

11 – Dr. Smillie, Dr. Goddard and Dr. Campbell



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Dr. Jane (Jennie) Smillie Robertson was born on a farm outside of Hensall and would become Canada's first female surgeon. To achieve her dream of becoming a doctor, Smillie was forced to attend medical school in Philadelphia, as women were not allowed to study medicine in Canada at that time. Dr. Smillie was one of the founders of Women's College Hospital in Toronto. She lived to be 104. A Parkette in her honour is located in downtown Hensall, the historical plaque in the parkette was the first honouring a female in Huron County.

Dr. John Goddard came to Hensall in 1945. Dr. Goddard and wife Helen raised their four children in the house on Nelson St. where he conducted his practice. Helen was a nurse and would often answer the phone and help the doctor with his patients. Dr. Goddard was available at all hours, made house calls and treated patients whether they could pay or not. The people of what would become Bluewater were brought together in his crowded waiting room years before amalgamation. Dr. John sat on the board of South Huron Hospital, was the Medical Officer of Health and the County Coroner for many years. At his retirement party a crowd of 500 gathered in appreciation of his years of service to his community.

Dr. Andrew Roy Campbell was the village vet from 1923-1943. In a farming community a veterinarian is of crucial importance especially in those days when farms and families depended on the health of their horses. Dr. Campbell and his family lived on the south side

of King and he had his surgery at the back of the property. When making farm calls Dr. Campbell was known to travel with his pet Scottish terriers in tow. In 1946, A.R. Campbell was elected the President of the Ontario Veterinary Association and a strong proponent of forming

a national association.

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