

Day care centre plan would take children of area shift workers

While there are day-care centres operating at present in Picton, none provide facilities to accommodate children during weekends or while some parents are employed during shift work.

Barbara Burford of Picton is exploring the possibility of establishing a licensed day-care centre which will operate seven days a week and remain open from 7 a.m. until 12:15 a.m. some 17 hours out of 24.

"There is a need for it," she said. "Enough people with children are employed in shift work on the Hill (Community and Social Services Prince Edward Heights) at the hospital and elsewhere." Their need is the main aim of the centre Mrs. Burford says.

Accepted at the day-care would be children aged from



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four months to five years of age. "Most people seem to hesitate to take care of babies because it is more involved," she pointed out.

Because of the almost continuous operation of the planned centre Mrs. Burford doubts that accommodation could be found for example in a church hall. "It is going to have to be a large house, somewhere in Picton hopefully," she observed.

Distribution of a day-care questionnaire is her next step. Mrs. Burford also urges even those parents whose children are already in day-care to respond to her proposal.

When the results are tabulated only then can an approach be made to obtain the necessary licence.



Guest speaker Kingston hypnotherapist Dr. Edgar Barnett (centre) chats with Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Administrator Bruce Scott and Auxiliary President Eleanor Lindsay at the annual meeting Friday night.