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**Pembroke General Hospital  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1878-1978**

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**PEMBROKE  
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# A Look At The General Hospital Over The Years

1877

May 17—The first meeting for the promotion of the hospital project was held.

July 15—A committee of prominent citizens was named to undertake the project.

Nov.—Mayor Wallace of Ottawa held a benefit night in aid of the project.

1878

Feb. 22—The first hospital, located at 557 Pembroke Street East, was blessed by Father Faure.

Feb. 23—The first patients were admitted: Mrs. Pelletier and Mrs. Daniel O'Meara.

—The total number of patients admitted in the first year of operation was 33.  
—The first financial statement showed a revenue of \$646.00 and expenses of \$989.84, with a deficit of \$343.84.

1885

—a horse and buggy were donated to be used by the hospital on the condition that it be returned to the convent when water was needed for laundry or when the convent had to transport freight.

1887

—Bishop Lorrain purchased the property on MacKay Street for a new hospital building.

1892

—The hospital moved to its new location, the present Marianhill. The cost of the new hospital—\$20,000.00

1893

Feb. 5—The first telephone was installed at a cost of \$10.00 per year.

1909

Dec. 13—Lorrain Wing was added to the hospital. The clergy and people of the Diocese of Pembroke contributed \$15,000.00 to this addition.

1915

—The sun parlours were added to the hospital.

1916

—A separate maternity unit was opened.  
—The Lorrain School of Nursing was opened. Sister St. Elizabeth was the first Director and there were nine students enrolled in the first class.

1921

—An extensive new wing and laundry were added at a cost of \$200,000.00.

1926

—The English speaking Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception took over the operation of the hospital from the Grey Nuns of the Cross of Ottawa.

1952

—A completely new hospital was built on the site immediately to the south of the old hospital at a cost of \$2,000,000.00. The old building was converted to Marianhill, a Home for the Aged.

1962

—A new Nurses' Residence with educational facilities was erected at a cost of \$685,585.00.

1965

—A new laundry, staff locker rooms, and morgue were constructed at a cost of \$208,900.00.

1971

—A two-bay ambulance garage was built at a cost of \$17,700.00.

1973

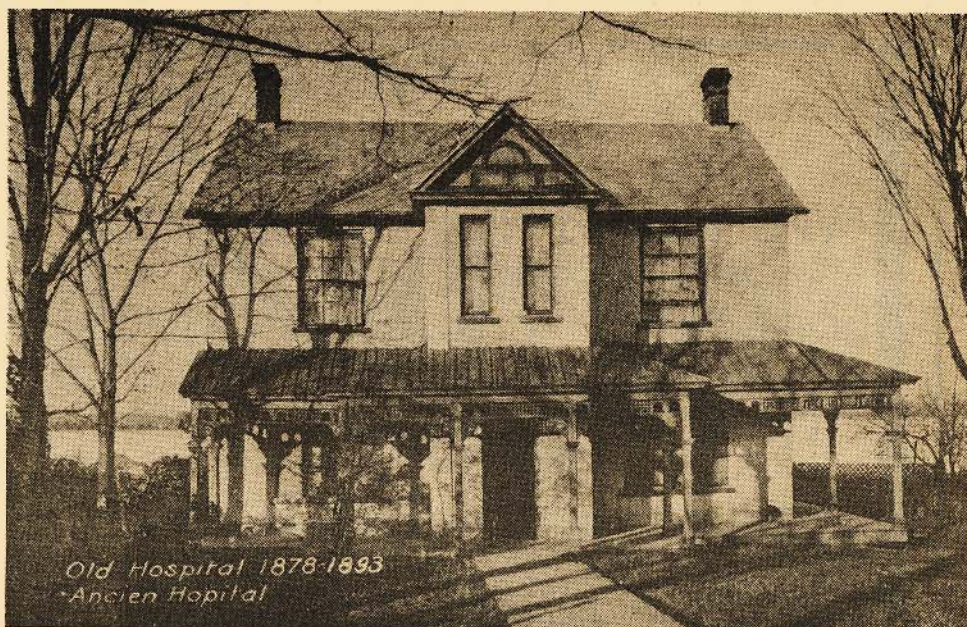
—Part of the former Nurses' Residence was converted to a Psychiatric out-patient department and office space for local physicians.

1974

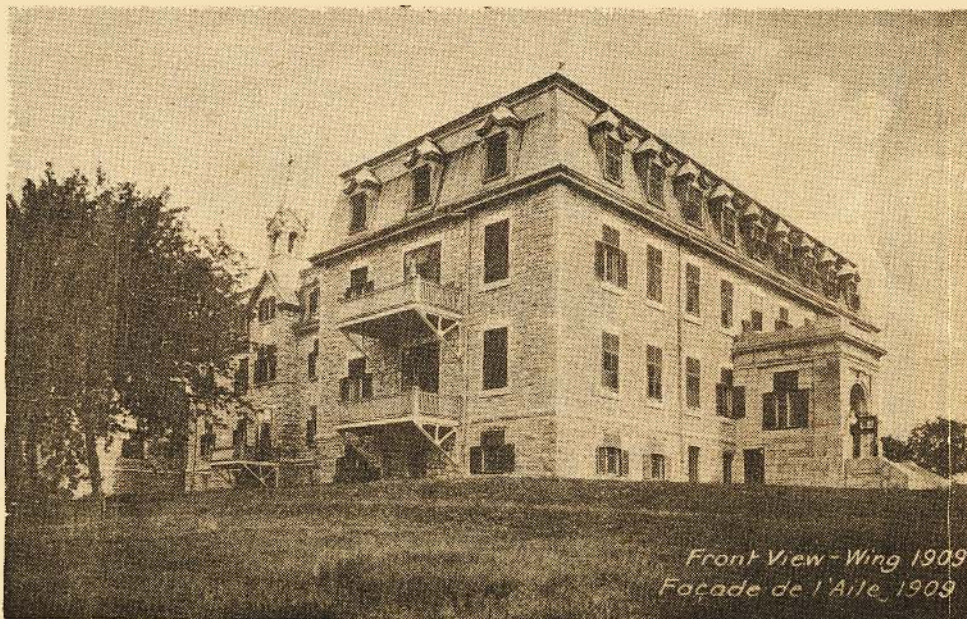
—The fifth floor of the hospital, originally built for the Sisters' residence, was converted to a 27 bed Nursing Home, Youville Nursing Home, at a cost of \$75,000.00.

1977

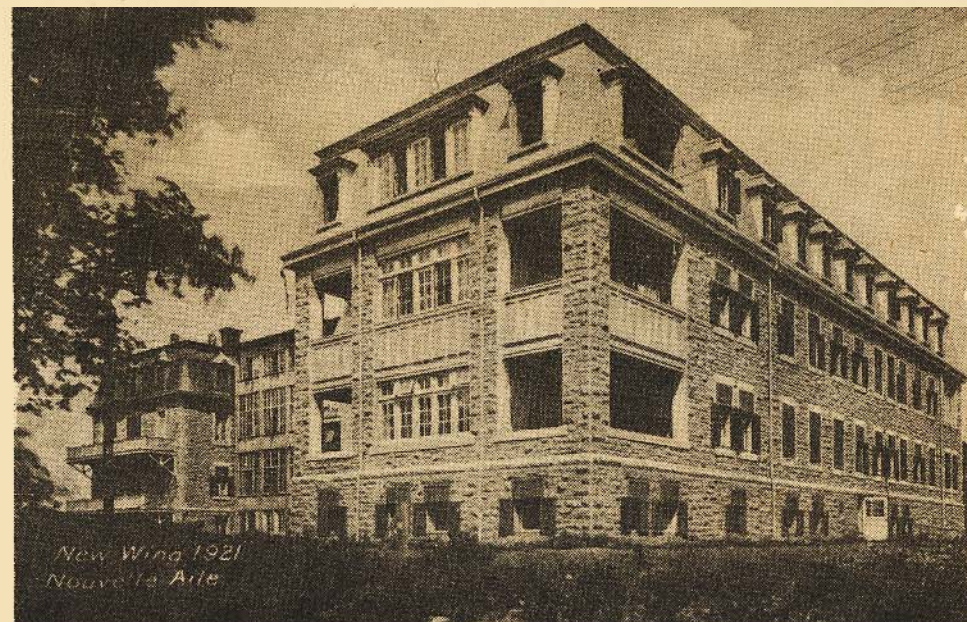
—Additional space in the former Nurses' Residence converted for use as a Psychiatric Day Hospital.



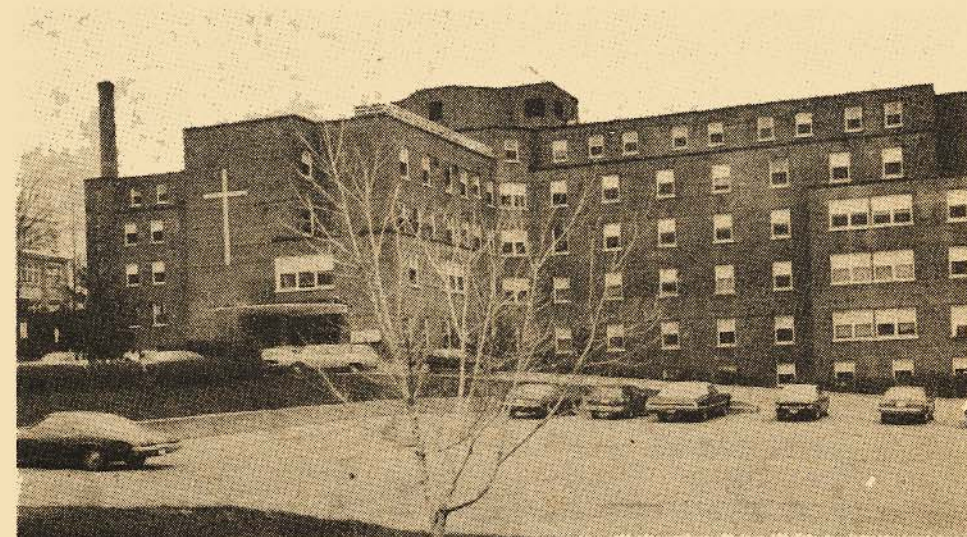
Old Hospital 1878-1893  
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Front View - Wing 1909  
Façade de l'Aile, 1909



New Wing 1921  
Nouvelle Aile



## THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE

Through these series of photos one can see the progress made by the General Hospital over the years since its humble beginnings in 1878. The top photo shows the original hospital which was opened in

1878. That building is still standing today and is situated on Pembroke Street East. In the centre is the second General Hospital which was built in 1893 and now serves as Marianhill, a senior citizens home. In the

last photo is the present General Hospital. It was opened in October, 1953. The costs in those days by the way was a handsome \$20 million. The outside of the structure has not changed any over the years.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Pembroke General Hospital on the celebration of their 100th anniversary.

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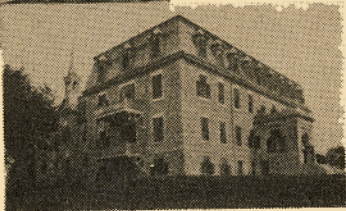
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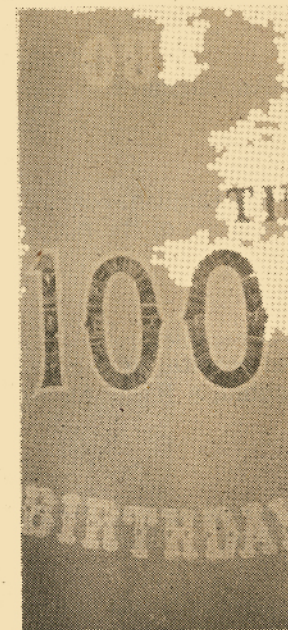
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Sister Youville  
1878



Sister St. Mark  
1978



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## PEMBROKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

A "Century" celebration marks a milestone in the life of any institution. In this year of celebration, we, staff members of the Pembroke General Hospital wish to express our sincere congratulations to the Grey Sisters who pioneered our hospital and to their successors. We admire the courage it took to found the hospital and the courage to continue through times of stress and difficulty, discouragement and disappointments, often at the cost of great personal sacrifice.

Your work over the past one hundred years has indeed been one of the most commendable chapters in the history of Pembroke.

On behalf of all who have benefited from your care, may we express our warmest admiration and deepest gratitude.

**THE STAFF ASSOCIATION  
OF THE PEMBROKE GENERAL HOSPITAL**



"SO MANY PEOPLE ENHANCING OUR CELEBRATION"

# Superior General Delivered Speech At Dinner

**Editor's note:** The following was made by Sister Lucille Martin, superior general of the Grey Sisters. The speech was delivered at a Centennial dinner at the Pembroke General Hospital earlier this year.

As I look about me—to see so many distinguished, so many great people enhancing our celebration this evening, I am impelled to say that your presence makes this an even more special event. Your being here, I am sure, speaks your appreciation of what the General Hospital is and for the service it has rendered to this community over the past century. In the name of the Grey Sister of the Immaculate Conception it is my privilege to say "Thank You" for the tribute of your presence.

The celebration of such a great achievement as the completion of one hundred years of caring for the sick, certainly invites one to reflect deeply. One reflection that speaks forcefully to me on this occasion is from John Dunne's famous

Meditation 17: "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." It inspires me to give humble thanks to God for the courageous, selfless and dedicated lives of the countless men and women, religious and lay, professional and non-professional, whose services, some recorded but many unrecorded, some sung but most unsung, have added up to the achievements of this institution. The hospital annals and archives which we have all had the opportunity of visiting have indeed brought some names and special services to our attention, but we know that it is not any one person nor any one group of persons to whom we must pay honour tonight. It is to the "main," to that grand total of persons who, labouring, suffering, striving together have brought us to where we are.

It is tempting, too, to look to the future and to strive to envision what this future holds for Pembroke General Hospital. Will it become a vital unit that fascinating

complex, that retirement Village, or whatever it may be termed, which we all hope to see merge concretely from the mist of our dreams? Will Pembroke General be there to provide active treatment, long-term care, or whatever health service is required by that ever increasing and richly deserving segment of our society—the aging? Will it continue to be in the vanguard of those committed to maintain the essential value—respect for life during all its phases?

However, while it may be pleasant and paliative to spend time on dreams of the past and visions of the future, it is all too human and in a measure vain and futile. I have always been inspired by the wisdom voiced in a brief Hindu poem:

**Look to this day**

For it is life, the very life of life.

In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

The Bliss of Growth;  
The Glory of Action;  
The Splendour of Beauty;  
For yesterday is already a dream

and tomorrow is only a vision;

But today, well lived  
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day.

So, my dear friends, while tonight we may allow ourselves the luxury of recalling a splendid past and the indulgence of envisioning a hopeful and bright future, let us with some Spartan sense of reality and personal involvement "Look to this day" — the NOW moment, for "in its brief course lie all the verities and realities of our existence." And what are these? The poet answers: "The Bliss of Growth", "The Glory of Action," "The Splendour of Beauty". I think if we give thoughtful consideration to these "verities", these "realities" we would see them as embracing all that we hope for and which we must strive for in our hospital. We must be the achievers, the architects of the NOW moment in the history of Pembroke General

Hospital.

"The Bliss of Growth"— Surely the needs of our day are not less challenging than those of 1878. The daily papers, the newscasts, as well as all the human misery that confronts us at our very own door, make us painfully aware of the pathos of life in our world of NOW. Surely too, it falls within the range of our call, in some measure at least, to bring relief to this suffering by providing material human, and spiritual facilities for ministering solace and healing to these ills, and in doing so, experience "the Glory of Action." In the face of the gross and noxious ills of our time we must be persuaded that we Christian men and women have something to offer in alleviation, that we can somehow ease the peculiar griefs that beset our world, and that we have some answers and solutions that derive from the teachings of Christ the Healer.

One of the touching legends related about St. Francis of Assisi tells how one day the saint walked up to an almond

tree and, in the manner of St. Francis, said: "Sister tree, speak to me of God", and the almond tree blossomed. I think perhaps that we all have, in our own life, heard the world address the same demand to us; sometimes timidly, shamefacedly; sometimes bluntly, but always insistently, the world keeps saying to us:

"Speaking to me of God; do for me as Christ would." And it should be our deeply cherished hope our resolve even, that we will respond as beautifully, as dramatically and yet as naturally as did the almond tree and that our selfless pursuit of excellence, our integrity and our compassion may show forth "the Splendour of Beauty" to our NOW world.

"For yesterday is already a dream  
And tomorrow is only a vision

But today, well lived  
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope. . . ."

Let us all of us,  
"Look well therefore, to this day."



## HOSPITAL FLYING SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY FLAG THIS YEAR

The General Hospital during its 100th anniversary, will have a special flag hanging on the flagpole outside the building. The crest of a family or nation tells in a symbolic manner the history, origin and sometimes the aspirations of that particular group. This symbolism holds true of

institutions of learning and healing. The Grey Sisters of the General Hospital are desirous of perpetuating in the Hospital's Crest the aims of their service and the purposes which motivate their work of mercy. The azure blue background of the crest and the letter "M" symbolize the dedication of

the Grey Sisters to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of their Community. The large maple leaf, emblem of Canada, symbolized that the Grey Sisters have their roots totally in Canada. The open book super-imposed upon the maple leaf proclaims the

opportunities to learn which are available to everyone in this progressive land. A golden cross, the inspiration for all works of mercy is imposed upon a white background, and opposite it is a crimson heart, suggesting ardent charity

towards suffering humanity. The white background expresses joy which is found in serving the less fortunate. Scientific research in medicine and the zeal for learning, so necessary in those who work for the sick, are represented by the lamp. The Sisters' trust in God's

Providence, is well expressed in the Hospital's motto "Providentia—Tutamen", "Providence, our support". The flag was presented to hospital administrator Sister St. Mark by Ed McNulty of the hospital and Youville Nursing Home staff.



# CITY OF PEMBROKE



It is with great pleasure that I, as Mayor of the City of Pembroke, join with members of City Council in extending to Sister St. Mark and the Grey Sisters of the Pembroke General Hospital our heartfelt congratulations on this the occasion of the marking of 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Pembroke and the area.

The Grey Sisters in Pembroke have worked quietly and with great dedication these many years and have sought no rewards other than those of seeing pain eased, comfort provided and health regained.

It is now a time of jubilation and the work of this dedicated community can be joyfully recognized with words of praise.

On behalf of all the people of Pembroke and of its neighbours, may I thank you for your gentle labours amongst those who call this valley home and may I trust that the years ahead will see you continue to work to achieve those victories that are so close to your hearts.

Henry V. Brown  
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## Grey Sisters Operated Lorrain School Of Nursing

Editor's note: For many years—beginning in 1920—the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception operated the Lorrain School of Nursing in conjunction with the Pembroke General Hospital. A few years ago the nursing school came under the jurisdiction of Algonquin College and the sisters ceased to take an active role in the operation. Following is a look back the school from its beginning until the time it ceased to be a part of the hospital's operation.

In 1879, in answer to an expressed need of the citizens of Pembroke, the Grey Sisters opened the town's first hospital. It was a small town then but the potential for future development was evident to the leading citizens of that day. The lumbering industry was flourishing and an increasing number of accident victims required care that could only be provided in a hospital.

It was a humble beginning, the hospital only a house, but these pioneer women, fulfilled their apostolate of charity in a spirit of faith and love. Under primitive conditions, and with meager financial remuneration, the sisters restored to health and usefulness, many persons who otherwise might have died. There were no tranquilizers or barbiturates in those days, but old men still recall with a glint in their eyes the 'night cap' that was provided for a good night's rest.

Pembroke was growing; the health needs of its increasing population necessitated the provision of greater hospital facilities and additional hospital personnel.

In 1892 the Sisters moved to a fine new stone structure on 'Bishop's Hill', a property which had been purchased by Bishop Lorrain in 1887. In all his endeavours to maintain the social institutions of his time, Bishop Lorrain enjoyed the sustained generosity and loyal support of the townspeople. It was with great joy that he celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in the new hospital chapel in February 1893.

Sister St. Elizabeth, a graduate of the Youville Training School in Ottawa was appointed Director of Nursing of the Pembroke General Hospital in 1914. A woman of foresight and determination, Sister faced the reality of the need to prepare nurses to care for the increasing number of sick. In spite of difficulties accompanying a new venture the hospital's first School of Nursing was organized in 1916 and eight students were admitted.

As a tribute to a great man who for thirty-three years had been Pembroke's Chief Pastor, the School was named 'Lorrain'. In 1920, The Lorrain Memorial Wing was completed and became the first 'Nurse's Home'. Sister St. Elizabeth directed the activities of the 'Lorrain Training School' for the first ten years of its development. During this time 85 Nurses were graduated and an Alumnae Association was formed in 1922. Nursing was difficult in those days. Housekeeping tasks filled many hours of the nurses day. The forty hour week was unheard of as were auxiliary workers to ease the nurse's work load.

The foundations of the school had been firmly laid. The

Sisters who followed Sister St. Elizabeth, as directors of the school contributed to its growth according to their specific abilities and available means. The names of these Sisters and the years during which they directed the school are as follows:

Sister Mary Brigid—(1926-1931) and (1932 to 1938).

Sister St. Desmond—(1931 to 1932).

Sister Mary Florence—(1938 to 1945).

Sister St. Elizabeth had a second term of office from—(1945 to 1956).

Sister Mary Rena—(1956-1958).

Sister St. Cuthbert—(1958-1961).

Sister Mary Rena was re-appointed in—(1961-1966).

Sister St. Cuthbert—(1966-1967).

Sister Mary Rena—(1967—to present time).

Changes within the school's program have kept pace with the changing needs of society. Early in its history, the need to seek student nursing experience outside the home school was recognized. In the 1930's affiliation with the Strathcona Hospital in Ottawa for experience in Communicable Disease Nursing and with the Ottawa General Hospital for dietary experience were secured. The former was discontinued, in 1940, and when the home hospital was able to obtain the services of a qualified dietitian, the latter was also discontinued.

In 1945, an affiliation was sought and obtained with The Children's Memorial Hospital in Montreal. This affiliation was discontinued in 1967. The students at Lorrain enjoyed their experience where they learned how to meet the nursing needs of children in a rapidly changing environment.

The ability to care for the emotionally disturbed person is an essential part of the nursing student's education. Beginning in the mid-forties, the students have had a three month experience in psychiatric nursing. The first affiliation was with the Ontario Hospital in Kingston and in 1959 the students were transferred to the Psychiatric Hospital in North Bay. In 1964, an additional affiliation was obtained with the Ontario Hospital in Toronto, and at the Ontario Hospital in Brockville.

The teachers at 'Lorrain' have always been cognizant of the fact that nursing is not confined to a hospital. An insight into the health needs of the community at large has been gained by the Nursing students through the co-operation and assistance of the Victorian Order of Nurses and the Public Health Nurses with whom the school has been associated since the early 1940's.

There have been many 'firsts' in the School's history and only a few of them can be mentioned here. In looking through school records some interesting facts were brought to light. When older graduates say they worked twice as hard as the present day student, they may mean they worked twice as long. Twenty-five years ago a student worked 66½ hrs. weekly; today they have a 35 hour week.

The first School of Nursing Advisory Committee was formed in 1948 by Sister St.

Elizabeth. In this year also, the Director of Nursing attended the Hospital Board Meeting for the first time. The first school calendar was published in 1945. The pink striped uniform was donned for the first time by the students admitted in 1963.

555 graduates plus 22 this year have graduated from Lorrain. In the first school graduating class there were 8 students this year we have 22 students. Availability of residence accommodation and clinical facilities has always been a determining factor in student enrolment. In 1948 it was necessary to open a small Nurses' Residence on Mackay St. and this was used until a wing of the old hospital was converted into suitable living quarters in 1954.

The new hospital opened in 1953 providing greater clinical facilities for an increasing number of students. Requests from candidates seeking admission continued to increase, and again in 1959 it was necessary to provide residence accommodation in a house on Market St.

Negotiations with the Hospital Services Commission for the construction of a new nurses residence had a favorable outcome and in October 4th, 1960 approval for a residence and education unit was received from Dr. Urquhart, chairman of the O.H.S.C. On October 31st, 1960, Rev. W.J. Smith, Bishop of Pembroke, turned the sod for the new building. In the following year in the same month the official opening of the Lorrain School of Nursing was held and with mixed feeling of nostalgia and eagerness, the students moved into their new home. The present enrolment in the school is 78.

The medical staff have contributed in no small measure to the progress and development of the school. In days when qualified teaching personnel was not as available as it is today, the doctors spent many hours in the classroom. Their continued interest in the students' education is evident and even though pressured for time they can still manage to give a lecture or two on request.

The Women's Auxiliary to the hospital has been a benefactor to the school through the years and since 1957 has given a substantial annual bursary to a qualifying applicant of the school.

The Curriculum changes over the past ten years have paralleled the social and educational development of the country.

An understanding of the person and the society in which he lives enhances the Nurse's ability to administer good nursing care. Consequently, courses in social and behavioural sciences, conducted by experts in the field, are now an integral part of the education program.

In 1946, the first clinical instructor was appointed to supervise the students throughout the hospital in the practice of nursing. Today there is a teacher in each clinical area of the hospital and the experiences for students are carefully selected on the basis of their education needs. Methods of teaching have changed. Informal discussions and library research are the rule rather

than the exception. Concepts and principles are emphasized instead of procedures and routines.

The Lorrain School of Nursing has been commended recently by representatives of the College of Nurses for the high standards of its education program.

The new Residence and Teaching Unit of the Lorrain School of Nursing was formally opened on Nov. 19th, 1961. This building provides private room accommodation for 90 students, and the most modern recreational and instructional facilities. Included in the Teaching Unit are: Two classrooms, Nursing Arts, Science and Nutrition Laboratories and a spacious and attractive Library. The gymnasium is the centre of many social activities.

A large Recreation Room equipped with television, radio and Stereo and easy chairs provides relaxation and entertainment on 'off duty time.'

At present the Lorrain School of Nursing has in effect two nursing programmes. One is the traditional three year program which is presently in the phasing out process, the last students graduating in 1969.

In September, 1967, a new two-plus-one programme was initiated. Twenty-five students enrolled in this class. The purpose of this program is to prepare educational background for the practice of professional nursing and for registration in the province of Ontario.

The Lorrain School utilizes the facilities of the following Affiliating agencies:

Pembroke General Hospital  
Ontario Hospital, North Bay  
Victorian Order of Nurses  
Local Public Health Unit  
Other Community Health Agencies

The Lorrain School admits students of all religions, races and creeds. It is the belief of those associated with the school that all persons regardless of race, creed, colour, sex, social and economic status who have the aptitude and qualifications for professional preparation should be afforded the opportunity to develop their potentialities to the maximum.

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Students from other provinces will submit their educational qualifications for evaluation. Applicants from outside Ontario must have equivalent standing as determined by the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Preference will be given to Grade XIII Students and to Grade XII student with highest averages.

It has been proven by various research projects in Ontario that basic education in nursing can be completed in a shorter time provided the school has complete control of the student's experience. The students will not be expected to give nursing service to the affiliating agencies.

In this two-plus-one programme, preparation for professional nursing is provided in a two-year period of classroom teaching with closely correlated and supervised clinical learning experiences, the third year 'Internship' is designed to give the student an opportunity to develop more freely bedside nursing skills and ad-

ministrative leadership. The graduate of this programme will be prepared to give intelligent, competent, and comprehensive nursing care.

The faculty recognizes and assumes the responsibility to provide a programme of planned learning experiences in the classroom and clinical areas which will aid in the development of the understanding abilities and techniques of skillful nursing care.

Learning experiences offered and utilized in the various co-operating agencies are:

Obstetrical Nursing  
Operating Room Nursing  
Medical-Surgical Nursing  
Pediatric Nursing  
Emergency and Outpatient Nursing

In order to graduate each student must complete all the requirements of the course demonstrate satisfactory attitudes and skills in nursing performance in addition to achieving passing grades in all written examinations and assignments.

The School diploma and pin are awarded upon graduation. At the completion of the nurse internship year each graduate is eligible to write the provincial nursing examinations of the College of Nurses of Ontario which entitles her to practice as a Registered Nurse (Reg. N.) in Ontario.

The Pembroke General Hospital is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Here are some milestones, and interesting information, from the hospital's history books.

The first death, a Suezzy Collins, occurred in April of 1878.

The first administrator 1878, was Sister Kirby. Two sisters, Rodrigues and Brasserer, worked with her.

In 1879 a petition was made to the government to grant aid under schedule A of the Charity Aid Act.

The hospital was inspected and because the report was favorable, an order-in-council was passed to include the Pembroke General Hospital among the institutions subsidized.

In 1890, Mar. 31, the first mass was held in the hospital chapel. The mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Faure and the altar boy was Patrick Ryan, who later became Bishop of Pembroke.



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# Surround Ourselves With Reality, Administrator Says

Editor's note: The following speech was made by Sister St. Mark, administrator of the Pembroke General Hospital, during a recent centenary dinner held for members of the board.

We have tried tonight to surround ourselves with some of the realities of 100 years ago—the items in the archives, the menu for this meal, the lamps, my habit, some of your costumes, no—not the people. However we have tried to bring together representatives from the same interested groups of people who 100 years ago were responsible for the beginnings of a hospital for the citizens of this area. The hospital, of course, is Pembroke General and the interested groups were the Government and City officials, the Bishops and Clergy, the dedicated laymen who formed a first Board of Directors and of course, the Grey Sisters who responded to the needs of that time by providing the building and personnel to begin what we are fortunate to celebrate tonight—100 years of health care to the people of the area.

One of the instructions left to us Grey Sisters by our Foundress, Marguerite D'Youville, was: "the people must know that we never refuse to serve". Tonight I thank God for all the friends and supporters of the Grey Sisters of Pembroke General Hospital. You or your forebearers have all been instrumental in making it possible for us to carry out this mandate of Blessed Marguerite or have been our co-workers in our service to the sick.

On behalf of all Grey Sisters who have been privileged to serve in this hospital and of the 17 Administrators who have gone before me, I wish to express appreciation to the officials and board members here with us tonight, to the representatives of the city of Pembroke, the provincial and federal governments, the MOH, the Ontario Hospital Association, the bishops and clergy. To the dedicated board members—you, like those gentlemen of 100 years ago, have made it possible for us, the Grey Sisters, again to do what our foundress did as the first administrator of the Montreal General Hospital "dare to build our dreams of mercy into deeds of love".

As the Pembroke General Hospital celebrates 100 years of care, commitment and concern, the thoughts of my heart towards all here are expressed in this prayerful reflection: I want to say something to all of you tonight who, each in his own time, have become a part of the fabric of the Pembroke General Hospital. The gifts and talents which you have brought to this institution will be written in the book of life. There is an energy in us which makes things happen when the paths of other persons touch ours and we have to be there and let it happen. When the time of our particular sunset comes our thing, our accomplishments, won't really matter a great deal. . . . But the care which we have taken of others and the love we have shown to others—will speak with vitality of the great gift of life we have been for each other.



PRESENTED WITH A NUMBER OF PLAQUES

A Centenary dinner was held at the Pembroke General Hospital to mark the completion of 100 years service, the Grey Sisters of the hospital have given to the community.

Officials from the city, both federal and provincial governments, the Ministry of Health and the Ontario Hospital Association were present to offer their congratulations, to Sister St. Mark, administrator, Bob Baxter, board chairman, and all those associated with the hospital over the years.

Both Sister St. Mark and Mr. Baxter were presented with a number of memorable plaques.

The evening was hosted by Dr. J.O. Foohey who introduced

individual speakers at the dinner and gave a review of the hospital's history. Dr. Foohey also recalled some personal memories he had as a young doctor working at the hospital's former location at Marianhill.

Dr. Foohey listed some names of the people who were responsible for getting the General Hospital established in Pembroke. Some of them included Rev. Sister Kirby of Pembroke, John Doran, chairman and Bishop Lorrain, who in 1887, purchased property on Mackay Street for a newer hospital.

"Right from the very beginning," Dr. Foohey pointed out, "this hospital has always met the capacity to meet the

needs of the people."

Greetings came from Mayor Henry Brown from the city; Len Hopkins, federal MP; G.A. Rowe, administrative consultant from the ministry of health and H.P. Stel, director of the Ontario Hospital Association, District 9.

Mr. Hopkins also represented the provincial riding on behalf of provincial MP Sean Conway who was unable to attend the dinner.

Robert Baxter, board chairman at the hospital; and Sister St. Mark, administrator and Sister Lucille Martin, Superior General, Grey Sisters of the immaculate Conception, also delivered a message.

Among the tributes Sister St. Mark and Mr. Baxter received included a message from the prime minister; a city plaque; a plaque from the provincial government an OHA plaque and one from Mr. Hopkins.

Sister St. Mark pictured in the photo above is seen receiving plaques from G.A. Rowe on behalf of the Ministry of Health; H.P. Stel on behalf of the Ontario Hospital Association and Len Hopkins, federal MP, on behalf of the Prime Minister. Mr. Hopkins also donated a plaque and presented one from the provincial government. A city plaque was also given to the hospital. With Mr. Hopkins is his wife Lois.



SISTER ST. MARK



SHAMROCK TEA A MAJOR EVENT

Every year the ladies auxiliary of the General

Hospital stages its Shamrock Tea. Lavinia Cushing, Lila Neville, and Carmen

Primeau are seen preparing for the tea which was held in March. The auxiliary also

carries out several other projects for the hospital. (Observer Photo)

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**GENERAL HOSPITAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MAKES PRESENTATION**

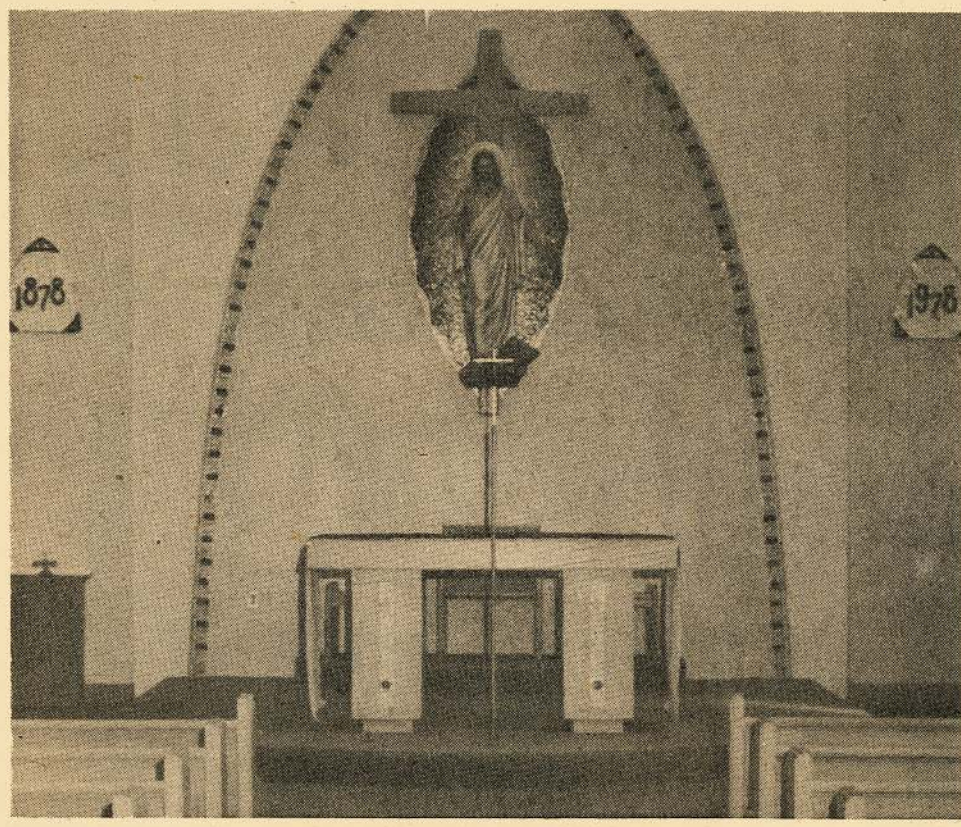
Sister St. Mark, administrator of the Pembroke General Hospital, accepts two paintings presented by

the Women's Auxiliary on the occasion of the hospital's 100th anniversary. One painting will hang in the

main rotunda and the other in the children's ward. Seen in the photo with Sister St. Mark are Mrs. Leona

Beacham, on the left and Mrs. Renice Lamothe, Mrs. Peggy Sylvestre and Mrs.

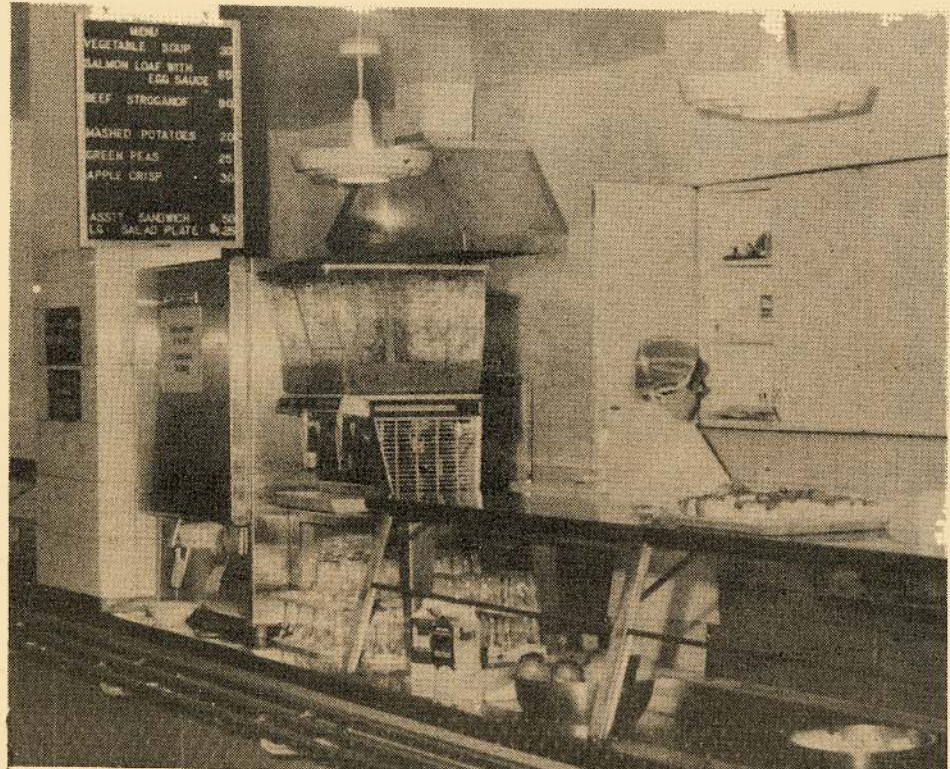
Laura Purvis in their sesquicentennial costumes. (Observer Photo)



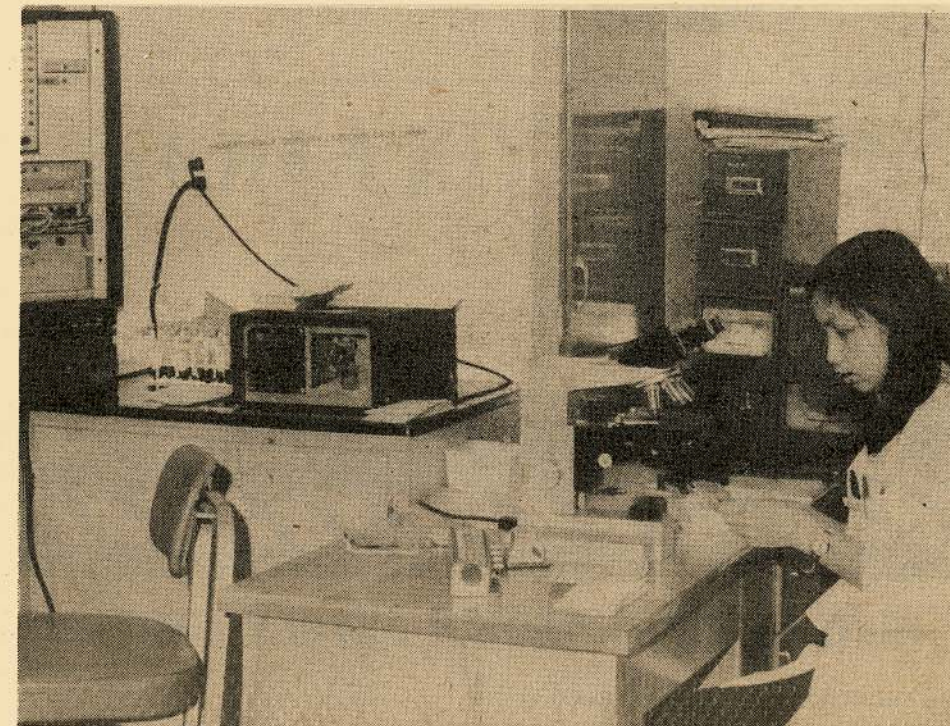
**GENERAL HOSPITAL'S CHAPEL**



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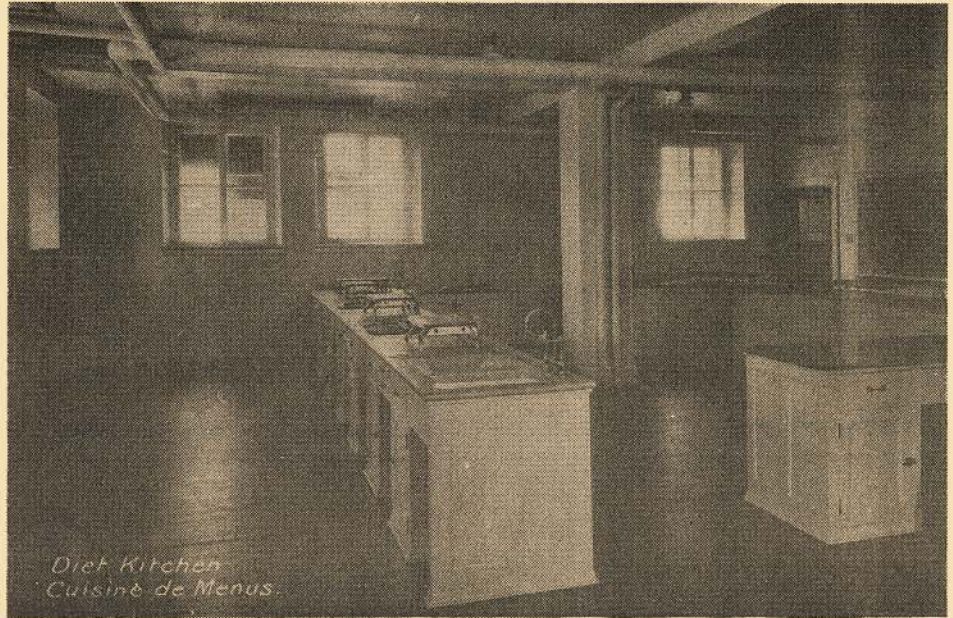
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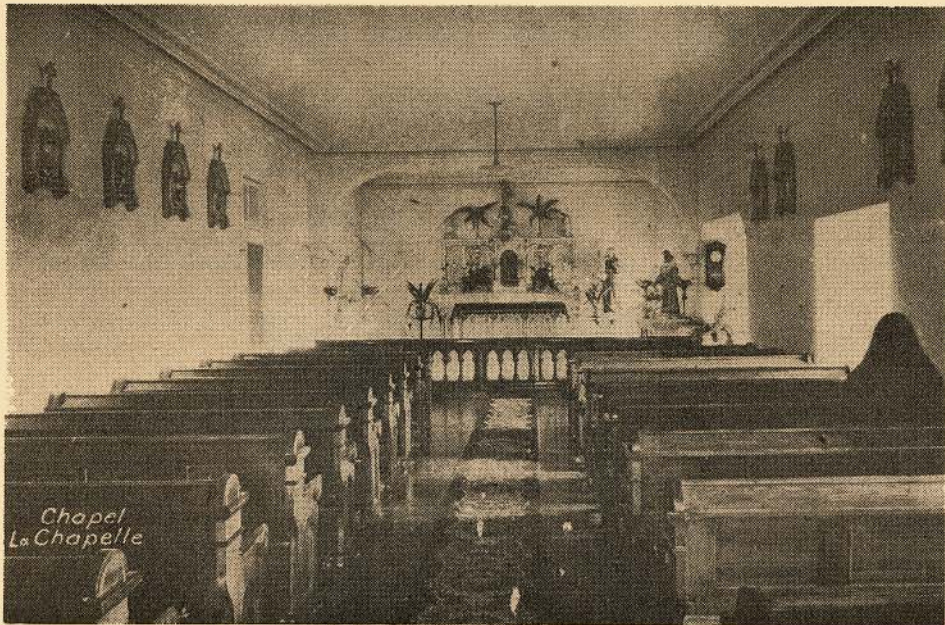
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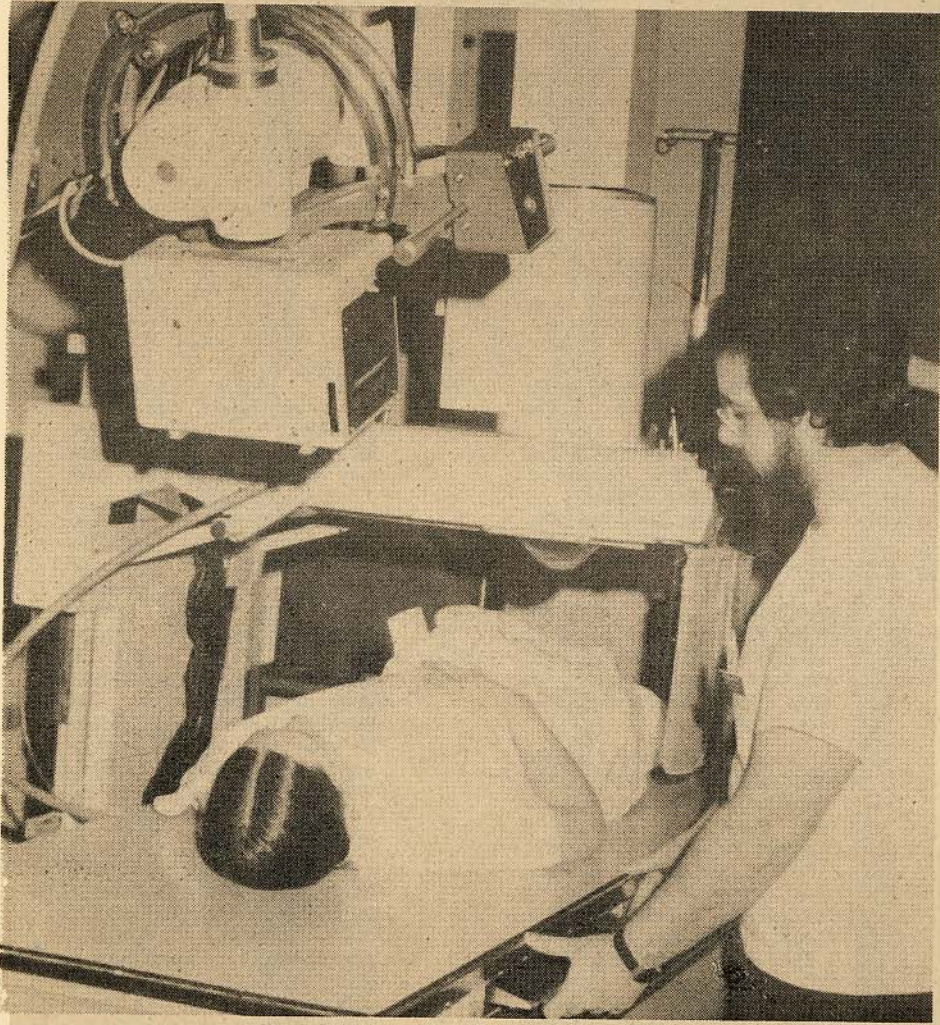
From a economic point of view, we must not forget that along with the humanitarian and religious assets that you have provided for the community, your hospital provides 300 jobs with an annual payroll of 4½ million dollars.

Your foundress Sister D'Youville has every reason to be proud of your community.

Lois joins with me in wishing you every success in a challenging future.

Sincerely  
Len Hopkins  
MP Renfrew North-Nipissing East

# THE PRESENT LOOK AT GENERAL HOSPITAL

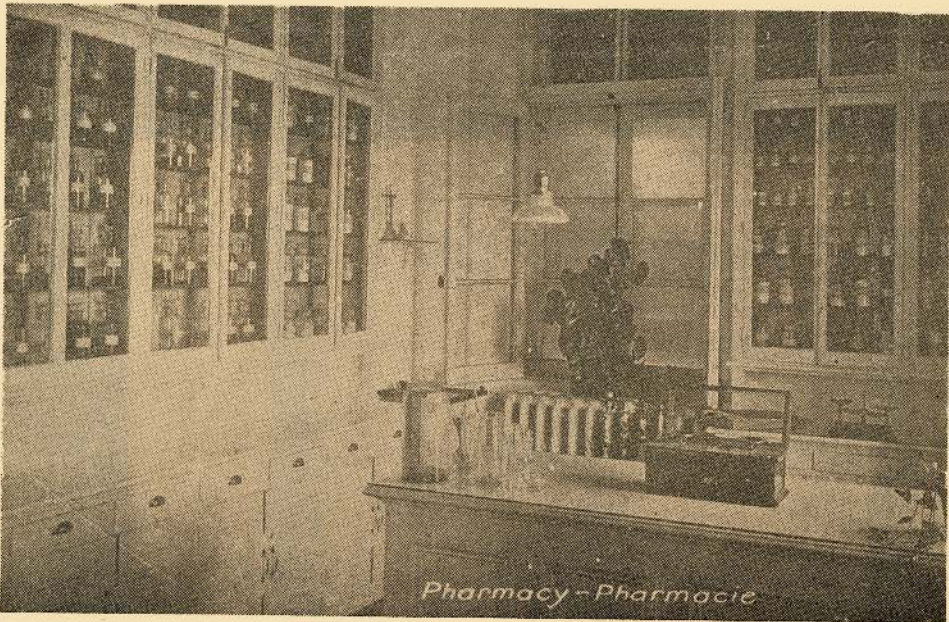


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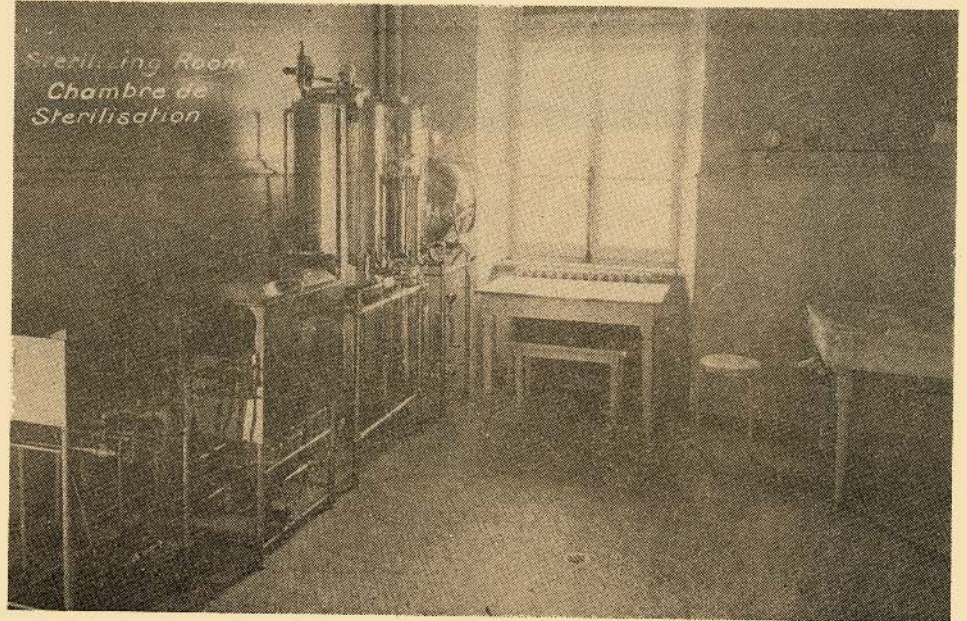


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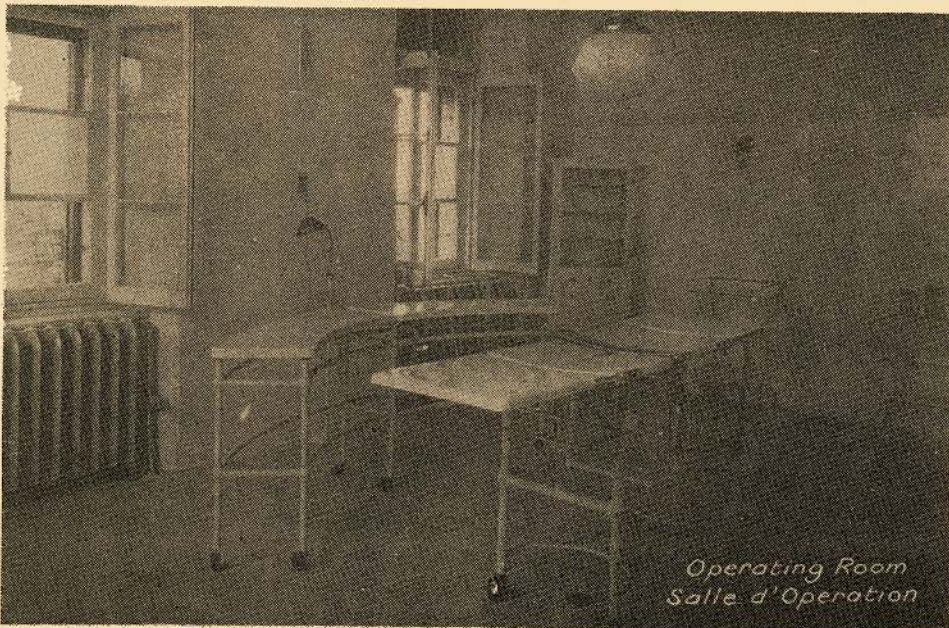
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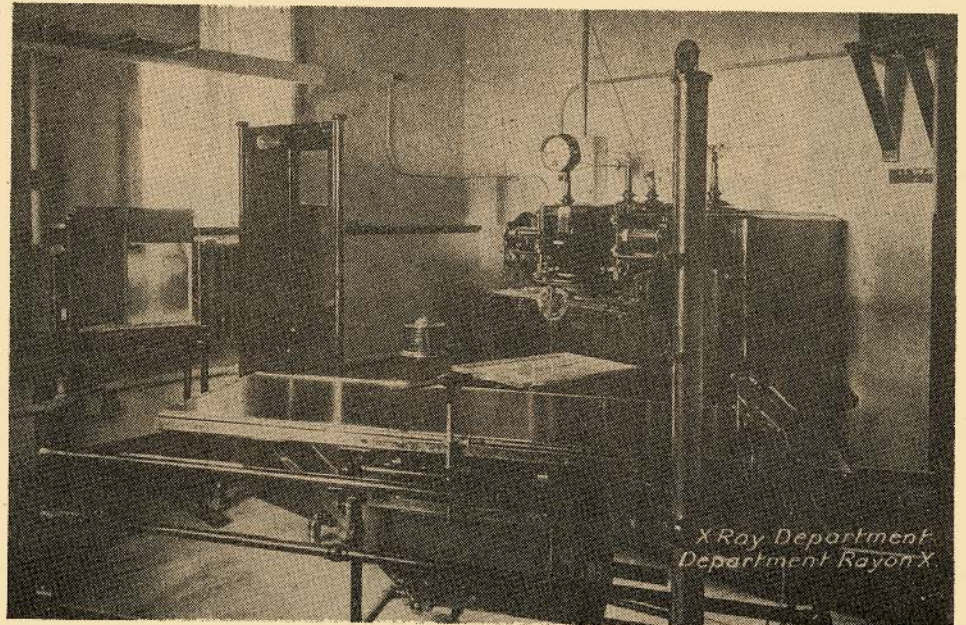
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**SISTER PRESENTED WITH PLAQUE**

A Centenary dinner was held at the Pembroke General Hospital Wednesday night to mark the 100th anniversary of the hospital. Sister St. Mark, administrator, along with hospital

board chairman Bob Baxter were presented with a number of plaques. They came from the city of Pembroke, Liberal MP Len Hopkins, the prime minister of Canada, the provincial

government and the Ontario Hospital Association. In the photo, Mayor Henry Brown, on behalf of the city council, presents the city plaque to Sister St. Mark.

(Observer Photo)

**Hospital Auxiliary Going Concern Over The Years; Planned Many Functions**

Editor's note: For several years the ladies auxiliary of the Pembroke General Hospital has been a going concern. Always active, the auxiliary, has carried on several major projects over the years. Following is a brief report from one of its regular meetings.

The 18th annual report of the Women's Auxiliary of the Pembroke General Hospital was presented at the annual meeting by Mrs. Teresa C. Knott, recording secretary.

The report outlined the goals set, achievements and committee reports as presented to Jan. 31, 1978. Some pride and satisfaction, with auxiliaries everywhere, is shared in recognizing the goals set and accomplishment attained in submitting this 18th report, said Mrs. Knott.

Sister St. Mark hospital administrator, thanked all who had given so generously of their free time, in sharing of themselves and their talents.

Mrs. Johanna Kinney, chairperson of the nominating committee, presented the report of that committee.

The new executive for the 1978 season: Mrs. Michael Mulvihill, president; Mrs. W.D. Skorenky, first vice-president, Mrs. Reg Knott, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Troutman, recording secretary, Mrs. R.B. McEwen, corresponding secretary and Mrs. I.F. Batty, treasurer.

Committee members for the

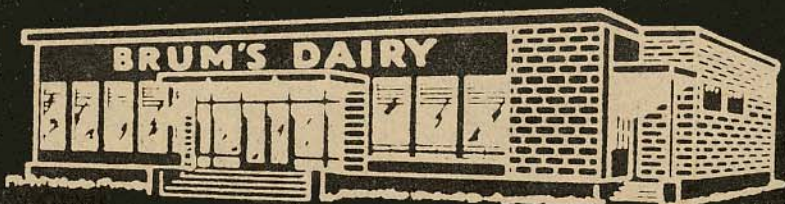
season are: Mrs. R. Levasseur, Mrs. M. Howe, Mrs. W. Lynn, Mrs. W. Beacham, membership; Mrs. P. Brennan, Mrs. A. Demers, Mrs. L. Primeau, Mrs. E. Sharpe, gift shop; Mrs. M. Walsh, Mrs. D. Labine, gift cart; Mrs. L. McHugh, Mrs. J.J. Holleran, decorating gift shop; Mrs. S. Bobra, Mrs. W.D. Skorenky, Mrs. L. Lapointe, Mrs. J. Foohey, purchasing; Mrs. Reg Knott, press and publicity; Mrs. Pat Harrington, Mrs. J.F. Duffy spiritual; Mrs. Ray Schouten, historian; Mrs. J. Foohey, Mrs. Mildred MacDonald, memorial fund, Mrs. Gene Murphy, Mrs. Theo Sylvestre, Mrs. J. Raymond, Mrs. Ken Kennedy, phoning, Mrs. Lorne Papin, activity program; Mrs. H. Samson, Mrs. H. Neville; Mrs. K. Matzinger, Mrs. Frank Havey, Mrs. P. Prudhomme, Mrs. Dorothy Devine, Mrs. Robert Hickson, Mrs. Wm. Ballantyne, ways and means, Mrs. Stanford Walsh, tray favours; Mrs. M.J. Cushing sewing and Mrs. Leyden Cushing knitting.

In recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pembroke General Hospital the Women's Auxiliary presented two paintings to Sister St. Mark. The pictures will be hung in the main rotunda and the children's ward.

In addressing the meeting, Sister St. Mark outlined the history of the hospital and read some excerpts from the minutes of the first organizing committee.

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**INTERESTING DATES AND EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF  
PEMBROKE GENERAL HOSPITAL:**

≈ 1877 ≈

- May 17 — The first meeting for the promotion of the hospital project was held.
- July 15 — A committee of prominent citizens was named to undertake the project.
- Nov. — Mayor Wallace of Ottawa held a benefit night in aid of the project.

≈ 1878 ≈

- Feb. 22 — The first hospital, located at 557 Pembroke Street East, was blessed by Father Faure.
- Feb. 23 — The first patients were admitted: Mrs. Pelletier and Mr. Daniel O'Meara.
  - The total number of patients admitted in the first year of operation was 33.
  - The first financial statement showed a revenue of \$646.00 and expenses of \$989.84, with a deficit of \$343.84.

≈ 1885 ≈

- a horse and buggy were donated to be used by the hospital on the condition that it be returned to the convent when water was needed for laundry or when the convent had to transport freight.

≈ 1887 ≈

- Bishop Lorrain purchased the property on Mackay Street for a new hospital building.

≈ 1892 ≈

- The hospital moved to its new location, the present Marianhill. The cost of the new hospital — \$20,000.00.

≈ 1893 ≈

Feb. 5 — The first telephone was installed at a cost of \$10.00 per year.

≈ 1909 ≈

Dec. 13 — Lorrain Wing was added to the hospital. The clergy and people of the Diocese of Pembroke contributed \$15,000.00 to this addition.

≈ 1915 ≈

— The sun parlours were added to the hospital.

≈ 1916 ≈

— A separate maternity unit was opened.

— The Lorrain School of Nursing was opened. Sister St. Elizabeth was the first Director and there were nine students enrolled in the first class.

≈ 1921 ≈

— An extensive new wing and laundry were added at a cost of \$200,000.00.

≈ 1926 ≈

— The English speaking Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception took over the operation of the hospital from the Grey Nuns of the Cross of Ottawa.

≈ 1952 ≈

— A completely new hospital was built on the site immediately to the south of the old hospital at a cost of \$2,000,000.00. The old building was converted to Marianhill, a Home for the Aged.

≈ 1962 ≈

— A new Nurses' Residence with educational facilities was erected at a cost of \$685,585.00.

≈ 1965 ≈

— A new laundry, staff locker rooms, and morgue were constructed at a cost of \$208,900.00.

≈ 1971 ≈

— A two-bay ambulance garage was built at a cost of \$17,700.00.

≈ 1973 ≈

— Part of the former Nurses' Residence was converted to a Psychiatric out-patient department and office space for local physicians.

≈ 1974 ≈

— The fifth floor of the hospital, originally built for the Sisters' residence, was converted to a 27 bed Nursing Home, Youville Nursing Home, at a cost of \$75,000.00

≈ 1977 ≈

— Additional space in the former Nurses' Residence converted for use as Psychiatric Day Hospital.

The Grey Sisters of Pembroke General Hospital are just completing  
100 years of service to the Community.

*Excerpt from minutes of the first organizing Committee.*

## ***Pembroke, Ont., August 23rd, 1877.***

The want of a GENERAL HOSPITAL has long been felt by the inhabitants of the Town of Pembroke and vicinity, in consequence of the great number of persons who are yearly engaged in lumbering operations on the River Ottawa and its tributaries, and are continually exposed to accidents and sickness in a greater degree than the rest of the community. These men have been accustomed to come to Pembroke for medical and other attendance, and the hotels have been the only places where accommodation could be found for them, to the great inconvenience of the hotel keepers and their patrons, and to the great detriment of those patients, who were there unable to procure the attendance needful on such occasions. It would be to the benefit of all that a General Hospital should be established in the town of Pembroke.

The undersigned, having been appointed a Committee to take the preliminary steps towards the opening of such an institution, after having thoroughly discussed the matter, have come to the conclusions following:

1st. That the scheme is quite feasible, provided it receives from the community at large that support which the undersigned think it entitled to.

2nd. That the Rev. Sisters of Charity having a vacant building, in the eastern part of the Town, in every way suitable for the purpose, they should be entrusted with the care and management of the same, and upon being consulted by the undersigned, have consented to give the use of their building as a Hospital, and to undertake the management thereof.

3rd. That the said institution should be a "General Hospital," open to all classes, creeds, and nationalities, without exception.

4th. That as far as the revenues of the institution would permit, the said hospital should be open gratis to all indigent persons.

5th. That a Board of Directors be appointed to superintend the management of the said institution, and to report annually to the public the condition of the same.

6th. That a subscription list be opened immediately to obtain the necessary means for the opening of the institution.

The undersigned, having considered that the establishment of such an institution would be in a particular manner beneficial to the lumbermen and their employees, have decided to make a special call on them for a bonus to aid in opening the institution, a great number of them having already signified their intention to assist in an undertaking of the kind. That in order to ensure the success of the institution, and make the same as far as possible self-supporting, the undersigned recommend that the different lumbermen make an arrangement with each of their employees every season, that they individually should pay to the support of the Hospital the sum of \$1, in return for which any person so paying shall, in case of sickness or accidents, be received into the establishment, and have all necessary care and attendance, free of charge.

If the above should meet the approval of those engaged in the lumber trade and others, they will please communicate with JOHN DORAN, Esq., Chairman, or the Rev. SISTER KIRBY, Pembroke, Ont.

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