

Davis cuts ribbon at N.H.N.H.



Premier Davis made little reference to Brampton's tragic incident at the opening of the nursing home.

By Trisha Banks

Ontario Premier Bill Davis, in opening the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home last Thursday, reminded his large audience, of the tremendous contribution our senior citizens have made to the life of this province.

Premier Davis said, "They have built the foundations, often at great sacrifice, so that we may enjoy them today. Young people, too often, think life has always been like this, but it has not, and we are the beneficiaries of the hard work and sacrifice of the generations that preceded us."

"It is my hope that the next generation will be the beneficiaries of the decisions we make today," said Mr. Davis. "When I think of what we have in this province today, I say simply, we are fortunate. We have our values, and a recognition of the things that are right. It is our determination that this province stay as good as it is."

"It is so easy for many of us today to take things for granted, that they will be provided without leadership, without work or without contribution," said Premier Davis. "I was honoured to be asked to officially open the Norfolk Nursing Home."

Mr. Davis further commented, "One of the main reasons I accepted this invitation is because it is one of the first of its kind in the province, and is sure to become the pattern for many more."

"On this important occasion, this historic occasion, I say a very simple thank you for what you have achieved and what you will develop for the senior citizens of this province."

Premier Davis barely touched on last week's incident at Brampton High School, saying, "Due to yesterday's circumstances, my remarks today may not be as lengthy as I had planned." The celebration marked not

only the 50th anniversary of the Norfolk Hospital itself, but the opening of the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home.

Cost of the new nursing home is approximately \$1,500,000. The two-storey structure will provide 80 additional beds for the hospital and primarily extended care services. It was built

with provision to allow more floors to be added to the structure if required in the future. Already its use has relieved the congestion in the older building by making more active treatment beds for acutely ill patients.

Architects for the nursing home were the same firm of Govan, Kaminker, Langley, and Keenleyside, who supervised the expansion programs of 1954 and 1967. The building contractor was the firm of Dunker Construction Co. of Kitchener. The new parking lot was built by the Almas Paving Company, Hagersville.

Capital investment in the total building and equipment of Norfolk General Hospital, according to Chairman Jack

Eaid, now stands at \$6,600,000. The Board of Governors has already had plans prepared for a new two storey addition over the large

wing of the hospital opened in 1967. Provincial hospital authorities will be asked to approve this addition, which will provide another 90 beds in the main hospital. It is estimated to cost another \$1.5 million.

Long-range expansion plans call for the demolition of the original hospital section at the west end of the building and construction of a north-south wing in its

stead. This project would provide the hospital with a overall capacity of 400 beds at its present location.

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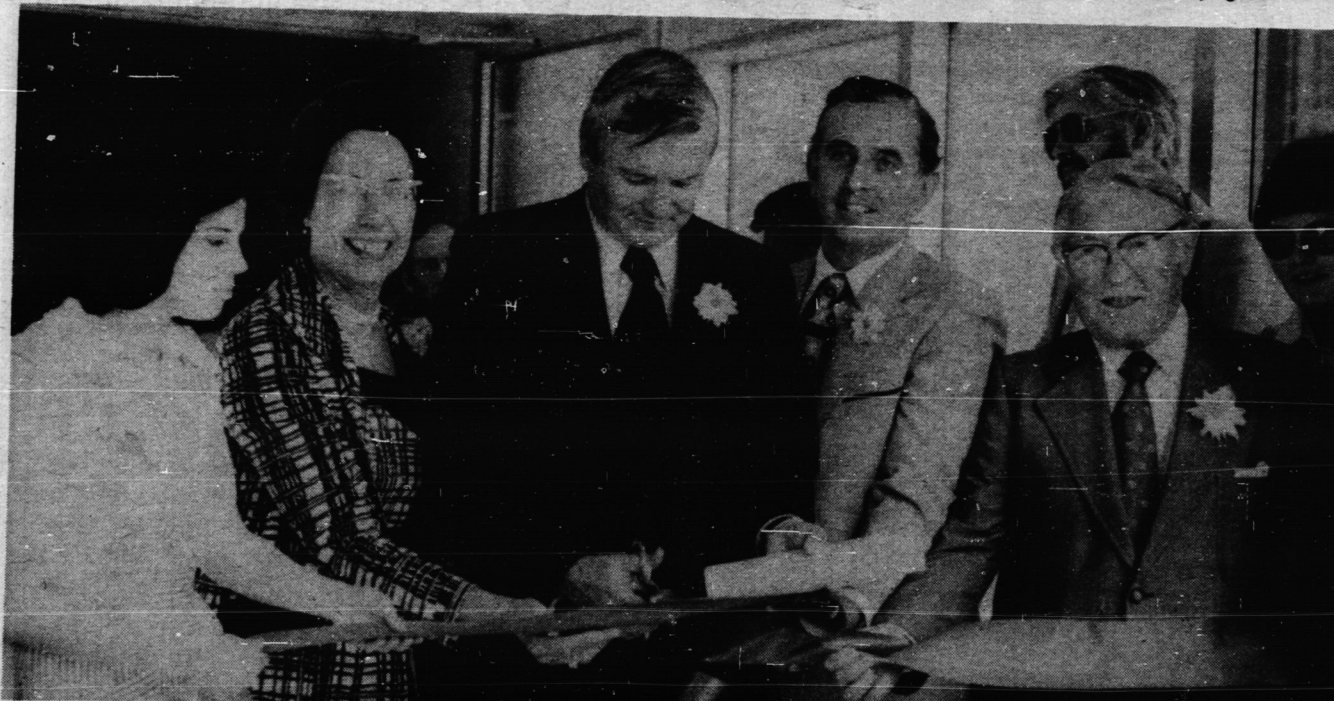
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While hospital administrators and candy strippers look on, Premier Bill Davis cuts the ribbon to officially open the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home.

New church

The foundations have already been laid for a new Christian Reformed Church in Jarvis.

The new church, which is being built at an estimated cost of \$365,000 excluding landscaping and parking, is situated directly behind the present Christian Reformed Church on Highway 3.

Rev Peter Brouwer said the congregation had "grown out" of the present church. "We need larger meeting facilities and a larger church auditorium."

There are presently about 145 families in the congregation. The Christian Reformed

Church is 25 years old, but the congregation celebrated its 25th anniversary November 28, 1973. The congregation had worshipped in the Stone Church prior to the building of their own church. The new church will have a seating capacity of roughly 525, compared to the 240 capacity in the old church.

The new church will have nine small meeting rooms downstairs and one large room. Upstairs there will be a large meeting hall, kitchen, lounge, office, consistory room, library room, nursery, playroom for children, and washrooms facilities both

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Pastor leaves

Having served the Nanticoke-Cheapside Pastoral Charge for the past five years, Mr. G. Arnold Creaser has accepted the appointment to serve the Queensboro-Eldorado Pastoral Charge of Belleville Presbytery in the Bay of Quinte Conference. He will succeed the Rev. Wendell M. Sedgwick B.A.B.D.

Mr. Creaser has served nine years in Erie Presbytery of Hamilton Conference having been at Teeterville-Vanessa for four years before coming to Nanticoke. It was during Mr. Creaser's ministry here that he celebrated his 25th anniversary in the ministry of the church.

His ministry at Nanticoke and Cheapside will conclude on June 30 and will conduct his Farewell Services on June 22 Nanticoke 10:00 a.m. Cheapside 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Creaser was married to the former Phyllis Irene Twiddy, 25 years ago on Sept. 8, 1950 and they have two sons Dwight and Dana.

They will reside at the United Church Manse-Queensboro, 8 miles northeast of Madoc, Ontario.

Paper blaze

Hagersville firefighters battled a blaze for nine hours on Saturday, when a storage shed behind St. Andrews Presbyterian Church caught fire.

The shed was used by a Presbyterian Church group to store newspapers which they hoped to sell to Canadian Gypsum Company.

The alarm came in at 1:13 p.m. and firefighters stayed on the scene until the building was cleared of papers.

Fire Chief William McClarty says the cause of fire is still unknown, although, "we continued page 7



Fire ripped through this shed stuffed with old newspapers in a blaze that lasted nine hours.