

Norfolk Co-Op Medical Services Turn Over Funds

CAYUGA (Staff) - The final assets of the now defunct Haldimand Co-Operative Medical Services were turned over to Haldimand County Council Friday.

The assets, totalling \$24,000 have been designated for use at the two hospitals in the county and for Grandview Lodge in Dunnville. The Women's Auxiliary of the Dunnville Hospital will receive \$8,000 as will the auxiliary at West

Haldimand Hospital in Hagersville. The remaining \$8,000 goes to Grandview Lodge resident benefit fund.

The presentation to county council was made by Clare Kindy, of Selkirk.

Mr. Kindy explained the money was left over after the co-op services were disbanded when the government took over medical care services.

He said the co-op felt the money should

remain in Haldimand County and the decision was made to turn it over to the hospitals and Grandview Lodge.

The Emergency Measures Organization received another boost in council, this time from Cayuga Reeve Ted Powell.

Last month Dr. Ken Mustard, deputy-reeve of Dunnville urged all members of county council to return to their own councils with

the aim of establishing effective EMO measures to deal with civil disasters.

Reeve Powell suggested councillors should take some time in the early fall to travel to the Kitchener-Waterloo area to view the facilities set up to maintain supplies in the event of a war disaster.

He said there has been a supply agency set up by EMO com-

prised of men who have consented to work on behalf of the government in maintaining supplies.

Reeve Powell said there is a large complex in Waterloo and that the county had been invited to view the facilities.

Council agreed it would take the tour sometime in the fall.

Council also briefly discussed proposed changes to the Ass-

essment Act dealing with nominations. The proposal would eliminate a nomination night and only require a person who wishes to stand for election to have 10 signatures and submit his name seven days prior to the nominees being listed.

It was decided each council should make its own submission on the proposal to the government.



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Ex-Hospital Administrator To Be Sentenced Aug. 9

CAYUGA - Wilfred Van De Ven, a former administrator at the West Haldimand Hospital, Hagersville, will be sentenced Aug. 9 on a charge of theft over \$50.

Van De Ven, 47, pleaded guilty to the charge when he appeared in Provincial Court here last week.

Testimony revealed Van De Ven had stolen between \$22, 413 and \$23, 194 from the hospital.

Haldimand Crown Attorney Victor Collins said Van De Ven was able to continue his scheme for 15 months before anyone was aware of it.

Van De Ven was dismissed from his \$14,400 a year post in February and charged after an investigation of the hospital board, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Crown Attorney Collins said the former administrator's scheme was to order a sub-

ordinate to withdraw cash from the hospital's bank account or to buy blank money orders with hospital funds and turn them over to him.

Court was told no attempt was made to juggle the books. In fact the subordinate kept accurate records of the withdrawals.

Defense counsel John Bowlby, of Hamilton, said the "modus operandi" was the type that had to be detected.

"The wonder is that it wasn't detected at a far earlier stage."

In unsworn testimony on his own behalf, Van De Ven said he had always planned to repay the money.

Shortly before being dismissed he told his subordinate he wasn't going any further. He gave him an undated cheque to be acted on as soon as the necessary funds were available, he said.

Van De Ven came to Canada from Belgium in 1957 and started off as a dishwasher in a London, Ont., hospital. He took extension

courses and worked his way up to the post of hospital purchasing agent. In January 1970 he landed the \$14,400 a year administrator's job at the Hagersville hospital.

In June he bought a \$37,000 house in Decewsville near Cayuga while still paying off a \$18,000 mortgage on a home in Stratford where his family was living. His wife was working in Stratford earning \$10, 000 a year.

Financial troubles began to plague him about this time, he said.

He said his 73-year-old mother was stricken with a heart attack dur-

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\$35,000 Grant Announced For GRCA

Approval of a provincial grant of \$35,000 was announced this week by Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources and James N. Allan, MPP, Haldimand-Norfolk, for the Grand River Conservation Authority for the Taquanah Conservation Area.

The area comprises 270 acres of land on the head waters of Mill Creek in the Township of North Cayuga.

During the current year the authority proposes to carry out provision of additional sanitary facilities, construction of roads and parking areas, tree planting, fish and wild life work, ground im-

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Two is company and three is a crowd, especially when the three are hungry newborn calves. The trio are celebrities for their owner, Earl Willson, above of R.R. 2 Naticoke and are a rarity in the dairy cattle world. According to studies at the University of Guelph, the birth of purebred Holstein triplets is a one in 50,000 occurrence. If the three had been the same sex the odds jump to one in a million. The girls outnumber the boys two to one in the Willson calves. (Staff Photo).

Intensive Care Unit Planned By Kinsmen

HAGERSVILLE - Bob Williamson has been elected president for the 1972-73 term by the Kinsmen Club of Hagersville. Graham Norval is past-president.

First vice-president is Jim Bier and second vice-president is Winston Sardine. Dave McRae is secretary; Ken Bowen is treasurer and Dan Winstanley is registrar.

Directors are Jim Munn, Bob Bartlett and Bob Straughn.

At its last meeting, the club voted in favor of taking on as a project the installation of an intensive care unit for the West Haldimand General Hospital.

As soon as approval is received from the hospital board, plans will get underway to raise the money.

The Kinsmen's plans for Monday, Aug. 7 are progressing and the August Fun Fest will

be highlighted by a beer garden, along with a chicken barbecue, dancing and, weather permitting, sky-diving in the afternoon.

Arrangements are also underway to have an exhibition of Indian arts and crafts on display.

In response to comments received during

the past year regarding the children's movies, the Kinsmen have made arrangements to show 13 Walt Disney classics starting Oct. 14, with movies to be shown every other week.

The Ontario Kinsmen Lottery 4 has just got underway and the draw for the lottery will be held Nov. 15.

Legion Planning Walkathon July 29

CAYUGA - A 25-mile walkathon will be hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 159, Cayuga on Saturday, July 29, it was announced by the Legion this week.

Trophies will be awarded to the boy and girl to finish first from each town. There will also be an overall trophy for the boy and girl with the largest total on their sponsor sheet.

Those wishing to participate in the walkathon will find sponsor sheets available at Terry's Barber Shop in Cayuga.

The walk will begin at 6.30 a.m. or 7 a.m. and each town will start as a separate group. Older walkers may start at any time, organizers say.

All proceeds from the walk are to go to the Cayuga Legion Building Fund.

Toronto Man Dies In Fall At Hydro

NANTICOKE - A Toronto man, identified as Stefan Kotecki, 44, died Monday while working at the Ontario Hydro generating station site here.

An employee of Dominion Bridge, he died when he fell about 230 feet from a working platform inside the second stack at the generating station.

Kotecki was a boiler-maker fitter and he was

erecting steel liners inside the second 655-foot chimney.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Dr. David Marshall, of Cayuga. The Ontario Provincial Police and the Department of Labor are conducting an investigation.

The accident was reported about 10.30 a.m. and investigated by Const. Walter Eves, Cayuga OPP.