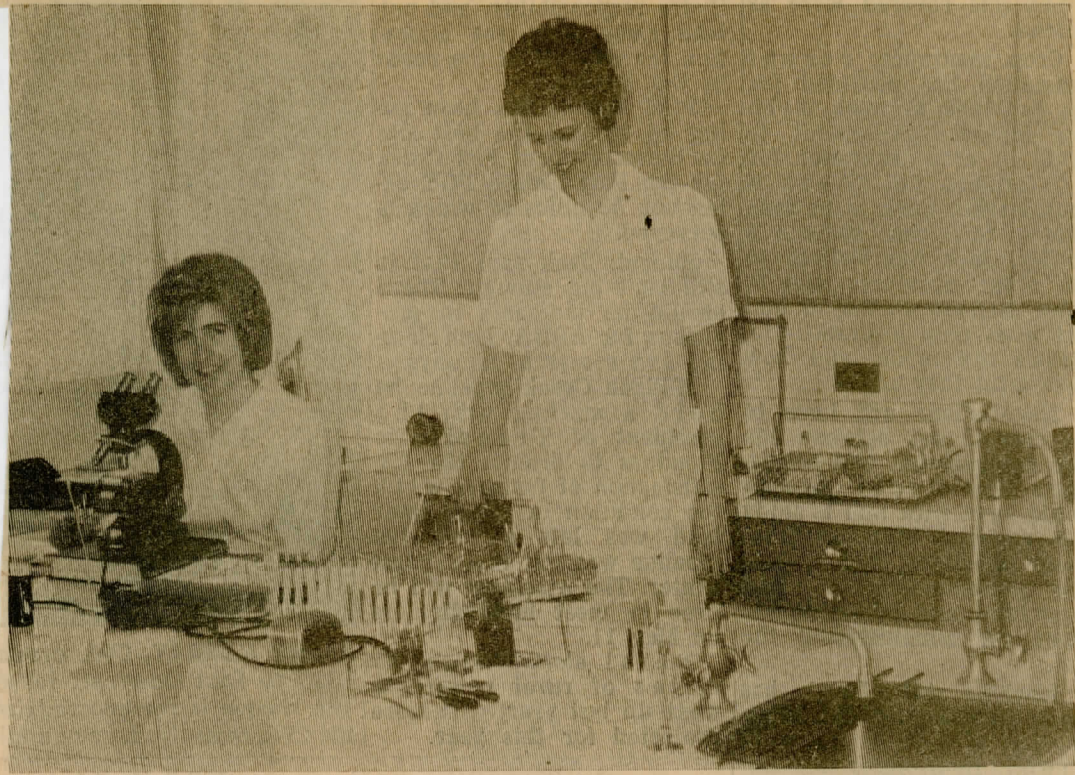
15 YRS AGO, MAY 11, 1966

MOTHER-OF-THE-YEAR. Mrs D K Goodfellow of Montney was chosen "Mother of the Year" in the Mother's Day contest conducted over CKNL. The winning entry was submitted by Mrs Goodfellow's daughter Lucille and was selected from the great number of entries received. Mrs Goodfellow was the first baby born in the old Providence Hospital here and has been a resident of the North Peace all her life. She is the mother of three children. Stan Bell of Columbia Stores presented Mrs Goodfellow with a gift certificate for \$25. worth of merchandise at Columbia Stores where she may select from the wide range of latest fashions, shoes or gift lines. Bob Harder of Super-Valu extended his congratulations as he presented a \$25 gift certificate good for groceries, fresh bakery items or any other article in the store. Henry Wiebe of Select Service also presented a \$25 gift certificate entitling Mrs Goodfellow to Pacific 66 products or service work at the Select Service Station. Mr & Mrs Goodfellow were hosted at a dinner at the Scott Motor Hotel on Sunday evening by the managers of the three businesses.

10 YRS AGO — MAY 12, 1966

MRS DK GOODFELLOW of Montney was chosen mother of the year. An entry submitted by her daughter Lucille was selected by the judges. Mrs Goodfellow was the first baby born in the Old Providence Hospital and has lived in the North Peace all her life.

MAY 12, 1976



HOSPITAL WEEK is something special for Fort St John this year, with the northern regional hospital auxiliary meeting here this weekend. Among the silent

workers behind the scenes who help to make a hospital tick are the lab technicians. See next week for more pictures of hospital workers, in eight different departments.

Hospital birth rate down but payroll up

The birth rate in Fort St John and district is dropping.

Providence Hospital's year-end statement show 53 fewer babies born in the hospital in 1965 than in the preceding year. And 1964 was down 21 births from 1963. Every other item involving patients and the services extended to them is up. So are costs up, except for electricity.

The local hospital pumps into the district economy each year money amounts which continue to rise. Salaries for 1963 amounted to \$358,647. This figure is an increase over 1964 of almost \$44,000. At the end of the current year it will take another big jump because of the certification of employees with unions, a step taken only recently.

The drop in the cost of electricity to the hospital as

shown on the following statement, is not, according to the secretary of Providence, Sister Miriam, a true figure. Wattage at the hospital was incorrectly recorded through a faulty meter which baffled Hydro personnel. Before the trouble was found by experts from the coast, the hospital's power bill was ahead almost \$3,000.

The new wing to be completed by June will provide additional beds, for a total of 80.

Hospitals — next to schools — provide the surest figures on the growth of town and district.

Here are the 1965 figures: ('64 and '63 figures in brackets.)

In patients, 3,460, (3,053, 2,755); babies born, 504, (557, 578); out patients, 7,378, (8,826, 5,802); patient days, 22,960, (19,972, 19,239); new born days, 3,215, (3,497,

4,185); x-rays, 9,167, (8,310, 7,953); laboratory units, 50,295, (52,076, 39,659); operations, 1,231, (950, 788); No. of patients treated in emergency (outpatients), 7,370, (7,183, 5,481).

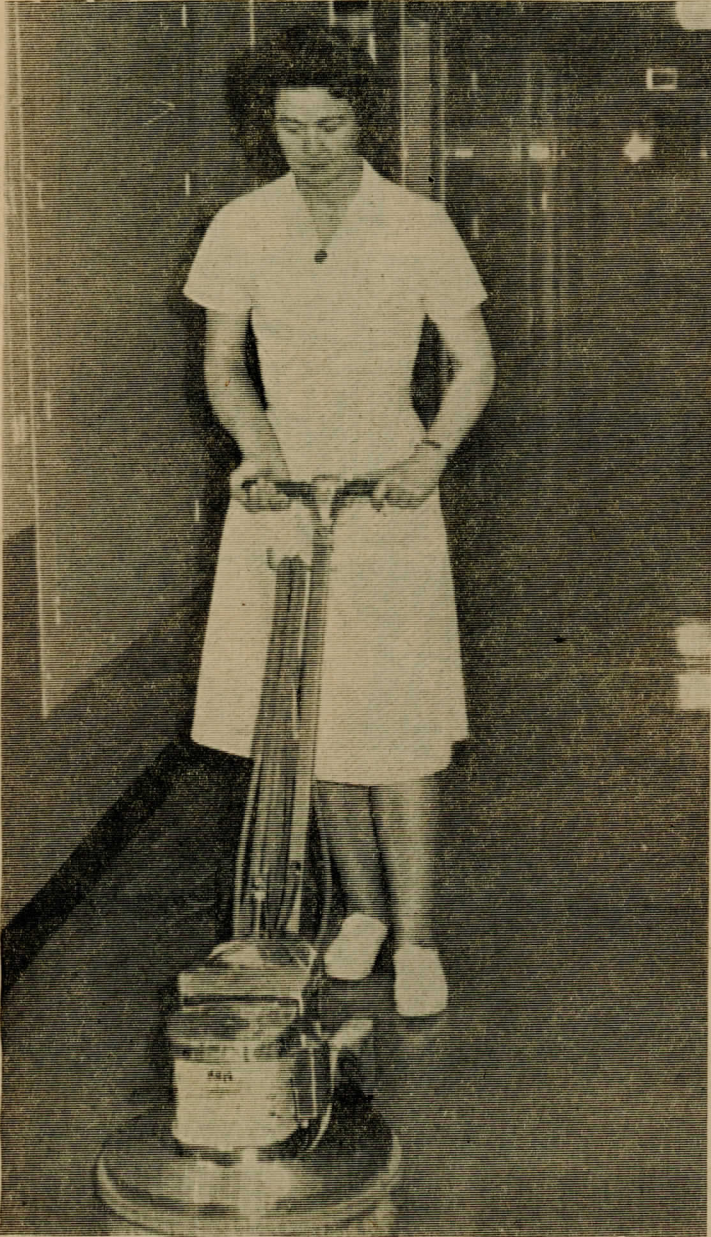
Average occupancy of adults and children, 82.7 per cent, (75.3 per cent, 77.5 per cent); salaries, \$358,647, (\$315,112).

Postage, \$1,195, (\$1,091); telephone and telegraph, \$2,809, (\$2,693); gas, \$11,046, (\$9,380); electricity, \$6,454, (\$9,521); water and sewer, \$1,906, (\$1,283); oxygen, \$5,388, (\$3,211).

Our hospital at work

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CLOSE TO 300 children toured the Providence hospital during Hospital Week last week, as well as the visiting delegates of the northern region of hospital auxiliaries.



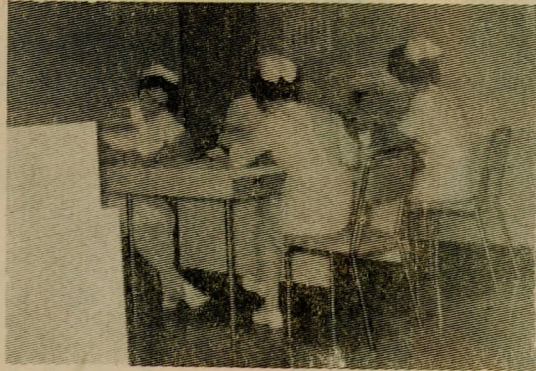
CONSTANTLY AT work is the housekeeping department . . .



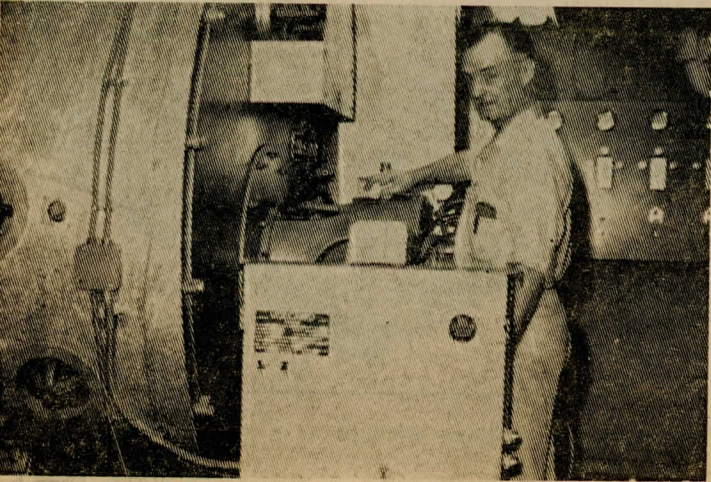
SISTER SORTS drugs in pharmacy . . .



COMMERCIAL LAUNDRIES might envy the hospital's equipment . . .



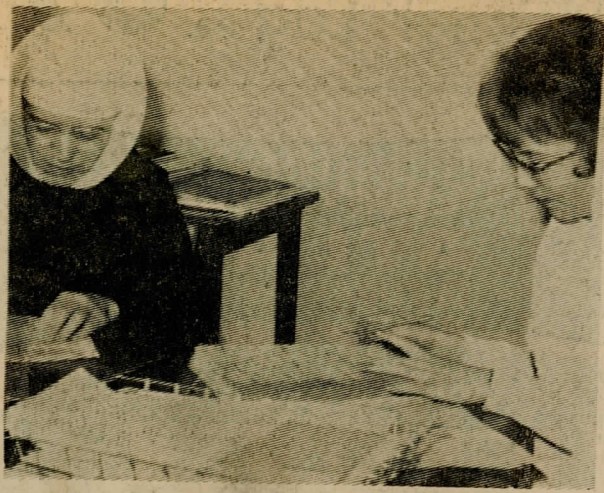
THE NURSING staff writes up records . . .



THE ENGINEER'S department . . .



THE DIETARY department . . .



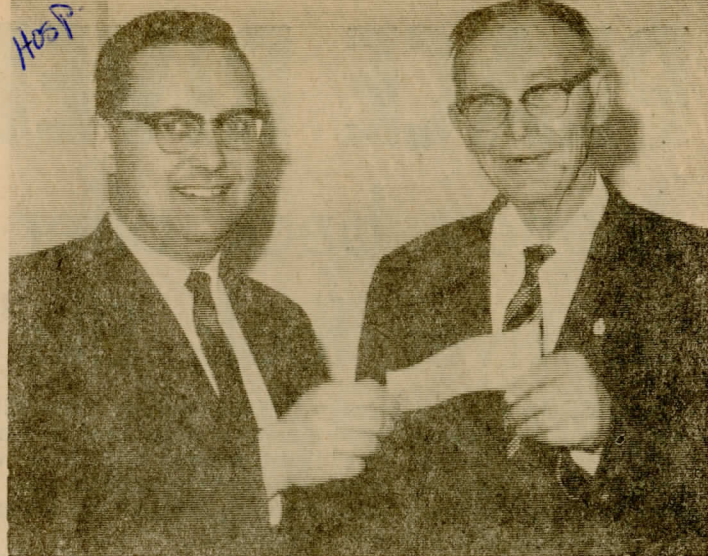
OFFICE WORK for an 80-bed hospital is considerable . . .



UNSEEN WORKERS are these in the record department . . .

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15—Meeting of hospital
W.A. at 8 p.m. in Auxiliary room.

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RUSS DANELUK, United Fund treasurer, hands over a cheque for \$990 to Duncan Cran of the Red Cross. Ten per cent is still to come when United Fund payroll deductions are complete.

United Fund pays out first cheques

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with George Ouellette about the Airport School, reported elsewhere.

Accounts payable are then moved, but no figure is mentioned. "Some of them will be paid and some won't", remarks Ted Vince. There is no explanation of this cryptic remark.

The board then ratifies the hiring of Tony von Hollen to replace someone (could not catch the name). What for? Turns out he's a teacher. Where's he going to teach? Nobody says.

We end on a happy note, with a report of the budget review, outlined elsewhere in this issue.

Fort St John's first United Fund campaign has closed its books, except for contributions still to come in from payroll deductions. Cheques have been handed out to 10 organizations by Russ Daneluk, the fund's treasurer.

Ten per cent of the total for each organization has been held back until payroll collections are complete.

The total of \$6,600 has been divided as follows: Children's Hospital, \$975; CNIB, \$725; Boy Scouts, \$700; CARS, \$650; Kinsmen Mother's March, \$950; Society for Retarded Children, \$650; Red Cross, \$1,100; Salvation Army, \$500; Providence Hospital W.A., \$250; John Howard Society, \$100.

Mr Daneluk feels that the campaign did well for its first year, even though the target of \$10,000 was not reached. He believes that there should be no difficulty in reaching the target in the next campaign.

Hospital auxiliaries provide personal link

Section three

ALASKA HIGHWAY NEWS

FORT ST JOHN, B C, THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1966

The Northeast Regional meeting of the Hospital Women's Auxiliary was started off May 13 with a banquet in the Burch Kirk Hall on Friday evening. Fifty-one people were present at the dinner including candy strippers and other invited guests. Mrs Lucy Scheck, president of the Providence WA welcomed the guests and introduced the people at the head table who were; George Broadhurst, Mr and Mrs Bud Hamilton, Dr and Mrs O D Haugen, Sisters Ann Emily and Alfred, Mrs Wallace Johnston, Mrs M Scheck and Mrs N Cosick.

Mr Broadhurst spoke to the group on the value of auxiliary work to the hospital and how much it was appreciated. Welcoming the out-of-town guests was Mr Bud Hamilton as acting mayor. Dr Haugen thanked the auxiliaries for the help they give to the hospital from the medical stand-point.

The dinner guests were entertained by the Bert Bowes Bell Ringers under the direction of Mr T Eames. The out-of-towners remarked on how relaxing the music was and how marvellously the girls manipulated the bells.

The lovely turkey supper was served by the Presbyterian Ladies.

About 30 ladies gathered in the assembly room at the hospital the following day for the business meeting. Main speaker at the morning session was Art McClellan of Dawson Creek.

Delegates were present from Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Fort Nelson, Prince George and Fort St John. Missing was representation from McBride.

The afternoon session started out with a very interesting discussion by Mrs Marie Kirkpatrick of Fort St John and Mrs Esther Proudlove of Quesnel on candy strippers. They very ably answered the questions about who Candy Strippers are and what they do. Usually candy strippers are girls from 15 to 18 years who have shown an interest in their community hospital and the work of it. They are

given particular assignments to perform during their working hours, most often in the children's ward, reading to youngsters, entertaining them or preparing them and aiding them at mealtimes.

The girls often run errands distribute trays or assist in shampooing patients. They also help the Ladies Auxiliary with the hospital cart and booth.

They are governed by certain rules and regulations and have a regular slate of officers with meetings held once a month. For hours of valuable service they give to the hospital. Sister Ann Emily spoke briefly on the

value of candy strippers from the hospital staff's point of view. Following this discussion in Fort St John candy stripper, Valerie Brouillette, looking very attractive and efficient in her rose and white striped pinafore, was presented with an award pin for 100 hours service by Mrs A B Watson. (Continued on page four)



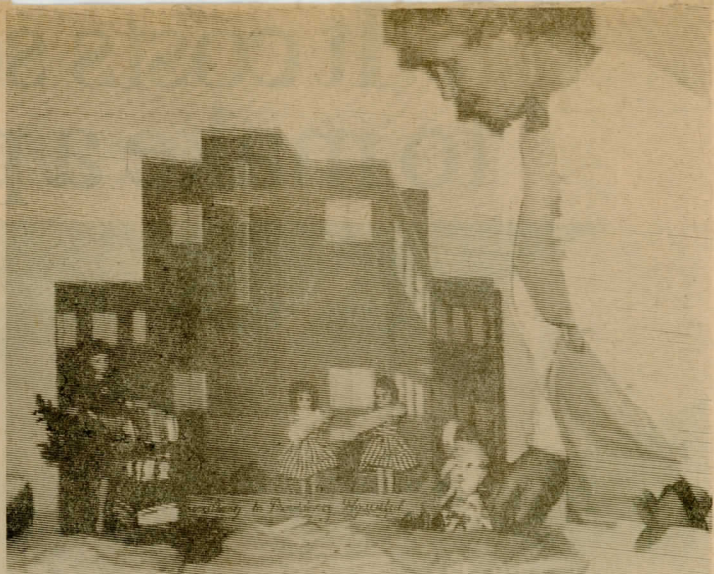
LOCAL HOSPITAL auxiliary president Lucy Scheck, with Mrs A B Watson, Dawson Creek, regional representative, Mrs Wallace Johnston, Vancouver, provincial

president, and Mrs N Cosick, Dawson Creek, regional secretary, at the recent hospital auxiliaries regional meeting here.



VOTING DELEGATES at the recent regional meeting of hospital auxiliaries were Mrs H Weinhardt, Vanderhoof; Mrs R Bourke, Williams Lake; Mrs J Proud-

love, Quesnel; Mrs G L Hoy, Fort Nelson; Mrs D McIntyre, Pouce Coupe; Mrs N Bell, Prince George; Mrs W Goldack, Dawson Creek; and Mrs E Scheck, Fort St John.



MRS L DOETZEL, Providence hospital W A treasurer, admires the Fort St John exhibit, a model of the hospital made by Josephine Budac.

FEATURED SPEAKER at the hospital auxiliaries regional meeting was Art McClellan of Dawson Creek.

DISTURBANCE IN THE HOSPITAL

Ila Olsen was fined \$30 on May 13 on a charge of causing a disturbance by shouting. She was creating an uproar in the hospital in the middle of the night and waking all the patients. Her four

children were at home with a baby-sitter.

"I wanted to see my boy friend", she said. "They flew him out to Edmonton this morning."

"You were very thoughtless and inconsiderate", said the magistrate.

Hospital auxiliaries

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(Continued from page one) Watson, regional representative.

As no one was nominated for the position of regional representative, Mrs Watson of Dawson Creek was elected by acclamation for a further term of one year.

Mrs Wallace Johnston, provincial president from Vancouver, gave an address to the women on the auxiliary's job as a person to person link between the hospital and the community. She told of the appointment of an advisory board to the provincial executive, a group of public-minded women who can give an over-all view.

Questions were raised by Mrs Johnston on the problem of leadership in the groups and the division of authority. Also she asked the delegates their opinions regarding a "problem clinic" for the provincial convention in October. Mrs Watson thanked Fort St John for hosting the meeting and spoke highly of the organization of it.

After adjournment of the formal meeting the delegates were taken on a bus tour of the Portage Mountain dam and had their evening meal in Hudson's Hope.

The Women's Community Club of Hudson's Hope served a cold plate to the delegates. Mrs Valerie Powell of Fort St John was hostess and in charge of the arrangements for the group.

Hospital delegates here this weekend

MAY 12, 1966

The annual meeting of the Northeast Regional of Hospital Auxiliaries will be held in Fort St John this weekend, May 13 and 14. This meeting aptly coincides with Hospital Week in Canada, May 8 to 14. For greater understanding of our hospitals and the work being done by the staff and volunteers we should make an effort to take part in this.

Delegates will be attending the meeting from Quesnel Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, Prince George, Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe and Fort Nelson. They will start their meeting with a banquet in the Burch Kirk hall at 7 pm Friday evening. On Saturday they begin at 9 am in the assembly hall of the Providence Hospital with a registration of delegates. For the following hour there will be a welcome to the delegates by the regional representative, the opening prayer, the introduction of the provincial president, the reading of the 1965 minutes, the annual report of the

regional representative, the treasurer's report and the report of the nomination committee. Following the coffee break there will be the auxiliaries' reports from delegates and an address by the guest speaker, Arthur McClellan, a Dawson Creek lawyer.

After lunch there will be a panel discussion on the volunteer workers, the candy strippers, with Quesnel and Fort St John taking part. Nominations and election will also take place in the afternoon, followed by the mid-term report of the regional representatives. Prior to the adjournment at 3 pm the provincial president Mrs Wallace Johnston will speak to the group.

The guests will be taken on a bus tour which will end with tea in Hudson's Hope.

Fort St John is very pleased to welcome the delegates of this meeting to our town and hope they will take away pleasant memories of their short stay here.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

NORTH PEACE HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT

DISTRICT NO. 13

will be held on

Thurs., June 30

at

FORT ST. JOHN CENTRAL AUDITORIUM

8:00 P.M.

Election of Trustees for Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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Pioneer WA members talk over old times

JUN 30, 1966

On Wednesday, June 15 the Hospital Women's Auxiliary held its regular meeting in the assembly room of the Providence Hospital. Honored guests were Mrs MK Finch of San Diego and Mrs Robert Ogilvie of Fort St John. Both of these women were on the executive of the first WA formed in 1932. Mrs Finch was the first president and Mrs Ogilvie was a director. In honor of their service, Mrs Finch was presented with a past president's pin and Mrs Ogilvie

was given a life membership.

An enjoyable memory-evoking part of the meeting was the reading of the minutes of that 1932 meeting and a letter from the Sister Superior of that time to the new organization. The first project the auxiliary took upon itself was the planting of the now stately trees in the hospital grounds. Photographs of the opening of the old hospital in 1932 and of the Indian tent then used for TB patients brought many memories to the two honored guests. There were 14 members at the first meeting of the auxiliary and there are now 88 members and associates.

During the business meeting the auxiliary decided to hold their Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Nov 19 in the Legion Auditorium.

Also the group discussed the awarding of the Julia Hellum memorial, an award given to junior workers for outstanding hospital services. Julia Hellum was president of the WA when she died, still a young woman in 1958. The decision was made to present the award to two girls, Donna Parker from the Senior Secondary School and Valerie Carlson from



THIS IS WHAT the Providence Hospital looked like after it was built in 1931 and the three sisters are of the original staff. The early days of the hospital were the subject of pleasant reminiscing by Mrs Finch and Mrs Ogilvie.

Bert Bowes School.

Both girls had given exceptionally of their time and talents to the hospital and are, as well, honor students at school. It was decided that the awards would be presented to them by Mrs

Lucy Scheck, WA president, at their respective school's awards days on June 17 and 21.

At the close of the meeting a lovely lunch was served by Mrs Scheck, Mrs McLean and Mrs Doetzel.

OCTOBER, 1966

Xmas bazaar on Nov 19

Oct 21, 1966

The regular meeting of the Hospital Women's Auxiliary was held last Thursday evening. Plans were finalized for the Christmas bazaar to be held on Sat, Nov 19 in the Legion. The WA would appreciate any donations of home baking, gift articles and hand made articles. There will be a white elephant booth for articles which are lying about the attic and can be of use to someone else. The proceeds from the bazaar will go to the blood bank project.

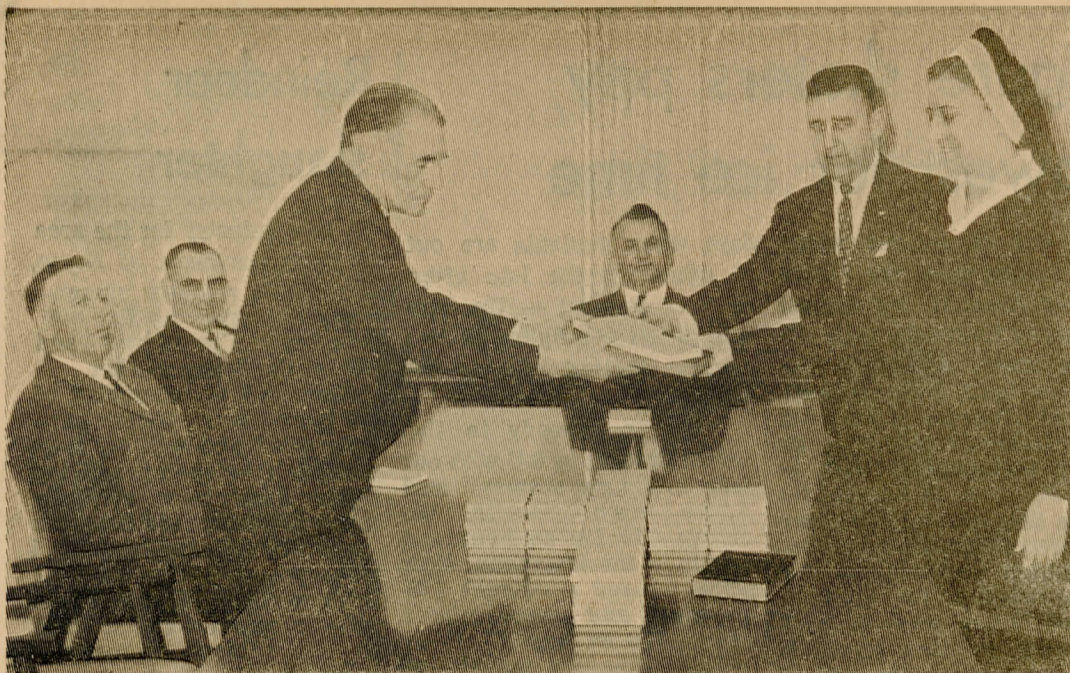
A short report was given on the annual convention which was attended by Mrs L Stark and Mrs M Scheck. Discussion of the role of the candy strippers held a big place at the convention. The candy strippers at the hospital here are a busy hard working group and we are probably in the same position of some of the larger city hospitals who say they don't know how they ever got along without them.

Another topic discussed at the convention was the memorial fund which most WA's have set up at some time or another. The memorial fund sponsored by the Providence WA was started very recently when a friend of Mrs G Westover donated an amount in her name to the fund. This donation is usually instead of flowers and a card is sent to the recipient by the WA. The monies collected are held in a separate fund by the WA until such time as they are needed for a special project of some sort in the hospital.

The blood bank project started by the WA is of special interest to the community at large as it'll enable us to have blood for transfusions already matched at the time of need. Support for the WA's bazaar will be support for their project.

THURS., DEC. 1—Registered Nurses of Peace River District dinner meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Scott Motor Hotel. Chapter meeting to follow if time permits.

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Making the presentation to Sister Superior Ann Emily and George Broadhurst is local Gideons camp representative, Harry Hazlett. Seated left to right, George Langerud, Fred Shortland and Steve Shevkenek, local president.

THE LOCAL CAMP of Gideons International presented Providence Hospital with 83 Gideon Bibles. These Bibles are placed in various institutions throughout the country free of charge. Last May, the 400 million Bible was placed in Canada.

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MRS BILL STARK and Mrs E P Scheck of Fort St John pictured recently visiting Children's Hospital as delegates to the Women's Auxliaries Division of BC Hospital Association. During the past year Children's Hospital has admitted 3,371 patients from 174 B C towns.

WI donates to hospital

Nov 24, 1966

The annual meeting of the Rose Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs Clifford Babcock Nov 16.

Nine members answered the roll call.

It was decided to send a further donation to the district board towards the furnishing of a ward in Providence Hospital.

One member Mrs Eli Tilton received a perfect attendance gift of a cup and saucer

The officers elected for the coming year are: president Mrs Eli Tilton; vice-president Mrs Allan Gordon; secretary-treasurer Mrs S Oliver; directors are Mrs Earl Wilson and Mrs Erling Ness.

The secretary will send the per capita fees and other obligations which come due now.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Eli Tilton Dec 14. This will be the Christmas meeting.

Mrs Earl Wilson adjourned the meeting after which a lovely lunch was served by the hostess Mrs Babcock assisted by Mrs A Gordon. --HAZEL GORDON

WED., NOV. 16—Regular monthly meeting of Providence Hospital W.A. Final plans for Bazaar on the agenda.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 19—Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary Bazaar & tea. Legion Auditorium. 2 to 5 p.m.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 26—Anglican W.A. Bazaar at Wolfendale Hall.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19—Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary Bazaar & tea. Legion Auditorium. 2 to 5 p.m.

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F.S.J. Library celebrates Young Canada Book Week. Art exhibit. Coffee and cake served 2 to 5 p.m. Sale of youth books. Open invitation to all.

