



The BCMA is anxious to promote the use of proper child restraints in vehicles and makes it a practice to donate such a seat to the parents of the New Year Baby in selected communities around the province. Above, Dr

Willi Watt presents a seat to Barbara Collins, mother of this year's baby. Watt adds that there is a rental scheme for seats available through the Rotary Health Centre which is surprisingly inexpensive. JAN 9, 1985

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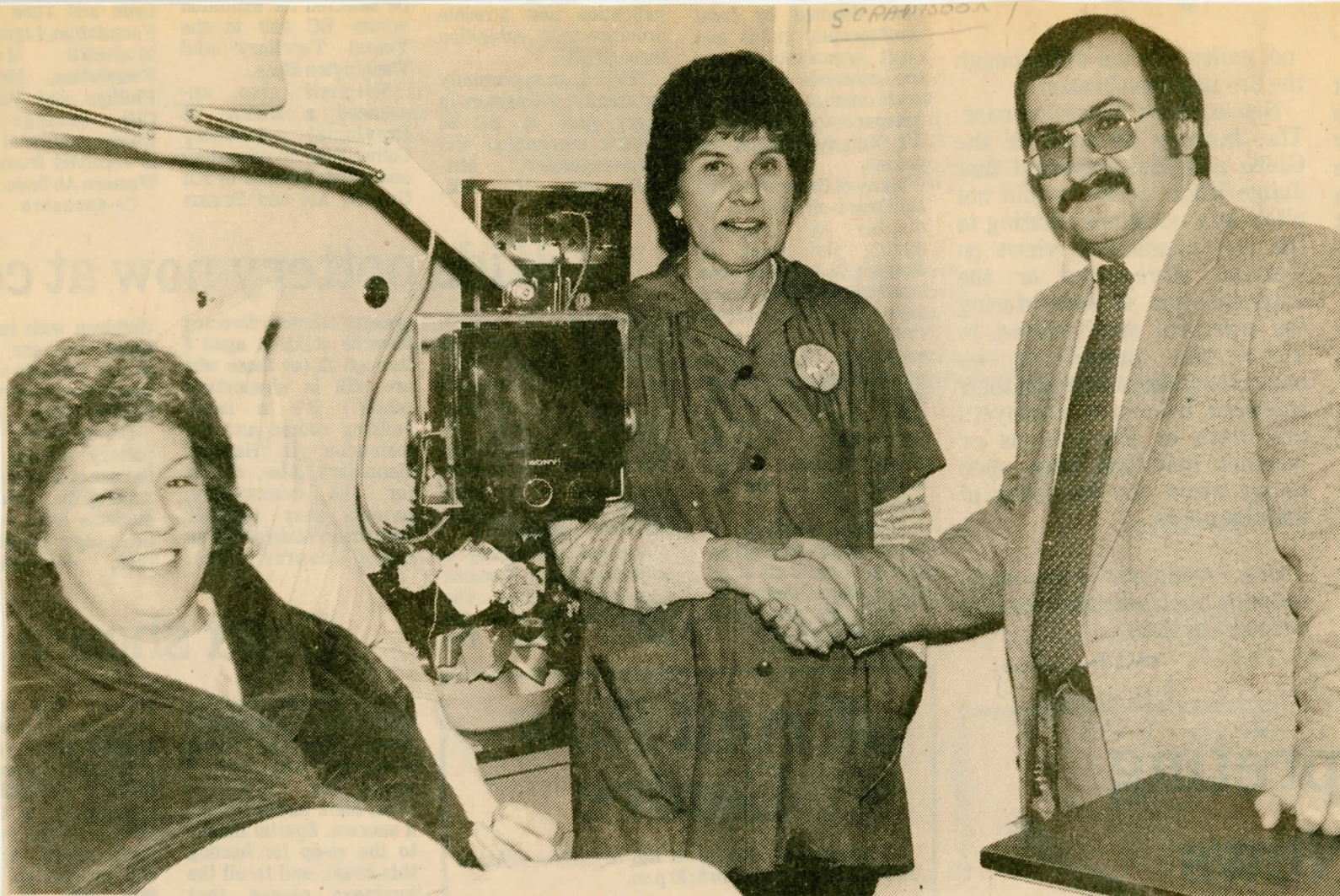
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Gert Berean (centre), television convener for the Hospital Womens Auxiliary, and Yvonne Midgett, have a big thank you for 5440 Cable Ltd. and general manager Jack Beck. 5440 installed cablevision services in each room in the hospital free

of charge and there will be no monthly rental fee. One of the many conveniences the W.A. provides for patients is television rentals and cablevision will be a very welcomed addition.

JAN 17, 1985



# Candy Stripers working hard

FEB 6, 1985

The United Nations have declared 1985 to be the "Year of the Youth". Candystripers are a terrific example of teenagers doing something worthwhile with their leisure hours. We have 37 active Candystripers here in Fort St John this year. These young people volunteer a minimum of two hours per week to help out at the Care Home and the

hospital. They must earn their caps, bands and pins by accumulating volunteer hours.

Candystripers here work on a ten-week rotation basis which gives them the opportunity to work in several different areas during the year. Candystripers have the chance to work with many different age groups, and it is an excellent way for these

young people to see hospital life first-hand. For some, it may help them to choose a career in nursing or a medicine-related field.

This year the Candystripers are holding a raffle as their money-making effort. Part of the money will be donated to the Child Development Center, some will go toward the expenses of the capping ceremony

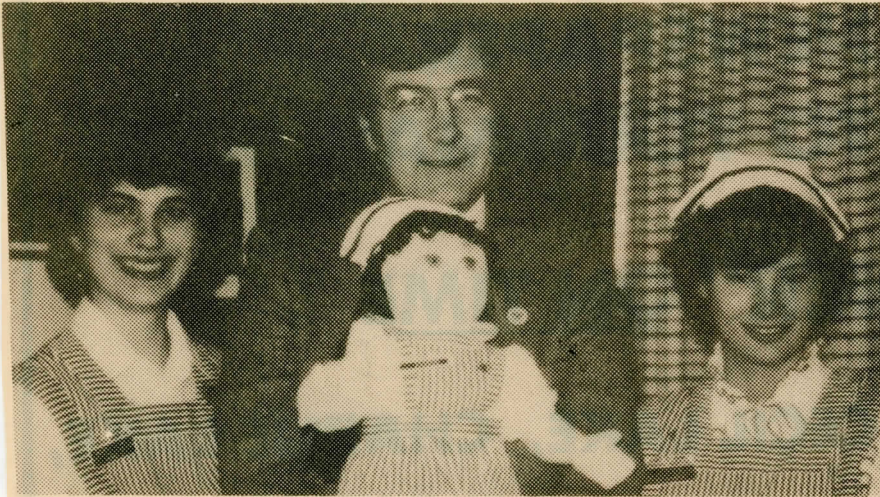
this spring, and the rest will be used for supplying tray favors for patients throughout the year.

The prize in this raffle is a soft sculpture doll which the Candystripers named "Kandee". The doll was made by Betty

Braun of Taylor, with the materials donated by Alberta Hagen. "Kandee" is wearing the official Candystriper uniform which was made by Pat Wachter and

Nadean Graves. The shoes and socks were made by Mrs Braun. "Kandee's" cap is an authentic Candystriper's cap.

Raffle tickets are priced at 50 cents each or three for a dollar and they may be purchased from any Candystriper or at the hospital WA gift room, where the doll will be on display for awhile. The draw will take place on March 8th at the Child Development Center Talent Night.



CANDYSTRIPERS Geryl-Lynn Hagen (on the left) and Nicole Strandberg sell the first book of raffle tickets to Mayor

Brian Palmer. 'Kandee', the soft sculpture doll dressed like a Candystriper, is the raffle prize

FEB 27, 1985  
**Thank  
5440**

Editor, Alaska Highway News

Thanks 5440  
Cablevision!

The W.A. of the Fort St. John General Hospital would like to express their thanks to 5440 Cablevision and Mr. Jack Beck for installing cablevision in our hospital. This service will certainly make a patient's stay more pleasant.

Dianne Knott  
President Hospital W.A.



Carolyn Krauss, on behalf of the Fort St. John and District Chamber of Commerce, presented the "Friendship Blanket" — created by school students, clubs, organizations, moms and dads, grandparents and senior citizens in Osoyoos-Oliver and other communities — to the pediatrics wing of Fort St. John

and District General Hospital. Krauss was by the Osoyoos-Oliver B.C. Winter Games organizers the blanket to bring back to the chamber. The chamber subsequently donated the blanket to the hospital.

MAR 13, 1985



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TAMMY WILLIAMS is presented with the Hellum Memorial Award. Dianne Knott, president of the Hospital Women's Auxiliary, sponsor of the program presented the award.



CARRIE MITCHELL accepted the Care Home Auxiliary Award from Mrs. Anne Osterlund, the president of the Care Home Auxiliary.

## Candy Stripers honored

Candy Stripers received special recognition recently as the capping ceremony was held.

In all 24 Candy Stripers were capped.

One cadet received an armband for 20 hours of volunteer service, while 14 received the red ribbon stripe for 75 hours and Kelly Glomlien and Nicole Strandberg earned the Auxiliary Silver Candycane pin for 150 hours. Strandberg also was the recipient of the 200 hour pin, while Andrea Stellmach was awarded the 250 hour pin.

The Peace Lutheran Care Home Auxiliary Award was presented to Carrie Mitchell and the Julia Hellum Memorial Award for the most

outstanding Candy Striper went to Tammy Williams. Williams also received a cheque from the Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Heather Palmer, Candy Striper co-ordinator, reported the Candy Stripers had volunteered a total of 2,057 hours of service at the hospital and Care Home during the 1984-85 season and in addition to their regular commitment, had assisted with wrapping parcels for the Canadian Cancer Society, sold carnations for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and from proceeds of their annual raffle and bake sale donated \$150 to the Child Development Centre.

Tray favors were made

for distribution to patients at the hospital on occasional holidays, such as Remembrance Day, Christmas, Valentines' and Easter.

In closing, Palmer thanked the Hospital W.A. for sponsoring the program, thereby providing the opportunity for teenagers to see hospital life first hand and for some, it may help them to choose a career in nursing or a medicine-related field.

It also has proved how unselfish these teenagers are as they have showed the can care for others in the community less fortunate than themselves.

Palmer also thanked the parents of the Candy Stripers for their co-operation and special thanks went to Nadine Graves and Alberta

singled out for her assistance throughout the season.

More than 120 parents and family members were present at the ceremony, along with special guests such as: Mayor Brian Palmer; Dianne Knott, president of the Hospital W.A.; Anne Osterlund, president of the Care Home Auxiliary; Rick Wilson, administrator of the Fort St. John General Hospital; and Andrea Houghton, director of nursing at the Fort St. John General Hospital.

The Fort St. John Candy Stripers had special thanks for the Elks Lodge 288 in Fort St. John, the City of Fort St. John and Classique Florists.



# Aids charity

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When a government employee tells you he or she gives at the office, believe it — at least in Fort St. John.

The Provincial Government Employees' Community Services Fund in Fort St. John was established for the first time this year as a means of raising money to assist local charities.

So far \$3,100 has been pledged here already and 50 of the 250 government employees have signed up. Some specific groups within government employees have as high as an 80 per cent participation rate. The money, however much an individual has pledged, is automatically deducted from the paycheques every two weeks.

The number of employees who have signed up exceeded the local organizing committee's expectations. They were told that 10 per cent is the usual rate in the first year. Because so many people already make charitable donations, a 50 per cent participation rate is the usual level once the program is going.

A group of nine community services will receive these funds.

They are: Big Brothers-Big Sisters; The FSJ Library Association; the Child Development Centre; the North Peace Care Home Society; North Peace Community Resources Society; the Hospital Auxiliary; Canadian Cancer Society; the Community Arts Council; and the FSJ Association for the Mentally Handicapped.

When the Fort St. John committee began organizing, it asked local groups that met the program requirements to apply. The committee wanted the funds to go to groups with a high community profile where there was an emphasis on true charity and volunteer work.

The donations will be split equally among all nine

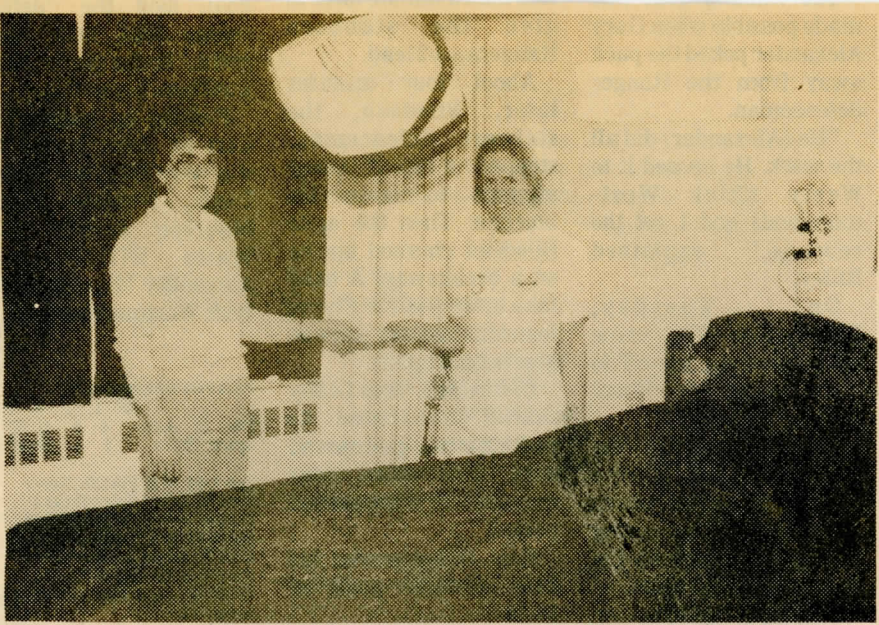
organizations unless a specific request has been made by the donor.

The program has existed in B.C. since 1965 and is the only approved canvassing permitted in government buildings. The government pays the overhead costs such as printing and administering the payroll deductions.

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the Candy Stripper Doll  
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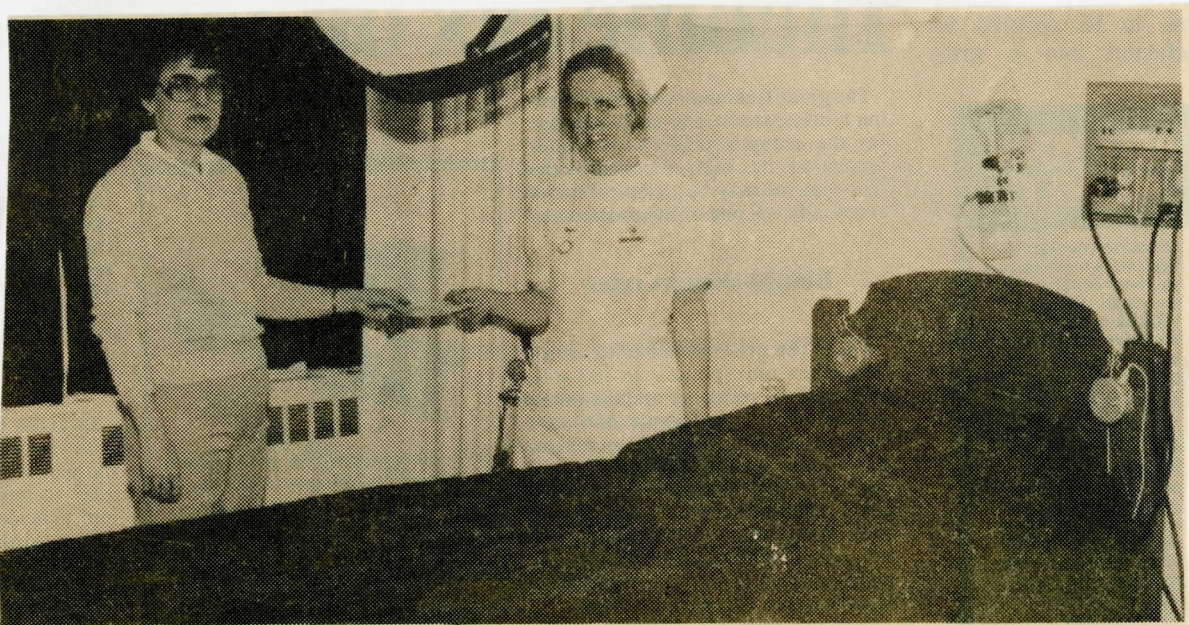


MAR 18, 1985



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# Club funds help the newborns

Mothers and premature newborns will now be able to sleep more soundly in the Fort St. John General Hospital.

The Telephone Pioneers of America recently donated an isolette to the maternity ward of the hospital. This specialized incubator is designed to control the temperature and oxygen concentration necessary for sick or premature infants.

Tiny Stacy Trask, daughter of Jack and Fawanna Trask, is the first infant to use the isolette. Stacey was born August 31, five weeks before her scheduled date of arrival.

Stacey has been in the isolette since her birth last month.

Fort St. John and Dawson Creek members of the TPA's Mile 0 Club presented a cheque for the purchase of the isolette to maternity head nurse Claire Harwood

last week.

Mile 0 members raised the \$9000 donation through garage and bake sales, bingos and similar miscellaneous fundraising activities.

Last year members of the club donated the proceeds of their fundraising activities to the Dawson Creek hospital for the purchase of a fetal heart monitor.

The TPA is a non-profit association of telephone employees across North America which raises funds for local charitable organizations. Employees donate their weekend and evening time on a volunteer basis to raise money for non-profit groups and services.

Employees must have a minimum 18 years of employment service before becoming eligible to join their local TPA branch.



THE MILE 0 CLUB of the Telephone Pioneers of America recently donated an isolette to the Fort St. John General Hospital maternity ward. Five week premature Stacey Trask sleeps soundly as maternity head nurse Claire Harwood accepts a cheque for the purchase of the special incubator from David Barclay, president of the TPA's Mile 0 club.

SEPT 18, 1985

## Conference

said. The Hospital Auxiliary also raises funds to help purchase medical equipment and hospital furnishings.

Past Auxiliary donations to the hospital include furnishings for the Intensive Care Unit, special emergency ward equipment and television sets for patient rental.

Funds are currently being raised to buy a specially designed bed for emergency room use.

SEPT 18, 1985

# 85 delegates attend conference

Some 85 delegates, representing 11 hospital auxiliaries in the northeastern sector of the province, are expected to attend the 28th Annual Conference of the British Columbia Association of Hospital Auxiliaries in Fort St. John this weekend.

Conference chairperson Muriel Mytton said yesterday that at least 60 of these delegates, approximately 15 of whom are

candystripers, are from out of town.

This year marks Fort St. John's second hosting of an annual BCAHA conference.

The conference will get underway at the Pioneer Inn at 8:30 Saturday morning.

## FULL DAY

The full day of activities includes an early-morning registration period, opening address by B-

CAHA first vice-president Pauline Lamb of Vancouver and an afternoon workshop on Motivation by Pouce Coupe Community Hospital delegate Janet LaBlancq.

Presentation of area reports from the different hospitals and election of a BCAHA northeastern representative will also take place.

The day will conclude with a tour of the Peace Lutheran Care Home facilities in the late afternoon.

## BUSY GROUP

The 61-member Fort St. John Hospital Auxiliary is a very active volunteer organization in the city.

Auxiliary volunteers are kept busy in the hospital performing tasks which vary from washing patients hair to taking baby pictures to stocking and staffing the gift shop.

"We do all the little non-medical things to help make patients comfortable that the nurses don't have time for," Muriel Mytton



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
FORT ST. JOHN AND DISTRICT

# HOSPITAL SOCIETY

will be held on  
**WED.,  
SEPT. 25th, 1985**

at 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.)

in the  
**ASSEMBLY HALL  
OF THE  
FORT ST. JOHN GENERAL HOSPITAL**

**PRESENT MEMBERS** in good standing may renew their memberships at any time prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting.

**NEW MEMBERS** or former members who again wish to join the Society, must be members of the Society for at least one month to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP COST: \$1.00**

Memberships may be obtained at the Fort St. John General Hospital, Business Office, daily between 0800 hours and 2000 hours (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)



THE LIONESSE CLUB of Fort St. John presented Accu-chek home blood glucose monitors to the Fort St. John Hospital and the Peace River Health Unit's Home Nursing Care program Monday afternoon. The monitors are used by diabetic patients to measure their blood sugar levels. This information allows patients to more accurately

estimate insulin dosages they administer to themselves in their homes. Pictured above from left are: Home Nursing Care nurse Ruby Johnson, Lioness vice-president Belle Bremner, Lioness Naureen Hutchinson and hospital head nurse Joanne Neithercut.

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# Hospital WA bazaar a success

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The Hospital W.A. is purchasing a blood monitoring unit and a specialized examining table for the emergency ward. The profit from our bazaar will go towards this project.

The Legion provided use of their hall and kitchen for the event. Donors of the Lucky Seven prizes were: D&G

Oil Services Ltd., Action Concrete, Ja Mar Trucking & Farms Ltd., D&G Ventures Ltd., P&F Computer Craft Ltd., Ward Pontiac, Peace Country Rentals, and Len's Electric Ltd. Also thanks to R.D. Sales & Rentals for the tea prize. The Co-op gave groceries, and all auxiliary members and Candystripers helped out. The general public gave generous support.

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# Hospital auxiliary hosts conference

The annual Northeast area conference for the B.C.H.A. was hosted by the Fort St. John Hospital auxiliary, September 20-21.

There were delegates from Quesnel, Williams Lake, Prince George, Mackenzie, McBride, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Fort Nelson and Fort St. John.

The conference got under way Friday evening with a get-aquainted wine and cheese party hosted by the

hospital board. Out of town delegates were given a tour of our hospital and were impressed with our modern facilities.

Saturday morning the conference started at 9:00 a.m. with 47 delegates in attendance. Board chairman Mr. Lawrence Brown gave the opening address. Area reports were given, with the volunteer time from the N.E. area totaling 58,829 hours. A total of \$266,151.20 was donated by the N.E. auxiliaries to the area hospitals for

needed equipment or other purchases related to patient care.

Mary Berge of Dawson Creek was elected for the position of area representative to the B.C.A.H.A.

In the afternoon, Janet LeBlancq from the Pouce Coupe Intermediate Care Hospital spoke on "Motivation". The delegates then toured the Peace Lutheran Care Home complex and enjoyed a lovely tea served by some of the residents.

The Fort St. John Candystripers

hosted their conference in conjunction with the auxiliaries. The auxiliaries sponsor the Candystriper program.

The Fort St. John Hospital W.A. would like to thank the hospital administrative staff, the Hospital Board, Overwaitea, the City of Fort St. John, The Pioneer Inn, Mr. Willy Oleson and the ladies who served the lunch at the Peace Lutheran Drop-in Centre.

Oct 3, 1985

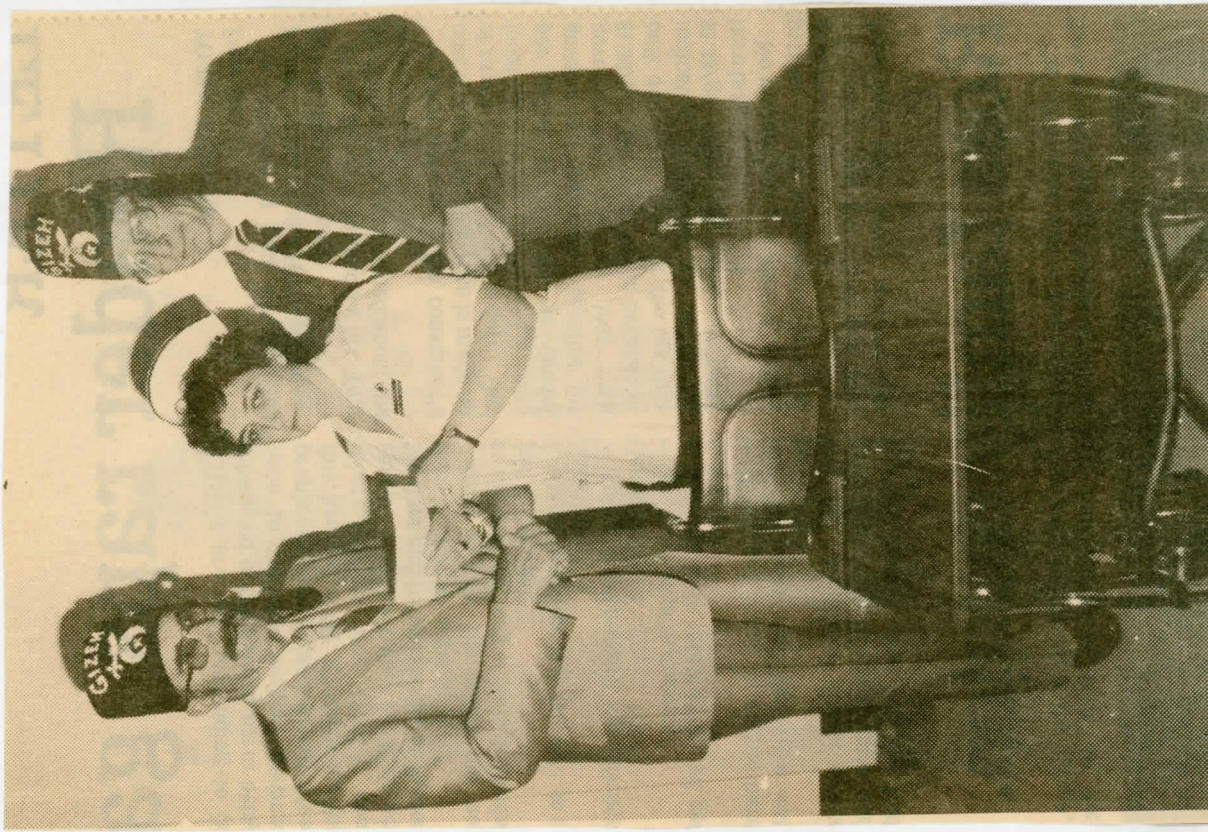


AN INTRAVENOUS Infusion Pump, valued at \$3,065.56 and Raytek Infrared Thermometer, valued at \$2,354 were donated to the Fort St. John General hospital on behalf of the Keystone of Life Foundation. The pump will be used to administer intravenous fluids, whenever small or very accurate

amounts of fluids or medications are required, while the thermometer allows for the detection of motor and equipment failures. Included in the picture are Stan Kerry, from the Foundation and Penny Cameron, assistant head nurse for the hospital.

NOV 6, 1985





NORTH PEACE Shrine Club president, Sleg Liedtke, left and secretary, Stan Kerry, right, recently presented four wheelchairs to the Fort St. John General Hospital. Accepting on behalf of the hospital was Penny Cameron, assistant head nurse.

Nov 13, 1985



What better way to show what their work involves than by using a makeshift hospital bed. This is the float from the Hospital Association, which placed second in the community category of judging.

JULY 17, 1985