

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1986

Gifts for New Year's baby, family

With two older sisters before him Quintin John Conrad Gamble may have a hard time getting into the washroom in future times, but as this years New Year's baby he's got it made.

Born at 9:55 Wednesday morning and weighing in at six pounds and 15 1/2 ounces, Quintin and his parents, Janice and Gary Gamble, will be enjoying a gift package of prizes made available by various businesses in the community.

Prizes offered are: \$25 gift certificates from Safeway, Overwaitea and Peoples Drug Mart, dinner for two at both the Fort St. John Motor Inn and Northgate Motor Inn, a quartz wall clock from Northgate Furniture, a floral baby arrangement from Tamee, a free portrait sitting from Dave's Camera, \$20 worth of baby clothing from the Co-op, walking booties from In-Steppe Shoes, and a sleeper compliments of Babies, Buggies and Bears.



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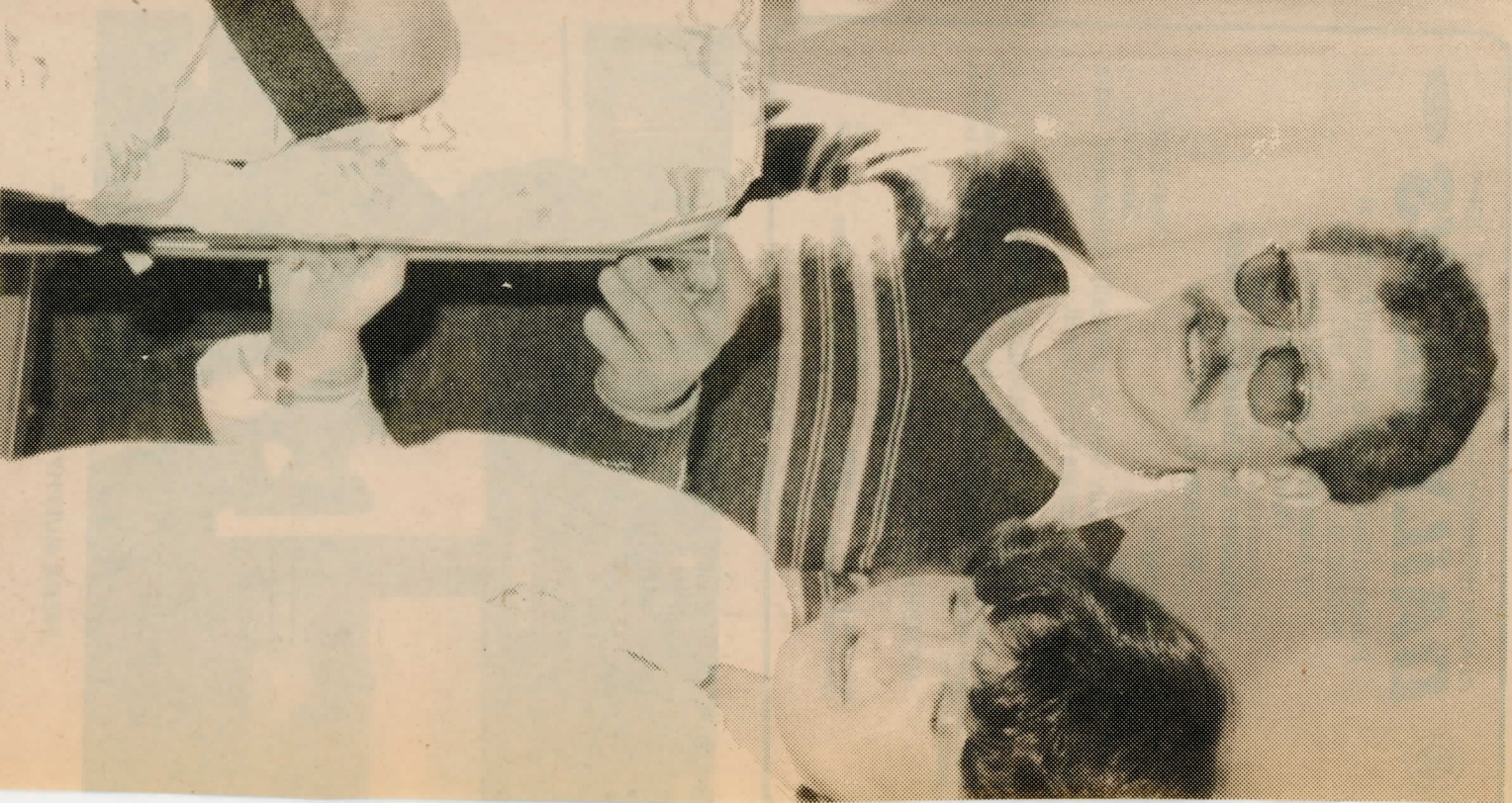
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will get a safer ride home from the hospital
thanks to the gift donated by the British
Columbia Medical Association and the doctors of
the province.

JANUARY 2, 1986

New Year's baby is a boy!

Coming into the world at 9:55 yesterday morning, is Fort St. John's New Year's baby.

Weighing six pounds and 15 1/2 ounces, baby Quintin is the son of Janice and Gary Gamble.

Meanwhile, two Toronto boys appear to share the distinction of being the first and second — or second and first — babies delivered in Canada in 1986.

Two Ontario couples — Marlene and Moe Benarroch and Hansa and Vasan Patel —

became proud parents within moments of midnight Tuesday night.

The "official" record indicated the six-pound, four-ounce son to the Patels arrived precisely at midnight at Doctors' Hospital while the birth of the seven-pound, two-ounce boy to the Benarrochs came at one second past midnight at Toronto General Hospital.

"But let's face it — nobody goes and checks these things using

Greenwich time — that's nonsense," said Dr. Sam Librach, the obstetrician who delivered the Patels' baby.

Librach admitted the clock watching on New Year's Eve is a tradition in maternity wards across the country with every hospital hoping to bring in the new year with the first birth.

As the Toronto babies were cuddled by their parents and fawned over by the news media

on Wednesday, the hospitals waged a friendly joust over who had the first arrival of the new year.

Doctors' Hospital announced their midnight birth as Toronto's first, then a nursing supervisor at the General said their baby was first because a baby born at midnight was actually the last baby of 1985.

Doctors' Hospital then issued a news release saying their baby

was born a second after midnight. Still later, spokesman Bernice Moore said it was a mistake, and stuck by midnight.

Who's right didn't seem to matter much to the babies at the centre of the controversy, who yawned and fell asleep in their mothers' arms.

"He's only been here a few hours and he's already had his first press conference," said Moe Benarroch.

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Hospital W.I.

JAN 29, 1986

The Hospital W.A. held its annual dinner meeting and installation of officers on Monday, January 20 at the Senior Citizens Hall. Past President Marion Sodergren installed the new executive in a candle light ceremony.

The new executives are as follows: Past President, Dianne Knott; President Rosalynn Baron; Secretary Fran Dodge; Treasurer, Kay Unger; 1st Vice-President Winnona Davidson; 2nd Vice-President Iva Cousins; 3rd Vice-President Lorna Best; Membership, Barb Powers; Publicity, Colette Blanchette; Candy Striper Advisor, Heather Palmer.

Dianne Knott was presented with a past president pin by Marion Sodergren. Dianne thanked all volunteers for their help and support in the past two years, and wished Rosalynn all the best of luck in her term of office.

New volunteers are welcome to call Rosalynn Baron at 785-4712.

Colette Blanchette
Publicity



THE HOSPITAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY held a draw for a Cabbage Patch Doll and wardrobe over the holidays, and the prize was won by Melissa Kehler. Above, Robert Kui of Shoppers Drug Mart, who donated the prize, makes the draw assisted by Dianne Knott, president of the Hospital W.A.

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HOSPITAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY president Dianne Knott, right, accepts a cheque from Marla Tyson, representing the Provincial Government Employees Community Services Fund. Provincial employees have donated \$246.67 to the Hospital W.A. over the past year. The money will be used for a blood monitoring unit and a new examining table that the auxiliary is purchasing.



THE HOSPITAL WOMEN'S Auxiliary accepted an infant's car seat from Senior Public Health Nurse Inga Von Maydel, on left, recently. Accepting the seat were Kay Unger, centre, and Barb Powers, right of the Hospital W.A. Anyone having a seat to be returned may do so on Fridays to the gift shop at the hospital. The seats can be used until the child outgrows them. The seats can be used with a partially-refundable deposit.

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38 girls in Candy Stripers

The Fort St. John Candy Stripers are a group of teenage volunteers doing something worthwhile with their leisure hours.

This season there are 38 active Candy Stripers. These young people volunteer a minimum of two hours per week to help out at the Intermediate Care Home and at the hospital.

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

Candy Stripers in this city work on a 10-week rotation basis which gives them the opportunity to work in several different areas during the year. They 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 choose a career in nursing or a medicine-related field.

This month the Candy Stripers are holding a raffle; the first prize is a three-day Passport to Expo '86 and the second prize is two one-day passes to Expo '86.

Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the expenses of their Capping Ceremony in June and for purchasing material to make up toy favours for patients throughout the year.

Tickets are priced at 50 cents each or three for \$1.00, and may be purchased from any Candy Striper or at

the Hospital Gift Shop. The draw will take place on March 5th at the regular Candy Striper monthly meeting.



HEATHER PALMER, left, F.S.J. Candy Striper Advisor, presents a bag of used stamps to Dolly Nicholson of the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. Besides collecting stamps, the Fort St. John Candy Stripers assist health-related organizations by waiting tables at their annual Bazaar and teas and by selling carnations for the local M.S. Society.

SEPTEMBER

Hospital news

SEPTEMBER 1986

On Wednesday, September 24, 1986, the Annual Meeting of the Fort St. John and District Hospital Society was held in the Assembly Hall of the Fort St. John General Hospital.

Many society members and several guests were present to hear the various hospital reports. Mr. Lawrence Brown, Board Chairman, announced his intention not to run

again, making a total of four vacancies to be filled. Three vacancies were for three years and one vacancy was for a one year term as the result of a resignation from one trustee who had not completed the three year term.

Elections were held at the meeting and the successful candidates were Linda Potter, Ed Kingsley and Lorraine Harper. The one year term will be filled by Marie Bailey.

At the Board of Directors meeting directly following the Annual Meeting the Board Members elected John Wetzel as their president and Sheelagh Garson as vice-president.

The new board is looking forward to a productive year bringing renewed community contact and awareness.



HANDING OVER the reins to his successor Michael Anthony, left, Liam Hyland will be leaving Fort St. John to pursue his Master

Thesis at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Drug counsellor leaving

By DENISE DIRKSING

For the past two years Liam Hyland has been building a reputation within the city but now that he's known, he's leaving.

Program director and counsellor for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program at Fort St. John General Hospital, he is leaving to complete his master's degree at University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Well known for his direct, no-pulling-any punches, straight talk, Lyam said he was leaving for his own professional growth and employment opportunities.

"I'll be doing something similar but in a larger center," he said.

It'll mean another two years in school, one of which will be dedicated towards writing his thesis or master paper, but once completed he'll have expanded his knowledge to cases involving mental health.

Though excited by future possibilities, he said he was a little sorry about leaving.

"You form relationships and community ties that are hard to give up," he said. Besides that, he always feels lost in a big city.

"In a small town the amedities are easily assessable and you have more direct input into community affairs," he explained. "I feel lost in a big city."

But more important is the program it's taken him two years to establish.

"It's stabilized now and is ready for new direction," he said.

He doesn't anticipate any transitional problems in turning over control to newcomer Michael Anthony, but added their personal style and focus may vary.

"It's hard to pinpoint the difference but Anthony will be focusing more on the marital

aspect to the problem where I dealt more with the individual," Hyland said.

Anthony immigrated from the States in 1982 and received his Masters from the University of Victoria.

He said Hyland "would be a tough act to follow," but added the reputation the program has flourished under the last two years would prove to be to his advantage.

Married with two young children, Anthony says he is excited about his new position in the community.

He would like to start a private marriage counselling practice on a part time basis sometime in the future but added his first consideration was to the Drug and Alcohol Service here.

Hyland leaves the city this Friday and wishes to thank the community for the support he has been given.

AUGUST 18, 1986

Alcohol and Drug Counseling

The North Peace Alcohol and Drug Counselling Service welcomes the community focus on Crime Prevention Week. As a community, we cannot ignore our responsibility to crime prevention. Because of the statistics, we cannot ignore the individual responsibility we hold in the use/abuse of alcohol and drugs, and their relationship to the crimes committed within our community. The statistics from the legal system indicate alcohol or drug involvement in many offenses committed by both the young offender and the adult offender. The statistics indicate that the offender may be astonished to discover that the prank conceived while under the influence of alcohol or drugs was actually a crime.

Recognizing "the facts are..." is important. But equally important is recognizing what can be done about these facts. The key to prevention is education, to separate the myths from the facts. Alcohol and drugs are chemicals that affect one's personality and mind. They can lead to both physical and mental malfunction -- you are going to get ill because of the excessive use of alcohol or drugs, or your mind and thought processes may become temporarily (or permanently) irrational. We only have to observe the media descriptions of alcohol/drug related crimes to know this is true. The medical and

legal systems have verified these facts too many times. Still people will drink or use drugs. The excessive use of alcohol or drugs, combined with the myth it "won't really affect me," will destroy many families in Canada this year. In fact, it will destroy families in Fort St. John. Are you willing to have a part in the responsibility that alcohol and drugs will play in these crimes, or do you want to check it out before you become a statistic?

The North Peace Alcohol and Drug Counselling Service can provide a drug or alcohol awareness program individually suited for teens or adults that question whether or not they have a problem. Perhaps you've been told by family, friends, teachers, medical professionals, or the legal professionals that they think something is happening to you. It really doesn't matter who suggests a problem might exist. What matters is that we are responsible enough to check it out before we find ourselves committing crimes under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

You might discover that the alcohol or drug habit you once controlled now controls you. Find out the reasons that you feel you need the "extra help" in your life. You may be able to cope with more life situations than you thought possible, and without the abuse of alcohol or drugs.

No one service will have the answers you will need. For this reason, the North Peace Alcohol and Drug Counselling Service fully supports the involvement of the rest of the community team:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Al-Anon
- Mental Health
- Al-Ateen
- School Counsellors
- Hospital Marriage and Family Therapists
- Social Services
- Physicians/Nurses
- Employee Assistance Programs
- ACOA Groups
- Social Workers
- RASA

Women's Resource Centre
 Church Groups
 Counselling & Listening Centre
 Native Organizations.

Prevention begins with the desire for change. The North Peace Alcohol and Drug Counselling Service is available to help people discover what they want to change, but the responsibility for change belongs to the individual, and is his/her choice. The North Peace Alcohol and Drug Counselling Service is a free program sponsored by the Ministry of Health. Your confidentiality is guaranteed by all of the organization listed.
 Crime Prevention is no accident. It's your choice.

Michael O. Anthony
 Program Director
 Eileen Babcock
 Secretary

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Left, Colette Blanchette and Kay Unger from the women's auxiliary with Claire Musselman, head nurse of the emergency ward, present table.

NOVEMBER 7, 1986

EIGHTEEN THOUSAND dollars was raised by the Hospital Women's Auxiliary this year resulting in the purchase of four wheel-chairs, an examination table and a blood pressure



CHRISTMAS PARTY was held for residents in the Fort St. John Hospital extended care unit last Thursday. Many friends and relatives came out to give the people a nice party for the season. And of course, what Christmas party wouldn't be complete without a visit from Santa Claus



himself. He gives a present to Gilgian Kuenzie in photo at left. At right, staff and family members sing carols for the residents, who enjoyed treats and visits as part of the evening. Another picture of this on page 4.

staff who volunteered their time to make the party a success. Once again George Broadhurst did a super job of playing Santa Claus. And thanks to relatives and friends and our hospital dietary staff, scrumptious goodies and refreshments were served. Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the new year. In photo at left Santa gave a present to Gilgian Kuenzie while at right staff sing to the residents.

THE HOSPITAL'S fourth annual Christmas party was held Thursday, Dec. 11 for the residents of Sagusteno, the extended care unit. It was held in conjunction with the extended care residents from the medical surgical unit. There are 11 residents of Sagusteno and about 14 on the medical surgical floor. A large number of friends gathered to make this a special Christmas celebration. Special thanks go to the off-duty

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Extended care patients enjoy party

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the volunteers who come faithfully for visiting and reading, church services, tea parties and music, outings and help with decorating. We look forward to continued efforts of kindness. Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the new year.



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MAKING CHRISTMAS season a little merrier for the oldest resident of Sagusteno, Janet (Dee Dee) Grantham, third from right, were from left

Shannon Ross and family Valerie Powell and Ethel Rutledge. Dee Dee, as she likes to be called, is 95 years old.

Nurses celebrate 75th anniversary

On December 10th, 1986 the North Peace Chapter of R.N.A.B.C. (Registered Nurses Association of B.C.) held a special Christmas dinner in order to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of R.N.A.B.C. in 1987. To commemorate this event, chapter members decided to pay tribute to the pioneer nurses of Fort St. John. Each pioneer nurse, honoured with a corsage was introduced with a brief history of nursing education and career and then asked to share some of the most memorable moments of her nursing practice.

All chapter members present felt a deep sense of pride in having the opportunity to meet these courageous women, who helped build nursing practice to what it is today. These pioneer nurses not only contributed their nursing skills and expertise but also remained in the Peace River country to raise their families and participate as citizens of this community.

The memoirs of the pioneer nurses were both humorous and informative, and we the N.P. Chapter members would like to share some of these anecdotes with the community at large.

VI WOODWARD (nee Garrish)

Vi graduated from Vancouver General Hospital in 1933. Vi, an adventurous young single nurse with a sincere desire to provide nursing services to the north country was employed at the Red Cross Outpost Hospital at Cecil Lake in November, 1937. Vi worked on and off at the outpost until it closed in 1954, at which time she continued her nursing career at the Providence Hospital and was head nurse on the maternity ward until her retirement in 1972. In addition, Vi has served two consecutive terms as a director of the R.N.A.B.C. and has received an achievement award for this. In 1987, Vi will have achieved 50 years of active involvement with the R.N.A.B.C. in the Fort St. John area.

Vi remembers her trip from Vancouver to the Cecil Lake Outpost in November, 1937. She was met by the mail truck at Dawson Creek which took her to Fort St. John. She didn't have too much time to dwell on her family's opposition to her acceptance of such a far northern post between trying to keep warm in -40 degrees C temperatures and coping with her suitcase which had been run over by the mail truck. She continued her journey from Fort St. John to

advent of the new hospital, she is fondly remembered as the recovery room nurse there, until her retirement in 1978.

Charlotte recalls the 24-hour train trip from Edmonton to Dawson Creek very well. It was there, sitting in the one passenger car on a freight train that she first heard the news of W.W. II's beginning.

She remembers her experiences at the old Province Hospital as being part of "one big happy family." Whenever Dr. Brown arrived at the hospital, the nursing sisters vanished into thin air, leaving Charlotte to deal with him. "I still don't know why the sister seemed to be frightened of Dr. Brown," says Charlotte. Perhaps it was because Charlotte is just the type of person who gets along well with everyone. During her spare time, Charlotte would borrow one of Father Jungbluth's horses to explore the beautiful Peace River Country.

AGNES SCHECK

Agnes graduated from Vegreville General Hospital in 1940, and two months later arrived at the Province Hospital. After her marriage, in 1943, Agnes served in the U.S.A. Medical Corps as the head of surgery department at the Kerr Military Hospital, eight miles north of Fort Nelson. After the war, she resumed work at the old Providence Hospital. Agnes was head nurse in the Emergency Department for the last 13 years of her employment until retiring in 1979.

Agnes chuckles "Well I came to B.C. for the big money as nurses were being paid \$45.00 per month!"

Agnes recalls the circumstances of her work at the U.S. Medical Corps...one of the Doctors wanted to operate and asked, "Where's Scheck?" She'd gone to Fort St. John with the mail truck was the answer. "There was hell to pay" says Agnes, "when the Doctor had to wait till I got back before he could operate." Agnes shared a rather humorous panic situation that occurred while she was working at the old Providence Hospital. In addition to caring for her patients, Agnes was responsible for keeping the wood-burning furnace stoked up in the basement of the hospital. While loading the wood stove with the heavy four foot logs, one log got stuck 1/2 way into the stove which then began smoking heavily. Of course the patients panicked when they thought there was a fire. "You had to do something" says Agnes



PIONEER NURSES Honored: back, from left; Marge Garrett, Elaine Lawrence, Alice, O'Neil and Vi Woodward. Front Winnifred Johnston, Agnes Scheck, Barb Godbersen, Esther Fisher and Charlotte Artemenko.

day, Eleanor was working at the old Providence Hospital with a hospital gown tied on over her street clothes.

ESTHER FISHER (nee Neitherfield)

Esther came to Blueberry (now Wonowon) with her family in 1945. She went on to take her training at Vancouver General Hospital and graduated in 1950. Later, she returned to acquire a Public Health Diploma. She has travelled extensively, in a variety of nursing fields during her career, including Prince George, Trail, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Calgary, Ponoka, Quebec and California. Esther is currently employed at the Child Development Centre and for the past four years has been responsible for the Infant Development Programme.

Esther recalls receiving a letter from Sister Marcellus at the old Providence Hospital urging her to come and help fill the void of nurses. So, in 1950, Esther and four other nurses headed north from Vancouver on an adventurous trip in an old car to answer her calling. Esther says, "After working for a while at the Providence Hospital and Public Health, I found I just wasn't ready to settle down." so she continued on in search of greener pastures. "I'm glad I did, I wouldn't miss any one of my nursing experiences...." states Esther.

at the Providence Hospital, providing an interesting form of entertainment in that the view from the top floor of the hospital gave an excellent opportunity to observe the comings and goings of Fort St. John in the hours of the morning.

Henry the cat, the Providence pet who doubled as a "mouse" created great havoc on several occasions as the nurses scrambled to hide him from the doctors view.

Barb met and married her husband, Don, raised her family and continued to work on the maternity ward at St. John Hospital.

EARLY NURSING IN THE NORTH PEACE:

1920 — Trained nurses from England giving volunteer nursing care at Kathleen Peck — Hudson's Hope May Birley — Fort St. John.

1921 — Pouce Coupe Red Cross Outpost Hospital (closest hospital March 1930 — Grandhaven Red Cross Outpost Hospital. First RN in area — hired from England: Mrs. Anne Roberts, R.N. (the late Mrs. Jim Young).

September, 1930 — Dr. W.A. Brooks sets up practice in Fort St. John.

1931 — Sisters of Charity of Order of Providence established the Fort St. John Providence Hospital. First nursing sisters: Sr. Catherine Bologne; Sr. Alfred of the Cr.

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1932 — Miss Elinor Claxton, RN England to the Grandhaven C Hospital.

1935 — Grandhaven Outpost H closed and relocated at Cecil I Gough Memorial Outpost H (with Miss Claxton).

1935 — Dr. Granet Kearney : practice in Fort St. John.

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1936 — Miss Anges Ayling, RN England joins Miss Claxton a Lake.

March 1937 — Miss Claxton pneumonia.

November, 1937 — Miss Garrish, RN (now Vi Woo arrives at Cecil Lake Outpost with Miss Ayling (retired in 1938 — Marge Hunter (now Garrett) replaces Lucille Ma PHN (retired 1940).

1939 — Charlotte Curtice, RN Charlotte Artemenko) joins Providence Hospital (retired in 1940 — Anges Sopchychyn, RN Agnes Scheck), to woi Providence Hospital (retired in Sister Philomena arrives.

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Winnie graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1946. Prior to her arrival to Fort St. John in 1954, Winnie was employed for two years at Smithers, two years as an outpost nurse in the Yukon Territories as well as a variety of other nursing positions at Lower Post, St Anne's Academy in Victoria and at Dawson Creek Hospital. Winnie is fondly remembered as the Head Nurse on Pediatrics Ward for the last 12 years of her career until her retirement in 1984.

Winnie graduated from the Royal Columbian Hospital in 1946. She arrived to Fort St. John in 1947 and worked in all areas of the Providence Hospital on and off between giving birth to five babies. In 1959, the family moved to Vancouver, where Eleanor continued her education at U.B.C. and worked as a Public Health Nurse in Richmond until 1976. In 1976, she returned to Fort St. John and was employed at the Fort St. John Health Unit. After a series of promotions over the past 10 years, Eleanor is currently the Peace River Health Unit Manager for all five Health Units in the North and South Peace River District. Eleanor, was instrumental in the formation of the Graduate Nurses Group formed in 1956, and later, in 1977/78 served as vice president of the North Peace Chapter of R.N.A.B.C. in Fort St. Eleanor recalls that the five-hour flight from Vancouver to Fort St. John in a small DC-3 left her feeling rather light headed. She stepped out of the plane and onto the snow and mud wearing only light pump shoes for footwear. She was married that same afternoon. About five or days after her arrival, a heavy knock on the door revealed a "Mrs. Murray" (Ma Murray), demanding to know why Eleanor was not working at the hospital, as they were so acutely short of nurses. Eleanor explained that her uniforms hadn't yet arrived in Fort St. John in 1939 and worked in all areas of nursing at the Province Hospital until 1963. With the

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Laura Murphy, RN (later known as Sister Marcellina).

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Hospital W.I.

Oct 30, 1986

The Hospital Women's Auxiliary reports that their recent bazaar was a big success.

The Senior Citizens provided use of their hall and kitchen for the event. Donor of the lucky Seven prizes were D & G Oil Service, Action Concrete, Ja Mar Trucking & Farms Ltd., P & F Computercraft Ltd., Ward Pontiac, Peace Country Rentals, Len's Electric, Babies, Buggies & Bears and Davidson Brothers Construction.

Prize winners were: Tea Prize: 50 litres gasoline, R.D. Sales, Sheila Whitcomb; Winter Scene Music Box, Delores MacLean; Crystal Bowl, Bernice Miller; Flower Centerpiece, Barb Powers; Jewellery Case, William Nurnberger; Wrinkles, Karen Molander; Ceramic Bowl, Sharon Vonk; Clock, Delores MacLean.

The Candy Strippers also had a pleasant afternoon helping serve the tea and having their own raffle. Winners of the Cabbage Patch Premie and outfits was Opal Armstrong.

Sheila Hards won the afghan raffle with Clara Sodergren winning the quilted tree skirt.

Thanks to all who helped support the auxiliary at their bazaar.

They're the tops

Candystriper Susan Paynter and advisor Shirley Rowland proudly hold a recognition plaque recently won by the Fort St John General Hospital Candystripers at the annual conference held in Williams Lake. Both attended the conference.

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