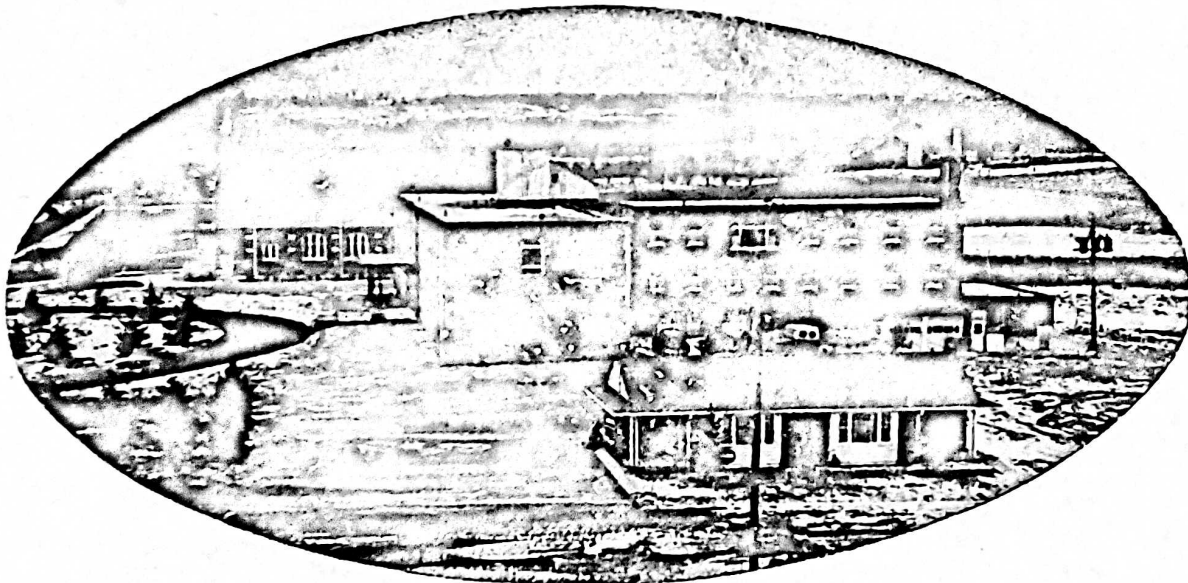


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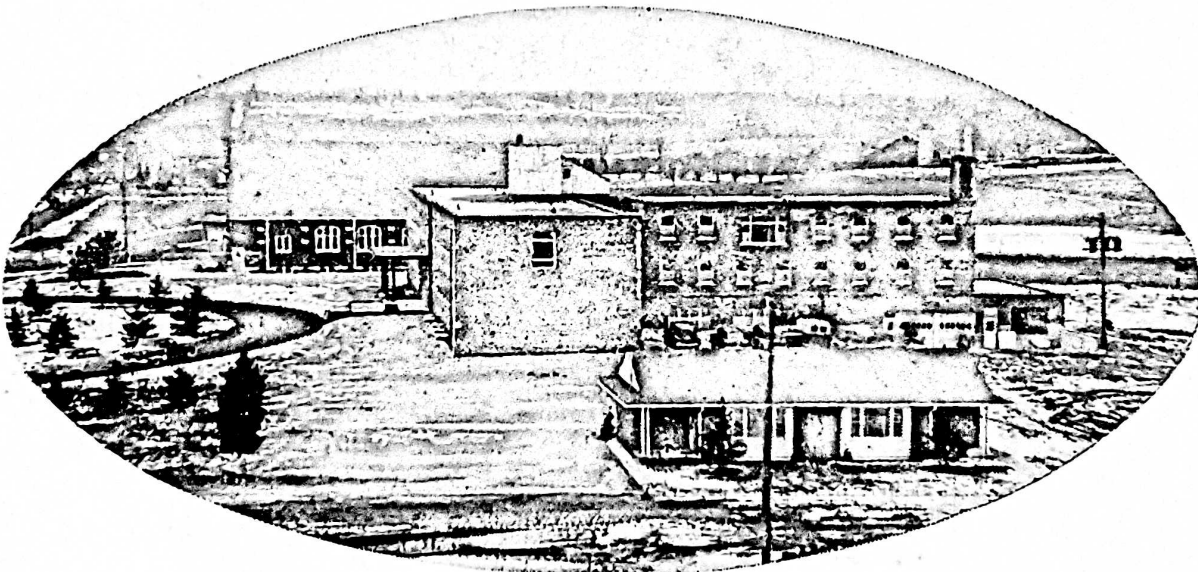
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# Programme

IN PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

(adjoining)

CHAIRMAN

Bishop Curtis C. Cressman

## DOXOLOGY

### 1. HYMN—"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.	A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
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Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.	Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the opening day.
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Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.	O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come; Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home.
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### 2. DEVOTIONAL - - - - - Rev. Howard L. Good, Pastor Preston Mennonite Church

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

### 4. ADDRESS OF WELCOME - W. C. Woods, Mayor of Preston

### 5. GREETINGS,

FROM NORTH WATERLOO - John J. Wintermeyer, M.P.P.

### 6. DEVELOPMENT OF "FAIRVIEW MENNONITE HOME" PROJECT - - - L. E. Ludlow, Director of Homes for the aged

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER - Raymond M. Myers, M.P.P. South Waterloo

### 8. ADDRESS - - - Hon. Louis Pierre Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare, Prov. of Ontario



*Entrance Fairview Mennonite Home*

Chairman introduces Mr. Harold Ball, General Contractor.  
Mr. Ball presents Scissors to Mr. Joe Steckly, Chairman of Board.  
Mr. Ball presents Key to Mr. John Cressman, Superintendent of Home,  
who speaks and welcomes all to visit the Home.

OPEN HOUSE following to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday,  
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We have now reached the climax of almost two years of effort in the planning for and erection of a new building, in which to carry on the task of caring for aged people, that had its beginning in Braeside Home on Eagle St., Preston, Ontario, in May, 1943. The new building, now ready for occupancy, stands on a site of approximately three and one-third acres of land donated by Mr. Eugene Langs, on Concession Road, Preston, and adjoining the Preston Mennonite Church.

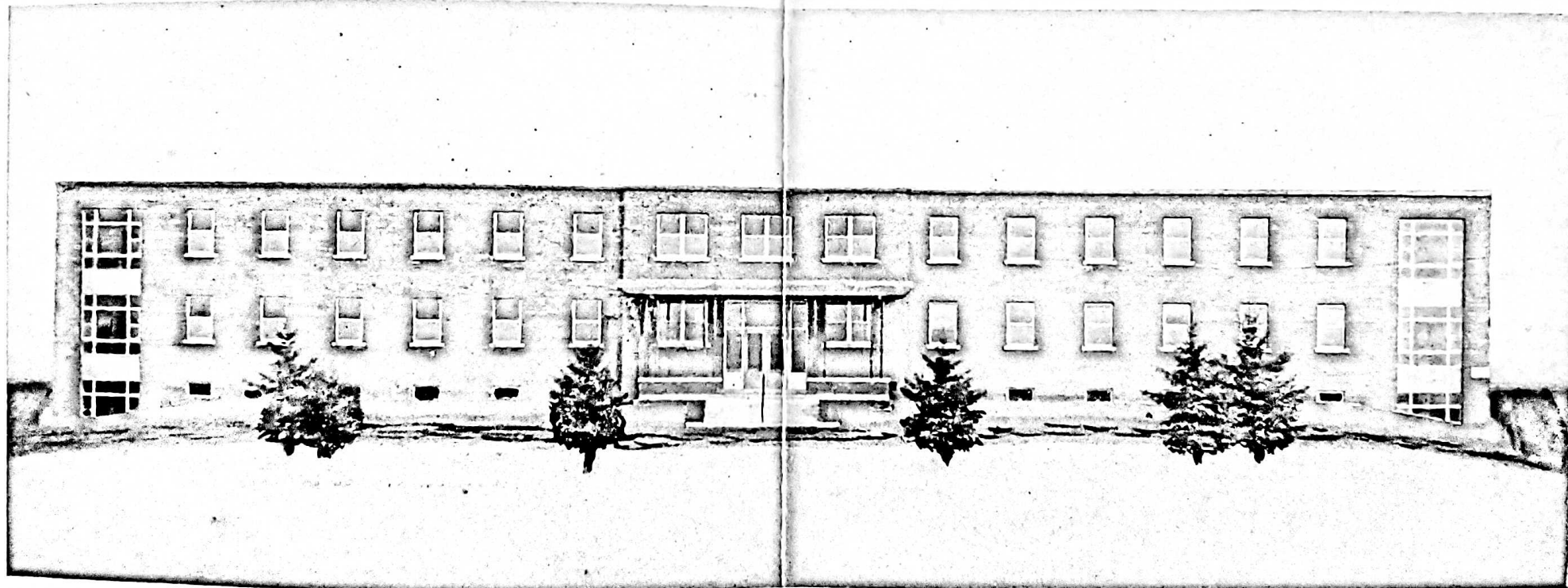
A study of this project was begun immediately following the announcement, by the Ontario government, in March, 1954, that financial assistance, in the amount of \$2,000.00 per bed would be given to organizations under the supervision of the Department of Public Welfare, willing to undertake the erection of new buildings to house and care for aged people. This information was passed on to the Braeside Home Association at its organization meeting in April, 1954. The Board of Management was instructed

to study the question further and, if thought advisable, to prepare a tentative plan and submit same to the Association at a special meeting called for this purpose. This was done, and a tentative plan, drawn up by architect W. H. E. Schmalz, was submitted to a meeting of the Association held on May 22, 1954. At this meeting, authorization was given for the completion of plans to be submitted to the Minister of Public Welfare and, upon receipt of his approval, to call for tenders determining the total cost of the project, such to be dependable for decision to advance with it, if agreed upon by the Association.

The ground-breaking ceremony was held on March 19, 1955, and an impressive cornerstone laying ceremony was conducted on July 2, 1955.

Fairview Mennonite Home, now completed and ready for inspection by the public, has been planned and built for the express purpose of caring for aged people. It is termed a 92-bed institution and the breakdown of its accommodation is as follows:

Residents	— 1st floor	— 14 rooms with 1 bed	— 14 beds
	1st floor	— 1 room with 2 beds	— 2 beds
	Bed care	— 8 rooms with 2 beds	— 16 beds
	Bed care	— 1 room with 4 beds	— 4 beds



### *Fairview Mennonite Home*

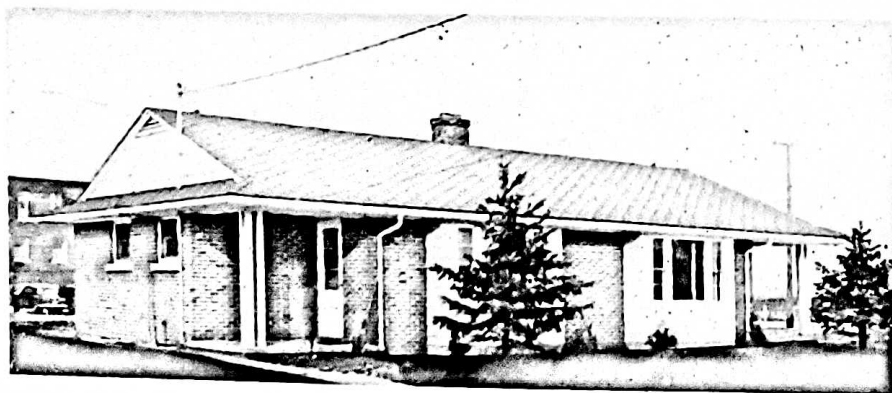
Mr. Schmalz was then permanently engaged and, in consultation with the Board of Management and the Association executive, prepared plans to be submitted to the Department of Public Welfare for consideration by the heads of this Department, whose approval was obtained in January, 1955. Tenders were then called for and received up to February 21, following which the committee made its selection of contractors and, at a special meeting of the Association, held on March 5, 1955, a recommendation was submitted proposing the erection of a new building, according to the plans approved by the Minister of Public Welfare. The recommendation was approved by a unanimous vote.

	2nd floor	— 27 rooms with 1 bed	— 27 beds
	2nd floor	— 6 rooms with 2 beds	— 12 beds
	— Total beds for residents	- - -	75 beds
Staff	— Ground floor	— 7 rooms with 1 bed	— 7 beds
	Ground floor	— 3 rooms with 2 beds	— 6 beds
Supt.,	1st floor	— 2 rooms with 2 beds	— 4 beds
	Total beds for staff	- - -	17 beds
	Total beds	- - -	92 beds

The inclusion of a bed-patient unit in one wing of the building makes it possible, as noted above, to give care to twenty convalescent or chronically ill persons. The men's wing is equipped to accommodate fourteen men residents. There are three semi-private suites, consisting of two rooms, with a bathroom between and meant primarily for married couples, but may be used as individual rooms with shared bathroom. The remainder of the rooms will provide accommodation for thirty-five ladies.

Besides staff accommodation on the ground, there is an assembly room, ample trunk and garment storage for residents and staff, staff dining-room, a spacious kitchen and guest's dining-room, refrigeration and freezer rooms, canning and fruit storage rooms, two-car garage, boiler room and a workshop.

Ample fire-fighting equipment is provided for, throughout the entire building, including a fire alarm system. Four fire-proof stair-wells, accessible from each floor, provide ample and safe exits from the building, in case of fire.



*Picture of Collage*

This is a Duplex Cottage, which contains in each unit a Living Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Bedroom and Bath, suitable for an aged couple, and will be held available for an aged couple, who may by agreement with the board, arrange for a transfer of the home to the board for the use of succeeding aged people. There is also room for a number of additional cottages to be built, if and when the need may arise.

## *Building Committee*

### BRAESIDE HOME ASSOCIATION

*President* - - - - - Curtis C. Cressman

*Vice President* - - - - - Oscar Snyder

*Secretary* - - - - - Enan Hunsperger

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

*Chairman* - - - - - Joseph Steckly

*Vice Chairman* - - - - - Leslie D. Witmer

*Secretary* - - - - - John A. Cressman

Zenas Cressman

David Martin

Seranus Martin

Harry Kinzie

### ARCHITECT

W. H. E. Schmalz

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cressman

If anyone desires to make a donation towards the home and its furnishings, we would suggest the following:

#### INTER-COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

with connection to church .....	\$2,859.00
Cabinet to accommodate equipment .....	120.00
Record Player .....	85.00
Radio .....	95.00

#### SITTING ROOM FURNITURE

2 arm chairs, each .....	46.00
9 arms chairs, each .....	35.00
6 settee, each .....	54.50
75 stacking chairs, each .....	6.95

Several Pianos

#### PERIODICALS

Galt Reporter  
Kitchener Record  
Magazines

#### FLOOR CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Floor Polisher, Scrubber .....	240.00
Wet dry vacuum .....	225.00