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Hillman said that the Quality Inn payroll schedule had to be changed because all Tri-Property-owned businesses pay on a bi-weekly time scale.

"The rest of the companies receive their payroll on a bi-weekly basis," Hillman said. "To try to pay one of them weekly when the rest are bi-weekly would throw everything off."

Quality Inn Triad Plaza has experienced several changes in management within the last four months. The hotel was originally owned by the AGA Corporation from Richmond, Virginia. The AGA sold the establishment in November to Lawrence Pinto, who owns another hotel in Wilkesboro. Pinto sold it back to the AGA in January, who then sold it to Tri-Properties.

Martin, who had been employed at Quality Inn for 14 months, also disagrees with the other changes and said the only result would be fewer workers required to do the work of many in a lesser amount of time.

"They cut the number of house maids from 14 to seven," Martin said. "That hotel is made up of two buildings which total 184 rooms. There is no way seven maids can take care of that by themselves."

But Hillman believes that the guests and the hotel can be adequately taken care of with the number that they have.

"There's just not enough work to do," Hillman said. "This hotel has been running less than 15 percent occupancy since we came. It doesn't take even seven maids to handle the rooms that are being used."

Hillman also said that the hotel did not need every maid to work every day and therefore had to release a few of them.

"There were 14 maids on the payroll but 14 maids don't work every day," Hillman said. "We've cut the number of maids on the payroll to fit exactly what we need."

Dorothy Edwards, the laundry room attendant, is one of the few that will feel the impact of the changes.

"If there are less than 35 rooms occupied, I only work about two hours every few days," Edwards said. "The linen will pile up until its time to be cleaned."

Martin, who worked eight hours daily prior to the change in management, was also expected to do her job in four hours each day.

"I have to check the rooms, check the grounds, and keep up with the others with less amount of

time to do it," Martin said. "It takes more time for us to do our jobs than what they are allowing."

Quality Inn has a few workers remaining and has already replaced some of the desk people and housekeepers that walked out.

"We have the people to take care of things now and we'll continue to have them," Hillman said. "I'm sorry some of them left, but we'll still continue on if they stay away."

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adequate nighttime police protection in the Salem Lake area for homes and businesses. Chief Sweat said that he could arrange for more frequent patrols in that area, but the officers would not be able to stay for a long period of time.

"We have officers assigned to specific areas, which keep them constantly moving," Sweat said. "Our department does everything it can, but our officers cannot be everywhere at the same time."

The construction of sidewalks along Reynolds Park Road was another major issue. Local residents are concerned about the safety of children who get off school buses along the road, which has a 5 mile per hour speed limit.

Womble said that funds to build sidewalks have been approved and approved by the Board

of Aldermen. The construction will be along Reynolds Park Road, from Winston-Salem State University to Butler Street. But residents believe the sidewalks should come from the other direction -- from the Park View Shopping Center to Reynolds Park Recreation Center.

"School buses let children off around that area and they have to walk up that road with cars speeding at them," said Cheryl Sizemore. "A lot of the kids live on that end of the road anyway and like to visit the recreation center. I think it would be best to bring it from Park View towards Winston-Salem State. It would be a lot safer for the children."

Other concerns addressed were substandard housing, fire prevention, street maintenance, and

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