



In 1977, The Riverside Villa's southwest residential facility was sold to make way for the construction of the new Red Cross building (now Canadian Blood Services). Profits were used to purchase a new residential facility located at 1916 – 12 Avenue S.W., known as Hickle House, when occupied by Raleigh Pearl Hickle and family circa 1916.

For the first time, The Villa now had a waiting list as well as a rise in Clients dealing with dual addiction to alcohol and drugs. Most residents were from the middle to upper class and ranged in age from 15 – 75.

Client Irene said *"The main thing I learned was that I wasn't alone, that alcoholism was an illness and something could be done about it. I thought I was just weak and I thought I should be able to cope on my own."*

**November 28, 1977** The official opening of The Villa by Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Ralph G. Steinhauer, who ceremoniously lit the gas lamp on the front lawn. This antique lamp is still standing in front of the house 43 years later.

*The Board of Directors  
Riverside Villa Association*

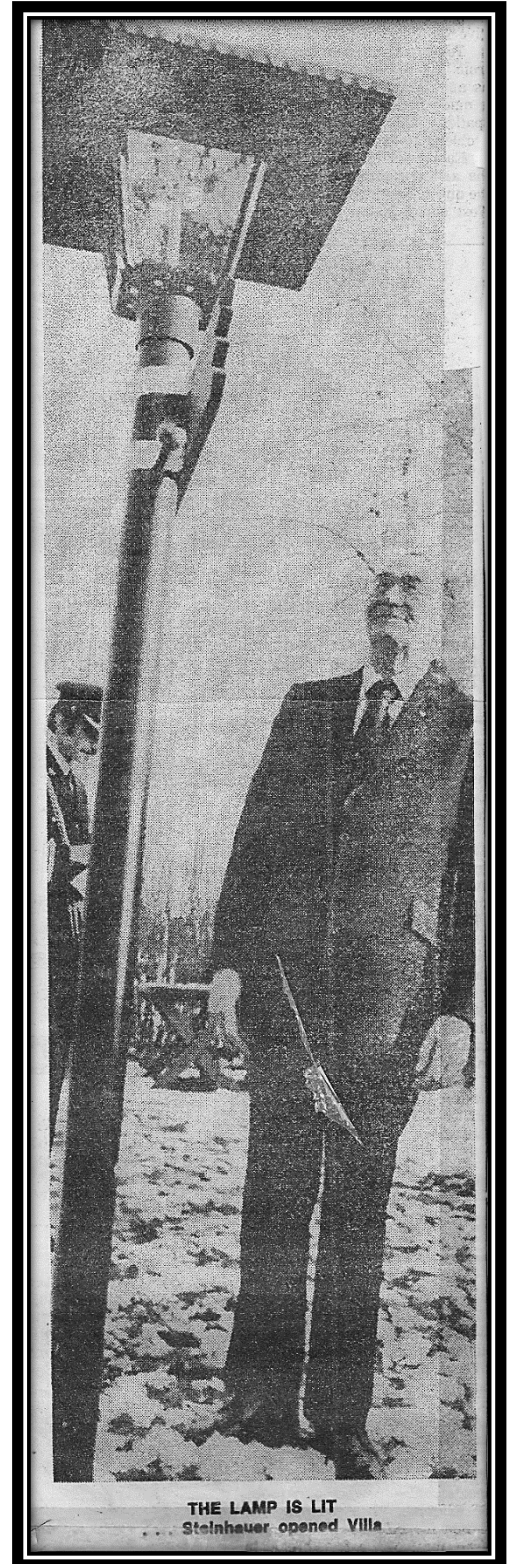
*invites you to the official opening  
of our new recovery home for alcoholic women*

*by*

*His Honour, The Hon. Ralph G. Steinhauer, O.C.  
Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta*

*"The Villa"  
1916 - 12 Avenue S.W., Calgary  
Monday, November 28, 1977*

OPEN HOUSE: 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.      OPENING CEREMONY: 2:30 P.M.



THE LAMP IS LIT  
Steinhauer opened Villa



Director, Ruth Mackie (left) outside of The Villa - 1977



Earliest known photo of 1916 – 12 Avenue S.W.

Home to farm owners Raleigh and Delia Hickle, who came to Calgary in 1910 from Indiana. It's the most high-style example of the Craftsman style of architecture in Sunalta. The field stone veranda makes it one of only a handful of homes in Sunalta bearing this unique masonry.