



KEEP us O Lord from pettiness; let us be
large in thought, in word and deed

Let us be done with fault finding and leave
off self seeking

May we put away all pretence and meet
each other face to face, without self pity
and without prejudice

May we never be hasty in judgment and
always generous

Teach us to put into action our better impul-
ses straight forward and unafraid

Let us take time for all things: make us
grow calm, serene, gentle

Grant that we may realize that it is the
little things that create differences; that in
the big things of life we are one

And may we strive to touch and know the
great human heart common to us all, and

O Lord God let us not forget to be kind.



The Bobier Home as it was when
the Bobier's bequeathed it to Denton

The Bobier Home

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Its product is care

In order to provide even better care for the elderly of West Elgin the Bobier Home trustees are planning three stages of improvements with the first phase recently receiving the approval of Dutton and Dunwich councils.

The two-storey addition to the west side of the building will consist of an activity room, dining room and two-bed ward on the first floor and a sitting room, dining room and two-bed ward on the upper level. At a later date it is planned to provide a larger kitchen, an elevator and additional bed space.

The first phase will be the third addition to the Home since it was donated to the municipalities in 1950. In 1963 the McKellar wing was constructed and in 1970 the west wing was added. Although these additions provided 30 more beds for a total of 47 there still is not sufficient accommodation as evidenced by the fact there is a waiting list of 15.

It is doubtful if the late Edward Bobier had any idea of how important a gift he was making to the community when he bequeathed his large home 29 years ago. Operated on a non-profit basis, it is the only municipally-owned convalescent home in Ontario and down through the years it has proved of tremendous benefit to this area. Since 1972 it has had 99% occupancy and it enjoys an enviable reputation for the care provided.

One of the most important features of the Home's operation is that it enables persons requiring such service to obtain it in the community where many of the residents have spent several years if not their entire lives. This enables them to remain near friends and relatives who in turn find it more convenient to visit.

The Home has become big business, too. Last year's operating costs amounted to more than \$324,000. Of this close to \$220,000 went for salaries and wages. There are 50 on the staff at present which makes it second only to the 401 Service Centres as Dutton and Dunwich's largest employers.

Last October the Ontario Minister of Health, Dennis R. Timbrell, visited the Home and the following letter was received later:

"I want to tell you how happy I was to be able to tour the Bobier Home last week. This unique facility is a credit to the town and all connected with its operation. The standard of care and the attentiveness shown to the residents ranks with the best I have seen in the province."

This is a well-earned tribute to the administrator, other members of the staff and the trustees.



ANNUAL PICNIC—Members of the Bobier Convalescent Home enjoyed their annual picnic and country side tour recently. The day was sponsored by the Home Auxiliary.



PAST AND PRESENT OFFICIALS — Included in the many who attended the Bobier Home Auxiliary tea were front row, Mrs. Jack McNeil, convener; Miss Minnie Gow, first auxiliary president; Mrs. Frank Silcox, president;

Mrs. Earl Shipley, convener; back row, Stuart McWilliam, Home trustee; Mrs. Margaret McKillop, superintendent; Mrs. David Bennett, first auxiliary secretary.

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