

Milton District Hospital annual meeting

# Services increase, hospital finances excellent



THE NEW EXECUTIVE of Milton District Hospital Corporation met Wednesday evening following the annual meeting, and named J. M. Ledwith as chairman for 1969. Administrator Dalton E. McQuaig and Mr. Ledwith are shown seated, with new vice-chairman Reford Gardhouse and treasurer Dr. John F. Brown looking on from behind. Reports at the annual indicated the hospital is in rosy financial shape, and services to patients are growing by leaps and bounds.—(Staff Photo)

Increased services, an excellent financial position and the utmost in patient care were highlights of the reports presented during the annual meeting of Milton District Hospital Corporation, held Wednesday in the hospital's clinical classroom. The hospital celebrates its 10th anniversary later this year and 1969 is also predicted to become a record year.

Revenue and patient services both reached all-time highs in 1968, the reports indicated, and Earl G. Black deviated from his normal auditor's report to compliment the hospital directors on their wise management and the healthy state of finances. Besides paying off the debt on the original hospital which opened in 1959, the board wiped out the building expansion debt, and added nearly \$30,000 worth of new equipment and supplies last year.

The hospital has \$1,853,000 in fixed assets to date and retiring chairman Dr. C. A. Martin noted there was enough money salted away in the building fund to finance the board's share of the proposed 50-bed, third storey addition that will be the next step in expansion. The chairman cautioned board, however, that a 50-bed expansion was the ultimate for the present building and a second hospital would have to be built on the site when more beds are found necessary.

While services to patients statistics show a 300 and 400 per cent increase in some services, the per diem cost to patients has climbed only 55 per cent above the 1960 (first full year of operation) figure. The forecast of statistics for this year shows 23,000 patient days (up 92% over 1960), 600 operations (up 57%), 7,600 X-ray examinations (up 350%), 8,000 emergencies (up 331%), and 102,059 laboratory units (up 466%). The physiotherapy department is expected to give 6,800 units.

Outpatient revenue is forecast at \$114,515, an increase of 706 per cent over 1960's \$14,200. Yet the per diem rate for 1969 is expected to be \$32.85—just 55 per cent above the \$21.07 figure when the hospital opened. And it will be a decrease of \$1.43

from the 1968 levy. Revenue in 1968 was at an all-time high at \$922,034 which includes \$773,759 in-patients services, \$91,421 out-patients services, \$11,077 in medical and surgical supplies, \$28,142 in drugs, \$172,981 in other supplies and expenses, \$60,990 in depreciation on equipment and building, and \$25,424 in bank and interest charges.

Receipt of full accreditation by the O.H.A. and the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons was another 1968 highlight, and an indication the hospital is providing the best possible medical and hospital care, Dr. Martin pointed out. Even the new addition was "full to overflowing" he noted, an indication the third floor was necessary.

Dr. Martin noted the board's co-operation in the Regional Hospital Council and the Credit Valley School of Nursing.

Dr. R. Edwards, chairman of the medical advisory committee, reported on the computerization of medical records, the disaster exercise, advancements in chronic care, the purchase of cardiac equipment, the eye bank program, the staff health program, accreditation, new equipment in the pediatric department, and the certification of the laboratory.

The administrator's report by D. E. McQuaig reviewed the growing services of the hospital, the full scale disaster exercise

and an evacuation exercise. The medical staff has initiated a home care program for the community and a special committee is studying this extension of treatment in other parts of the province.

He likened the hospital "team" of directors, physicians and staff members to a symphony orchestra—"everyone must be in tune"—and said this team effort atmosphere has prevailed over the years. He paid special tribute to Dr. Martin on his retirement.

Mr. McQuaig demonstrated a new \$6,500 cardiac care unit that was installed that day, another gift of the hospital auxiliary. Auxiliary past president Mrs. A. Ptolemy reviewed the group's fund-raising activities and filed an annual report of the organization with the board. She noted a hair-dressing program and the Candystriper service have been added to the list of services the auxiliary provides. To date the auxiliary's financial efforts total over \$32,000 she noted.

Director of Nursing Mrs. I. Verrall reviewed a successful in-service education program for the nurses, and the accreditation, the evacuation drill and disaster exercise. She noted many nurses have been continuing their education and training at workshops and courses outside the hospital.

Five employees who have completed five years of service

received five-year pins during the meeting. Dr. Martin made the presentations to nurses Mrs. Mary Bell, Mrs. Alice Roeder, and Mrs. Yvonne Davis, orderly James Giroux and administrator D. McQuaig.

The program ended with a series of slides prepared by the administrator and a professional photographer, telling the story of the hospital's varied services and following a patient from admission to discharge. The auxiliary served refreshments to more than 40 in attendance.



DR. C. A. MARTIN, retiring after 12 years as a director and chairman of Milton District Hospital Corporation, was praised for his years of service to the busy hospital during the annual meeting Wednesday. He and retiring director A. N. Keilty, who for several years has headed the finance committee, are pictured looking over a new cardiac care unit the Hospital Auxiliary recently presented to the hospital. With them is Auxiliary president Mrs. E. Joyce.—(Staff Photo)

Dr. C. A. Martin resigns

## M. Ledwith hospital chairman

A 12-year member of the board retired and a new chairman took the helm of Milton District Hospital board of directors, during the hospital corporation's annual meeting on Wednesday.

Dr. C. A. Martin, forced to resign from the board owing to a recently introduced rule stating no member may serve longer than six years, said his goodbyes to the work of the busy hospital midway through the annual meeting he was chairing. Four new directors were elected by the meeting to fill out the forced resignations of our other directors, and when the 1969 directors met at the end of the annual meeting J. M. Ledwith was selected as chairman for this year.

Vice-chairman is Reford Gardhouse, with Dr. John Brown named treasurer and administrator Dalton E. McQuaig returned as secretary.

Others on the 1969 directorate are Sydney G. Childs, William J. Coulter, Mrs. B. Porter, Mrs. M. Powys, Mrs. D. E. Stinson, Dr. G. E. Syer, Omar Van Sickle, A. H. Britton, S. Edgar, John W. Ostler, R. F. McQuaig, W. A. representative

Mrs. B. Frame and medical staff reps Dr. G. E. Syer and Dr. R. B. Edwards.

Mr. Ledwith will chair the management committee, Dr. Brown the finance, Mr. Gardhouse public relations, Mrs. Stinson building and property, Mr. Ostler personnel and Mr. Ledwith the joint conference committee.

"I am very proud and very happy to be named chairman," Mr. Ledwith told the gathering. He noted the directors are a "very congenial and dedicated group".

In his parting speech, Dr. Martin paid tribute to the dedication of the staff, board and auxiliary members. "They are to be commended for the high quality of patient care."

He thanked all for allowing him to serve 12 years on the board and hoped for every success in the future.

Dr. Martin cautioned the directors to keep an active interest in their hospital, "so it won't be run as a utility like hydro and water." He noted the capital account is in good shape and has enough money to cover the board's one-third share of

the cost of adding a new 50-bed addition to the hospital. The project was still on top of the "priority list" although provincial grants for hospital expansion have been temporarily withdrawn—and he challenged the directors to make frequent visits to the Ontario Hospital Services Commission "to keep it there".

He reviewed the "wonderful advances made in patient care" in Milton District Hospital, especially during the past year, and noted "there are very few hospitals that have done so much in just a year without spending a lot more money."

Other directors retiring at the annual meeting included treasurer A. N. Keilty, E. B. Clements, George M. Hood and Mrs. F. S. McQuat.

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**DR. PAUL KENT,**  
Campaign Chairman, Milton Branch.

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