

Return Omar VanSickle hospital board chairman

Omar K. VanSickle was returned as chairman of the Board of Directors of Milton District Hospital Wednesday evening when the board met following the annual meeting of the corporation.

Arthur H. Britton was named vice-chairman. Donald Smith was re-elected treasurer and administrator Ron Woods was returned as secretary to the board.

Bruce MacNab, Mrs. C. Peacock, Mrs. B. Porter and Mrs. G. Strain.

Edgar W. Foster joined the board this year, replacing Reeve Ron Harris as the Halton County Council appointee. Dr. W. S. Legate is the medical staff's appointee to the board this year, replacing Dr. G. E. Syer. Mrs. R. F. McQuaig was returned to the board as the Hospital Auxiliary appointee.

Committees of the hospital board will be named at the next meeting of the board.



OMAR K. VANSICKLE was re-elected chairman of the Milton District Hospital board of directors at the annual meeting Wednesday. He is shown with new members of the board Mrs. Shelagh Conway (seated), Ed Gawronski and Edgar Foster.—(Staff Photo)

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Occupancy 72 per cent

Reports on the past year's finances and activities were given Wednesday at the annual meeting of Milton District Hospital, indicating the hospital had another busy year and is in good financial shape.

Board chairman Omar K. VanSickle told the audience of 100 at Wednesday's meeting that although revenue shrank last summer when occupancy hit an all-time low, the financial position is "quite sound" and occupancy for the year averaged out at 72 per cent. Revenue more than covered operational expenses, he added.

From the operating budget, 69.5 per cent went for salaries and wages totalling \$799,500.

at 193; number of patient days 21,758; and average length of stay 9.29 days.

Accreditation

He introduced the new director of nursing Mrs. Eva Darrach and the new manager of laundry and housekeeping departments Norman Harding. Woods noted the hospital had received a renewal on its accreditation status.

The administrator said the obstetrics wings is running about 30 per cent occupancy while the medical-chronic department is at 99 per cent capacity. The overall average last year was 72 per cent.

Chief of Staff Dr. W. S. Legate reviewed the work of the medical staff of nine doctors, their training and educational programs. He welcomed Dr. James Gibson who opened a practice here in August and congratulated the four doctors who have opened the new medical building on Main St.

"Over the past year I have never seen as much controversy in the medical department," he added, "and it's a great thing. They are really battling all the time for what they think is right, it has been healthy criticism."

Presents \$5,000

Auxiliary president Mrs. B. Frame presented board chairman VanSickle with a cheque for \$5,000, the Auxiliary's second cheque towards its promise to pay \$20,000 for the new X-ray machine. She also briefly reviewed the Auxiliary's services to patients and staff and noted the Candy Strippers (teenaged volunteers) contributed 1,137 hours last year. The Auxiliary's

Plan expansion

Expansion is still uppermost in the board's mind and some form of expansion is contemplated in five or six years, VanSickle reported. "The population growth foreseen for Milton will necessitate enlarged hospital facilities," he said.

The board's operating statement showed revenue and expenses totalling \$1,200,515 for 1971, up \$58,000 over last year and up \$177,000 over 1969. Through an incentive award offered by OHSC the hospital will receive \$9,035 this year on below-approved costs for 1971.

Administrator Ronald Woods reviewed statistics on hospital use and costs. Increases were noted in adult admissions at 2,192; X-ray examinations 7,225; emergency visits 11,542; number of operations 1,112; hours of work per patient day 11.68 and net cost per patient day \$41.70. Decreases were noted in deliveries of babies

Obituary

Judge James Black

A former mayor of Oakville, Judge James Robinson Black died Friday night at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. A private funeral service was held Monday.

Judge Black was appointed Deputy Magistrate for Halton in 1962, and later was named a Provincial Court Judge. He worked as a purchasing agent for an Oakville Tannery in 1929 when he moved to Oakville from Boston Mass., he was born in Dublin, Ireland and lived in Nova Scotia as a youth.

Baseball fan

Judge Black's keen interest in baseball saw him named a life member of the Halton County Baseball Association. He was also an executive member of the Ontario Baseball Association. He worked with several Oakville clubs. In his youth he also played hockey in Oakville.

A past president of the Oakville Canadian Legion, Judge Black served overseas during the second world war, and was awarded an MBE. He served four years as mayor of Oakville from 1952 to 1956 and as town councillor before that. He had served as a Justice of the Peace.

Oakville Parks Board

He served more than 20 years with the Oakville Parks Board and was a member of St. Jude's Anglican Church. He was Oakville's Citizen of the Year in 1963.

He is survived by his wife Isabel Hewson, a daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. John Lloyd) of Oakville, a son John of Oakville and a sister Miss Elizabeth Black of Dublin.

Loses seat

Stan Edgar, a director for the past three years and vice-chairman for the past year, lost his seat on the board of directors when seven ran for four seats on the board. The 15-member board has three members appointed by outside bodies plus 12 directors, four of which are elected for three-year terms at the board's annual meetings.

Incumbents Edgar, Britton, and John Ostler were nominated for re-election along with Donald Gordon, Edward Gawronski, Mrs. Shelagh Conway and Frank Miller. Mrs. M. Powys, whose term expired last week, has served six continuous years on the board and was not eligible for re-election.

The balloting chose Edgar, Ostler, Gawronski and Conway for the four seats. Solicitor Thomas Holden, who conducted the election and supervised the counting of the ballots, said it was a very close race.

Eight others

Others continuing on the board in unexpired terms of office are Omar VanSickle, Don Smith, Rev. R. W. Foster, Reford Gardhouse,

Milton Council briefs

During their meeting last week, Milton Councillors:

—Learned some of the traffic signs on Highway 25 at the north end of town have yet to be rectified by the contractor working on the reconstruction. The town's consulting engineers have urged the contractor to act immediately.

—Approved minutes of a committee of the whole meeting held the previous week, at which the council authorized the architect to proceed with a cement block structure for the works garage. Prices on a steel building were higher.

—Received a letter of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. A. Mattiussi for flowers received on their 50th wedding anniversary.

—Approved a Boy Scout apple day on April 29 with advance sales April 27 and 28.

—Received a request to rezone Superior Propane lands at the northwest corner of Third Line and the CPR to M-2 Industrial, to allow the firm to expand its

intendent to investigate buying a used snow blower.

—Learned the contractor installing the storm and sanitary trunk sewer through the Wimpey subdivision east of Ontario St. will have to close Ontario St. to complete the project. Councillors preferred a nine-day closing and a 12-hour shift instead of the five-day closing and a 24-hours a day shift proposed by the contractor, because the senior citizens' apartments were nearby and the noise of machinery working at night may disturb them. The road closing is expected around April 17.

—Received a letter of appreciation to the works department for the extra hours put in during the hydro failure at the Walker's Line water pumps.

—Agreed to place an additional \$4,000 in the streets and walks budget for creek cleaning north of the CPR.

—Authorized the works super-

storage facilities. It is presently zoned M-1.

—Learned the Ontario Municipal Board has approved the construction of the new water main from Bronte St. to the reservoir on the escarpment, at an estimated cost of \$222,000. The line will be 8,020 feet long.

—Noted the recent bulldozer repairs and the rental machine to pack garbage while the dozer was away, cost \$4,079.



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Hospital finances "sound"

diversional therapy service is extremely popular and the newest venture is a craft group which makes articles to be sold in the gift shop and at the lawn party, she said.

Chairman Van Sickle announced the board of directors had decided at its February meeting that the members of the hospital corporation will be allowed to speak at a board of directors meeting, provided they receive permission from the chairman of the board. The board had earlier ruled the general public was not allowed to attend

board meetings. Pins in recognition of long service were awarded to Mrs. Eloise Meikle for 10 years and to Mrs. Rosanna Vossilla, Mrs. Marie Newman, Mrs. Isabel Patterson, Mrs. Marguerite Macpherson and Mrs. Sally Gregory for five years.

—Milton Library has a puppet show this afternoon (Wednesday) and a movie marathon slated Friday afternoon, for holidaying students.

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