

Hospital...

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Mr. Ledwith was roused out of bed at 2 a.m. Friday when staffers at the hospital called to report problems with the boiler in the heating plant. A danger signal was indicating a lack of water in the lines feeding the boiler and the maintenance man could not be found, he said. When Mr. Ledwith, a security guard and two ambulance drivers went to investigate, one of them tapped a relay switch and it came on, indicating a mechanical failure in the relay.

"There was never any threat to the patients," Mr. Ledwith explained. "The boiler didn't explode, it was only a lack of water which turned on the alarm." He added the boilers are only 15 pound boilers and there appeared to be no evidence of tampering.

Ambulance attendants, who work from a room near the boiler room in the far east end of the hospital building, are responsible for switching the boiler feed lines from one soft water tank to another through the night, the chairman said. Mr. Ledwith said he was present when the attendant had switched the lines earlier that evening, and there was no hint of sabotage.

Friday morning the administrator called in the police to investigate the boiler incident and the police investigation also showed no signs the equipment had been tampered with. A boiler inspector from the Ontario Department of Labor also inspected the boiler Monday morning of this week and reported no problems.

Meanwhile claims that oxygen supply alarm systems and the extractor in the laundry department had been tampered with were also investigated by police. In the case of the oxygen supply, it was discovered the alarm system had not been wired up. Ambulance attendants check the oxygen tanks regularly, he said. Whenever this mistake was made, it appears to have been done a long time ago, the chairman added.

Problems in the laundry department resulted from the dryer being wrongly wired. "It was simply a mistake, a human error," explains the chairman.

On Saturday morning Mr. McQuaig went to the Board Chairman with his resignation. He stated no reasons for wanting to quit. The Board's executive committee, including Mr. Ledwith, vice-chairman Reford Gardhouse, personnel committee chairman John W. Ostler, treasurer Dr. John F. Brown, Mrs. B. Porter and Mrs. D. Stinson met to accept his resignation, effective Feb. 28 and Mr. McQuaig left on a month's holidays.

"He offered his own resignation," Ledwith said. Mr. McQuaig has since been quoted by one newspaper as saying he was forced to resign because of lack of support from the hospital board, but Mr. Ledwith denies this. "He certainly did have the support of the board over the years," said Ledwith.

Dr. Legate consented to act as administrator while the Board is advertising for and securing a new administrator. He will also direct the nursing staff temporarily.

Pinkerton guards continued to staff the hospital until Monday

of this week. They were on duty day and night for three days, Tuesday to Thursday, then restricted to night duty only. In future, ambulance attendants will be asked to patrol the corridors of the building during their night shift.

Mr. Ledwith welcomed the OHSC investigation "with open arms," he said. Last week he had asked OHSC to have a look into the situation and they refused because it appeared to be only an internal staff problem. By the weekend OHSC had reversed its decision and announced they would consider a study.

"We don't want to whitewash the whole situation," Mr. Ledwith explained. "But most of these stories you'll hear around town are rumors. We want to assure the people there is no threat to the safety of our patients."

Discussing the apparently large staff turnover at the hospital in the past couple of years, the Board chairman said he understands the turnover rate was quite close to the provincial average, although the turnover in "key employees" and department heads appears to be higher in Milton than elsewhere.

He said he would go on record as stating Mr. McQuaig was a "capable and efficient administrator" who had proven his capabilities for the work down through the years. Mr. Ledwith said McQuaig was mainly responsible for heading up the construction project that added a second floor and 50 beds to the hospital, and he had worked hard to have the hospital fully accredited by the OHSC last year. "This hospital has been pointed out many times as a model of a good community hospital," he said, and Mr. McQuaig must take a lot of the credit.

The chairman said the one thing that bothered him throughout the past week was the fact none of the controversy boiled down to a straight black and white answer. "There were gray areas everywhere we turned," he suggested many of the staffers' statements to the board were conflicting and it was hard to sort them out.

On the weekend five department heads at the hospital issued a statement to the press calling for a government investigation into incidents of alleged "sabotage". Mrs. Mary Ann Corbett, director of food services; James Schnarr, laundry manager; Shirley Wallis, executive housekeeper; Marilyn DeBoer, chief X-ray technician; and Susan Black, chief medical records librarian issued the prepared statement. They also wanted to know about the "sudden and unexplained departure" of the administrator.

Informed by the press about their statement, Dr. Shulman fired off a letter to the Attorney-General calling for an immediate evacuation. Mr. Ledwith termed his actions "irresponsible" and suggested Mr. Shulman was noted for leaping into controversies



TOWN WORKMEN were busy Monday cleaning out frozen ditches, culverts and watercourses after a mild weekend produced flooding on some town streets. Percy Needham and Luigi Luc were guiding the ice flows down the Bronte St. ditch when a photographer came by.—(Staff Photo)

without gathering all the facts. He reiterated the police investigations showed "human error" and "carelessness"—not sabotage. He added several of the incidents happened weeks or months ago, not in the one week.

Miss DeBoer has since withdrawn her support of the group which submitted the statement. Mr. Ledwith said he was "disappointed" that the staffers went to the press before they submitted their statement to Dr. Legate and the Board.

Meanwhile, it is understood the Attorney-General's Department has asked Halton Crown Attorney Douglas Latimer to look into the alleged "sabotage" incidents. Ledwith said it would be "nonsense" to evacuate the patients when there is no proof of deliberate tampering.

Champion staffers gathered a list of former staff members who have either quit or been fired from their hospital jobs in the past couple of years. Most of them do not live in Milton but several local residents were contacted for their opinions.

One man said he was fired by Mr. McQuaig for no apparent reason, another said he quit because of friction between him and the administrator. All those contacted said morale was quite low at the hospital. Most of them praised Director of Nursing Verrall as a highly respected staff member and one called her "a great humanitarian."

There is a staff of around 100 at the 83-bed hospital.

Mr. McQuaig is the third administrator to head up the hospital in its 10-year history. He came here in May of 1964, after serving as manager at Queensway General Hospital, Toronto and secretary-treasurer at North Bay Civic Hospital.

OHC seeks local help to find apartment site

Not being able to locate suitable land in Milton on which to build housing for senior

Trustees favor untaxed pay

A resolution proposed by Carleton School Board suggesting School Board Trustees be allowed to deduct one third of their honorarium as non-taxable won the support of the Halton Board Thursday when it was put to a vote.

Politicians on the federal and provincial levels are granted this now. Speaking in favor of the resolution, trustee Bill Lawson of Esquesing pointed out those in business for themselves have had to hire help to make up for time spent on school board business. He said the cost incurred was greater in most cases than the sum in question.

—New traffic signals went into operation at the Main and Ontario Sts. intersection Thursday.

citizens, the Ontario Housing Corporation held a meeting in the town hall Tuesday morning with local contractors to see if they could supply a site for the building.

Ron MacRae, representing OHC, presented the five contractors at the meeting with guidelines for the 36-unit development. He said OHC hoped to have the building close to shopping and recreational facilities and in easy walking range of other facilities.

Each unit, he explained, would be self-contained with a total area of not less than 460 square feet. The building itself should not be more than two storeys, since three or more

storey buildings require an elevator which would be an added expense, he claimed.

Closing date for all proposals is Feb. 16, although an extension would be considered, and Mr. MacRae explained there would be a two month period before a final decision was handed down. The apartments would hopefully be ready for

occupancy by the fall, he said. Questioning Mr. MacRae, a local contractor claimed most of the land in Milton's central district was zoned for high rise or commercial development. He replied OHC would consider a location within easy walking distance of the town's core.

Mr. MacRae said after the meeting individual applications for the development would most likely be processed through the Town of Milton offices and forwarded to OHC for final approval.

Town council had been unsuccessful in earlier attempts to locate a site.

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THURSDAY
Thursday's he with objections Region Conserva and featured 2 hours of discuss and compromises plain lands numerous cre through the town The Authori suggested large creeks be rezoned plain, to protect of future develop prolonged argu agreed to call me lands developme any development approved by the authority before can proceed.

That agreement half of H.R.C. Maps indicating in the remain town—primarily industrial areas up by the Auth by the town submitted to immediately sc incorporated approvals. Such zoned F for a year, awaiting study, that is un The authority Rudik said ar Hurricane Haze all be set aside lands. He noted under cons Woodward St. and adjacent to St. pumping st under four feet the height of the Peter K. Mc on behalf of Gr seek a change Open Space to two acres of Commercial St of the prop Parkway Dr. reserve lands b for flood plain The town c agreed to allow the new cons study is finish the applicant. Dr. C. A. Ma two apartm property own north and sou near the centr discussed at has already zoning which acre on the but demands developer's ag The applica has already \$100,000 in sewers and wa