

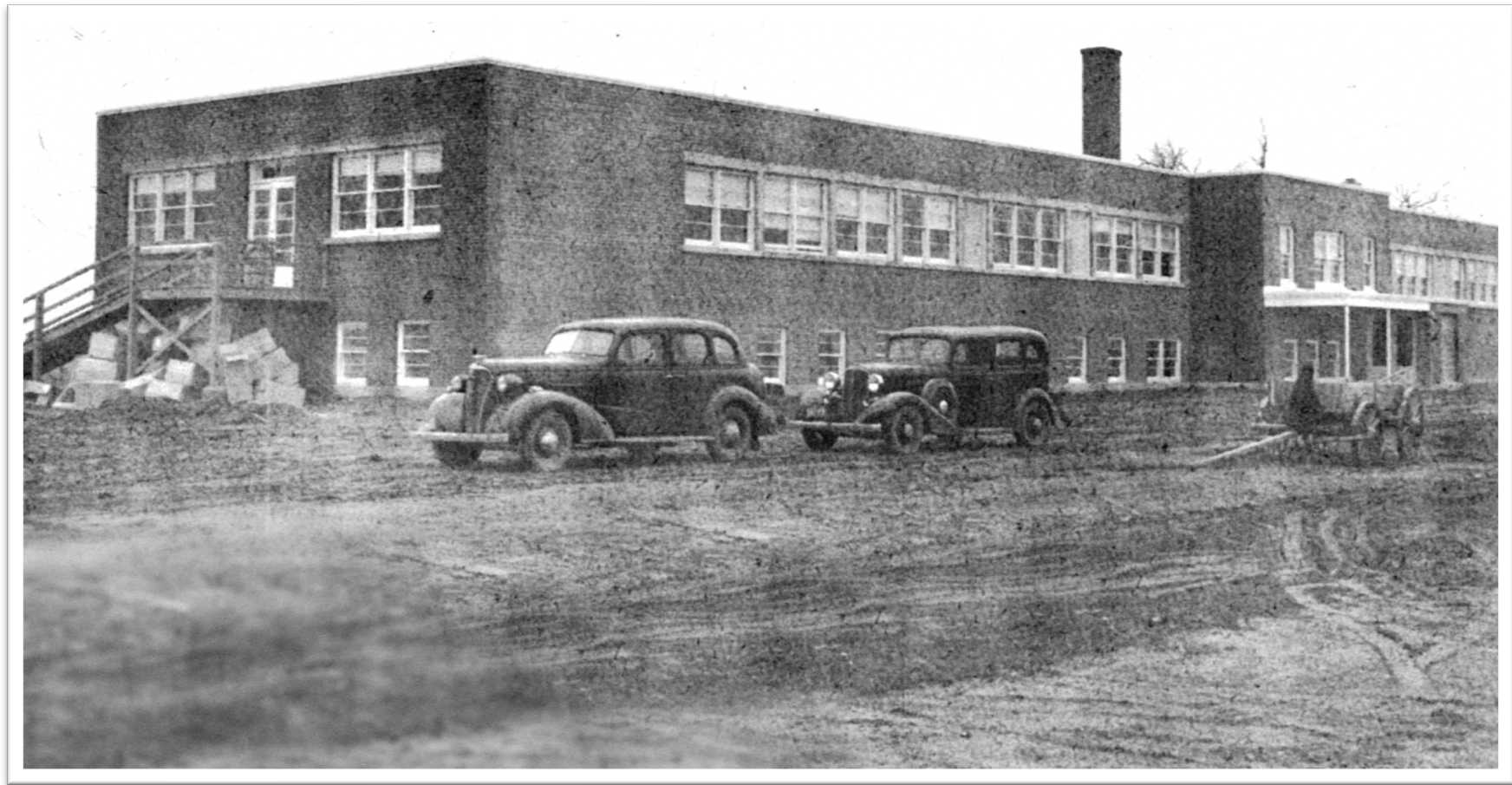


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How It All Began

- Dr. J.J. McKendry is credited with starting the ball rolling when he sent a letter to the Editor of the Winchester Press in 1944.
- He shared the need for a hospital in Winchester and envisioned a 25-bed facility.



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1948

- WDMH was officially opened on December 8th by the Hon. Charles Challies, MPP for Grenville-Dundas and the Hon. Russell Kelly, Ontario Minister of Health
- Over 3,000 people attended the event

A Memorial Hospital

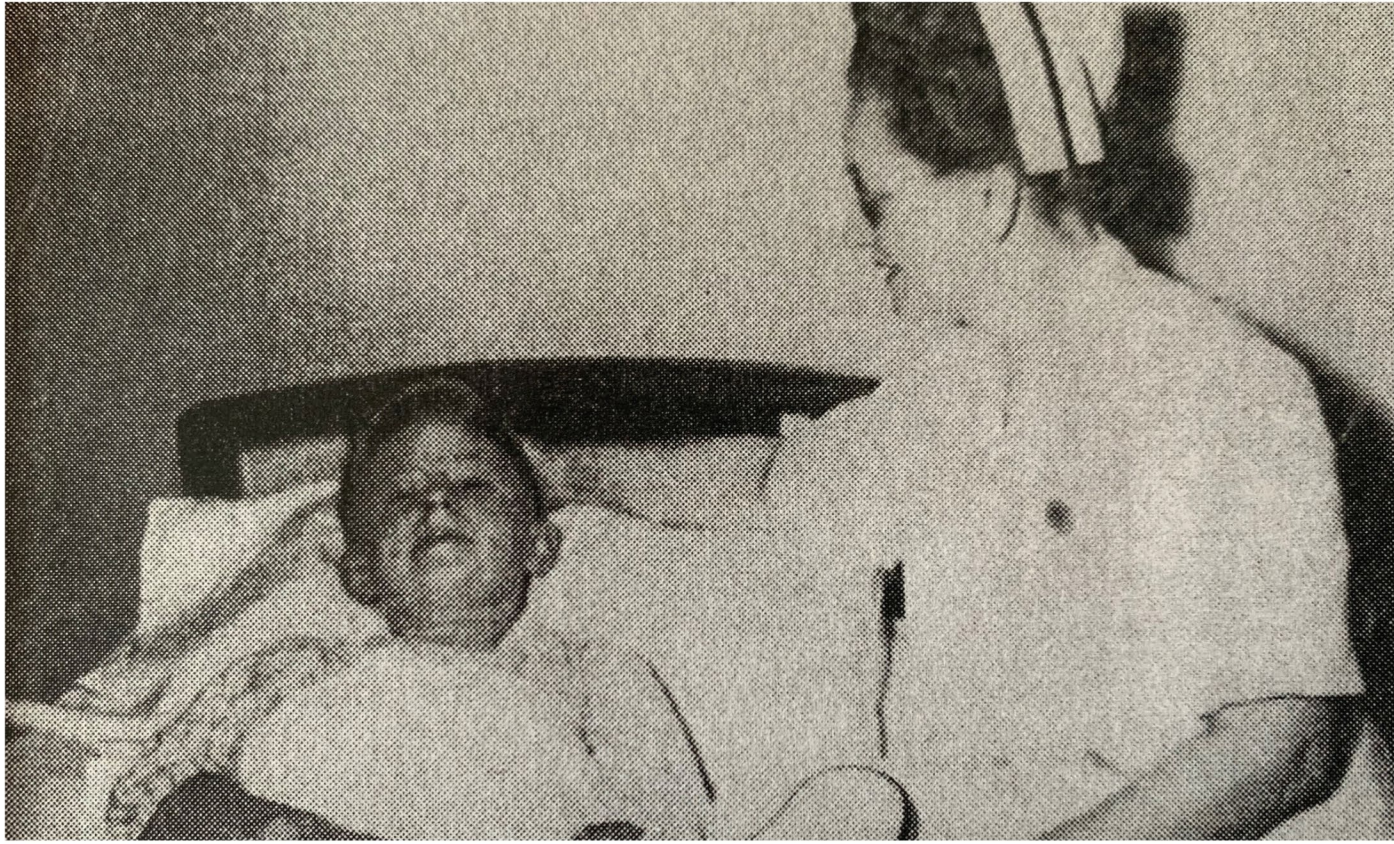
- At the ceremony, a scroll bearing the names of boys in the district killed in WWII was erected.
- Perley S. Boyd, clerk of the United Counties, noted there was no better tribute to war heroes than a hospital.



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WDMH Firsts!

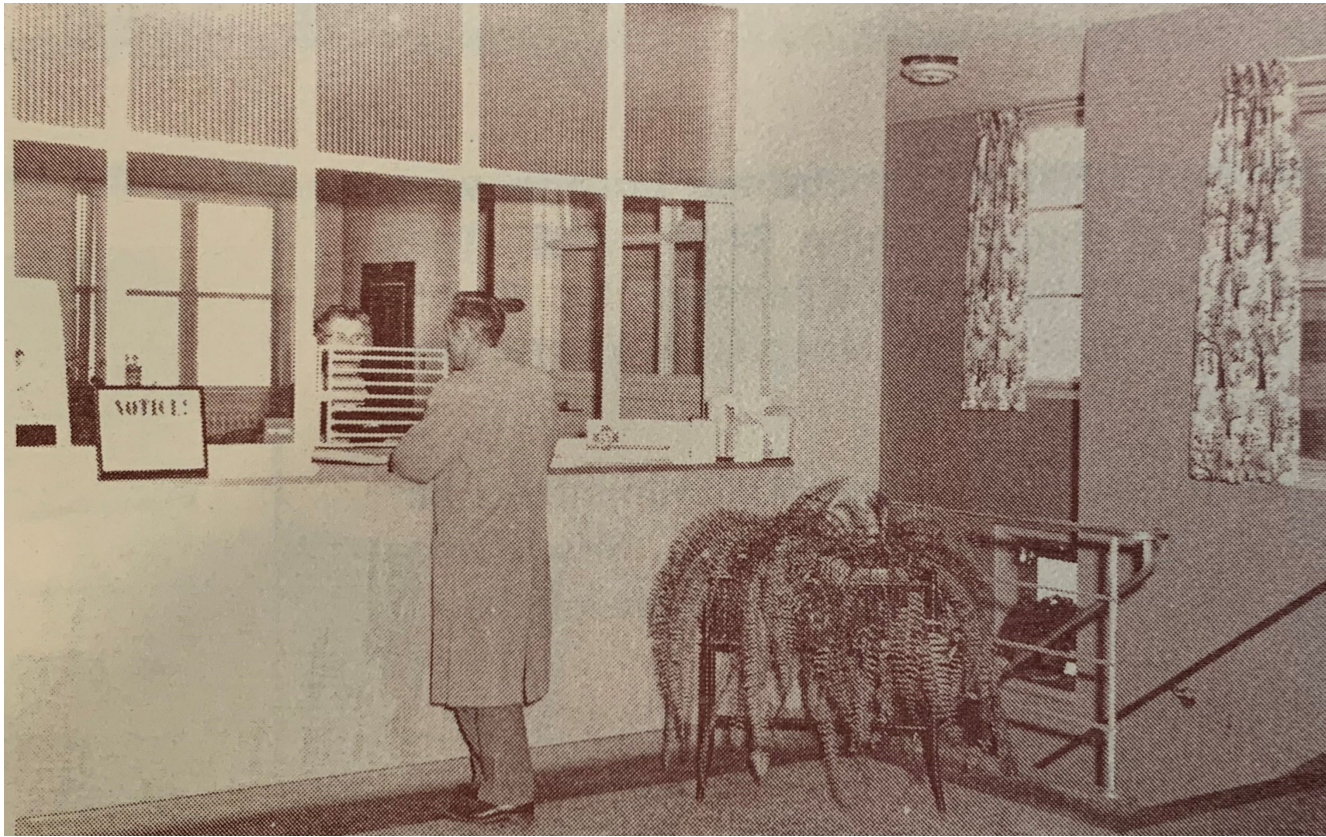
- The first patient was 10-year old Glendon Loucks, who underwent minor surgery.
- Four days later, the hospital registered its first birth, a little girl born to Mrs. Glenn Fetterly of Mountain.
- Dr. Howard Justus was the first Chief of Staff.
- In the first year, staff and physicians treated 1,300 patients and delivered 245 babies.



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1955

- A new administrative wing was added at a cost of \$36,000.
- A blood bank was established.



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1960

- The first major expansion expanded beds from 35 to 89 at a cost of \$700,000.
- The new south wing included medical, surgical and maternity beds, more and larger operating rooms, x-ray and lab facilities, a new delivery suite, a cafeteria, a modern kitchen, new laundry and board rooms, a new nurses lounge and a pharmacy.



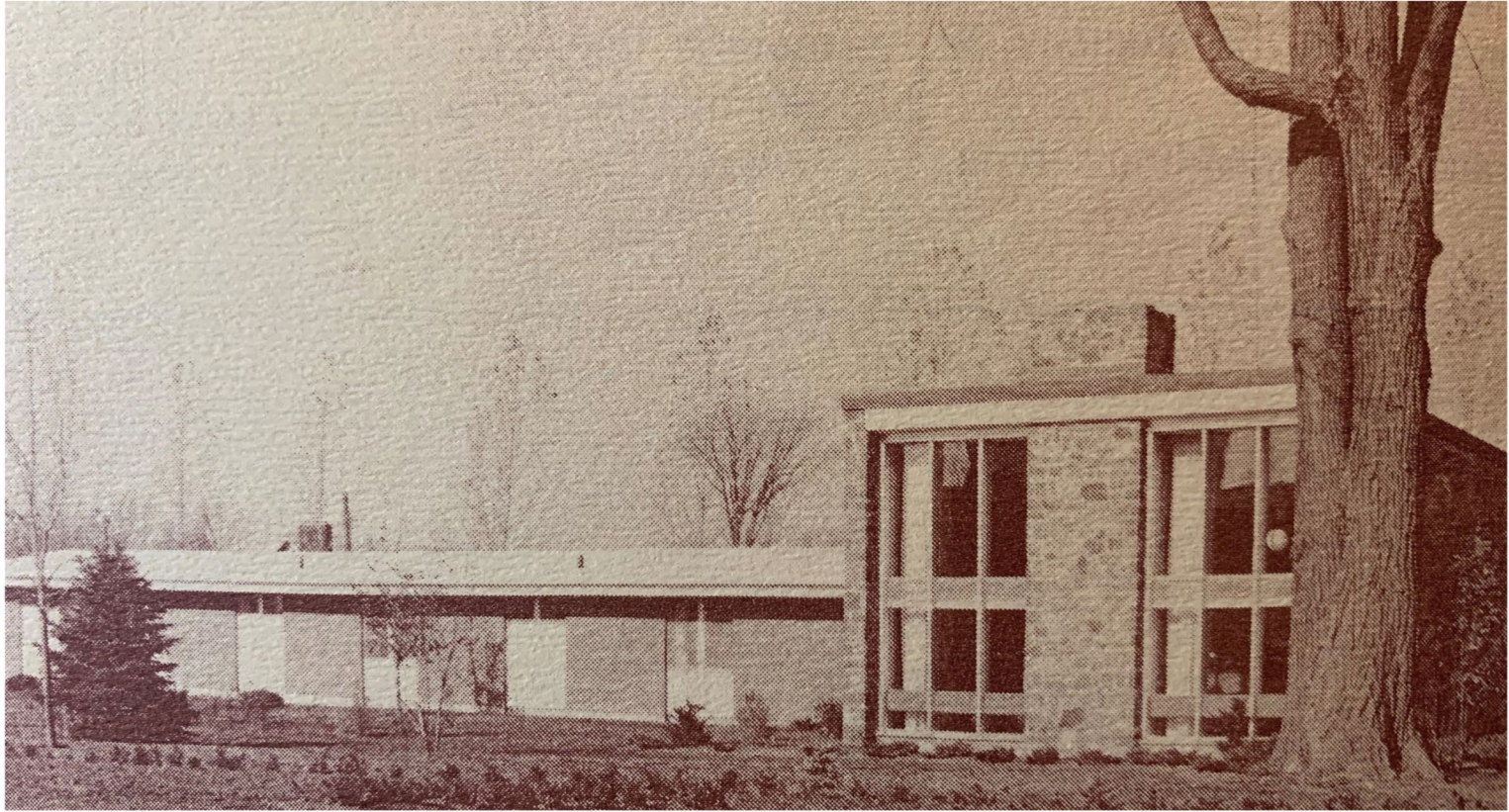
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1964

- Funds from the Harvey S. Dillabough estate made possible the construction of a \$140,000 nurses' residence.



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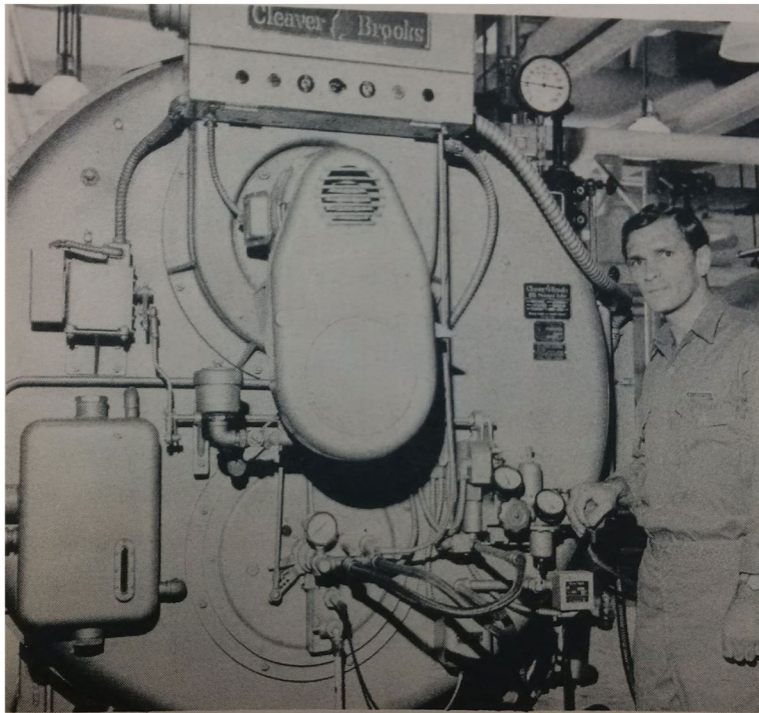
- The second major expansion added 35 chronic beds and a 16-bed pediatric unit.
- The new Dillabough Wing included expanded areas in Physiotherapy, Medical Records, Admitting, X-ray, Laboratory and Emergency.



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New Boiler Room Equipment



Modern Kitchen Facilities

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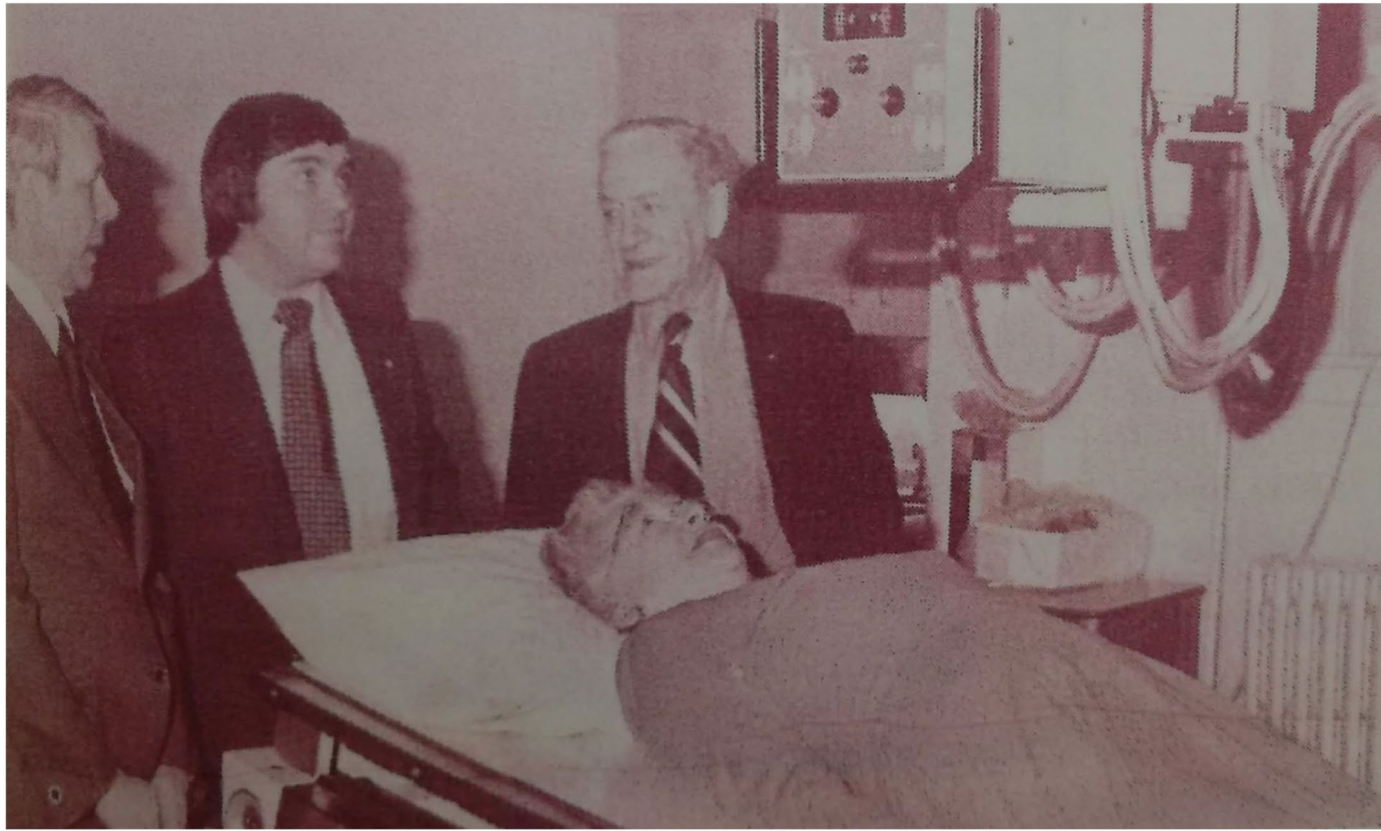
- \$225,000 was spent to create a new X-ray room, family lounge, pharmacy and nursing office.
- The bed count increased to 120 beds.
- Three years later, the Intensive Care Unit expanded to four beds at a cost of \$105,000.



Ribbon Cutting

X-ray department head John Gray, left, Ed Hanson and X-ray technician Stan Marriner performed the ribbon cutting ceremony January 28, 1978.

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Mrs. Eric Casselman of Chesterville was first to try out the new \$170,000 X-ray unit at official opening ceremonies. John Gray demonstrates equipment while Stan Marriner looks on.

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1985

- A \$600,000 project created a new state-of-the-art lab, a renovated x-ray department and emergency and out-patient departments.

Lab upgraded to state of the art

WINCHESTER — Two years of planning and fundraising reached their culmination on June 21, 1985 when Winchester District Memorial Hospital officially opened its newly renovated laboratory.

Hospital staff and administration gratefully acknowledged the support of a generous public as MPP Noble Villeneuve cut the ribbon marking the official opening of the hospital's new laboratory and outpatient facilities.

The \$596,500 project increased the size of the hospital's lab from 1,800 square feet to 3,200 square feet. The project also provided new office space for the hospital's radiology and emergency outpatient departments.

"The initiative must be a local one," Villeneuve told the crowd at the ceremony outside the addition. "You have provided the initiative. The government has just provided a little encouragement."

According to Ron Workman, president of the hospital board of governors at the time, the project had no deficit on completion. "We are fortunate to have a community in which the private individual helps out so greatly," he said, reviewing the highlights of the



1985

Because the WDMH lab was enlarged and completely renovated in 1985, it will be affected very little by the current project. Staff members such as Sharon Smal be able to continue jobs, like pipetting specimens for analysis in the Vitrios 250 chemical analyzer, with a minimum of disturbance.
Press Photo — Zabel

hospital's development since its founding in 1948.

Chief of staff Dr. D.W. Justus echoed Workman's praise for the com-

munity's support, and added a word of thanks of his own to the boards. "I cannot recall one occasion when a request of the medial staff was refused by the

board of governors," Justus said. "In 1985 it would be difficult, I think, to overestimate the importance of up-to-date laboratory facilities."

In addition to providing the hospital's lab staff with less cramped quarters, the project included the replacement of equipment and the purchase of a new chemistry analyzer for use in fluid analysis. The lab's prior location was converted to provide office space for the radiology department, an office for the emergency outpatient department and three new outpatient treatment rooms.

A grant from the Ministry of Health covered \$261,000 of the total cost. Counties council provided \$100,000. Prescott-Russell contributed \$8,000 and other municipalities gave a further \$38,000.

Donations from area service clubs totalled \$60,000. Legion branches gave \$30,000. Eastern Star chapters donated \$8,500. The hospital auxiliary donated \$40,000 and other organizations contributed a total of \$7,500. The total was rounded out by \$21,500 in individual donations and \$10,000 from estates and bequests.

Hospital administrator Bert Stel said the funds were raised using a low-key approach based on appeals to municipalities and service organizations. Since no direct appeal was made to the public, all private donations received were unsolicited.

1992

- The HELP campaign raised funds for infrastructure changes such as ventilation systems, code upgrades and plumbing.

HELP campaign begins major renovations

WINCHESTER — Over the years, the aging process had taken its toll on the physical hospital and its systems to the point where a significant renewal program was required. The basic issue had become one of safety, and of bringing WDMH up to fire, safety and Ontario Hydro codes.

In 1990, the hospital's board of governors decided to initiate the HELP campaign to fund emergency work to correct deficiencies which could not be ignored. A low-key three-year campaign was started to raise \$3 million locally. The other half of the funding for the \$6 million project came from the provincial and federal governments.

All of these critical problems were mundane infrastructure issues that were hard to get excited about and were incredibly expensive to fix.

There were basic problems with the hospital's ventilation system. The condition of the unit that provided ventilation to most of the building was in



The \$6 million HELP campaign wrapped up in 1992, leaving WDMH in essentially the condition it's still in, 10 years later in 2002. Replacing plumbing and wiring is unglamorous, but completely essential.

1992

extremely poor condition with evidence of corrosion throughout. Heating coils were not in operating condition, so ventilation was only provided in the summer; during the winter there was no mechanical ventilation at all. Also,

air filtration in patient areas did not meet standards.

Plumbing was a big problem. The supply, storm and sanitary piping systems were a conglomeration of every known material available. There was a distinct lack of shut-off valves in the system, and those that did exist were not reliable. The waste system used a mixture of cast iron and plastic pipe which appeared to breach some fire regulations. Because most of the piping was concealed, any minor leak soon created the need for major repairs.

The emergency diesel generator was in a general state of disrepair with

manual and automatic controls that did not function. It was more than 30 years old and was very slow to get on line. Although it still ran, it was in non-compliance with safety standards.

Fire detection throughout the building did not meet Ontario requirements. Areas existed with inadequate or no detection equipment, including patient rooms, all corridors and stairwells. Manual pull station coverage was inadequate.

Each of the hospital's two elevators required a new motor, a new controller and new door operators.

The centre core roof suffered from severe ponding because the drains were at the high points of the roof. There was widespread deterioration of the entire system. It appeared that the insulation was saturated with water. Patched areas of the roof were saturated and depressed when walked on. The southeast corner of the roof was totally rotted away and the structure underneath was open to the weather.

In 1992 the hospital announced that the \$3 million target had been reached. Renovations had been ongoing and were wrapped up that summer.

The HELP campaign has a lot in common with the current WDMH campaign. Essentially, anything that wasn't replaced 10 years ago needs to be replaced now.

Health and Hospitals go hand in hand
Everyone has a share in it
Leave a legacy to your children
People are the ones who will profit

1993

- The WDMH Foundation was incorporated on December 23.
- Local communities including individuals, businesses, farms, services clubs and other groups/organizations have been supporting the WDMH Foundation ever since.
- Because of our donors, we have been able to disburse close to \$30 million to WDMH since its incorporation. WDMH would not be what it is today without donor support.

Renewing the Vision

- The Renewing the Vision campaign was launched in 2002 and raised \$15.1 million for WDMH's redevelopment.
- Generous community members, municipalities and businesses contributed.



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2009

- The *new* WDMH officially opened, resulting in the most technologically-advanced facility in rural Ontario.



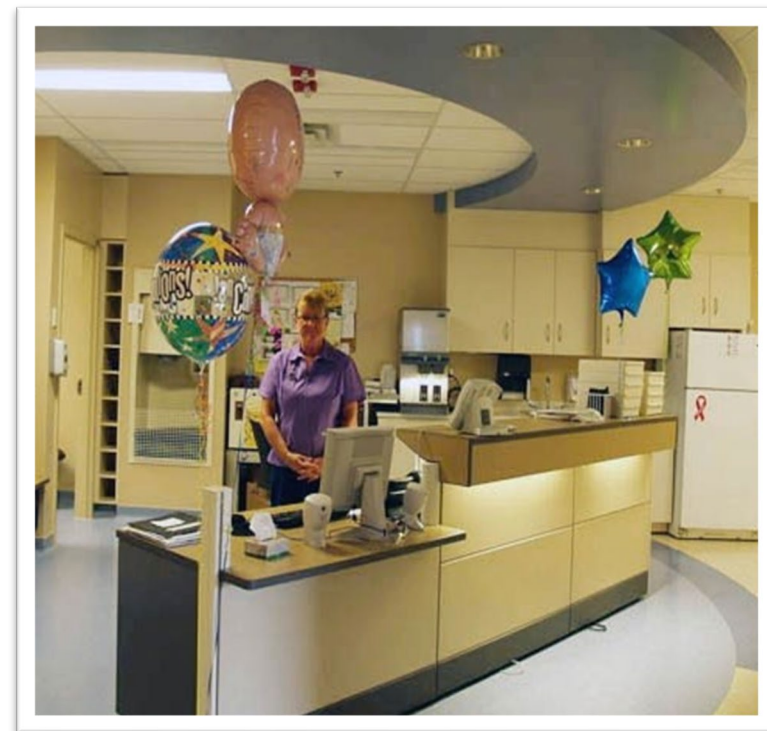
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2013

- A Community Care Building was built on the WDMH campus, providing access to other key health and community services close by for patients and families.
- It doubled in size in March 2016, welcoming more partners.



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Patient & Family Engagement Committee

- To ensure our patients are at the centre of all we do, we need to hear from them and their families.
- The PFEC provides input and advice on all areas of the hospital – from quality plans to signage.
- They also sit on hospital committees and interview panels.



The WDMH Auxiliary

- Our Auxiliary has been a founding member of WDMH since 1947.
- Their initial efforts were led by Mrs. Chester Robinson. Mrs. George Elliott was the first secretary and Miss Nora Elliott handled the meagre finances at the time.
- Over the past 75 years, the Auxiliary has supported every area of the hospital and raised millions of dollars for patient care.



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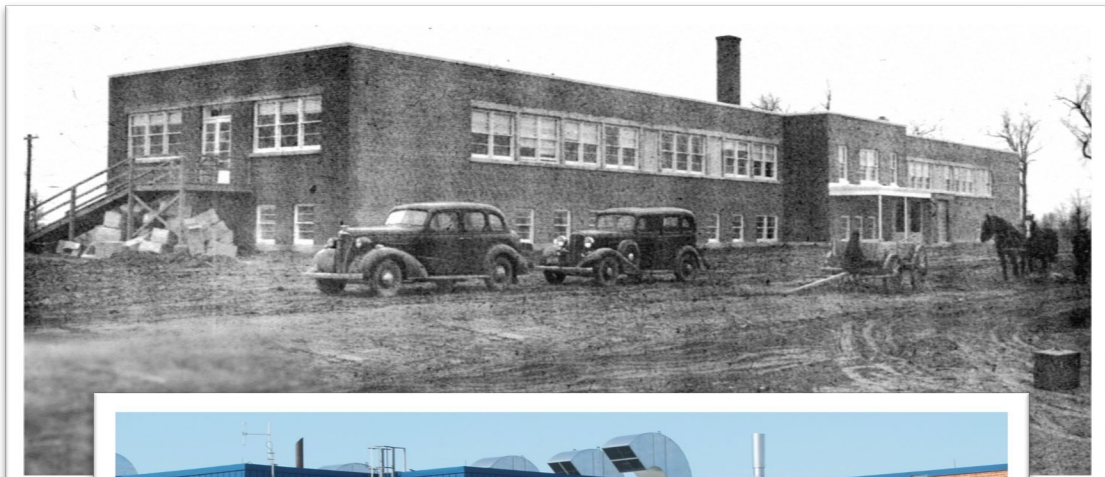
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of caring for our local
communities!***

***Thanks for your
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Our Commitment

We are here to care for our patients with compassion – close to home and with our partners.

We pursue excellence in all we do.

We are one team. We value respect, accountability, innovation and learning.

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