



New nursing home applies for approval of more beds

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FORT ERIE — The new Margaret Clare nursing home has a "fair chance" of receiving government approval for 44 additional beds, a co-owner said Tuesday.

Reg Balcombe said application to the Ontario Health Department was made six months ago. The department allows nursing home beds on

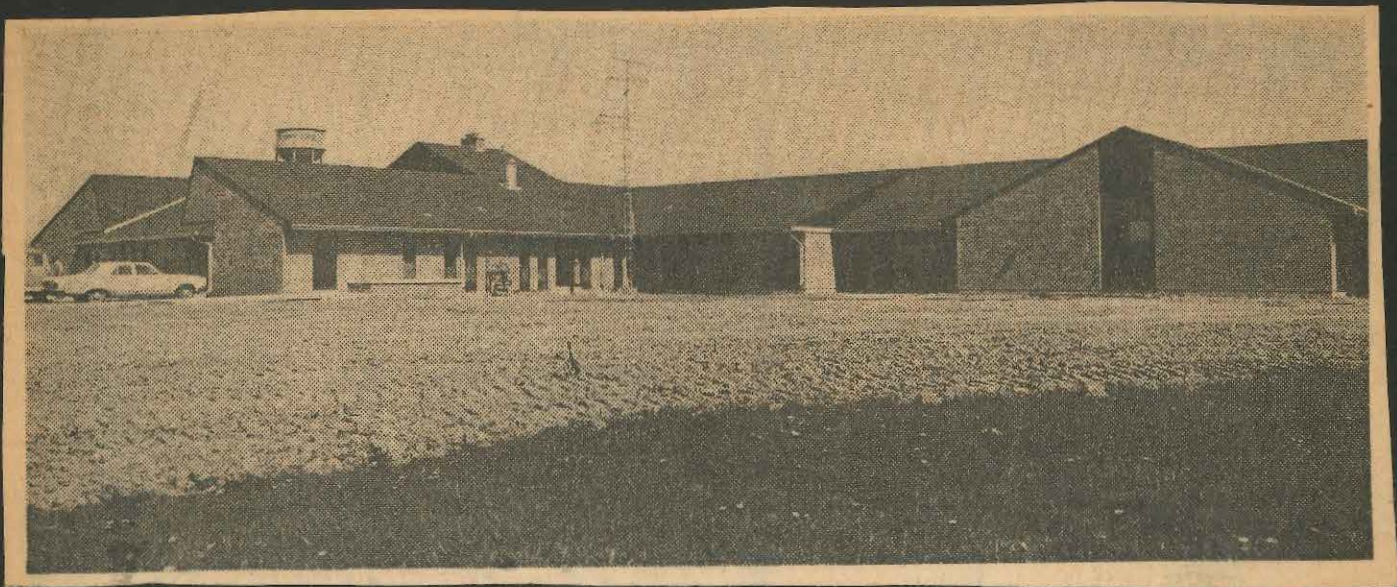
a quota basis, based on population figures and demand.

Mr. Balcombe said there is a 50-patient waiting list for the new 68-patient home on Hagey St., which opened May 7.

The new home, which cost \$750,000, is near Douglas Memorial Hospital, and is in the shape of an "L". The

structure to house 44 more residents would complete the "L" shape and allow for a quadrangle courtyard in the centre of the facility.

Margaret Clare Nursing Homes Ltd. also owns a 63-patient home in Niagara Falls. It has applied for an addition of 50 beds to this facility.



The Big Move — Senior citizens have begun moving into the new Margaret Clare Nursing Home on Hagey St. The \$750,000 ultra-modern facility, opened Monday, will be home to 68 men and women. All of the 35 residents of the company's old nursing home on the Niagara Blvd. made the big move to the new

facility yesterday. Reg Balcombe, owner, said he expects to have the remaining 33 beds filled by the end of the week. There still remains some work to be done in and around the home, but Mr. Balcombe believes everything will be finished in a few weeks and will provide no inconvenience to the residents.

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SOME OF THE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE
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MONDAYS: The Monday Euchre Program at 1 p.m.
The Monday Bingo Program at 1 p.m.
Woodworking in the Crafts Room at 1 p.m.

TUESDAYS: (First and third only)
Meetings of the Fort Erie Senior Citizens Club #96

WEDNESDAYS: The Ninety-Sixers Concert Club Howdowners Band at 1 p.m.
Bowling at Carroll's Lanes on Klauck Street at 2 p.m.

THURSDAYS: The Happy Hour Club # 968 at 1 p.m.
Woodworking in the Crafts Room at 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard in the Assembly Room at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS: The Ninety-Sixers Concert Club Goldentones Choir, 1 p.m.

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Euchre Card Party at 7:30 p.m.

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Other activities such as dinners, bus trips etc., are planned each month.

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Seniors of Greater Fort Erie are invited to participate in these and other programs provided in this Centre. Please contact the Centre at 871-7761 for more information about joining the clubs or changes and additions to this program.

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