

Inquest jury wants tighter controls

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"illogical" for each municipality to write its own bylaw governing rest homes and expect operators to learn different rules for each municipality in which they operate. It would be better to make it a provincial responsibility.

Halton region Crown Attorney Jim Treleven also pointed to the need for provincial regulation in his summation to the jury saying that while Mrs. Cherwoniak "probably coped as well as she was able to do," the possibility for problems, especially for residents who have no supporting family, is what should concern the jury.

The items of concern which legislation could address that Mr. Treleven listed were almost accepted by the jury.

Jurors also carefully weighed and to some degree accepted the suggestion of Mrs. Cherwoniak's lawyer, Gerald Punnett, of

Guelph, that he was loath to order a person to see public health personnel against his wishes when he was paying his own way. Mr. Punnett also questions whether any differentiation should be made between welfare recipients in rest homes and those paying their own way.

Jurors also heeded the suggestion of Halton region solicitor Ken Anderson who said present legislation is only as good as the medical officer of health in an area and his interest in rest homes.

Harry Underwood, legal counsel for Dr. David Van Der Bent, who treated Mr. Scott at the rest home and Dr. Paul Chong, of Guelph, who treated him in hospital, pointed out that no evidence had been given to prove the bedsores on Mr. Scott's body even contributed to his death.

"Common sense suggests the sores were the result rather than the cause of his immobility,"

Mr. Underwood said.

He said that considering Mr. Scott's distrust of hospitals and the fact the bedsores did not appear very severe when Dr. Van Der Bent first saw them, it was not illogical to try to treat them in the rest home initially. The problem was that ultimately Mr. Scott did require constant nursing care which it was not possible for Mrs. Cherwoniak to give him.

Mrs. Cherwoniak said Mr. Scott's family was away when, Dr. Van Der Bent first saw a break in the skin June 18. She didn't know the family wanted Mr. Scott to remain with Cher's Rest Home on Main Street North in Acton until she discussed his condition with him on June 19.

Mrs. Cherwoniak said she showed the family a sore on Mr. Scott's foot on June 19 and suggested he should be hospitalized but he spoke up against that. She told the family she was willing to keep him.

Mrs. Cherwoniak said Mr. Scott was bathed daily "unless he took an temper tantrum" and refused to enter the bath.

While Mrs. Scott also lived in the home and was "pretty active and expressed her own opinion" she expressed no opinion on whether her husband should be hospitalized; Mrs. Cherwoniak said.

He was "always a crusty man with her," Mrs. Cherwoniak said. He would hit her and steal her food so

that they couldn't even share a table at meals and had separate rooms.

Mrs. Cherwoniak said she had advised the family not to take Mr. Scott to Rockwood for Mother's Day because he had a cold and was on medication. They ignored her and took him anyway, but he still recovered from his bronchitis.

Mrs. Cherwoniak was expected Tuesday morning to produce records she had kept on Mr. Scott's

care during his last weeks at the home, but instead procured handwritten copies of those notes.

Mr. Treleven questioned why the writing appeared to have been done by several different people.

Mrs. Cherwoniak said she had requested friends to rewrite her notes as she read them off because her "writing's not so good" and he "wouldn't be able to pick it out."

She admitted she had

been confused about the qualifications of one of her staff who was an orderly but she thought he might be a male nurse.

She also said Dr. Van Der Bent told her to apply a powder containing boric acid to Scott's open sores. Treleven read from a 1982 guide on medications that the specified powder was recommended for use only on unbroken skin.

Courtesy Guelph Mercury.

Area stamp club plans Nov. auction

Herald Special
It looks like enthusiasts of the Milton Stamp Club are well on their way to make the club a great

success. People came from as far away as Burlington, Waterdown and Oakville to take part in elections held Sept. 29 in the Milton Manor and the following were elected:

President Hank Verkerk, Vice-Pres. Dave Taylor, Rec. Sec. Jeanne Walden, Sec. Treasurer Manfred Kanzenbach, Directors Dolores Waters, Kevin Verstraete and Mick Sensler. Techn. Advisors Eric Smart and Sam Mitmlinger.

Already this committee is working hard to get an auction going for Nov. 24 in the Milton Manor. This will be a first for Milton and already many lots are available, one of which has well over 4,000 stamps covering 131 countries with a starting bid of \$5.

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Further, the club will also meet next Wednesday (Oct. 27). Strictly for trading. This again will be in the Milton Manor at 7 p.m.

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Eat right, stop sniffing

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allergic to the paint on the seat.

One of the problems with allergies is that pre-1978 doctors graduated with only a half-hour lecture on the subject, Mrs. Daglish said. However, most of them have had to learn because 50 per cent of

their patients have allergies.

For diagnosis, doctors send patients they suspect to be suffering from allergies to an allergist.

There are 137 allergists in Canada, Mrs. Daglish said, with a potential three million patients and most of them won't accept pati-

ents without a doctor's referral.

"OHIP won't pay them without a referral," she explained.

BEST WAY
The allergist will conduct tests to determine what's causing the symptoms.

Conducting six to 12 skin tests on the arm, an area that seems to be the best testing site, the allergist will see what reaction he gets to the foods or chemicals he scratches on the skin.

Allergists rarely agree on the best method of determining an allergy; each one wants to do his own thing, Mrs. Daglish said.

One of the best ways to test something you suspect is causing allergic symptoms is to take it out of your diet for a week, then, take it in its purest form on an empty stomach, she said. Don't eat anything else for two hours. Within three hours, Mrs. Daglish said that ache should really be excruciating if it resembles arthritis, or you should be already sitting if it's diarrhea. She advised some light baking soda

and water to relieve the discomfort.

OFF BAT
This method is the best way of tracing what's causing the allergy, Mrs. Daglish said.

Because it can be so difficult to determine what's causing the allergy, there are certain foods to be suspicious of right off the bat, Mrs. Daglish said.

Is there a food you don't like and are eating just because you believe it's good for you? The reason you may not like it is because your body is trying to tell you you're allergic to it.

Is there a food you really love? Sometimes eating too much of something your body already has a low tolerance for may kick-off the allergy symptoms.

Then, there are the foods you eat the most of, like milk, corn and wheat. Corn is now in two-thirds of all foods, Mrs. Daglish said. Check the labels.

When you've finally tracked down what's causing your allergy symptoms, stay away from it, take allergy shots or medications, Mrs. Daglish said.

Do your kids have shiners?

Does your child have allergic shiners? Does he practise the allergic salute or the rabbit?

These are all symptoms of an allergic looking child, says the editor of Allergy Shot, a publication of the Allergy Information Association.

Allergic shiners are the black circles under the eyes, editor Susan Daglish said. They can bag down almost to the jaws and they usually go along with swollen lips.

"The allergic child is so plugged up with mucous that his face tissues are swollen," she said.

The allergic salute refers to the upward sweep of the palm rubbing against the nose. Mrs. Daglish said the nose starts to get a horizontal crease across it from always being pushed up.

Children who are criticized for rubbing their noses by their manners-conscious parents do the rabbit instead, she said. They twitch their nose from side to side in an effort to dam the mucous.

Other symptoms of an allergic child are diarrhea and constipation, Mrs. Daglish said.

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