

Births Increase In Ontario

In 1969, 131,775 babies were born in the hospitals of Ontario according to the Ontario Hospital Services Commission's recently-issued Annual Report on that year.

This was an increase of 4,367 hospital births over 1968 and the first time there has been an annual birth increase since the Commission began to operate in 1959.

The number of hospital births per thousand of population dropped annually from 25.5 in 1959 to 17.4 in 1968 and rose to 17.7 in 1969. No reasons for the 1969 increase were advanced by the Commission and it is too early to say if a new trend is indicated.

"Last year" stated Mr. Stanley W. Martin, the Commission's chairman and

general manager, in commenting on the report, "the hospitals of Ontario provided 15.9 million days of care for 1,350,039 patients.

This represented 1,978 days of care per thousand population and an overall average length of stay of 12.5 days", he said.

Mr. Martin emphasized that the number of days care per thousand population was the same as in 1968 but there was a drop of 0.3 days in the average length of stay.

The length of stay in active treatment (general) hospitals dropped from 10.5 days in 1968 to 10.3 days in 1969; in convalescent care and rehabilitation hospitals it dropped from 48.5 to 45.6 days, and in chronic care hospitals it dropped from 238.1 to 225.6 days.

The report says the total cost of operating all types of hospitals in Ontario last year was \$814.7 million including provincial payments to mental hospitals of \$138.7 million and to tuberculosis sanatoria of \$4.4 million.

The Province bears the full cost of care in mental hospitals and tuberculosis sanatoria since the Federal Government does not share in these costs.

In all, the Provincial Government spent \$272.6 million for hospital care and related services in 1969 including special and capital grants and loans, and contributions to the commission plan.

The total cost of the Ontario Hospital Insurance program in 1969 was \$677.1 million and this was financed by \$396.4 million in government contributions and \$280.7 million in premiums and investment income.

The 1969 cost was an increase of 19.1 percent over 1968 when the total bill for the plan amounted to \$573.4 million. The

Federal Government contributed \$315.1 million to the plan in 1969.

A two percent increase over the previous year in the number of hospital beds resulted in 49,304 beds being available throughout Ontario in all public, private and federal hospitals, and nursing homes temporarily approved for chronic care at the end of 1969.

This increase kept pace with the increase in population during the year and resulted in 6.7 beds per thousand eligible population being available at the end of the year, the same number as at the end of 1968.

The number of insured people as of December 31, 1969 was 7,387,460, a 1.6 percent rise over 1968. Approximately 5.2 million of the insured were covered through groups; 1.7 million on a pay-direct basis and the remainder (423,441) were citizens insured under welfare arrangements or covered as hospital inpatients.

There was an overall increase from 1968 to 1969

of 44.5 percent in the cost of out-patient services (\$19.8 million to \$28.6 million). However, this was 10.6 percent less than the 1968 increase over 1967 which reflected the additional benefits which became effective in the latter part of 1968 and brought about an increase in out-patient utilization.

The report reveals that there was a 47.8 percent increase in the number of hospital ambulance services, from 45 at the end of 1968 to 71 at the end of 1969.

Central ambulance dispatch centres are now established and fully operational in Metropolitan Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Windsor. During 1969 approximately 250,000 ambulance runs were made, including 165 transfers by air.

MOVE FOR PROGRESS
GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta (CP) - The oldest Alberta wheat pool elevator in the city has given way to progress. After 42 years the elevator is being knocked down.

By Ted Oldham.

Jarvis Lions Club News

The Jarvis Lions Club Family Night took place on Sunday Aug. 30. This was new Lion Chief Neale Hoover's first function and it was very successful. There were over 200 Lions and families. We enjoyed fish, corn, and all the trimmings.

The executive and their wives did an excellent job and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

Lion Don Leatherdale had ponies there, and the children had rides while waiting for their supper.

The Club Walkathon will be on Sept. 19. Details will be announced later. The first dance of the season will be on Sept. 12 with the Silvertones supplying the music. This band made a real impression at the Board of Trade Dances during the summer. There will be two dances a month all winter, and everyone is welcome. I am sure that all the new people in our community must wonder what to do on a Saturday night. Come out

and join us! You will have a good time!

To all Lions, our meeting for the new year 1970-71 is on Monday, Sept. 14. Lets make it 100 percent year.

Various projects in our community have all support.

Alfalfa Weevil

Scientists at Belleville, Ont., have launched a biological counter-offensive against the alfalfa weevil in the eastern Canada.

The counter-attack is the form of several insects that parasitize the weevil. These insects are being released by the Biological Research Institute of Canada Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and farmers in the alfalfa areas.

Editorial Comment

Wise, Unwise and Otherwise

By The Old Owl

Angkor Wat

Some people may remember that when the Vietnam war spread into Cambodia both sides (North Vietnam and Cambodia) promised to preserve the ruins of the Angkor Wat. I had heard of these but I was wrong. They were only a pyramid or a temple, but I was wrong. The Angkor Wat is part of a vast complex of temples and other buildings which speak of a lost civilization.

This civilization began about 100 A.D. and flourished until about 1450 A.D., roughly the period of the Middle Ages in Europe, but the people of Europe knew nothing about them until, in 1870 A.D., a French explorer discovered them, greatly to his own astonishment. The jungle has swallowed up part of the ruins but a great deal is left, and parts have been cleared.

The Angkor Wat was part of a city known as Angkor Tom, which was surrounded by farm land kept under irrigation. The relation of the Angkor Wat to the city of Rome. The Vatican is a dependent religious state, although it seems to be a part of Rome. So the Angkor Wat was a religious area surrounded by the commercial and secular Angkor Tom.

The people who built this civilization bore several names but finally became known as the "Khmers", and the press dispatches call the present day Cambodians that name. The people were very religious and they worshipped their king as a god. They appear to have adopted the Hindu religion to their needs. I have some photographs of the ruins and other sketches and it would appear that inside the wall of the Angkor Wat was a very large temple, built in Hindu style, with other smaller temples surrounding it. At one place there is half a mile of sculpture. One of their greater kings bore the name of Jayavarman, and he brought in the Buddhist religion but did not give up his divine attributes, he became a local god in the Buddhist system. One of the magnificent temples in the Angkor Wat has many huge sculptured portraits of this king, dominating the other sculptures.

Women apparently were a very important element in the life of the state. They were judges, doctors, poets in government and medicine. The greatest period in the history of these people was in the 13th century. King Jayavarman reigned from 1181 to 1215 A.D. No one knows exactly what happened to them, they disappeared after an invasion from Thailand, but there is suspicion that the peasants got tired of working for the king and rose in revolt when the Thais came. Anyway, the civilization collapsed leaving only their magnificent monuments and carvings to show that they had once existed.

Letter Box
Dear Editor:
We are seeking former personnel of No. 65.F.T.S. R.C.A.F. to return to Dunnville this September 18 to 20 to celebrate their twenty-fifth annual reunion. Preparations are under way to make this Silver Anniversary a big occasion and any publicity you can give to this event will be appreciated. To our knowledge, this is the only reunion of an R.C.A.F. station held each year since 1945 and the co-operation of newspaper editors in the past has greatly increased our mailing list and added to their success.

The celebration will begin with a reception for early comers on Friday, September 18 at the Dunnville Golf and Country Club. Saturday morning the annual golf tournament for the now famed Clare Thunder-Mug Trophy will be held. There will be the usual Harvard air show over the golf course in the afternoon followed by a fly past during the memorial service which takes place at the Harvard aircraft erected by the Association in 1964 in memory of the 47 airmen who were killed on the station between 1940 and 1945. On Saturday night a banquet has been arranged with dancing later to the nostalgic tunes of the 1940's. Former Commanding Officers will be attending and Major-General A.C. Hull, D.F.C., C.D. will be guest speaker.

No doubt there are readers in your area who are unaware of this annual get-together and it could be suggested that those who have not received an invitation may contact me.

Yours very truly,
Frank Scholfield
Chairman

THE WEEKLIES SAY . . .

WANING RESPECT
Respect for law and order in Canada the past few years has openly decreased . . . A continual probe of our legal sanctions is vital to progress. We take a step backwards, however, whenever we disregard laws which are designed to safeguard our very existence . . . Anarchy and despotism have proved to be unsuitable substitutes for freedom lovers. - Vernon (B.C.) News

FEARS INTO REALITY
Let us stop pretending that we are the poorest, most downtrodden nation in the world. Otherwise, one of these days, our fears may start becoming a reality. - Hilliwack (B.C.) Progress

GREED
Greedy employees too often jump on the bandwagon when they realize their bosses are making a few dollars extra. It's this kind of greed that is dragging down the economy of this great province and nation. - Campbell River (B.C.) Upper Islander

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Radio UNB Largest

FREDERICTON (CP) - Radio UNB at University of New Brunswick is Canada's largest closed-circuit radio station east of Montreal and the only campus station in North America serving more than one university.

It's also the only radio station of any kind on the continent with a computerized library of music recordings.

Students operate \$70,000 worth of equipment in Radio UNB's tenth year to serve UNB, St. Thomas University and, starting this fall, Teachers' College.

non-commercial project the \$8,000 yearly operating budget is paid by the Students Representative Council in addition to a \$1.50 fee for each speaker installation.

Mr. Dicks describes the operation as "basically an easy listening station and we hope this year to offer a great amount of public affairs programming - as much as 25 percent."

Program manager Dennis Harper, a third-year student, feels somewhat restricted by the student make-up of his staff.

"Our members are students first and radio people second. We have to fit our operations to their schedules."

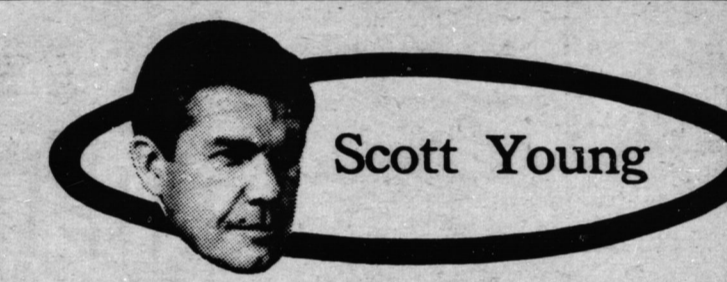
The 73 hours weekly includes two hours of French music with a French host and two programs of international music for students representing 65 countries. Most of the other music is hard rock, easy

listening, light rock and folk. The station carries newscasts and covers campus sports in depth.

Radio UNB would like to broadcast FM music to the greater Fredericton Area but the cost of \$100,000 has been prohibitive.

"As soon as finances become available", says Mr. Dicks", and it is considered by the executive of Radio UNB that we are ready for an FM licence, we will make an application to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission."

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Bad Luck . . . continued

I'm not a superstitious person at all, but from time to time I am forced to admit that some coincidences are more coincidental than others. And I hope you will pardon me for referring just this once again to the filly foal I wrote about recently.

We have in the family a camera that cost us \$100 four years ago. It is thus not the world's greatest camera, but it is the most expensive one we have ever owned, by far.

We bought it one summer when we needed a lot of excellent photographs of a project we were working on. It takes 35 millimetre film and produces either slides or prints. As an old Brownie box camera man from away back, I always felt very well dressed when I was wearing that camera around my neck. With it, I've taken good pictures in icy-cold weather 500 miles from the North Pole and in steaming heat 35 miles from Cape Kennedy.

When the foal was born, we had family considerations that made the camera vital. Her mother, a four-year-old bay standardbred (unregistered) called Tinker, belongs body and soul to our 19-year-old daughter. She saved the purchase money by working after school and on weekends at a chainstore. But last winter when she started to university she didn't have the \$125 she needed to put Tinker, then in foal, into a box stall at a good horse farm for the winter, as she wanted.

I was driving her the 50 or 60 miles to university after a weekend at home last autumn when an answer occurred to me. I don't like giving people money for nothing.

I said, "Look, you don't have to do this. But if you want to let us own the foal, when she's born, I'll pay for the mare's care this winter. Don't make up your mind right away, but let me know."

She thought it over for a

couple of minutes and then seemed quite relieved. "That's a good idea," she said. "Of course, she knew that the foal would be kept in the family, and she'd really have almost as much to do with it as if it were her own."

This summer, to help with her next year at university, she's working as a waitress at a resort far from home. The only drawback was that she was going to miss the early weeks of the foal. We knew that if she'd been home she would have spent hours every day around the corral, so I thought the next thing was to take a lot of pictures. There was a film in the camera when little Star was born. We took three or four when she was only a few hours old. That finished one roll. We put in another and in the course of a few days finished it, too.

On the night when we found Star with her neck broken and the vet had to put her away forever, and as we buried her deep in the corral, I kept thinking: Well, at least we have the pictures. When our daughter comes home she still will have that much to see.

I took the two rolls of film in one Friday, and called for them at the village drugstore the following week. When I did so, the druggist (a friend of mine), said: "Say, I'm afraid you had some bad luck with those films."

I opened the envelope. Every film was blank. Not over-exposed, or under-exposed, or blurry, or anything. Just blank.

For the first time in four years, and for these irreplaceable pictures, the camera had failed totally.

With the foal gone, and the film blank, it is as if that pretty little chestnut with the star on her forehead had never been on this earth at all.

It was an eerie coincidence. As I said, I am not superstitious. But at a time like that I am tempted to be, just a little.

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