

Britton hospital chairman again

Four trustees join board

Four new trustees joined the board of directors of Milton District Hospital at the 14th annual meeting Wednesday. Bruce Frame, Maurice Beaty, Robert Reed and Gus Goutouski were elected to fill four vacancies on the board.

They replace Reford W. Gardhouse and Omer K. Van Sickle (who had each served the maximum six years on the board and were not eligible for re-election), Mrs. Helen Strain and Don Smith who decided to retire from the board after three years of service. Mrs. Strain was chairlady of the building and property committee last year and Mr. Smith was vice-chairman of the board.

Arthur H. Britton, 1973 chairman of the board, was returned as chairman for 1974 when the new trustees held a brief meeting at the conclusion of the annual membership meeting. Edgar W. Foster, Halton Regional Council's appointee to the board, was named vice-chairman. Committees will be set up later.

Name members
Other members of the board this year are Bruce C. MacNab, Auxiliary delegate, Mrs. C. R. Anderson, Mrs. Shelagh Conway, Ed Gawronski, Andrew Keilty, Emerson McCready, John W. Ostler, Mrs. C. Peacock and medical staff representative Dr. Ivan Hunter.

Annual reports presented during the meeting indicated the hospital had another busy year. Number of patient days dropped slightly from 21,305 in 1972 to 20,357 in 1973 but most other services showed a slight increase—including births which rose from 153 to 195. Average length of stay was constant at 8.30 days. The hospital handled 8,809 X-ray examinations, 11,536 emergency visits and 875 operations.

Net cost per patient day was \$52.83, up \$5.61 over the previous year. There were 12.08 hours of work per patient day.

Chairman Britton reviewed several improvements to the

hospital during the past year—two new combination washer-extractors were purchased plus new dictating equipment, new metric scales and a new freezer. Landscaping was done in front of the hospital, handrails were installed in the second floor corridors, the X-ray suite was redecorated and lighting was renovated in several areas of the hospital, he noted.

Needs of industry
The public relations committee met with representatives of major industries in the community to discuss the availability and extent of the hospital's emergency facilities in relation to industries' needs, he reviewed. He paid tribute to the auxiliary members for the fine work they do for the hospital, also the board members, administrator and staff.

Auxiliary treasurer Mrs. Jane Hughes gave the auxiliary's report on behalf of president Mrs. Joan Heard, and presented a cheque for \$5,000 which concludes payment of the Auxiliary's pledge of \$20,000 for the X-ray room. The current project is refurbishing the pediatrics sitting room at a cost of about \$4,000.

During the past year auxiliary members contributed about 3,200 hours of service and the Candy Strippers contributed an additional 800 hours, she reported. There are 187 active and over 100 associate members in the auxiliary.

Over million
Financial statements were presented by treasurer Bruce MacNab. The hospital operated on receipts of \$1,413,019 last year and incurred a \$25,205 deficit, he pointed out. Salaries and wages at \$929,733 and general administration at \$121,176 were the major expenditures.

MacNab said the hospital has no fund established from which to pay out lump sum payments for unexpired sick leave to employees who quit or retire, and to date \$47,143 is claimable. "It could be a problem" if several employees with long service decided to quit in one year, he said. The hospital is planning to introduce a disability insurance program for employees which should help rectify the situation within a few years, he reported.

Otherwise, he said the hospital is "in an excellent financial position."

Chairman Britton presented 10 year service pins to James Geroux, Mrs. Marjorie Hepburn and Mrs. Alice Roeder. Five year pins went to Mrs. Edith Moschoi, Mrs. Kathleen Scott and Tom Marsh.

List of doctors
Medical advisory committee report was presented by Dr. J. W. McCutcheon, 1973 chief of staff. He reported eight family doctors, one surgeon, one eye specialist, one radiologist and five dentists serve the community. Two doctors discontinued practice here and newcomers in 1973 were Dr. Michael Ho, a family practitioner and Dr. Kenneth Bradley, a consultant in surgery. There are also 45 specialists on the consulting staff. Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. H. R. McDonald of Kilbride are on the courtesy staff and Dr. C. K. Stevenson is on the honorary staff.

Highway accident patients are often given primary

treatment at the local hospital then sent elsewhere, either for special treatment or to be closer to their own doctors, he noted. Two innovations during the year were open monthly department meetings and the introduction of fiberoptic examinations.

"A great increase in population is expected in the next few years and, after provision of nursing, hospital expansion will be necessary," Dr. McCutcheon warned.

Survey soon
Accreditation (the "seal of approval" awarded by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation) is progressing toward completion and the next survey is expected in April, administrator Ronald Woods told the meeting.

He reported four new department heads were welcomed in the past year—Mrs. Laila Glanville, physiotherapy; Mrs. Betty Bell, food services; Dave Smith, laundry; and Jim McLean, housekeeping. He noted the new policy and procedures manual was created during the year.

The hospital acknowledged donations amounting to \$11,039 from seven individuals and organizations, and memorial donations in memory of six people who died.

During the question and answer period at the end of the meeting George Jackson sought assurance from the board that an ambulance will continue to be stationed at the hospital, now that the province has taken over operation of ambulances and split the province into regions. Administrator Ron Woods told him an agreement was drawn up to cover the ambulance transfer from the hospital to the regional system and one of the stipulations was that the ambulance must be based inside the boundaries of the "old" town of Milton (the built-up area). It may remain at the hospital and it may be stationed somewhere else in the town, he said.

Better system
Trustee MacNab said the ambulance system cost \$70,000 last year but although the hospital administered it, the cost was covered by the province. The new system offered "better utilization of the men and equipment and better training," he suggested.

The area from Hamilton to Peel Region has been joined in one region and will be administered from an office in central Oakville, he noted. Auxiliary members served refreshments at the end of the meeting.



FOUR NEW MEMBERS joined Milton District Hospital's board of directors at the annual meeting last week. New directors Maurice Beaty, Bruce Frame, Bob Reed and Gus Goutouski are pictured (standing) with chairman A. H. Britton and vice-chairman E. W. Foster, seated. It is a 15-member board.

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Short season at Glen Eden

The spring-like weather in February halted skiing at Glen Eden Ski Area for the season. Frost left the ground and man-made snow would not adhere to the lift-lines or to the base of the hill, according to conservation authority personnel.

Despite the short season wages were nearly doubled for the year. At the end of February, 1973 wages totalled \$21,000. By Feb. 28, 1974 they came to \$39,615.95.

Income from July 1, 1973 to Feb. 28, 1974 was \$90,200.88 with a total of \$27,161 in memberships.

28 tables play euchre

Halton Plowmen's Association hosted 28 tables of euchre at the Boyne Community Centre, Friday, March 22.

First place men's prize winner was Jim May, with Harold Smillie second.

Marie Peacock placed first in the Women's, with Marie McDowell and Dorothy Pickett tying for second place.

Lucky draws were won by Marie Murray, Elsie Frank, Erma Pickering, Cathy May, Ida Foster, Beth May, Ross Segsworth, George Readhead, George Brownridge, Gerry Carton, and Roy Currie.

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