Hepburn Notes Admissions, Births Up In 1979

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1979 was a good year at A. Barton Hepburn Hospital. Both admissions and patient days increased over 1978 while the length of stay has remained low compared to the state and national average.

Over 500 babies were born this year at Hepburn. This is the first year since 1973 to reach 500 births.

A milestone was also reached during the year with the insertion of the 100th permanent pacemaker.

Some new services and equipment have been added as well as the replacement of some obsolete equipment. Courses have been sponsored to insure continuing education, three contracts with labor organizations were signed and there have been some new appointments in the middle management area.

Among the new services that have been added during the year are: telemetry — a device which allows a recovering cardiac patient to be ambulatory and still have the heart monitored; Echocardiography — a non-invasive technique to observe the valves and vessels of the heart; Ultrasound — a non-invasive technique to observe body organs and unborn children; a urodynamic laboratory used in the diagnosis and treatment of bladder disorders; Swan-Ganz catheter — a balloon catheter which is passed through the right side of the heart and into the pulmonary artery to measure pressure and flow of blood. The hospital has applied for permission to install an eighth kidney machine. The skilled nursing facility was increased from 23 to 29 beds. Nursing unit 2B was completely refurbished by the hospital maintenance force. The hospital purchased new electrically operated beds for all acute care, medical and surgical areas. New lighting over patient beds was purchased for half of the hospital with installation completed in about 25 percent of the hospital. Two houses near the hospital were purchased, demolished and the land converted for a parking lot.

To help accomplish all of the above, the A. Barton Hepburn Hospital Development fund raised $15,000 in 1979. Other monies for capital improvement came from the endowment fund earnings and from depreciation of assets.

In the area of education, Diet Technician students from Canton ATC are now working with hospital dietary personnel in a learning experience. This program was added in 1979. The training programs associated with St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center and Canton ATC for registered nurses; Canton ATC for medical laboratory technicians, and with BOCES for licensed practical nurses continued as in the past. Four medical students from the Family Practice program at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse spent their summer at the hospital under the direction of staff physicians. An administrative resident was sponsored for a 16 week program at the hospital gaining experience in the practical aspects of hospital administration.

The annual Diabetes Teaching Day was held again this year. Additionally seminars were held in Ultrasound and Assertiveness Training for Managers. The hospital, in conjunction with CETA, conducted three Nursing Attendant training courses for twenty students each.

Sibling visitation in maternity was established. Brothers and sisters of the newborn infant can visit once in the hospital, when accompanied by the father or grandparent.

The hospital also accepted responsibility for the Clifton-Fine laboratory after the demise of the county laboratory.

In the area of labor relations, a two year contract was signed with Local 200 Service Employees International Union, a three year contract was signed with the Licensed Practical Nurses Association and one year wage renegotiation with the New York State Nurses Association was signed.

Middle Management changes during the year include: Mrs. Pauline Trimm who was appointed Director of Housekeeping, Mr. Keith Carmany was appointed to the position of Dietitian, and Ms. Marijane Wilson was promoted to the position of Business Office Manager.

The hospital received a two year accreditation from the JCAH in 1979 as well.

Yes, 1979 was a good year and we are enthusiastically looking forward to 1980.

A new medication delivery system called Unit Dose has been budgeted for. Window weatherstripping is to be replaced as an energy saving measure. Air conditioning is to be added to the laboratory to stabilize the environment for testing. The new parking area is to be paved and the other lots sealed. The program calls for many older equipment items to be replaced. Upon approval by the New York State Department of Health the eighth kidney machine will be purchased and installed. The telemetry system purchased lest year will be expanded. Nursing unit 2A will be refurbished by the maintenance staff. The overbed lighting will be completed throughout the hospital.

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START Bus System Gets Going In 1979

CANTON—St. Lawrence Area Rural Transit, START, bus service has shown a great deal of progress in St. Lawrence County since its full implementation in February of 1979.

There has proved to be a steady increase in its popularity and usage over the past few months, and with threatened fuel and gasoline shortages and sharp increases in its price, it is expected that mass transportation in St. Lawrence County may continue to expand in 1980.

START presently is operating four buses on fixed routes throughout the county and one of these vehicles is equipped with hydraulic wheelchair lift to accommodate the handicapped on a demand-response basis.

The most successful of these fixed routes appear to be the main routes throughout the county. "Ogdensburg to Canton," "Canton to Potsdam," and "Waddington to Ogdensburg." These particular routes offer daily service between the villages and operate a schedule that accommodate commuters to and from work sites, as well as the low income and Senior Citizens to the available human services.

The START program is operated under the auspices of the St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc., (CDP). CDP also operates a van program throughout St. Lawrence County. "Operating both of these programs together allows us to better coordinate the available service throughout the county and to better control duplication of service."

A new 20-passenger bus will be added soon and it is expected that we will be able to offer more daily commuter services in the near future.

Some of the new routes that will be investigated during 1980 will be between Massena and Potsdam, via Brasher Falls, Gouverneur and Canton, Waddington and Canton, and additional service between Waddington and Ogdensburg.

After the first full month of operation in February of 1979 the START program logged a total passenger count of 1,465 trips. Since February the passenger trips have increased each month and are now logging near or over 4,000 passenger trips per month. The program is still very much in the developing stages. In the past year many routes have been tested, some of which proved to be very successful, and others that were not so successful. The least successful routes have been eliminated or reduced in service and additional routes have been added.

There has been an increasing emphasis on mass transportation throughout the United States. St. Lawrence County residents can feel very lucky to be one step ahead of many areas that have no public transportation at all.

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One of the highlights of the year was the awarding of an Olympic contract to Frank's for draperies for the former Will Rogers Hospital at Lake Placid which the State of New York has taken over. Frank's does contract work all over St. Lawrence County and most of the public buildings have seen work done by Frank's experienced staff.

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SCHEDULES:

WADDINGTON TO OGDENSBURG

	PM
Lv: Waddington	
Mini Mall	7:20
Town Hall	7:25
Ar: St Lawrence Psychiatric Center	
Farm Cottage	7:45
Community Store	7:50
Center Building	7:55
Ogdensburg City Hall	8:05

OGDENSBURG TO WADDINGTON

	PM
Lv: Ogdensburg City Hall	4 20
St Lawrence Psychiatric Center	
Center Building	4 30
Community Store	4 35
Farm Cottage	4 40
Ar. Waddington	
Town Hall	5 00
Mini Mall	5 05

CALL: 393-5561
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OGDENSBURG TO CANTON

	AM
Lv Ogdensburg	
City Hall	8.05
Hepburn Hospital	8 10
Park Plaza	8 15
Ar Canton	
ATC Gym	8:45
Smith Building	8.50
Noble Building	8:55
Park Place	9:00

CANTON TO OGDENSBURG

	PM
Lv Canton	
ATC Gym	4 55
Grasse River Apt	5:00
Smith Building	5:05
Noble Building	5 08
Park Place	5:10
Ar Ogdensburg	
Park Plaza	5:35
Hepburn Hospital	5 40
City Hall	5.45

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Tuesday and Friday

CANTON TO OGDENSBURG

	AM	AM	PM
Lv. Canton	8 55	10 40	2 05
E J Noble Bldg	9 00	10 45	2 10
Park Place	9 03	10 48	2 13
Smith Bldg.	9 05	10 50	2 15
Grasse River Apts			
Rensselaer Falls —		11.00	2 30
Hammond's Store		11 15	2 45
Heuvelton — IGA			
Ar. Ogdensburg	9:30	11 30	3 00
Park Plaza	9 35	11 32	3 02
Seaway Plaza	9 40	11 36	3 06
Hospital	9 45	11 40	3 10
City Hall			

OGDENSBURG TO CANTON

Lv Ogdensburg			
Hospital	9 40	1 30	3.06
City Hall	9 45	1 35	3 10
Seaway Plaza	9 48	1 38	3 13
Park Plaza	9 50	1 40	3 15
Heuvelton — IGA	10:05		3 30
Rensselaer Falls —			
Hammond's Store	10.20		3 45
Ar Canton			
Adm. Bldg ATC	10 35	2.00	3 55
Grasse River Apts	10 38	2 03	4.00
Smith Building	10 40	2 05	4 05
E J Noble Bldg	10:45	2 10	4 08
Park Place			4 10

Thursday

CANTON TO OGDENSBURG

	AM	PM
Lv Canton		
E J Noble	8:55	1:40
Park Place	9:00	1:45
Smith Bldg.	9:03	1:48
Grasse River Apts	9:05	1:05
Ar Ogdensburg		
Park Plaza	9:30	2:15
Seaway Plaza	9:35	2:20
Hospital	9:40	2:25
City Hall	9:45	2:30

OGDENSBURG TO CANTON

Lv Ogdensburg		
City Hall	11:45	3:15
Hospital	11:50	3:20
Seaway Plaza	11:55	3:25
Park Plaza	12:00	3:30
Ar Canton		
Adm. Bldg. ATC	12:25	3:55
Grasse River Apts.	12:30	4:00
Smith Bldg	12:33	4:05
Noble Bldg.	12:37	4:08
Park Place	12:40	4:10

Schedules subject to change without notice.
All times are approximate due to weather and traffic contions

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CANTON TO POTSDAM (Round Trip Service)

	AM	PM	PM
Lv: Canton			
ATC Gym	7:25	4:00	5:00
Grasse River Apartments			
Smith Building	7:30	4:05	5:05
Park Place	7:32	4:07	5:07
Griffith's Art Center	7:35	4:10	5:10
Noble Building (CETA)		4:12	5:12
Ar: Potsdam			
Reynold's House	7:50	4:26	5:26
Roxy's Theatre	7:53	4:29	5:29
Raymond Hall	7:55	4:33	5:33
Lv: Potsdam			
Raymond Hall	8:20	4:33	5:33
Racquette Acres			
Kinney's Drugs	8:25	4:38	5:38
Reynold's House	8:28	4:40	5:40
Ar: Canton			
Noble Building (CETA)	8:43		
Griffith's Art Center	8:45		
Park Place	8:48	4:55	5:55
Smith Building	8:50		
Grasse River Apartments			
ATC Gym	8:55	5:00	6:00

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	PM	PM	PM
Lv: Canton		7:30	10:30
ATC Gym			
Grasse River Apartments			
Smith Building		7:37	10:35
Park Place		7:53	10:38
Griffith's Art Center			
Noble Building (CETA)			
Ar: Potsdam			
Reynold's House		8:10	10:57
Roxy's Theatre		8:13	11:00
Raymond Hall		8:15	11:05
Lv: Potsdam			
Raymond Hall	6:30	10:00	
Racquette Acres			
Kinney's Drugs	6:35	10:05	
Reynold's House	6:38	10:08	
Ar: Canton			
Noble Building (CETA)			
Griffith's Art Center	7:00	10:23	
Park Place	7:03	10:25	
Smith Building			
Grasse River Apartments			
ATC Gym	7:10	10:30	

ANYONE CAN RIDE

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