



1966 - FIRST BABY in the North Peace of Centennial New Year is Kevin Thomas

Clarke of Hudson's Hope, who arrived at 7:54 p.m. today in Providence Hospital.

FIVE YEARS AGO — JANUARY 5, 1967

FIRST NEW YEAR'S BABY is little Kevin Thomas Clarke, son of Mr and Mrs Gervais Clarke of Hudson's Hope.

10 YRS AGO — JAN 3, 1967

FIRST BABY OF the Centennial New Year in the North Peace was little Kevin Thomas Clarke. He arrived 7:54 pm on January 2. Kevin weighed six pounds eight ounces at birth. The Clarkes who come from Kamloops have lived at Hudson's Hope since last June. — Today's council meeting was the last one for Ald Ed Smith. Smith is the MLA-elect for North Peace River and has resigned his aldermanic seat to take up his new duties. Ald Bill Stark, on behalf of the town and council recognized the occasion and expressed everyone's appreciation for the work and progress he had contributed to the town during his six years in office.

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Hope, Kevin who weighed six lbs eight oz at birth will receive a large number of gifts from local merchants as advertised in last week's issue. The Clarke's who come from Kamloops, have lived at Hudson's Hope since last June.

Lifesaving blood bank memorial to Ev Powell

A memorial, fitting to the woman it honors, is Providence Hospital's new blood bank, gift of the Hospital's Auxiliary and members of the family and friends of the late Mrs W J (Evelyn) Powell.

Mrs Powell died last fall after a lingering illness. Since 1932 she had been a member of the Hospital Auxiliary. "Although she hadn't been to our meetings since the start of her illness," says Mrs E Scheck, auxiliary president, "we miss her yet. We miss her lovely ways and her wonderful laughing spirit, as well as the work she did for us. We feel that she would be pleased that we chose the blood bank as a memorial to her."

Indeed she would be pleased. The blood bank is manufactured by the Jewett people. It will mean that the Fort St John Hospital can keep on hand if necessary 24 bottles of blood, and can now do its own crossmatching for un-

usual blood types. The blood bank will ensure an absolutely accurate temperature reading which must be between 39 and 42 degrees fahrenheit to keep the blood in top condition. An audio and visio alarm system signals any dangerous fluctuation of temperature. Previously blood was only ordered from the Red Cross when needed, and sample from the patient had to be sent to Edmonton for crossmatching there.

Sister Anne Emily, superior at Providence, says that since December 14, 39 bottles of blood have been used by approximately ten patients with the usual requirements. No accidents or serious surgeries have required a run on blood in great quantity as sometimes happens.

The blood bank has been acquired at a cost of over a thousand dollars, approximately one third of which was picked up by the BCHS, and the rest met by

JAN 26, 1967
A NEW JEWETT blood bank has been made a gift to the Providence Hospital as a memorial to the late Mrs W J Powell who was for 35 years a hardworking member of the auxiliary.

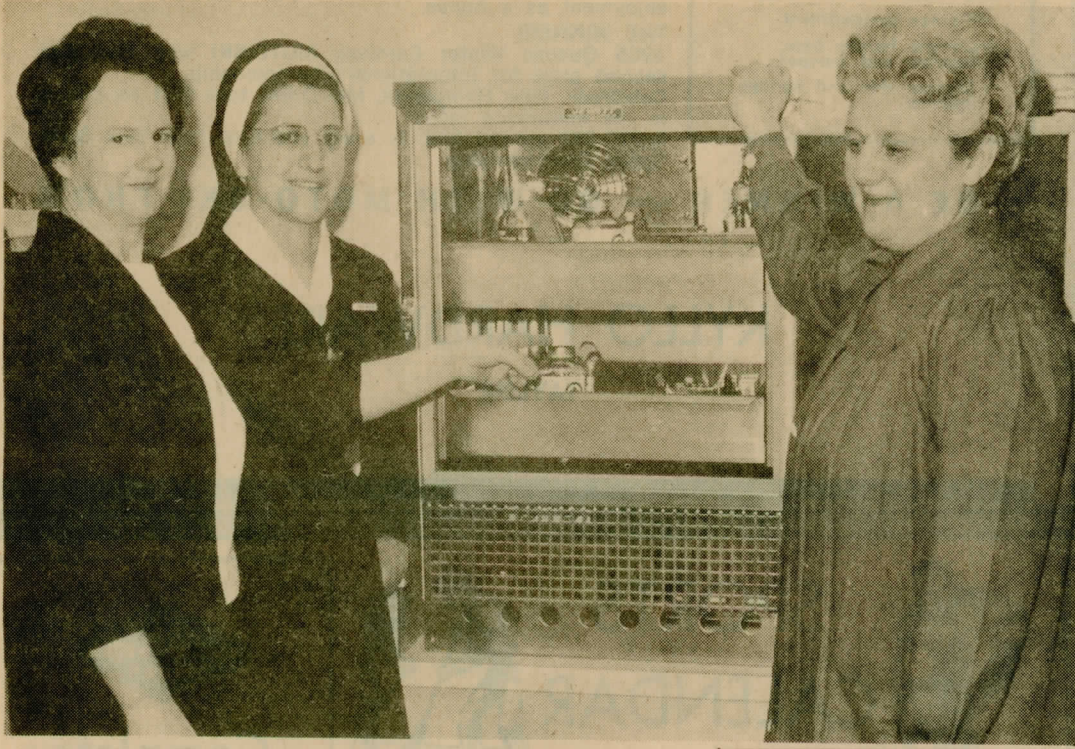
JAN 19, 1967
FRIDAY, JAN. 27 — Floral Dance of the North Peace Chapter of Registered Nurses at Immaculata Auditorium. Tickets \$7.00 per couple.

Auxiliary funds and cash gifts as outlined more.

The Hospital Auxiliary's gift to the hospital in 1966 was an isolette for premature babies. In 1968, their project will be even more ambitious.

"We hope to provide next year a \$2000 heart massage machine," says Mrs Scheck. "I don't know how but we'll get it."

There are 35 working members of Providence Hospital Auxiliary and approximately 90 associate members.



MEMORIAL TO THE LATE Mrs W J Powell is this lifesaving Jewett blood bank, gift of the Providence Hospital Auxiliary and family and friends of Mrs Powell who was for 35 years a hardworking and much loved member of the auxiliary. In the picture left is Mrs Powell's eldest daughter Dorcas, Mrs John Donis; Sister Ann Emily, superior at Providence; and Mrs E Scheck, president of the auxiliary. The blood bank was presented last week.

JAN 26, 1967

Lucy Scheck again

heads hospital WA

JAN 26 1967

At last week's meeting of the Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary the slate of officers was elected for the coming year. Lucy Scheck will be serving her second term as president, first and second vice-presidents are Molly Stark and Marie Kirkpatrick. Bertha Kirschner is the new secretary and Ruth Bruce is treasurer.

Committees are headed by Toulie Hamilton, Hospital Cart; Jo Sandahls, Candy Strippers; Georgette Rivet and Mrs C Richter, Hospital Booth; Mrs J Brown, Social welfare, Mrs Koehn, Baby pictures, Vi Brooks, Memorial fund; and Rose DeTonnoncourt, Gay Spicer, Belle Bremner and Bertha Kirschner, publicity.

The WA is planning their annual dinner for February 20 for WA members and anyone else who is interested. The cost is

\$2.25 and the feature of the evening will be the installation of officers.

A heart machine for the hospital costing in the neighborhood of \$2,000 is the WA's 1967 project so they are planning several activities during the year to raise funds. Their annual Easter tea is in the planning stage for the Saturday before Easter.

COMING EVENTS

FEB 21 1967

THURSDAY, FEB. 2 — North Peace Chapter R.N.A.B.C. meeting at 8:15 p.m. in Assembly Hall, Providence Hospital. Ted Phillips, Social Welfare Division, guest speaker.

Doctor Kearney on the mend

One thousand, five hundred and eleven miles, three days and 80 cigars after they left Fort St John Thursday night, Ernie Carriere and Don Wright drove back into town Sunday with Dr Garnet Kearney in the ambulance. The doctor has been in Terrace with his grandchildren since before Christmas. After the holiday he contracted pneumonia and has been in hospital and feeling poorly. However, as he got close to home, he picked up, Ernie says.

"You can say," says Ernie Carriere, "that the old doc is the best patient I ever carried. You can also say that its the worst trip I've ever had through the mountains, dodging slides, ice, bad maintenance on the other end. Don was my navigator on the trip. It was his job to read the signs as we went along. But he missed some by falling asleep."

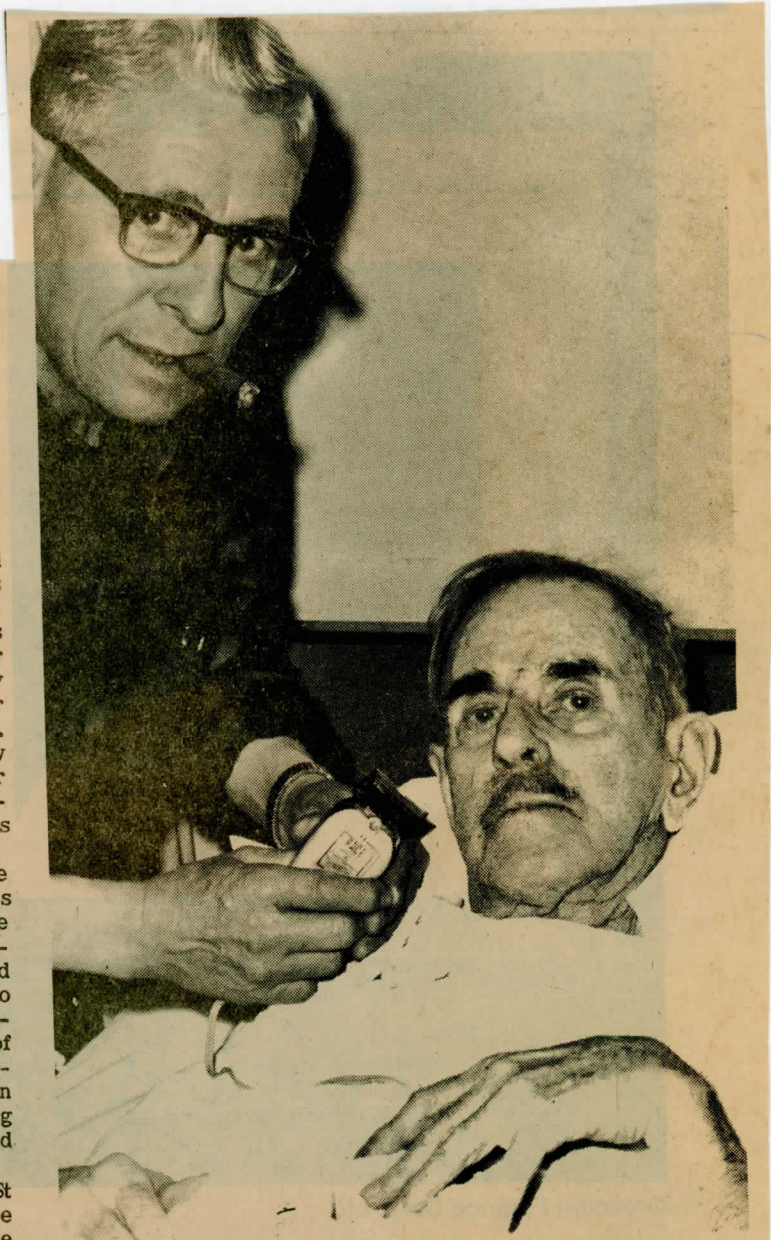
"People ought to be thankful they live here. There are 9,000 people in Terrace and they never plow the roads or clean off the sidewalks. There was a foot of slush in front of all the business places on the main streets. There are no services for most of this population."

Dr Kearney was brought home at the instigation of his friends at the Canadian Legion, who fig-

ured he had been away long enough. Ernie says the old gentleman hated to leave his grandchildren. There were a few old friends over there, however. Mrs Poppe helped get the show on the road for the return trip and sends her regards to her friends. Mr Jeffreys (head of the Montney clan) lives near his daughter Mrs Merwin and the children. Mrs Merwin is daughter-in-law by marriage to Dr Kearney. Mr Jeffreys wanted to be remembered to all his Jehovah Witness friends here.

Dr Kearney felt so good on the way home, he chatted about his experiences in Prince George and Terrace where he lived before the first world war, and pointed out interesting places to his companions as he sat propped with pillows in the back of the ambulance. He lived in Terrace, he said, 45 years ago when the big land boom was on along the right-of-way of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

Upon his arrival in Fort St John, he was taken to Providence Hospital. After a rest, Ernie says, the old gentleman should be as good as new. Doctor Kearney is past 83 years of age. He is Fort St John's pioneer doctor. Old friends will be glad to know of his return.



HEY! WATCH THOSE CIGAR ASHES, ERNIE — Ernie Carriere wields the hair clippers on Dr Garnet Kearney's moustache as the good doctor takes it easy in Providence Hospital after returning from Terrace where he visited his grandchildren. FEB 9, 1967

Candlelight rite installs new Hospital WA executive

Last Monday, members, friends and guests of the Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary spent an enjoyable evening at a smorgasbord supper. The annual banquet and installation of officers was very well attended.

For the first time in Fort St John the candle-lighting ceremony was included in the installation ritual. Each officer and convenor installed by Sister Ann Emily was given a lighted candle symbolizing her service. Prin-

cipal officers installed were Lucy Scheck as president, Bertha Kirschner as secretary and Ruth Bruce as treasurer.

Some of the young Candy-Stripers were presented with service pins for having put in 50 hours or more at volunteer work. These girls are Betty Dorval, Christine Bjornson, Denise Gregoire. For her many services to the WA, Rosalind DeFonnancourt was presented with a special service pin.

The evening ended with a song led by Sylvia Cranston and

Sister Rosaline.

The WA will be holding their Easter Tea on March 25, the Saturday before Easter, in the Legion auditorium. They are also planning a centennial ball to be held on May 26. This is planned as an international ball with foods and costumes from all countries. The purpose of it is to raise money for a heart machine for the hospital. Support the work of the WA, it may be your heart that needs the machine.

Candy stripers

FEB 9, 1967

Visitors to Providence Hospital next Sunday afternoon will have the opportunity of patronizing the candy stripers - the junior hospital WA girls who help in the children's and other wards after school. The candy stripers are having a bake sale in the hospital lounge from two until five o'clock.

Bouquet for WA

FEB 16, 1967

Have you spent some time in hospital? I hope not, but if you have you've no doubt met the ladies with their smiles that work like salve. We're speaking of the ladies Providence Hospital WA, in their red smocks bright and cheerful come to brighten up your day.

Those cheerful smiles and true concern are felt throughout the ward. They really are most welcomed by so many who are bored. For the comfort of the patients, they give shampoos once a week to help you look and feel your best, neat and trim and sleek.

There are the Candy Stripers, who work hard day by day to keep the youngsters happy in every single way.

Then the many helpers beyond

the spotlight's glare, the ones who bake and knit and sew, they truly do their share.

No one asks for any wages, they don't ask for any praise. They just go about their business of brightening up your days.

They set their goals which must be reached, hard work for just so few, they really need a helping hand from someone just like you.

The goal they've set for this year, for your hospital here in town, is a very costly heart machine. Please, don't let them down.

Support their every effort, for remember, if you will, the ones who work so very hard, need help to foot the bill.

- MRS BERTHA KIRSCHNER

5 YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 9, 1967

THE NEW JUNIOR organization called Candy Stripers are to be seen making themselves useful around the hospital.

1967 SATURDAY, FEB. 11—Candy Stripers will be holding a bake sale in the lounge at Providence Hospital, 2-5 p.m.

Bid everyone to Hospital WA dinner

The women of Fort St John and surrounding districts are cordially invited to attend the annual dinner meeting of the Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary at the Scott Motor Hotel on Monday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

Tickets, \$2.25 each, may be purchased from; Belle Bremner, at Central IGA, Pat Spicer of Spicers Travel Agency or from Mrs Stuby of Stuby's Meat Market.

FEB 9, 1967

COMING EVENTS

MAR 2, 1967

THURS., MARCH 2 — Regular meeting of the North Peace Chapter of Registered Nurses at 8:15 p.m. in Assembly Hall, Providence Hospital. Speaker: Mr. Ted Philips of Social Welfare.



MAR 23, 1967

CAPS FOR CANDY STRIPERS - Members of Providence Hospital WA adjourned their regular meeting earlier than usual on Monday, March 20, to witness a candlelight capping ceremony which saw nine of our local Candy Stripers receive their caps after having completed 20 volunteer hours of service in hospital. Proud mothers watched as (left to right) Denise Gregoire, Valerie Carlson, Chris Bjornson, Kathy Freison, Donna Parker, Darlene Nelson, Randy Sandhals, Pauline Hopkins and Betty Dorval were capped by Sister Damianna (extreme left). Mrs W Sandhals and Mrs N Kirkpatrick are on the extreme right. Among the guests present at the affair were four young ladies who have just recently joined the group and are striving toward their first twenty hours of service. The next regular monthly meeting of the Candy Stripers will be held on Monday, April 3, at 8 pm in the auxiliary room of the Providence Hospital. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs W Sandhals at 785-4371.

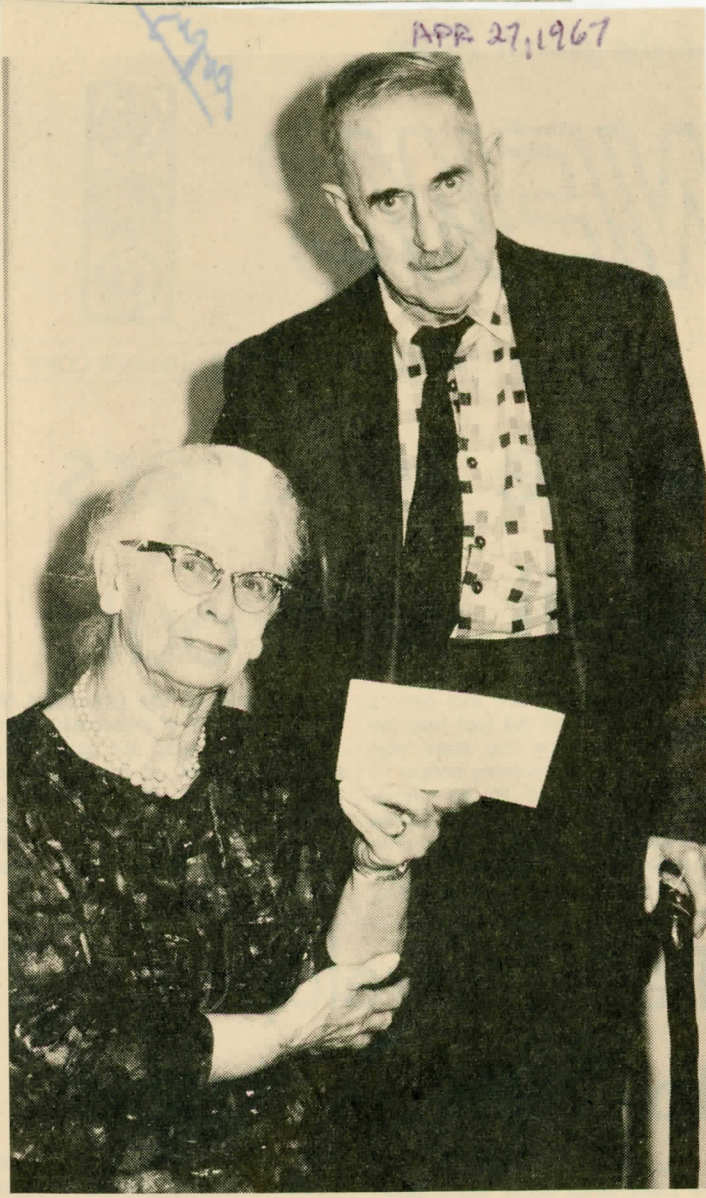
MAR 23, 1967

NINE MEMBERS of the newly-formed candystripers were capped at a meeting of the Hospital WA. They are Denise Gregoire, Valerie Carlson, Chris Bjornson, Kathy Freison, Donna Parker, Darlene Nelson, Randy Sandhals, Pauline Hopkins and Betty Dorval.

15 YRS AGO, APR 18, 1967

FORT ST JOHN is now part of a regional district for the purpose of hospital financing. This was learned by council yesterday when a letter from the provincial government was read along with an order in council passed April 13. Solicitor Pat Walsh stated to council that he had read the order in council and that he understood that effective immediately all town taxation for hospitals would be forwarded to the regional district rather than the local board. Each town or village in the district will send one representative to the central board, appointed by council, and the number of votes he has will depend on the population he represents. The immediate project under the district is the proposed hospital construction at Chetwynd.

APR 27, 1967



MRS MARGARET RUTLEDGE left and **Dr G Kearney**, right are seen here inspecting a card of greeting they recently received from Lieutenant Governor George Pearkes VC. They are two of approximately 50 North Peace Pioneers who will be honored this way as well as by the awarding of the Canadian Pioneer Medallion. To be eligible for these awards the recipient must have been born in Canada on or before January 1892 or have lived in the country since that time.

100 beds for 1967

MAY 4, 1967

As though new habits for the Sisters of Charity of Providence were not enough for 1966, Providence Hospital board members took another big change in stride last Tuesday night, April 25, when the hospital administrator announced that some hospital nuns had voted to revert to their legal, given names. Sister Ann Emily is now Sister J (for Josephine) Mainka (pronounced 'mine ka'). Jean Auriel is now Sister Colette Caron; Roseline is Sister Cecile LeClerc; Damiana is Sister Evelyn Dechant (pronounced 'dekant'). Sister Alfred in the dietary department has chosen to retain her religious name.

Everything is up for the year 1966-67 at Providence Hospital except surgical operations and the birthrate!

The annual meeting, held April 25 provided the following interesting statistics:

Treated in 1966 were 7,479 patients, 100 from the previous year. Emergencies were up to 600 patients but the hospital staff caring for these cases was one less than in 1965; 83,958 meals were served or 10,000 more than in the previous year. Live births were down 100 from 1965; only via caesarean births took place and prematures were down half. Surgical operations were down 120 for 1966, most of these being major operations. Emergency surgery was up slightly.

New equipment amounting to \$17,631.84 was purchased for the hospital, not counting the nine new beds. A ceiling light for surgery cost \$843; a sterilizing device called an autoclave cost \$5,500. More than \$2,200 was spent for a caesarean table.

7,000 UNIFORMS LAST YEAR
The laundry washed and dried 270,280 pounds of soiled linen and clothing which included 6,927 uniforms for the year. Five people work in the hospital laundry which has retained the same number of employees since the new hospital opened. The personnel committee of the board notes that laundry employees are apparently among the most settled and the happiest in the community — there being no turnover of help to speak of in this department. Wages were up for this department by \$1,200 for 1966.

In fact wages for the year for Providence Hospital were up \$41,000 over 1965. Most of this is attributable to the creditation

of the Providence employees with the Hospital Employees' Union. In nursing services, alone, wages are up \$19,000. Part of this covers the increments paid yearly to the registered nurses. The turnover for registered nurses and aids is high owing to the transient type of population in the North Peace. Turnover for RN's last year was 7.5 per cent and for aides and orderlies, 6.7 per cent. Five per cent is the provincial average.

Housekeeping wages were up more than \$4,000 in 1966 but here the turnover is only 3.4 per cent.

The largest administration expense was noted to be telephone and telegraph which cost \$2,953, approximately the same as 1965.

MORE BEDS
Average overall occupancy for the hospital is 87.6 per cent excluding newborns. The children's department is averaging 90 per cent occupancy; surgery is 101 per cent and maternity only is down, averaging 71.3 per cent of occupancy.

Eight Providence Hospital department heads have attended various institutes and courses in order to direct their staffs more efficiently. Representatives of the hospital board have attended four conventions.

The administrator presented board members with copies of a bound disaster plan for the hospital, to cover such calamities as bus, plane or train accident, flood fire or explosion. Sister superior says that the hospital, tomorrow if necessary, could receive from 10 to 30 casualties and cope with them from hospital stores until reinforcements would be necessary.

Nine beds have been opened in the new area of second floor east in 1966 and physiotherapy is now opened with a full time physiotherapist on staff.

Projected for 1967 is the new X-ray equipment and the intensive care unit as well as the



RUTH BRUCE and Anne Graham, display a Ukrainian costume to be used in the Providence Hospital Women's Auxiliary International Ball May 26. The ball is being held to raise funds for a heart machine for the Providence Hospital.

MAY 11, 1967
VISITING IN town over the weekend were Sister Alcibes and Sister Philamina of Providence Centre in Edmonton. Sister Alcibes was the Sister Superior of the hospital here during the hard times of the 30's and 40's for two six-year periods. While she was visiting here Mrs Lucy Scheck took her around to visit several old friends.

MAY 17
1967 - BIRTH RATE in FSJ is well above both provincial and national average with 439 live births last year for a 24.6 per 1000 rate compared to 17.6 nationally and 17.0 provincially.

MAY 23, 1967
DON'T FORGET the Hospital Women's Auxiliary International Ball this Friday. Tickets are limited so you'll have to hurry to get yours so you won't miss out on this international delight. The food will be representative of many different nations with entertainment also of an international flavor. Dress may be formal, semi-formal or ethnic so you gals can really dress up to your heart's content.

See you at the Immaculata auditorium tomorrow night. Remember that the proceeds go to put a heart massage machine in our local hospital.

JEAN DEBONNAIRE, R.N., graduate of the University of Alberta, has been spending a month with the Peace River Health Unit doing field work.

FRI., MAY 26 — The Providence Hospital's Women's Auxiliary host an international ball in the Immaculata auditorium. Funds raised will go to purchase a new heart machine for the hospital. **MAY 18, 1967**

opening of the final 15 beds which will make the Fort St John a 100 bed hospital.

JUN 1, 1967

Varied costumes at hospital ball

Posters of far-away places on the walls, hostesses in international costume and exotic food all contributed to the international feeling at the Hospital Women's Auxiliary International Ball last Friday evening. Women's dress for the evening ranged from elegant formals to Tahitian and Mexican costume.

Entertainment was provided by a dance class of Mrs Don Wilkinson's wee girls in white dresses, some with plaid scarves, demonstrating a couple of Scottish reels. A group of high school girls delighted the crowd with their enthusiastic rendition of the French can-can. Caroline Kirkwood with her Mexican hat dance brought a bit of way 'South of the Border' to the auditorium. In an hilarious skit, Sylvia Cranston, with monologue and song, demonstrated the making of an international cake.

Decor of the Immaculata auditorium was done by students of the Bert Bowes school under the direction of Mrs Paripovic and very aptly combined a spring-like and world-wide cordiality.

Midnight supper was a delight to any interested in foods of dif-

ferent lands. The Italian ravioli was scrumptious as were the European cabbage rolls. French bread, chicken fried rice and Danish pastry helped to enhance the international flavor of the meal.

The proceeds of the ball will be spent in providing the local hospital with a heart massage machine. The many hours of hard work and enthusiastic creation by the members of the Hospital WA not only provided many people with a marvellous evening's entertainment but are giving the gift of saving lives to the community.

Thanks from women

JUN 8, 1967

The Womens Auxiliary to Providence Hospital wish to express their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the many people who patronized their International Ball held recently. May we also, at this time, thank those who labored long and diligently in order to insure its success, as well as those who assisted in the many and varied duties of the evening. Thanks also to

radio station CKNL and CJDC TV in Dawson Creek, and the Alaska Highway News for helping to publicize the affair, and to the Parish Board, the Knights of Columbus, and the CWL of the Church of The Resurrection for their contributions. A profit of over \$600 was realized and will go toward a heart machine.

FSJ - MRS J KIRSCHNER
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JUN 22, 1967



"WE'VE GOT TO HAVE HEART" (heart machine that is) says Mrs Lucy Scheck as she presents a cheque for \$650 to hospital WA treasurer Mrs Ruth Bruce. The money was raised at the International Ball on May 26 and will go into the heart machine fund, which to date stands at \$761.15. In order to purchase the heart massage machine they must raise a total of approximately \$1,500. This is the goal they've set for this year and with the help of people like the generous lady who donated \$25 to the fund, that goal is sure to be met. The regular monthly meeting of the WA is scheduled for June 19 at 8 pm in the auxiliary room of Providence Hospital. All those interested are urged to attend.

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FORT ST JOHN, BC, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1967

Council gasps

There were audible gasps in council September 11 when Ald Bill Stark read out the two tenders received for proposed sidewalk construction from the Providence Hospital to 98 street.

Dressler Services submitted a price of \$2,050 and Otto Paul Construction offered to do the work for \$2,685.

The town budgeted \$700 for the job.

The sidewalk will now be receiving a hard look by Ald Bill Stark who will bring in a recommendation to council at its next meeting.

Hospital attains 'enviable' level

OCT 18, 1967

Providence Hospital, Fort St John, announces this week the receipt of its certificate of accreditation - which means that the Canadian Council of Hospital Accreditation has surveyed the Fort St John hospital and as a result of its findings "is now pleased to award this accreditation status."

During the past year both Fort St John and Dawson Creek hospitals have been visited by members of the accreditation board, whose executive director is Dr W I Taylor of Toronto. The group is composed of five members of the Canadian Hospital Association, five members of the Canadian members of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and one member from L'Association des Medecine de Langue Francaise du Canada.

The inspection and survey is made by a professional person from another part of the country who meets board members, medical staff and key personnel of the hospital. He explores all facets of hospital operation from the furnace room complex in the basement to the procedures carried out in the nursery.

"The governing board, the administrator, the medical staff and nursing and other hospital personnel are commended for their obvious determination and efforts to attain this enviable standard as well as the good result we see from this fine cooperative effort," writes Dr JH Murray to Sister Superior LeClerc. The medical librarian was also singled out for praise the "the strong direction of her department and for her very good graphic presentation of various analyses for the medical staff's studies. "The medical staff members are commended for their development of a strong and active medical staff organization with good records of performance . . ." the report carries on.

"We wish to thank all those who have helped to bring the standard of our hospital up to this high level," says Sister LeClerc, superior and administrator. "Since the hospital opened we have been working to attain this recognized standard of operation. It is with pride that we make the announcement and tell you also that St Joseph's Hospital, in Dawson Creek received their accreditation the same day. In the midst of our happiness, we pause to thank the Lord for all His benefits."

A luncheon in the hospital auditorium was held Tuesday for medical staff and board members to mark the event.

Capping ceremony

OCT 25, 1967

Members of the Providence Hospital WA witnessed the second candle-light capping and pinning ceremony on Monday, October 2, which saw nine of its local junior auxiliary (candy strippers) receive their pins after having completed 20 volunteer hours of service in hospital. Proud mothers watched as Betty Forsyth, Betty Jones, Marette Law, Sandra Lee, Denis Anderson, Charlotte Stabell, Joyce Waldorf and Margaret Stabell (missing is Diane Giesbrecht) were capped by Sister Dechant.

Mrs Scheck, president of the Providence Hospital WA presented pins to Darlene Nelson, Randy Sandhals. Absent was Kathy Friesen.

After this very impressive ceremony refreshments were served. Information concerning Candy Strippers may be obtained by calling Mrs W Sandhals at 785-4371.

"All we have to do now," said the chairman of the hospital board, George Broadhurt, "is to get working on the next level of accreditation which means still higher standards for hospital work and patient care at our hospital."



CAPPING AND PINNING ceremonies were held at the Providence Hospital Monday October 2 for nine members of the hospital's junior auxiliary, The Candy Strippers. Seen here, left to right, are: Betty Forsyth, Betty Jones, Marette Law, Sandra Lee, Denise Anderson, Charlotte Stabell, Joyce Waldorf and Margaret Stabell (missing is Diane Giesbrecht).

OCT 18, 1967

5 YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 18, 1967

FORT ST JOHN'S Providence Hospital celebrated the grant of a certificate of accreditation at a luncheon to the medical staff and board members. All those associated with the hospital in any capacity were commended by the visiting accreditation board.

OCT 18, 1967

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Witches, goblins at hospital ball

When the witches and goblins fly with as much fun and frolic as they did Friday evening October 27 at the Hospital Women's Auxiliary Ball it should be made the annual event. The wine-testing party was an enjoyable prelude to the dance with everyone able to mingle and chat.

The Immaculata Auditorium was transformed into a witches cave with boiling cauldrons and witches in silhouette on the wall. Basketball hoops were filled with corn-stalks and behind each was an immense spider web. A touch

of sophistication was added with top-hats, night-sticks and bubbly wine-glasses. These delightful decorative touches were the product of three imaginative people, Bertha Kirschner, Gay Spicer and Josie Budack.

The centre of the auditorium was set up for the wine tasting at the beginning with innumerable types of wine, cheeses and biscuits. For many it had been their first time at such an event and the selections were enjoyed.

About a quarter of the people attending the Witches Ball were in costume and the judges award-

SAT., NOV. 18 - Hospital WA Christmas Bazaar and Tea. Legion 2 to 5 pm. Santa will be there.
Nov 15, 1967

COMING EVENTS

Nov 1, 1967
THURS., NOV. 2 - Monthly RNABC meeting at 8:15 pm in the assembly hall of the hospital.

ed prizes for best woman's costume to Mrs Hudsinger who looked like Phyllis Diller and Ed Crabbe as a nurse, got the best man's costume prize. Adding sparks to the fun were Ruth Bruce in her fabulous costume and an odd looking Mr Clean, Bob Harrison, as well as a number of Hippies.



GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND WITCHES will be flying helter skelter this weekend. Preparing decorations last week for one of the many social events around town celebrating Hallowe'en were Mrs Dan Spicer, left and Mrs Joe Kirschner, right. They're involved in getting ready for the hospital WA's Witches Ball Friday night in the

Immaculata auditorium. Social hour will be from 8 to 10 pm and lunch and dancing from 10 pm to 2 am. North Peace drivers are also asked to remember that on Tuesday quite a few grounded ghosts and goblins will be travelling the streets in search of 'tricks or treats'. Watch out for them!

Hospital completed

Dec 6, 1967

George Broadhurst, the board chairman of Providence Hospital announced this week that approval has been granted to finish the remaining 15 beds in the east wing. This brings the total capacity of the hospital to 100 beds.

The board has permission as well to go ahead with planning an intensive care unit. Purchase of a larger X-Ray unit has also been approved and should be under way soon.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the hospital has recently donated a heart monitor which shows the tracing of the heart beat on a graph paper, and a defibrillator which restores the heart pace when applied in a case of ineffective heart beat.

The Lions Club has given a pacemaker machine which actually makes the heart carry on in case of certain illnesses of the heart. Both the above items of equipment are part of the intensive care equipment needed for the intensive care unit.

With this modern equipment and the competency of our medical staff, Broadhurst stated that he feels our hospital gives as good nursing care as anywhere else in the province.

HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY
DEC 20, 1967

IN THE PAST YEAR working with the women's groups of Fort St John and writing of their work and social activities has given me much pleasure. Until I learned in preparing stories, all the details of some activities, I didn't realize how many of our community needs, large and small, are handled by hard-working women. A new heart machine in the hospital took a number of fund-raising events, but we've hospital equipment to be proud of due to the activities of one group. One women's club travels regularly outside the community to teach sewing and

5 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 13, 1967

THE NEW Providence Hospital was declared officially opened by the Hon Erick Martin, health minister. Duncan Cran cut the ribbon, guided tours for the public were made afternoon and evening.

FLUORIDATION received a sufficient majority to enable council to act. The three town extension bylaws all received large majorities.

Dec 6
1967

APPROVAL WAS granted to the Providence Hospital to finish accommodation for 15 beds in the east wing thus bring the total capacity to 100 beds. Also given the go-ahead was an intensive care unit and enlarged X-ray facilities.