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## The Jarvis Lions Club Presents Achievement Award to Doctor

In Recognition of More than Thirty Years of Devoted Service in the Community, Dr. E. M. Jones was Presented with an Achievement Award by Jarvis Lions Club on Monday Night.

The presentation came as a complete surprise to Dr. Jones who had earlier addressed the club on the progress of medicine in the treatment of communicable diseases.

The presentation was made by Lion President Bob Lysch who reviewed the record of Dr. Jones as a practitioner in Jarvis. He pointed out that the purpose of Lionism is service to others yet members of Lions organizations are not unmindful that this creed is practised by many who are not actively associated with club work. In no field is it more evident in than in the life and work of the Country Doctor who is on call day and night every day of the week and every week of the year. The Lion Chief pointed out that the award to Doctor Jones was meant to indicate that the club members individually and collectively were cognizant of the great contribution he has made over the years to the community and the people who reside within the field of his service.

Earlier the Doctor has been introduced to the Club by Lion Glen Reicheld to address the meeting in conjunction with "National Health Week." The advance in medical science has changed greatly within one generation, particularly with respect to diseases such as Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Cancer, etc. He also reviewed the preventive program in the field of the County School Health Plan inaugurated about 12 year ago. In acknowledging the award the Doctor said that while life, naturally presented many problems it also had its rewarding features.

## Jarvis Native Has Healed Sick For 45 Years

The Niagara Falls Review featured Dr. J. Harold Davidson, a Jarvis native, in a recent story.

The article, written by Cheryl O'Neill, says that after 45 years as a doctor, Dr. Davidson believes in the art of medicine as well as the science.

Dr. Davidson, who shares his office with his son, Dr. Peter Davidson and Dr. Douglas Blew, believes there is a practical side to

medicine as well as what you learn from books. "You treat the patient not just carry out the textbook," he said.

He enjoys the practice he and his partners have at Dorchester Manor because "half the people there are old friends and patients of mine."

The desire to become a doctor began when he was growing up on a farm east of Jarvis "since I was old enough to appreciate what medicine did in the

world."

This interest has spread from Dr. Davidson to his son, four nephews and a niece, all of whom studied medicine.

He believes medicine itself hasn't changed in the 45 years he has practiced, but the methods have.

"There's nothing about medicine I dislike - except non-medical organizations and politicians dictating how medicine should be practised," he said.

Dr. Davidson was on the committee which set up P.S.I., a Health Insurance scheme run by doctors. He said the present O.H.I.P. system is better for patients, but it would be better for doctors too if doctors ran it.

A general practitioner, Dr. Davidson holds a certificate in Obstetrics from the Canadian College of Physicians and Surgeons. He graduated from the University of Toronto and interned at Hamilton General Hospital where he went to Niagara Falls, to fill in during the vacation of Dr. Arthur Whytock. He has remained there 45 years.

Working at first with Dr. Whytock for five years, he then set up his own practice on Welland Ave. He built his present quarters on Victoria Ave. at Epworth Circle. The building also served as his home until he moved to Crescent Rd. in 1962. Dr. Davidson has had seven partners during the years, usually doctors beginning their practice. He has delivered more than 3,600 babies.

In the beginning, it was mostly in the home. Now, however, it's all done in the Hospital which is better for doctor, baby, mother and those in attendance. Infant and maternal mortality rates have de-

clined greatly, Dr. Davidson said.

Dr. Davidson served on the Jepson St. Hospital building committee, has been president of the Greater Niagara Medical Society three times and chief of staff at the hospital twice. He was Medicare Health officer in Niagara Falls from 1935 to 1963.

Outside his medical work, Dr. Davidson is interested in gardening, woodworking and history. He and his wife, the former Emma Jane Smith of Niagara Falls, whom he married in 1932 have turned an acre of city land into country living, enhanced by 40 kinds of shrubs, ash, birch and maple trees, a vegetable, flower and rock garden. The home has won so many awards for landscaping and Christmas decorations that it is no longer eligible for competition. They do their own planting, but have a gardener to care for the grounds.

Doctor Davidson is the author of the "History of Medicine in Niagara Falls" for the Reviews 50th Anniversary and a member of Ontario Medical Associations History Committee. He has his own history room in his house with 44 framed prints tracing big moments in medicine from 5000 B.C. to the present.

He also has two large green scrapbooks on the coffee table - one containing memorable moments; the Heart transplant of his patient Leo Boyd in Texas, bringing people from the Niagara gorge and the hospital opening. The second book contains news events of his lifetime, the sinking of the Titanic, men on the moon, etc.

Dr. Davidson has been a member of the Rotary Club, Kiwanas Club and is a member of the United Church.

He came from Jarvis where many of his relatives still reside.

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