



## Skauges have the New Year's baby

Clara Skauge of Fort St John gave birth to a baby boy weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces at 3:37 this morning giving husband Neale great joy and Fort St John its first New Years baby.

Derak Robert has won numerous gifts for his parents by choosing to make his appearance as the first

baby born in the New Year.

The proud parents of the first baby of 1979 will receive gift certificates worth \$25.00 each from IGA, Overwaitea and the CO-OP. An open steak dinner and a bottle of wine for the proud parents has been given compliments of Danny Boy's restaurant.

Other gifts they will receive are a Baycrest rocker lounge from the Bay, a six-month subscription to the Alaska Highway News, a case of Pampers from the Fort Pharmacy, his first

walking shoes from Gaye Shoes, a \$15.00 credit voucher from the NADP, a \$15.00 gift voucher from Mackenzie Drugs and last but not least is a fine box of cigars for father compliments of the Mackenzie Inn.

CLARA SKAUGE AND baby Derak were relaxing this morning after a five am birth at Fort St John General Hospital. The first baby of the new year weighed in at a

tough eight pounds and eight ounces. Derak's parents will be the recipients of several gifts from thoughtful companies in the city, see accompanying article.

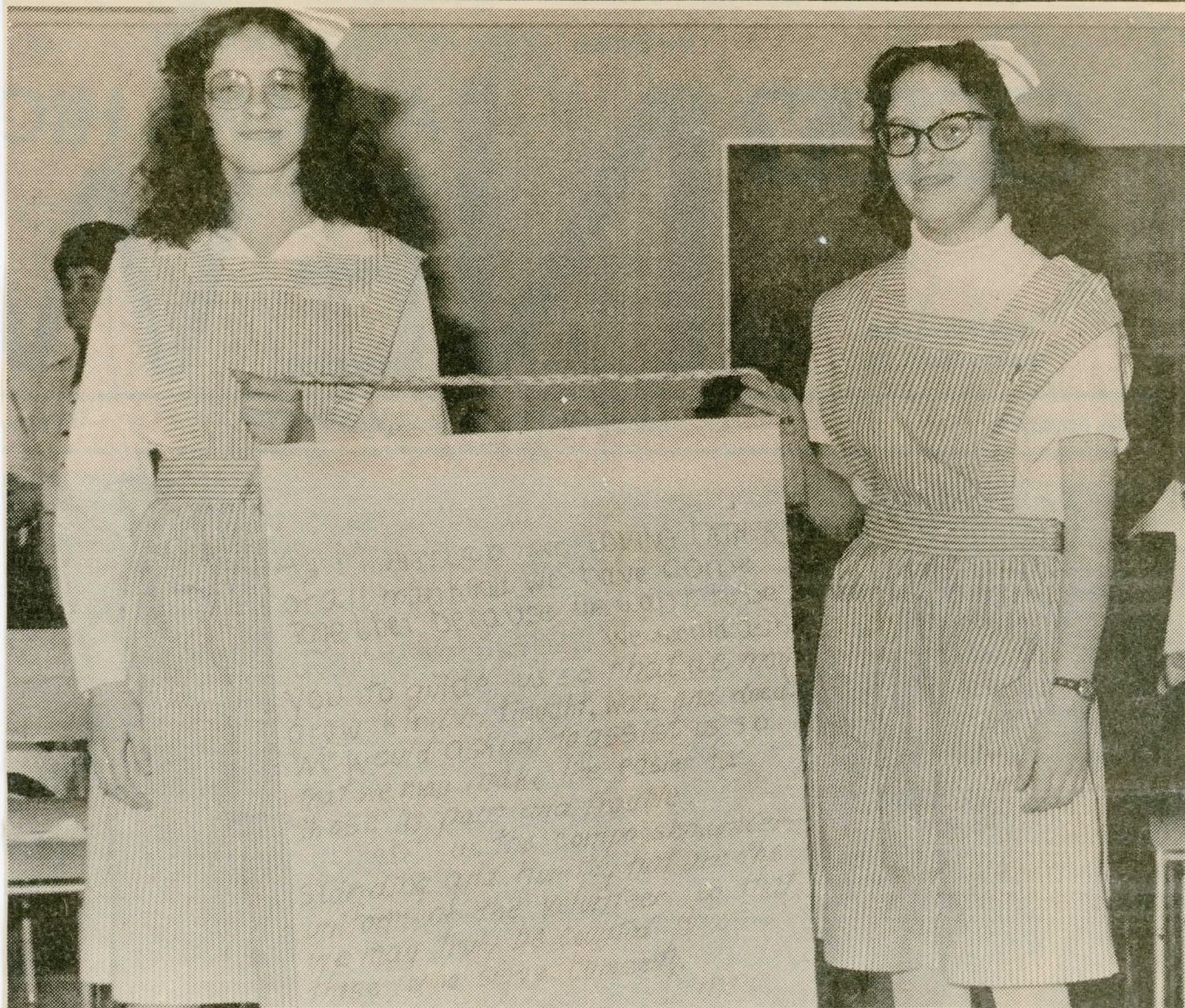




A DONATED QUILT is passed from Maureen Goldsmith, president of the Quilters Workshop, to Ruth Bruce, president of the hospital women's auxiliary. The quilt will be used to raise money, likely in a raffle, for an intensive care unit at the hospital. At least \$27,000 is needed and so far \$21,000 is collected.

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THE CANDY STRIPER'S prayer was said at the start of the 'capping' ceremony at the hospital on Sunday. It was

held aloft on a banner by Carroll Forrest and Susan Painter.



CANDYSTRIPER PRESIDENT Anne Noble took a moment to pose with Pastor Willy Olesen of the Peace Lutheran Care Home.



# Caps for Candy Stripers

Eighteen Candystripers received awards at the annual Candy Striper Capping ceremony held in the Assembly Room of the Fort St John General Hospital.

The Candystripers, carrying candles paraded into the darkened hall. The evening opened with the Candystriper prayer.

Caps for 20 hours of duty were presented to nine Candystripers by Mrs Asling, Director of Nursing & Carol Forrest, Matron - Peace Lutheran Care Home.

Bands for 75 hours were given by Mrs L Pomeroy, Candystriper Advisor.

Susan Paynter received a Candystriper pin, given for 150 hours of duty.

Candystriper President Ann Noble introduced guest speaker, Pastor Willi Oleson.

The Candystripers entertained their guests with a song, and a humorous skit "Orientation Day".

At the close of the evening, refreshments were served.

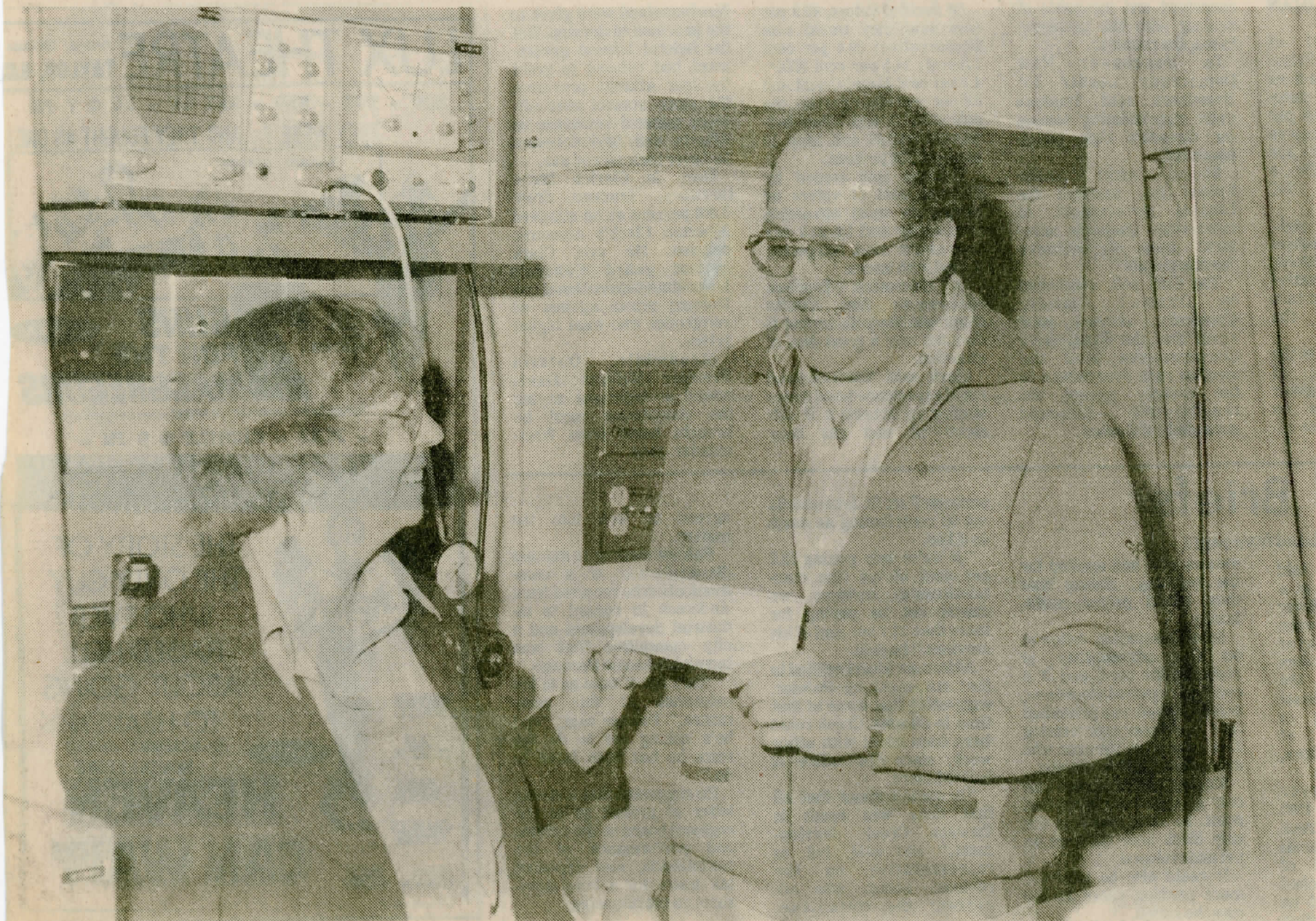


THEY MAKE THEMSELVES useful at the hospital and the hospital is grateful to them. Candystripers were honoured on Sunday night at the annual 'capping ceremony', held in

the hospital assembly room. (Above) Carol Forrest, matron at the care home 'caps' Heather Reed.

MAR 12, 1979





THEY SAID IT couldn't be done - but the Fort St John General Hospital Women's Auxiliary raised \$29,000 in a little over a year to buy a cardiac monitoring system for the hospital. Accepting the cheque is a grateful Wayne Gretzinger, chairman of the

Hospital Board. The machine in the background is similar to the one which the ladies will be purchasing.





## Women who work

These ladies help to make the hospital's life a little easier and recently presented a cheque for \$29,000 to the hospital board for the purchase of new equipment. From left to right, the Fort St John General Hospital Women's Auxiliary are: (standing) Linda Boyd, Dot Snippa, Helen Frankiw,

Rosalynn Baron, Doreen Fell, Rose Detonnancourt, Audrey Tompkins, Muriel Mytron, Terri Robbins, Marion Sodergren, Gert Berean and seated, Donna Beeston, Dalana Likes, Claudette Blanchette, Ruth Bruce (president) Louise Hamilton and Mrs Chiulli.





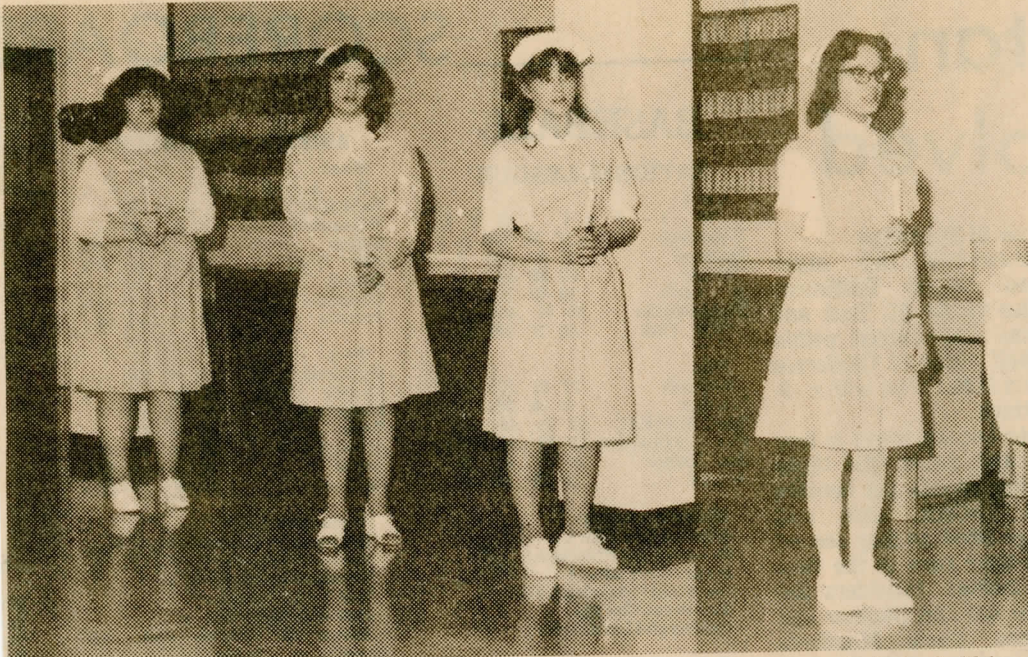
# Orientation day

Part of Sunday night's Candy Striper capping was the performance of a skit about 'orientation day', the first day on the job for any youngster who works in the

hospital as a volunteer. (Pictures today and yesterday taken by Hospital Administrator Ric Wilson.)



# Stripers ready for work



THE FORT ST John candystriper association is ready to get underway for this year, and the

first meeting for the group is to be held in a few weeks.

The Fort St John General Hospital candystripers will hold their first meeting of the year soon and anyone wishing to be a candystriper is urged attend.

The program is open to teen-agers 14 years to 18 years, and prospective candystripers must be 14 years old by September 12 to be eligible.

Application forms for the program are available from Bert Bowes school, Dr. Kearney school or the North Peace Senior Secondary school. Prospective candystripers are urged to discuss the program with their parents, as the application form must have the signature of a parent or guardian.

The forms should be brought to the first meeting on Sept. 12, at 4 pm in the hospital assembly room.

"Candystripers provide a valuable service at the Fort St John hospital and at the Peace Lutheran Care Home," according to organizers.

For more information call Susan Paynter at 827-3358.

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THE FORT ST John Hospital Auxiliary keeps active as Ruth Bruce accepts a cheque for \$300 from Leonard Carothers, president of the International Order of Foresters. The money will go toward the intensive care unit at the hospital. The

auxiliary will also be sponsoring a Happy Faces Bazaar at the Senior Citizen's Hall Saturday from 2 pm to 4:30 pm, and Bruce reminds any one who wishes to help with volunteer services for the auxiliary can give her a call at 785-4335.



# Hospital doing well financially

JUL 17, 1979

Fort St John General Hospital has escaped some of the financial problems which have left other provincial hospital complaining, hospital administrator Ric Wilson said today.

It is the large hospitals in the province which have the most difficulties, he said.

Staff at other BC hospitals have complained that:

— Prince George Regional Hospital had finished a \$2.5 million, 75-bed extended care addition but only 50 of the beds can be afforded

— 140 jobs have been eliminated at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster — and Vancouver General Hospital faces a \$6 million deficit because of its decision to maintain full services.

But here, Wilson said while the \$3.3 million operating budget is tight, things are not too bad.

One problem caused by the transiency of much of Fort St John's population is with staffing the hospital.

There is high staff turnover and this adds about 10 per cent to the expense of salaries, he estimated.

Fortunately, the city's boom makes it easier to find quality staff, he said. Before the economy soared, working in

Fort St John was generally treated as "a penalty like Siberia."

Staff co-operation is high and this has contributed to a smoother-running hospital, Wilson said.

A complaint which staff in other hospitals have voiced concerns equipment. The high cost increases when using Canada's declining dollar to buy, since almost all equipment is manufactured outside the country.

Wilson said the cost is in no way related to the manufacturing cost. Because it can be bought nowhere else, the cost is what the market will bear.

Wilson said the local hospital is well-equipped, although "there are always things that are necessary."

## NOT LONG WAITS

The situation with another concern, waiting lists, is reasonable here.

"If you needed your tonsils out, the doctor would probably say, 'When do you want to come in.' In a city, he'd say, 'I'll let you know when there is a bed.' and if you were in England, that would be about two years."

Although the hospital had to close 15 of its 100 beds to lower operating costs, the availability of beds was increased by emphasizing out-patient treatment.



## FORT ST. JOHN AND DISTRICT

# HOSPITAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Fort St. John and District Hospital Society will be held on:

**September 18, 1979**

**at 7:30 p.m.**

in the  
**ASSEMBLY HALL**

of the  
**FORT ST. JOHN GENERAL  
HOSPITAL  
MEMBERSHIPS**

### NEW MEMBERS

New subscribers wishing to join the Society must obtain their membership by Friday, August 17, 1979, to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

### PRESENT MEMBERS

Members in good standing may renew their memberships at any time prior to the commencement of the annual meeting on September 18, 1979.

Memberships (\$1.00) may be obtained at the Fort St. John General Hospital Business Office daily between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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### MEMBERSHIPS:

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Memberships may be renewed at the Hospital until 7:30 p.m., On September 18, 1979.

### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

Two members of the Society will be elected to serve on the Board of Trustees; both for terms of three years.

AUG 3, 1979





DAVE SANDLES, ONE of the combined occupational and physiotherapists on staff at the Fort St John hospital, gives Kathy West a hot wax treatment. Kathy suffers from arthritis

and says that the wax baths help to make her hands more supple. This is just one of the many ways that arthritis victims can be helped.



## Candystriper course

An orientation course for candystripers is to be held in January, and anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 is eligible.

Forms can be picked up at North Peace Senior Secondary School, Bert Boves School or Dr. Kearney School. Those interested in candystripping are urged to bring the completed form to the can-

**Dec 1, 1979**  
dystriper meeting Wednesday, January 9 in the hospital assembly room at 3:45 pm. For further information call 785-8686 or 827-3358.



## Candystripers

Candystriper Susan Paynter presents Nurse Winnifred Johnson with one of two cuddle seats the Fort St John candystripers bought for the pediatrics wing of the Fort St John General Hospital to commemorate 1979 as Year of the Child. Holding the other chair are

advisors Shirley Rowland and Lorna Pomeroy as candystripers Judy Sept, Alanna Lafferty, Barbara Gordon, Marina Totland and Ann Ragan look on. For details on how to become a candystriper, see page 10.