

Toronto Memorial Hospital Transferred To University

TORONTO (CP)—Sunnybrook Hospital, dedicated in 1943 as "a living memorial to the men and women of the armed forces," was transferred Monday from the department of veterans' affairs to the University of Toronto.

Canada's largest veterans' hospital with 1,500 beds, Sunnybrook has admitted 158,000 servicemen and treated more than 927,000 out-patients, men and women who served in the three services and who came from coast to coast to take advantage of some of the finest facilities in the world.

It is to become the first university-owned teaching and active-treatment hospital in Ontario, and the second in Canada. The University of Saskatchewan has a 400-bed teaching hospital.

Sunnybrook has been under administration of the department of veterans' affairs since it was officially opened in 1948 by the late prime minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King.

PRESENT DEED

The deed will be turned over to Henry Borden, chairman of the university's board of gov-

ernors, by Roger Teillet, veterans' affairs minister.

For one silver dollar, a token of purchase, the university will receive:

A \$14,000,000 building with 21 acres of floor space, 2,800 rooms, 23 elevators and a swimming pool; 33.38 acres of land fronting on Bayview Avenue and 69.56 acres of ravine land, leased with 29,600 square feet of sidewalk and 36,000 square yards of paved road.

The prior rights of veterans will be protected so that the university can live up to its promise to continue to dedicate Sunnybrook to the cause that was expressed on Armistice Day, 1943, as the first sod was turned: to honor the dead and good care for the sick and injured.

RECEIVE PRIORITY

Veterans will continue to get priority treatment. Terms of transfer specify that 1,200 beds must be kept available at all times for veterans "so long as the need exists."

It was the changing needs of veterans, and the growing demand for civilian hospital beds, that led to the transfer of this

and other veterans' hospitals to civilian use.

Dr. J. K. Morrison, superintendent since 1962 and who remains as executive director, says the average age of patients in the early years was 27. It now is between 65 and 70. On the average, veterans now occupy about 1,000 of the 1,500 beds.

For some time past, hundreds of beds have been empty while Toronto suffered a severe hospital bed shortage. And many of the veterans were patients needing domiciliary care, while the hospital was intended for active-treatment care. This made it difficult to keep the highly-skilled staff of doctors and nurses, or to persuade young professionals to work in a hospital where opportunities to practise active medicine were limited.

Non-military citizens from the Toronto area will gradually be allowed to take up the empty beds as fewer veterans require them. But Dr. Morrison says it will be several years before Sunnybrook can offer substantial relief to the hospital-bed shortage.

BUILD NEW WING

Veterans receiving custodial and chronic care will eventually be housed in a new 400-bed wing, to be completed by 1970.

The hospital's 1,500-bed capacity may also be increased to 1,750, with 90 obstetrical and

Operations To Change Sex Being Undertaken In U.S.

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Operations to change sex, a surgical procedure that traditionally has been taboo in the U.S., are being undertaken at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. John E. Hoopes, assistant professor of plastic surgery at the hospital and chairman of a recently-formed gender identity clinic, said here the program "including the surgery, is investigational."

Some 2,000 persons have undergone this type of surgery in Europe over the last 15 years, but Hoopes said it is the first institution in the U.S. to give such a procedure its official support.

Dr. Hoopes described the patients who undergo such an operation as "transsexual."

He said such a person is normal physically and biologically, at least in so far as can be determined at present; but he feels, behaves and dresses as if he were of the opposite sex.

"You would probably never recognize a transsexual as such if you met him casually, or even if you knew him well. I cannot state too emphatically how completely these people assume the role of the opposite sex. The male transsexual looks, dresses and acts exactly like a woman, and the same is true for his female counterpart. They are not simply people who receive pleasure from just wearing the clothes of the opposite sex; nor are they

homosexuals, as commonly defined.

"Over the years, psychiatrists have tried repeatedly to treat these people without surgery, and the conclusion is inescapable that psychotherapy has not so far solved the problem."

The surgery itself, coupled with hormone treatments which are started before surgery and must continue afterward, is a 3½-hour procedure.

This far, the hospital has performed two of the operations—both on males in their 30s. Both patients are reported to be recovering normally.

MURRAY HARBOR

Ralph Billard, Murray Harbour is visiting with relatives in U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billard, Murray Harbour, are visiting in Toronto, Ontario.

Anna MacNeill, Beach Point, is visiting in Wolfville, N.S. where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jordan.

John Brooks, Murray Harbour, is a patient in the King's County Memorial Hospital, Montague.

Mrs. Placentia, St. John's, Nfld. is now loading farm produce at Murray Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Penny, Murray Harbour have recently taken up residence in Murray River.

TRIBUTE PAID TO JFK

Jean Josselin, European welterweight champion, lays a wreath at the historical marker near the spot where President John F. Kennedy was slain three years ago Tuesday. Josselin, in Dallas for the world's welterweight championship fight with Curtis Cokes, took part in the memorial ceremony to the late president. (AP Wirephoto)

Few Branches Are Planned By Bank Of Western Canada

EDMONTON (CP)—When the Bank of Western Canada starts to operate sometime next year, don't look for a branch on the nearest corner.

The new institution, which received Royal assent last July, plans to serve a community the size of Edmonton from one downtown office, says M. Stevens, chairman of the bank. Today's customers are mobile enough to eliminate the need for a neighborhood branch.

Under the presidency of J. E. Coyne, former governor of the Bank of Canada, the new bank plans to emphasize quality rather than quantity, Mr. Stevens said in a recent news conference in a recent news conference in Edmonton with Mr. Coyne and fellow-director Maxwell Bruce.

Fewer offices would allow the bank to pay higher salaries and attract a higher calibre of employee. Emphasis would be on better service, better personnel and better hours.

WESTERNS ON BOARD

Although Mr. Stevens is a Toronto finance and investment director and Mr. Coyne only recently moved from Toronto to the bank's head office in Winnipeg, most of the directors are residents of Western Canada.

Mr. Coyne said the bank will be highly decentralized. Funds raised locally would be invested locally under the direction of the local manager. Regional offices would be set up during 1967 in all major Western centres from the Lakehead to the Pacific Coast.

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