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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Carleton Place Hospital Foundation receives gift from Woodcarving Club

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that the Lanark Woodcarving Club has donated \$1000 to the ongoing equipment needs of the hospital. The funds were raised by selling a carved replica of 50 horses on a single hitch.



“After we sold the 50 hitch carving we wanted to give the money to a local charity and thought the hospital was the best organization to receive the money”, stated Cecil Brydges. “We’re happy to help the hospital and hope the money will be put to good use.”

On August 13, 1995, Willard McWilliams was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records by driving 50 Clydesdales (12 rows of 4 with 2 horses out front) on a single hitch

Members of the Lanark Woodcarving Club, (l-r) Cecil Brydges, Shirley Brydges, Gordon Brydges, Joan Campbell, Farley Wills and Archie Cameron, with the funds raised by carving a replica of 50 horses on a single hitch. Missing from the photo is Ross Harrison.

to celebrate the 50th Annual Navan Fair. The team of horses measured over 140 feet and travelled over 3 km through the village of Navan. More than 2,400 feet of leather was required to make the line that controlled the team and the lead horses were on reins 168 feet long. Prior to 1995, the world record was 40 horses on a single hitch.

The Lanark Woodcarving Club decided to make a model of the team of 50 horses and the final product took 6 months to complete. When the model was finished, it measured over 16 feet and included harnesses made of real leather. Six member of the Club worked on the project, however there are additional members of the group.

“On behalf of the Hospital and the Foundation I would like to thank the Lanark Woodcarving Club and its members for their generosity,” said Chantelle Troy, Manager/Community Relations Officer of the CPDMH Foundation. “I would also like to commend the group for making this one of a kind carving.”

The carving of the 50 horses on a single hitch has returned to Navan where it was purchased by Mrs. Cheryl McWilliams – Willard McWilliams’ daughter-in-law.

The Lanark Woodworking Group started in 1996 and is currently working on a chess set and other projects.



50 Clydesdales on a single hitch to celebrate the 50th Annual Navan Fair in August 1995. The Lanark Woodcarving Club carved a replica of the team and donated the funds raised from the project to the CPDMH Foundation.