

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Marie Hargrave has been nursing all her life. From the time she took her training and served during World War II in London, England, to the past 23 years as a Saint John Ambulance volunteer in Halton.

Despite a great many health problems of her own she always has time to help others. She and her husband George, also a member of Saint John Ambulance service, worked round the clock assisting hospital evacuees in the recent Mississauga train disaster.

"You just didn't go off duty" As a young girl in war-torn London, and a new nursing recruit, Mrs. Hargrave saw a great deal of the caring side of war. Stories of the problems of nursing for post-operative patients during air-raids are made even more incredible by tales of the extreme discipline forced on young nurses at this time.

Twelve hour shifts were the norm for all nurses who were expected to live in the hospital. However, they frequently worked around the clock without complaint.

"You were so consumed with duty - you just didn't go off duty," Mrs. Hargrave explains. If she did have time off at home (a rare occurrence), Mrs. Hargrave says she spent most of the time in the air-raid shelter in the bottom of the garden.

"You just grabbed your supper, did your two hour shift looking for fires (incendiary fire bombs dropped on roofs), and went out to the shelter."

"We were at an age where you get through it." She adds, "I don't think I could do it now." In the hospital, at blitz times, nurses would place tables over post-operative patients, place protective pans on top, and make everybody cups of tea.

"We got a heck of a lot of experience, we had to do things no one taught you to."

Nurses in those days seemed to have been treated as little more than servants. Makeup was taboo. A 10 p.m. nightly curfew was imposed. Those 12 hour ward shifts consisted of total care of 28 patients under the watchful eye of 'matron' sitting at the floor desk. If the washing, cleaning, scrubbing, and general patient care was finished, nurses washed the walls, floors, did the mending, anything that needed doing - they weren't allowed to leave that ward until the shift was over.

Launderesses as well as nurses Mrs. Hargrave spent nine well-remembered months on the "tonsil ward" and says nurses in this department were responsible for cooking the other nurses' meals as well as washing every stitch of ward linen before it went to the laundry. "You couldn't send a thing to the laundry with a stain on it."

In addition to these strains, war-time nurses had to cope with severe rationing (tripe and onions three times a day for three days in a row) and a strict seniority system that amounted to an organized pecking order.

Mrs. Hargrave remembers she was quite a rebel and nearly got kicked out for giggling in an operation. The tension had to be relieved somehow, and Mrs. Hargrave found herself chuckling at the spectacle of a surgeon trying to stuff intestines back into an incised abdomen while the intestines had a mind of their own and kept popping out - sounds like a 'laugh-in' sequence.

Is it any wonder, that with this background, Mrs. Hargrave readily puts up with long shifts with the Saint John Ambulance, sitting through hockey tournaments, horse shows, car races,

Her many activities include the newly formed Acton division of the Eastern Star; 39 years as a dressmaker and needlework instructor; Saint John instructor, as well as trainer for Saint John cadets; Sunday school teacher; 25 year member of the Acton Women's Institute; and bringing up a second generation of youngsters.

Even though she and George have seen their three children launched in the world, they have undertaken the job of raising their 12 year old grandson, David, as well as being close grandparents to their other two small granddaughters.

Marie Hargrave has given a great deal to the Acton community - it's great to know some good things came out of World War II.



Marie Hargrave

Study limits to growth

Another study will likely be carried out to answer how much sewage capacity and what the limits to growth there are in Acton and Georgetown.

Halton Hills, the region and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment would share in the cost of

the proposed study. Last week Halton Hills general committee by a one vote margin decided to go ahead with the study and Monday night council approved.

The decision to do another study of sewage capacity and limits to growth arose out of discussion of the huge

Name mediator in teacher talks

The provincial Education Relations Commission Tuesday named Martin Tuplitsky as mediator in the contract dispute between the Halton Board of Education and the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Teachers.

Tentative meeting dates have been set for Thursday and the weekend. Tuplitsky helped bring the high school teachers and the board to an agreement once before.

Both sides in the current negotiations decided to make a joint application for mediation following a seven-hour bargaining session Thursday in Burlington. Several minor issues were settled during the meeting.

Items as pay, benefits, retirement gratuity, staffing and working conditions separated the two sides.

In a recent supervised vote all but eight teachers rejected the board's non-retroactive offer. There are over 1,600 high school teachers in Halton.

Teachers, for the second year in a row, started the school year working without a contract.

The first electrically-lighted sign in Acton was on the Storey glove factory. It said "W. H. Storey & Son Glove Manufacturers, Established 1868. The sign went up around 1875.

Grant for Community Services Centre

The existence of many Halton Region social service agencies have been put into jeopardy following the first part of grant hearings held last week.

One of the lucky groups was the Acton Community Services Centre which got its requested \$14,015. This 17.1 per cent increase over the \$11,964 received in 1979 was partly due to the fact the centre provides rent-free space to the region. It was considered to go out and rent new offices in Acton would have cost more than the increase sought.

Despite pleas from people like Irv Wrightman of the Burlington Branch of the Canadian Red Cross to "see guidelines from the heart", councillors stuck rigidly to allowing no more than an eight per cent increase in funds over that granted in 1979.

In some cases requests for aid, even though funding was given last year, were totally denied. Groups such as local chapters of the heart fund and Canadian Mental Health were cut off because these groups also raise money on a national scale. The rationale was that funds raised in Halton for these national campaigns should be returned to the local municipality.

With few exceptions, the 56 applicants for Regional funding were all well in excess of the eight per cent funding guidelines. This figure was chosen from the outset as it is the allowable increase pegged for the 1980 Halton Regional budget.

Many of the increases are due to cutbacks in other areas. Some groups noted the Ontario government is only going to increase its funding by eight per cent.

While most of these will probably only increase by eight per cent, the question of the future of Halton Women's Place is the trickiest one the councillors will have to handle.

HWP is asking for \$20,233 to cover the shortfall between the funds it has and the amount needed to arrive at a balanced budget. The group has found the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and a private lender both are firm that the balance of the HWP budget must show no deficit before a mortgage to buy the dwelling in Milton will be allowed.

"Well, I thought we had settled everything," said committee chairman Walter Mulkewich as Mrs. Peggy Balkind appeared before the committee Thursday.

The decision on the request, plus the additional question of a letter of intent from the region to cover the 1981 operating loss of HWP, was to have been the first topic of discussion Tuesday.

While most groups were cut back, there was some good news, particularly for Halton Re-

covery House. The group home for alcoholics got \$2,000 last year and was

asking for \$4,000, or a 100 per cent increase, this year.

Halton Recovery House has lost provincial funding, and while there

are some hopes for private assistance, the future looked dim - that

is, until committee agreed to the \$4,000 request.

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