

Chapter IV (1975–1985)

Miss Hoshal retired in 1975 and Mr. Gordon Gibson was appointed Executive Director. In 1978, a computer was acquired and was used in Accounting for the staff payroll, the general ledger, accounts payable and the management information system. In 1984, further computers were purchased to expand the system and keep pace with the increasing need for detailed information.

In 1980, B Ward was converted to a Continuing Care ward. One 3 bedroom was made into an activity room leaving a complement of 16 continuing care beds and 6 paediatric beds. In 1981, a word processor was purchased for the Medical Records department. Fetal monitors were added to the equipment in Obstetrics in 1982 and, as well as, monitoring patients in labour, a fair number of non-stress tests are performed on pregnant out-patients.

During the past several years the space on the old A Ward has been put to good use. Ultrasound equipment was purchased in 1983 and installed in one room and in 1984 equipment for Cardiac Stress Testing was placed in another room. Office space has been provided for Nursing In-service, Infection Control, Discharge Planning, Employee Health and the Hospital Auxiliary, as well as, a counselling room for the Dietician and offices for the Internist and Obstetrician.

Another service to the community was the establishment in 1984 of a "Lifeline Program" sponsored by the Rotary Club. Frail elderly or handicapped people who live alone are linked to the Hospital by an emergency unit and can call for assistance.

Long term plans are always being considered. The construction of a further building behind the Hospital will be started in 1985 to provide residential and nursing home beds and should be opened for business in 1986.

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