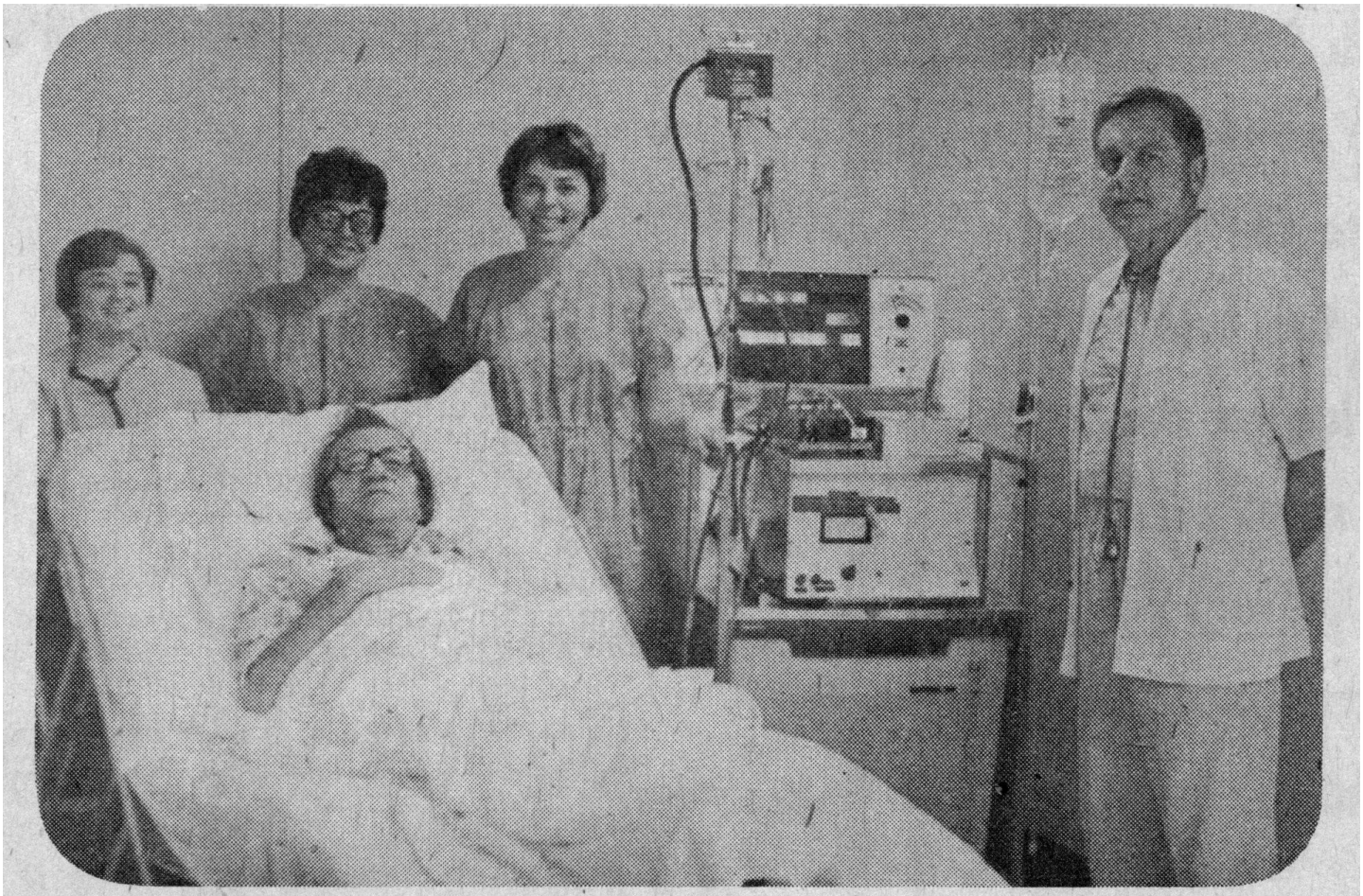
Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

September 29, 1976

The new Crystal Falls Community Dialysis Unit, under construction in the lower level of the Falls Clinic Building (211 S. Fourth) since early August, has officially opened. The Dialysis Unit opened in May 1967 in response to the need of a local resident, Dick DeNell of Runkle Lake who was suffering from end-stage kidney failure. A local community fund drive at that time raised over $10,000 which made it possible to open the Upper Peninsula's first dialysis unit here in Crystal Falls. The new unit remains a three-bed, three dialysis machine operation that serves patients from throughout the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin.

The Forest Park High School Football Homecoming royalty selected by the students were Ed Ross (King) and Chris Morkin (Queen). The queen's court included Dixie Bertola, Chris Brauer and Linda Dishaw. Other activities included a parade down Superior Avenue and a dance held in the High School Cafeteria featuring music by "Morris & Co.".



NEW KIDNEY MACHINE--One of three new artificial kidneys, or "dialysis machines" that are available in the new unit set up in the lower level of the Falls Clinic, is shown here being utilized by a patient from Alpha, Mrs. Antoinette Bara. Standing are Jeanine Deuter, RN, Dorothy DeNell, Dialysis Technician; Carolyn Orchard, RN Supervisor, and Dr. Robert Stelle, director. Community Hospital has now been offering treatment for kidney failure patients for nine and a half years.





QUEEN CHRIS MORKIN congratulated King Ed Ross in the photo at the left, and in the one on the right they pose for the photographers. In the photo above, Chris' court passes in review in their convertible. They are, left to right, Dixie Bertola, Chris Brauer and Linda Dishaw.