

Dr. Peter Richert served 1894-1903



Dr. Richert's home, doctor office, and post office



In 1894, Dr. Peter Ríchert moved his house from his farm to a more central location within the Alexanderwohl community to practice medicine. He added two rooms to use as an office and a drug store. He urged the Elders from the area Mennonite churches to establish a hospital in the community.

Dr. Ríchert was also responsible for securing a post office and naming the town, "Goessel". The post office was part of his house.





1899 Hospital Dedication – cost \$1,600





1902 Dedication of Bethesda Addition – cost \$2,000



1902 Stairs to 2nd Floor





1903 Bethesda Hospital & Home



1903 Bethesda Hospital Operating Room





June, 1906 tornado – chimneys gone & windmill bent





1917 3 Story Addition – cost \$9,500 – loan required





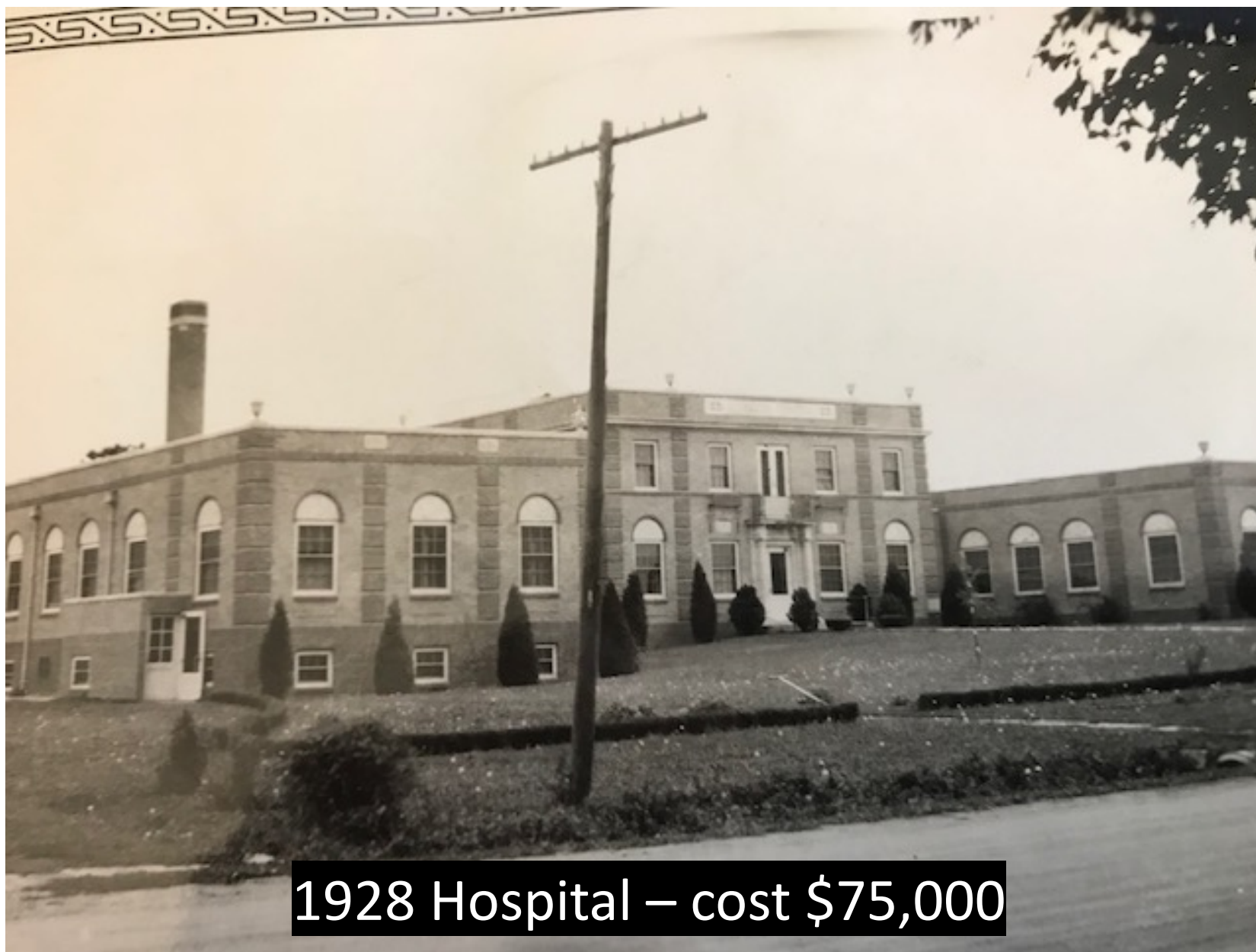
North Side of Bethesda



East end of Bethesda







1928 Hospital – cost \$75,000





1940 –50's – 10 babies



1950's Gift Day





Gift Day



1950s Well Baby Clinic





1955 Bethesda residents

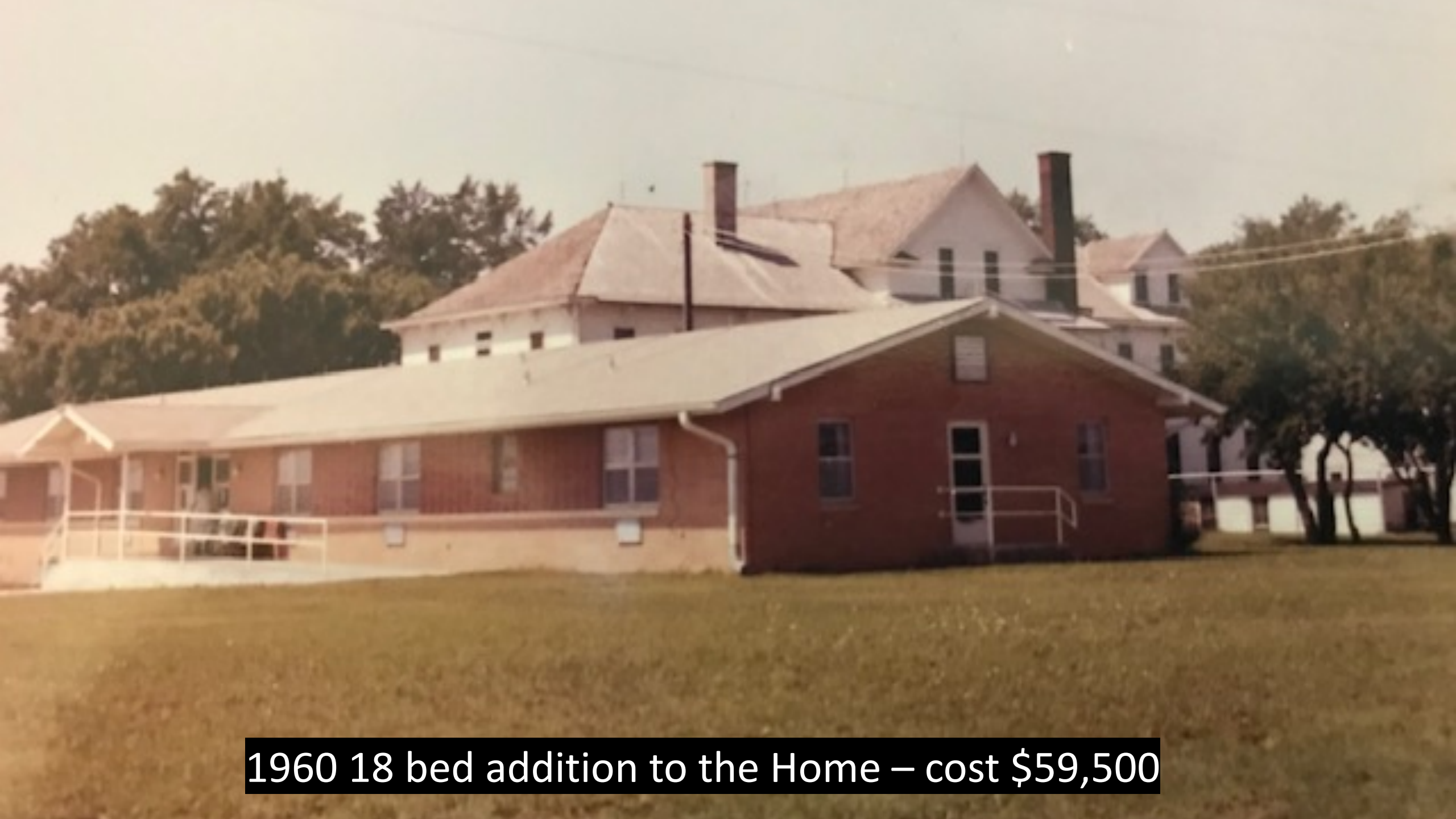


1958 old clinic waiting room





1960 – Hospital and new clinic



1960 18 bed addition to the Home – cost \$59,500



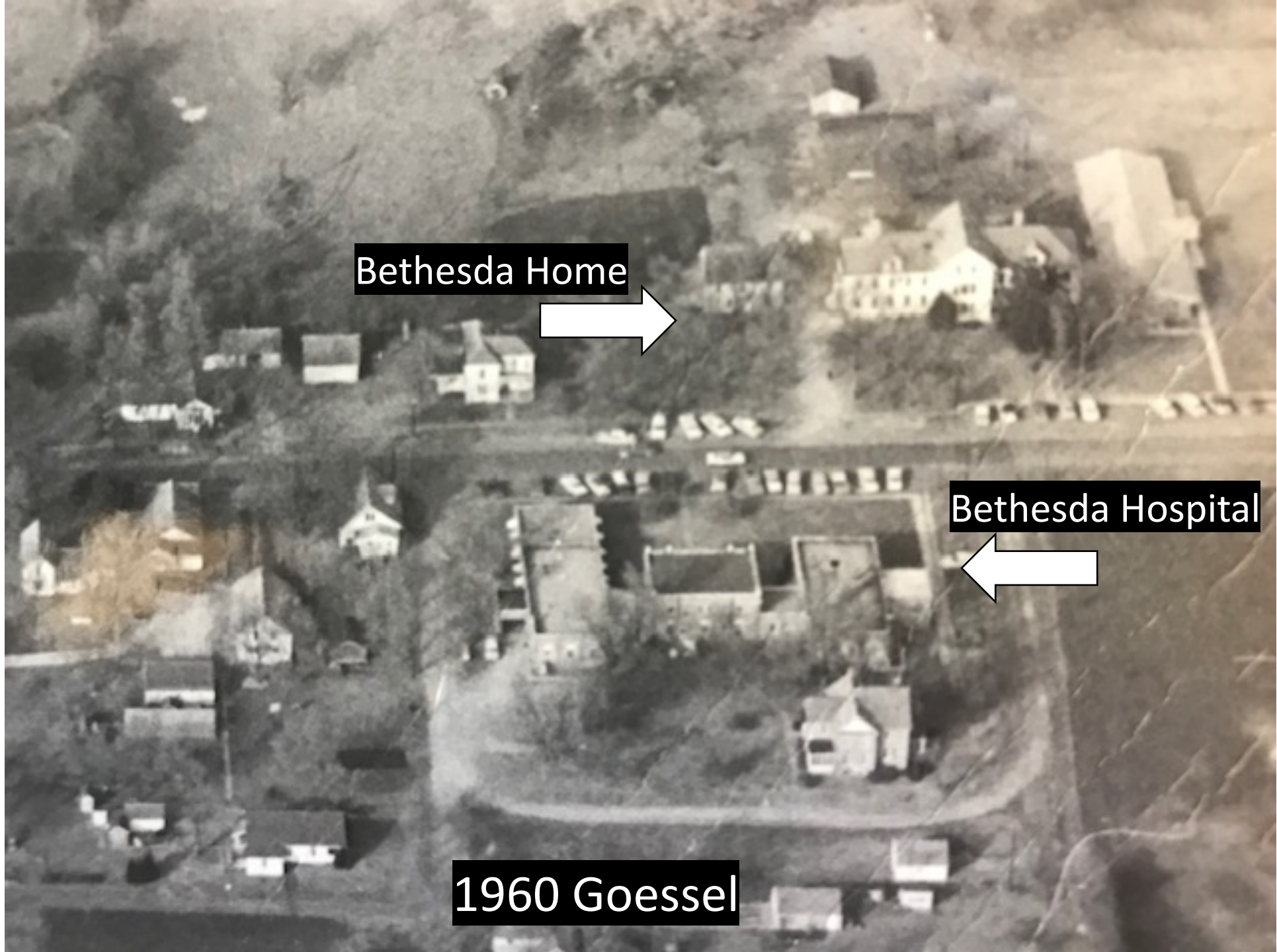


1960 18 bed addition

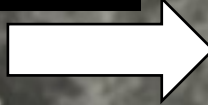


1960 Goessel from the East





Bethesda Home



Bethesda Hospital



1960 Goessel



1960's Goessel Ambulance





1965 – GHS Home Ec Class



1965 Hospital team





1966 Bethesda vision for the future for 51 bed Home



1967 groundbreaking for 51 bed Home –  
Everson, Koehn, Klassen, Bartel





Waldo Voth, groundbreaking



1968 – 6/18 basement for 51 bed Home





1968 – 7/30 construction progress



1970s Nurses (Regier, Unruh, Ruesser,  
Derksen, Ressel, ??, Miller, Troyer)





1973 Hospital front – cost \$473,000 – bond issued



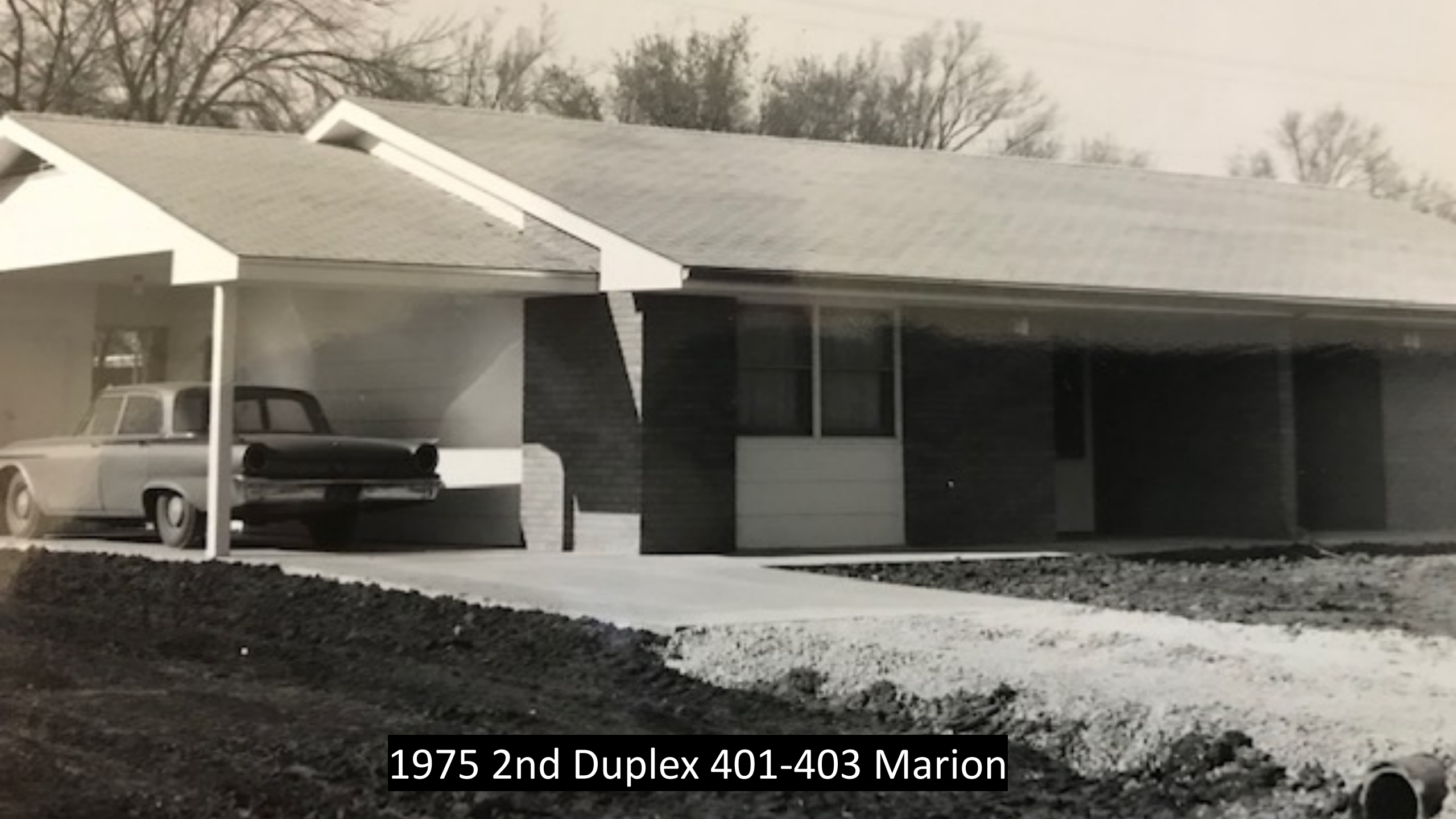


1973 Hospital





1973 Hospital nurses station



1975 2nd Duplex 401-403 Marion





Duplexes



Home



Hospital



1975 Bethesda



1989 – Assisted Living – cost \$788,475 incl dining room expansion





1989 Assisted Living foyer





1999 Bethesda Kitchen





1999 Centennial celebration meal





1999 Centennial celebration meal





Centennial display (done by Jan Schmidt)



**BETHESDA**  
ENTRANCE

1999 front entrance





Emma Creek Meadows

Duplexes

Duplexes

Assisted Living

Duplexes

Home

Hospital

1999 Goessel





1999 Memorial plaque at original steps to the Home





1999 Nurses station (Wilcox, Navrat, Schroeder, Goossen)



1999 walk to Special Care Unit Groundbreaking





1999 SCU groundbreaking – raised \$1.125 million





Special Care Unit  
Courtyard

2000 SCU/Heritage Hall Courtyard





**Special Care Unit  
Dinning and Activities Room**

**SCU/Heritage Hall Dining – Activities area**





SCU/Heritage Hall Kitchen





2001 front entrance & drive – ALCED campaign – cost \$125,838





2003 – Maintenance Shop – cost \$63,705





2004 Demolition of 1973 Hospital





Demolition of Hospital





Demolition Hospital – Parking lot now





Loving care given





2005 Willow Hall pre-BCCL





2006 Willow Hall BCCL renovated





2006 BCCL Construction





BCCL Construction





Chapel progress





Kitchen Remodeled







Commercial Laundry upgrade





Beauty Shop





Cottonwood Hall entry





Spa/bathing area in a neighborhood



Whirlpool tub in a neighborhood spa





Bible Study in Chapel





Neighborhood Kitchen





Sunflower neighborhood patio



Neighborhood Living Room





New Front Entrance





Aaron Epp Memorial walking path





2014 Bethesda Campus outlined





2014 Bus – Van Garage – cost \$28,300





Meadowlane duplex back yard





**Emma Creek Meadows Retirement Village  
Duplex Units**

**Meadowlane Duplex**





2018 317 Meadowlane back yard

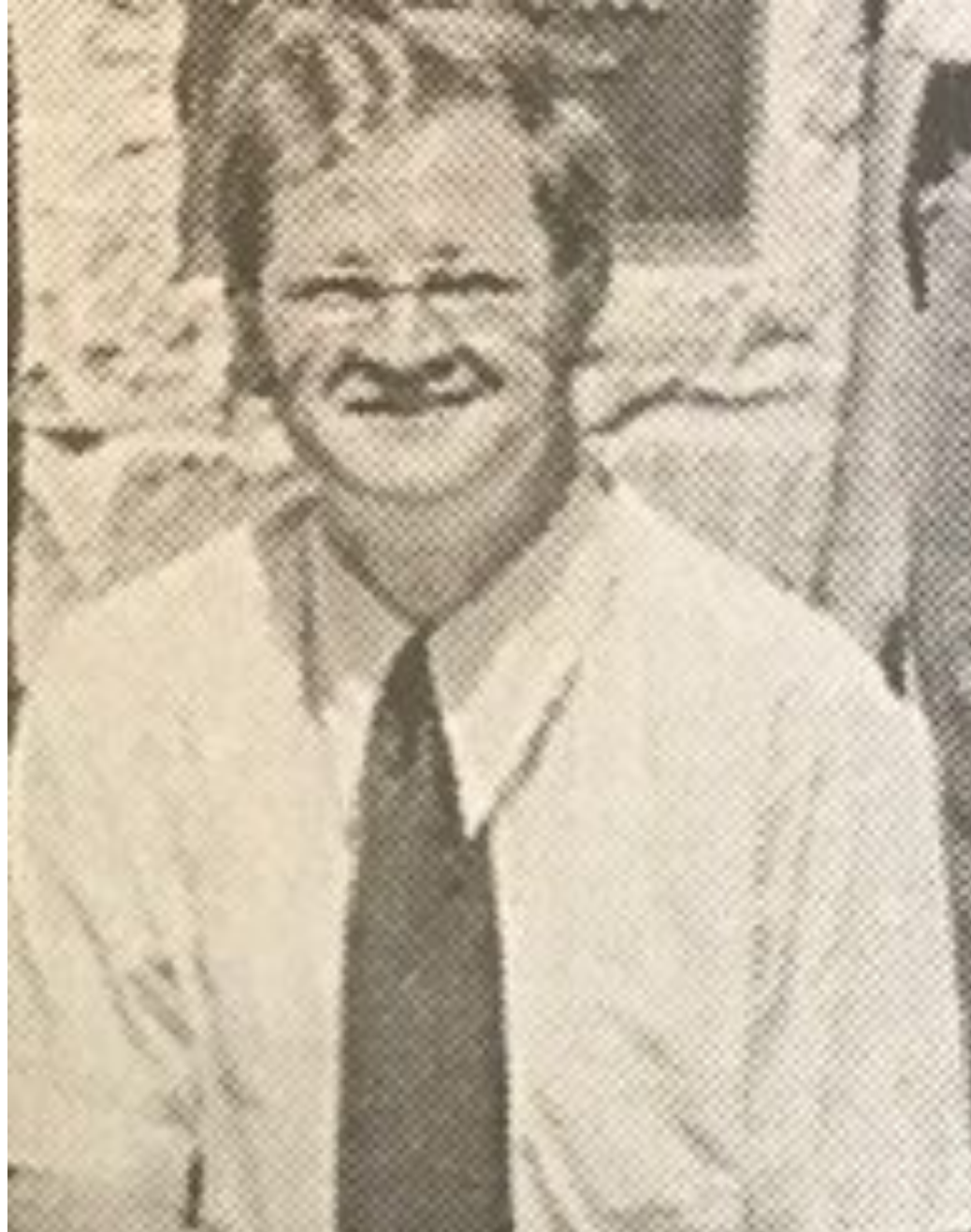


Administrators 1961-1990 – L-R  
Garrison, Reimer, Klassen, Stutzman





Administrator, 1964-66 Gus Unruh



Administrator, 1974-77 Dean Kroeker





Administrator, 1977-80 Gloria Wondra



Administrator, 1990-2001 Glendene Flaming





Administrator, 2001-12 Linda Peters



Administrator, 2012-17 Eric Schrag





Administrator, 2017-present Sara Hiebert





Beauty of Winter





Bethesda Board work day - Schwabauer, Peters, Schmidt





Bethesda Board work day – Quiring & Nickel





Bethesda Board 1960's L-R – Duerksen, Reimer, Unruh, Bartel, Boese, Toews, Yost, Schmidt, Frey

# Bethesda Hospital.



*Goessel, Kansas,*

Bethesda logo - 1920



Rev. C. C. Wedel, Chairman  
Canton, Kansas

Rev. David Goetz, Sec'y  
Hillsboro, Kansas

Rev. P. P. Buller, Treas. & Mgr.  
Goessel, Kansas

Miss Anna Schmidt, R. N., Supt.  
Goessel, Kansas

# Bethesda Hospital

Goessel, Kansas

Bethesda logo - 1929

# Bethesda Home

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Phone 316/367-2291

Operated By  
Mennonite Bethesda  
Society, Inc.

Bethesda logo - 1985





Bethesda logo - 1992



Butterfly Garden – 1998 – cost \$15,600





Butterfly Garden – 1998 – MANY volunteer hrs.





Butterfly Garden 2005





Butterfly Garden 2005



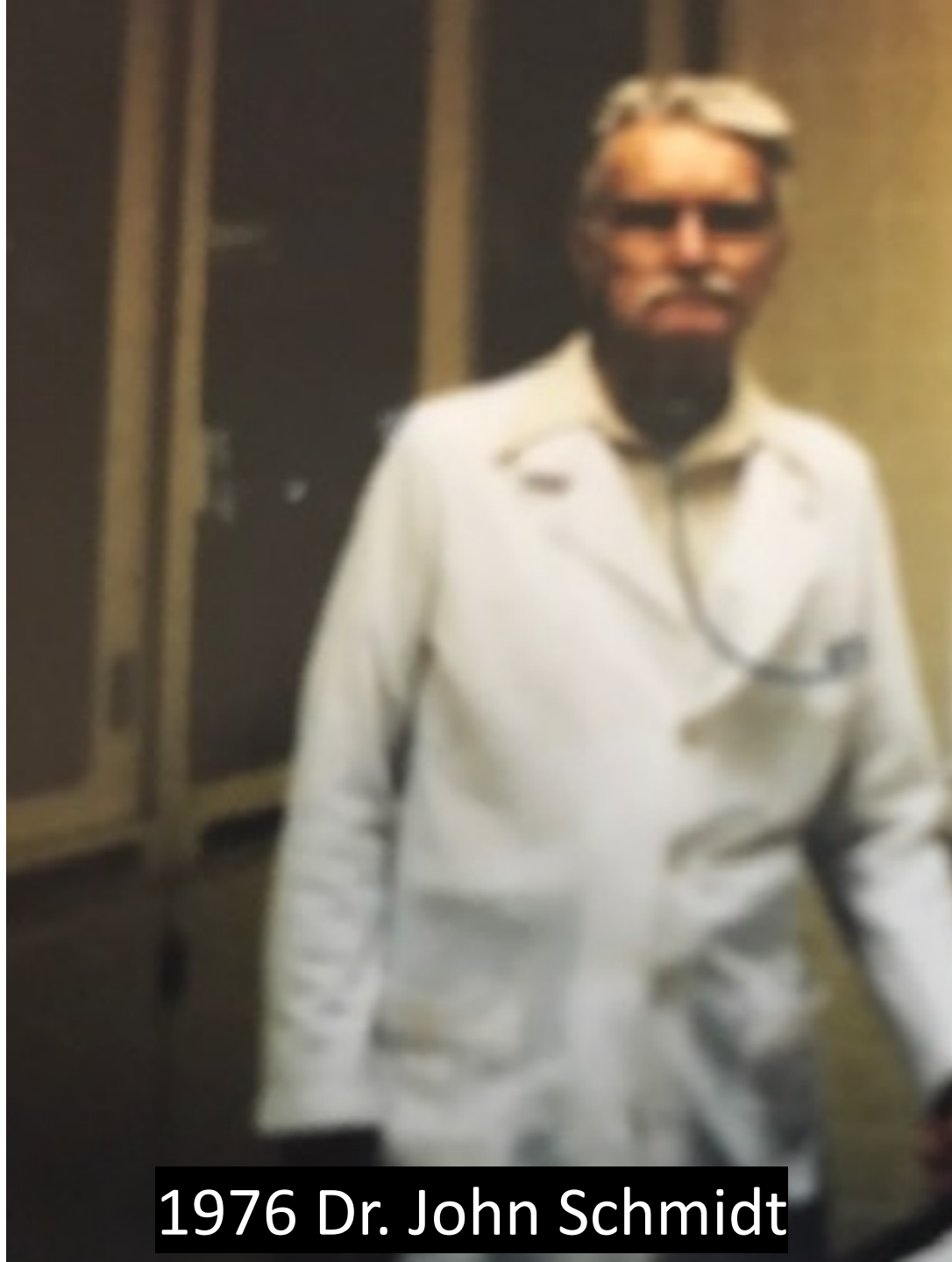


Butterfly Garden 2005



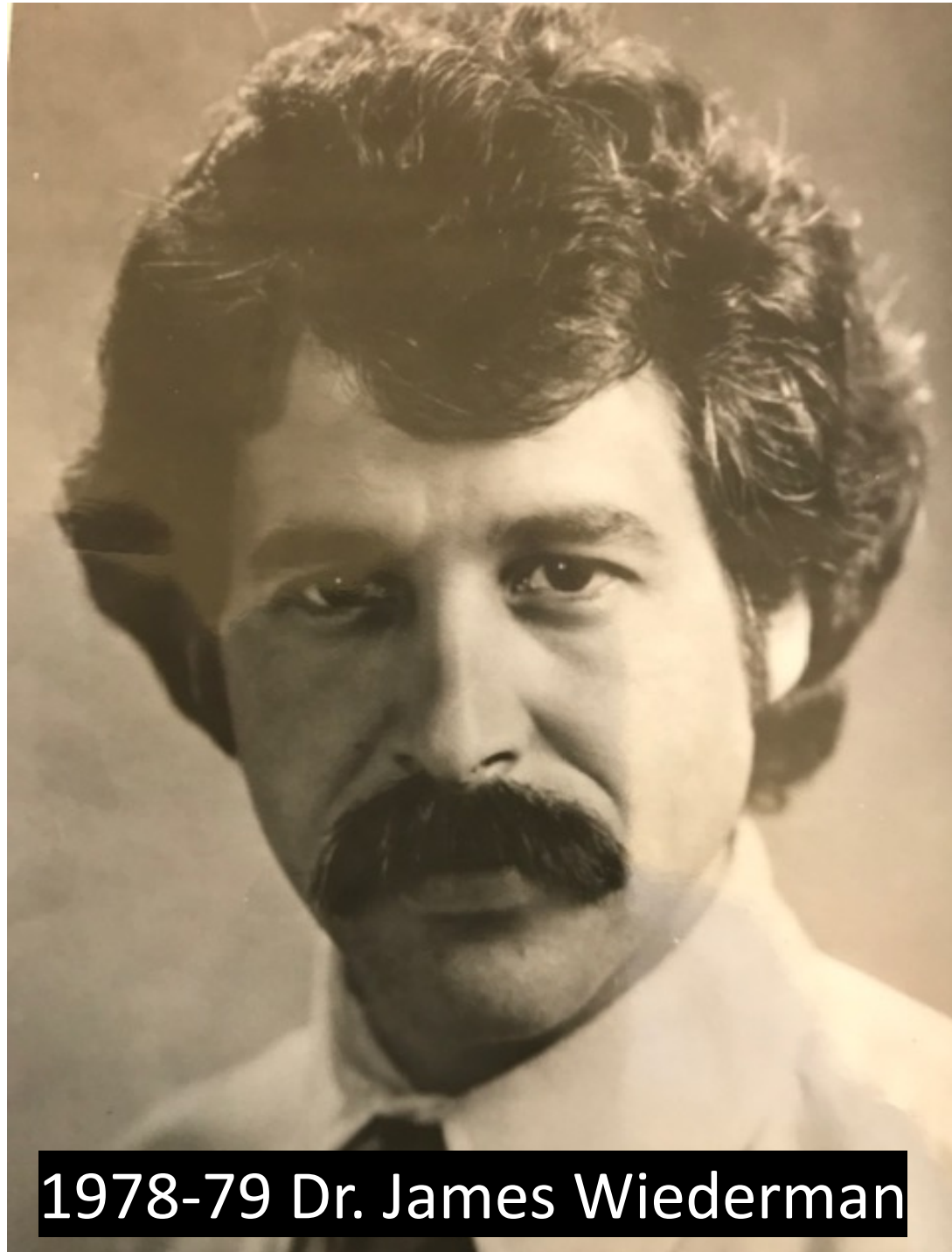


Doctors 1940-78 – L-R Dr. Roland Krause  
1955-67; Dr. A.K. Ratzlaff 1940-78



1976 Dr. John Schmidt





1978-79 Dr. James Wiederman



1980-81 Dr. Rebecca & Coloriano Tse



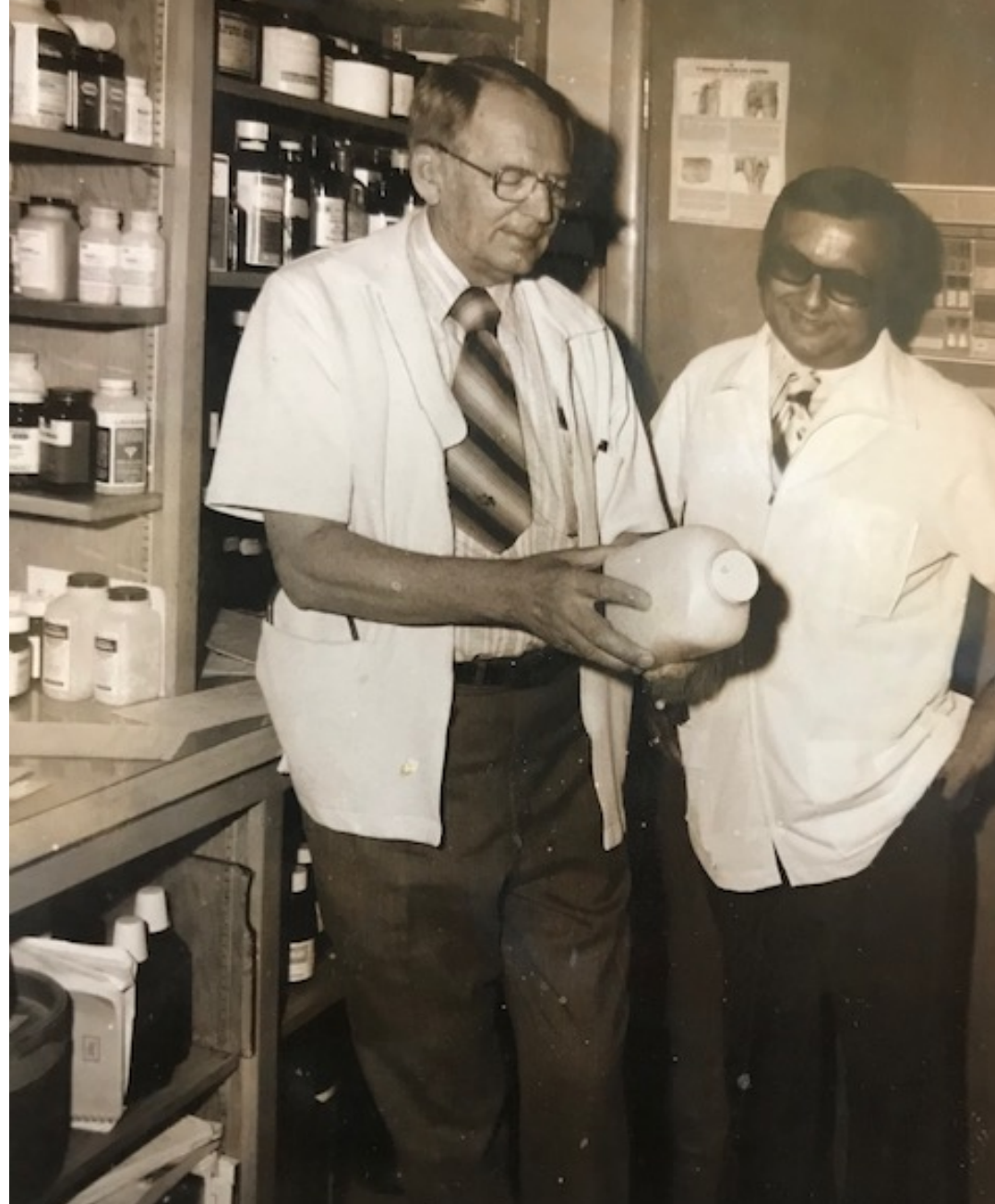


1980's-90's Dr. Stephen Cranston



Dr. Ratzlaff and new X-ray machine





Drs. Ratzlaff & Canellos – 1970-79



Drs. Ratzlaff & Krause in surgery





Frank Balzer & Melinda Toews





Generation Bridge





Glendene Flaming Life Achievement Award



Hospital Nurses Station





Judy Unruh in East Annex nursing station



Lincoln Perk Monday morning Ladies coffee group





Lincoln Perk Monday morning men's group





Lincoln Perk public coffee shop





Mr. Reimer, Mr. Warkentine & Mr. Loewen



Olga Schroeder





Orville Stutzman & Mr. Winter



Orville Stutzman and Helen Schmidt





Resident Pool Tournament





Resident Room





Volunteer visiting resident





Wheat weaving done by Marie & Martha



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