

Bob Hilty Elected Head of Munson

Bob D. Hilty, division manager of Consumers Power Company, was elected president of Munson Medical Center for the forthcoming year at an organizational meeting of the board of directors immediately following the annual meeting of the Munson Medical Center Corporation at



BOB D. HILTY

the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Hilty succeeds Richard W. Harwood, who has served as the hospital's president for the past year.

Other officers elected for the forthcoming year are Frank Stulen, vice-president; David Pearce, treasurer; and A. Kent Schafer, secretary.

At the annual meeting, Hilty,

(Continued on Page 5)

ELECTED LEAD—

(Continued from Page 1)

Paul D. Curtis, Mary Ellen Hixon and W. C. Muggelba were elected without opposition to succeed themselves. Other members of the board are: Raymond, Pearce, Stokes, E. W. Hollender, Dr. T. N. Chase, Dr. C. A. Williams, W. J. Kirschback, John H. Ingels and J. C. Peterson.

Elected to membership in the corporation, in addition to the present membership, were: Edward C. Brown, Mrs. Larry Hardy, Mrs. Virginia Nelson, Mrs. Beth Tompkins, Harry Colwell, Sidney Medley and Gary Arnold, all of Traverse City. Dr. R. Con-

verse of Elk Rapids, and Eric Lindholm of Franken-

In the president's report to the corporation, President Harwood reviewed the growing demands being placed on Mason's facilities, and the critical need for increased facilities to meet these demands. "Keep in mind," he said, "that we have become a regional medical center rather than just serving an individual community, and that many of the services we offer are available nowhere else in the region." He then reviewed for the corporation members the sequence in which the hospital's forthcoming building and expansion program will be carried out.

Thanks were paid by President Harwood to the hospital

employees, medical staff and administrators for the fine job they have done in providing service to the area during a period of increasing pressure and, at times, shortage of help, and special thanks to the Mason Hospital Auxiliary for their significant contribution to "the better functioning of the hospital."

Members of the corporation were presented with copies of the fiscal year-end audit of the hospital's books and year-end financial statements, which showed a total operating income for the year ending June 30, 1957 of \$1,711,601.17 and a total operating expense of \$1,716,514.12 for a net operating deficit of \$4,912.95. Other non-operating income in the amount of \$24,

000.00 resulted in a net income to the existing fund balance of \$14,087.22.

Statistics provided by Administrator Schaefer in his report to the group showed a total of 71,428 net patient days for the year, an increase of 200 over the prior year. During the year the hospital recorded 144 births, 124 deaths, served a total of 49,614 meals at an average cost of 45 cents per meal, and the average patient stay was 8.2 days. At fiscal year's end the hospital employed 161 full-time and 34 part-time employees, for an average of 1.8 employees per patient bed as compared to a national average of 1.6 per bed.

The meeting with a short talk by Ed Greshock of the auditor-

local firm of Field, Greshock, Hall and Nelson, in which he explained the new study which has been made in behalf of Mason Medical Center, and demonstrated how this is being used in designing an efficient expansion program for the hospital.

Prior to the meeting, members of the corporation were served coffee and cookies in Mason Medical Center's new meeting room from a beautifully Christmas-decorated table, with Mrs. Robert E. Froehner presiding at the coffee service.