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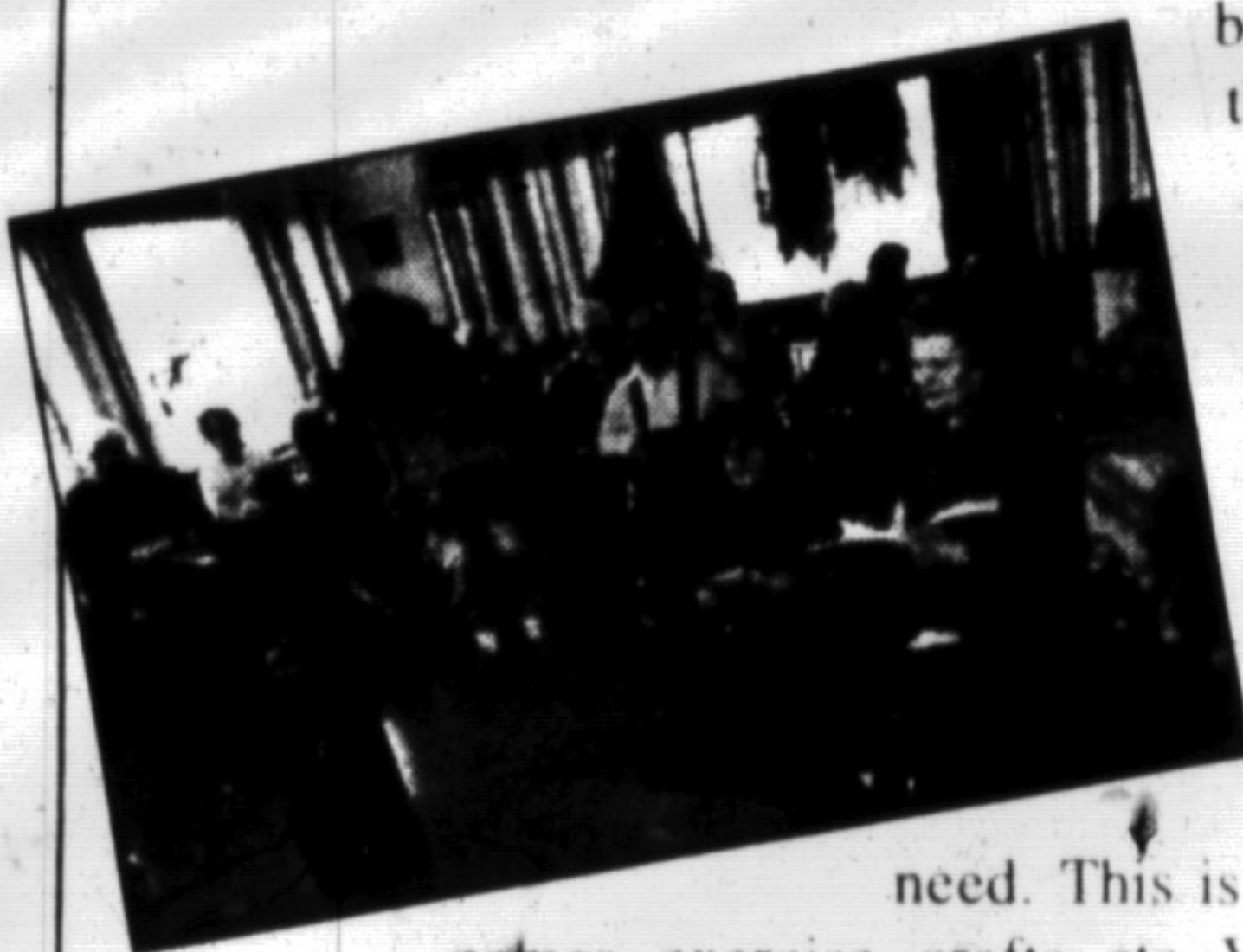
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY

Sponsored by Bill Currie

Holiday Greetings to everyone!

The holiday season got off to a great start this year, with a very successful gift shop sale held on November 24th. The Profit realized was \$2,950. Local churches, schools and/or young peoples' groups volunteered to make decorations for the Christmas trees and the Hospital is beautifully decked out for the Christmas Season.



This month we would like to tell you a little about the Chronic Care service of the Auxiliary. The Hospital Rehabilitation Services Department runs a program for Chronic Care and other patients with this need. This is in the form of activities, games, exercise, crafts, etc. Volunteers are required to assist the staff in carrying out the program. Feeding or assisting with feeding is another area where volunteers are able to help the patients. Visiting is also a valuable service volunteers can provide. Chronic Care patients sometimes need just to chat or have a letter written on their behalf. Once a month, the Senior Citizens' Band entertains and refreshments are served by the Auxiliary volunteers. Auxiliary volunteers are a support group for these patients. It takes a very special volunteer to carry out this service. If you feel you are willing to give some of your time to this very worthwhile service - please call the Hospital Switchboard at 878-2383 and leave your name and phone number for our director of volunteers.

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to say a very special "thank you" to all the Auxiliary members, the Hospital Board, Foundation Board, Medical and Hospital staff, and last and certainly not least, you, the general public in Milton, who month after month and year after year support us in our efforts to provide service and financial support to our Hospital. May we wish you - one and all - a happy healthy holiday season and request your continued support in 1996.

FOUNDATION

Sponsored by Bob (Pie) Lee

Thumbs up to Bob Lee for sponsoring the Foundation section of the Hospital page. Mr. Lee has been wonderfully supportive of the Foundation over the past years and for that we are extremely thankful.

*Oh Christmas Tree,
Oh Christmas Tree...*



Don Bell and Larry Scott of Shopper's Drug Mart and Bert and Hazel Stewart turned the lights on the Christmas tree at this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart represented the personal donors and Shopper's Drug Mart represented the corporate donors. Strings of lights were sold with proceeds going to fund Milton's share of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

unit for Halton. The event was attended by over 100 people and included the traditional carol sing by Milton Choristers accompanied by harpist, Sarah Sabatinos. Congratulations to Colleen Clement for winning the beautiful wooden sled!

It's still not too late to support the 5th "BUY A BULB FOR YOUR HOSPITAL" campaign. If you would like to donate please contact the Milton District Hospital Foundation, 30 Derry Road E., Milton, Ont. A tax receipt will be issued.

People are constantly thinking of unique and wonderful ways to give to the Milton District Hospital Foundation. In early December, Ms. Margaret Dennis and Ms. Betty Meyers, two long time donors, brought in \$365. which they asked be directed toward the Buy a Bulb campaign. They "save a loonie a day for the Milton District Hospital".



*The Foundation wishes
all of you a Safe and
Happy Holiday.*

HOSPITAL

The Provincial Government announcement on November 29th that hospitals would be in line for a three year funding cut totalling 18% is causing all hospitals to examine their operation for potential savings.

A committee of representatives from the Ontario Hospital Association, the Ministry of Health and Hospital Executives called the Joint Policy and Planning committee has been given the job of assigning individual hospital budget cuts. To do so they will compare each hospital's operation on activity and acuity levels and then determine their funding allowance for the 1996/97 fiscal year.

Although some allowance may be made for hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area due to growth, a significant budget cut is still anticipated and the Hospital Board will be looking at all areas of the operation for a possible reduction in service or amalgamation of service with other

hospitals in the Region.

Some of the health cuts imposed through legislation in Bill 26 are causing concern as well. The decision to reduce the government's subsidy of CMPA (Canadian Medical Protective Association) has prompted Dr. Suppal, an obstetrician gynecologist, to consider withdrawal of service unless the Hospital pays the insurance fee. The Hospital Board has not agreed to pay the fees, but will begin discussion with Dr. Suppal to ensure obstetrical services are maintained. Dr. Suppal has agreed to continue obstetrical coverage in January.

December is a busy month at the Hospital with many different groups visiting our patients and sending them holiday greetings. We have had visits and caroling by Sparks, Holy Rosary Youth Choir, Salvation Army, Girl Guides, Holy Rosary Folk Choir and Milton Choristers. The

Ontario Provincial Police "Highway Rangers" visited and handed out teddy bears. A joint venture by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Peel Regional Police, U.S. and Canada Customs, Ontario Provincial Police and Metropolitan Toronto Police resulted in a contingent including Santa Claus touring our Hospital and distributing gifts to our patients. We are appreciative of the Milton Guide and Brownie groups who provided tray favours for our patients on all the special occasions throughout the year.

We would like to thank all those individuals and groups who think of others, especially ones who are in our Hospital, at this time of year. The Hospital would like to extend best wishes to all for a happy holiday season.

If you would like to sponsor the Hospital section of this page please contact Brian Brady at 878-2383.



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