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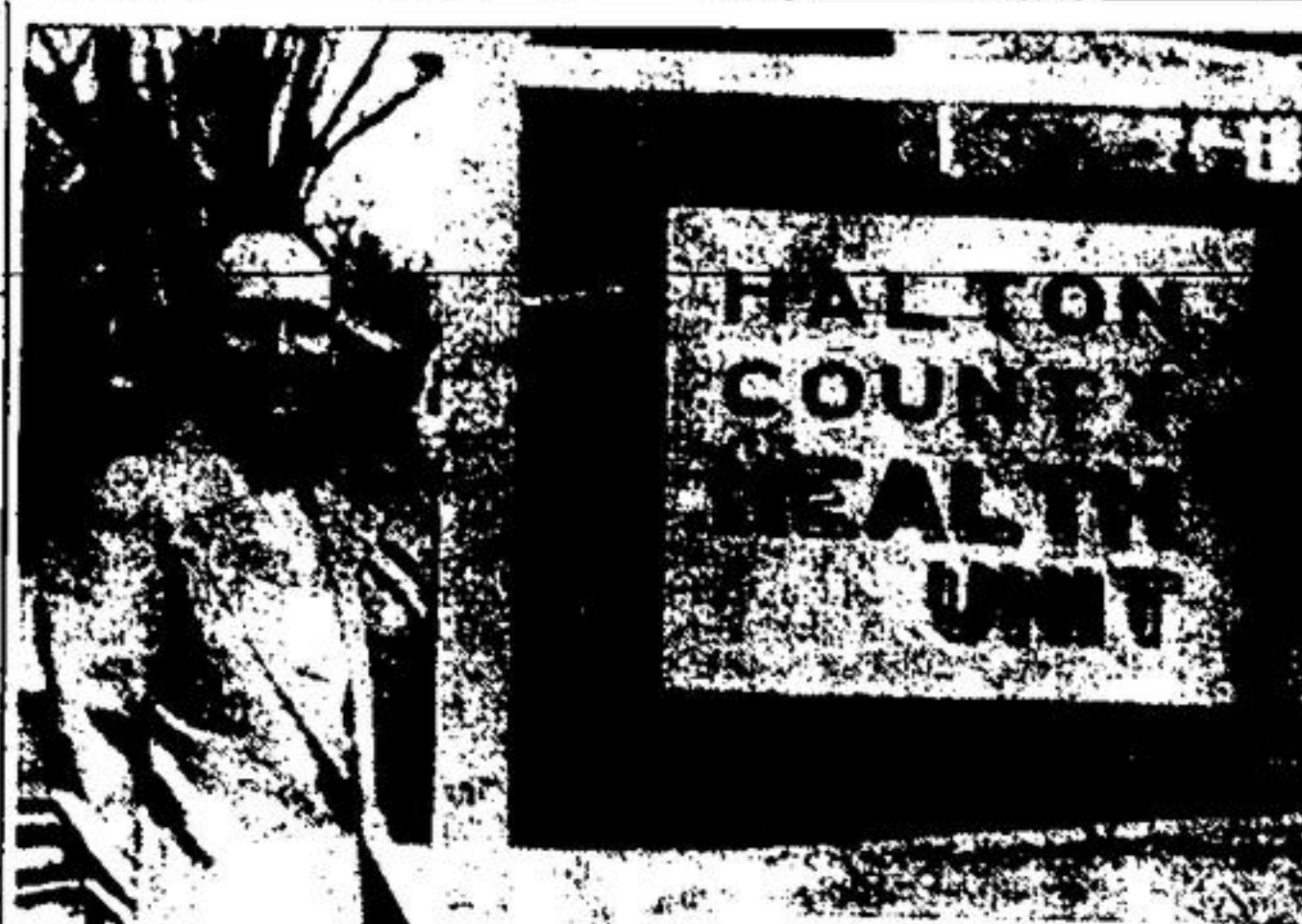
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Health Unit Affects Every Halton Home

How many in Halton's homes are thoughtfully aware that every day a small group of workers is striving to prevent filth, disease and death from creeping up and barging right into their front doors?

Existence of the Halton County Health Unit is not new knowledge to the county's 50,000 and more inhabitants, but the program of activity which spreads from this centre into homes, schools, commerce and industry has a keen kinship to the health and happiness of every man woman and child who makes up that 50,076.

It must be a formidable program, the skeptic would offer to command such a description. It is, but the modest terms used by the man who outlined the Health Unit's reach of activity might tend to underestimate its latent effect.

After outlining the scope of community health programs which are the purpose and function of the Health Unit he directs, the net impression remaining bespeaks a multiplicity of benefits for every resident of Halton.

As a municipal ratepayer a portion of your tax dollar is earmarked every year for county expense requirements. One of these requirements is to underwrite half the expense of the Halton County Health Unit. The other half is contributed by the provincial government.

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Disease Prevention Is Cheaper Than Death

A startling illustration of the Health Unit's performance in a disease prevention role was drawn by Dr. Bull in his recent address to County Council. Submitting the budget proposal for 1954, which called for expenditure of an estimated \$63,110, he revealed:

"\$60,000 may seem like a large amount to spend on health, but it is an investment which pays big dividends. In 1900 the death rate from diphtheria was 33.9 per 100,000. If this rate prevailed today we could expect to have 17 deaths and approximately 170 cases of diphtheria during 1954.

"It is not possible to calculate the value of human life in dollars and cents, but if we allot an amount as the estimated cost of such illness and death to the community we obtain some interesting

figures. If for each death we allot an amount of \$500 as current expenses and \$10,000 as loss of earning power we find that each death cost the community \$10,500. For 17 deaths the amount is \$178,500. Each of the 170 illnesses represents a loss to the community of at least \$300 and a total amount of \$51,000.

"The grand total is \$229,500. An amount which is more than three times our annual budget. How many cases of diphtheria did we have last year? Not a single one. I can assure you that we will not have an epidemic of this disease so long as we continue to immunize all of the children.

"But these calculations are for only one disease. A similar calculation could be made for several diseases.

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DR. A. BULL, Medical Officer of Health for Halton County, directs a force of eight nurses, three sanitary inspectors, a veterinarian and two part time physicians in the preventative programs of the unit throughout the county.

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WELL BABY CLINICS are conducted by Dr. Bull, nurse staff members and volunteers every first and third Friday in Acton's St. Alban's Hall. Shown with little Bobbie Toth are, left to right, his mother Mrs. Frank Toth, nurse in charge John Astle, Acton W.I. president Mrs. George Fryer who is a volunteer worker, and Halton Unit nurse supervisor Miss G. Leavy. An average of 25 babies visit every clinic.

supervision over the preparation and handling of food you eat in restaurants and other eating establishments. You are assured of supervision and inspection over the production and pasteurization of milk you drink. You are protected by the inspection of slaughterhouse processing of the meat you eat.

You are assured that complaints relative to questionable conditions of sanitation, whether regarding water supply, sewage treatment or garbage disposal will be properly investigated and measures taken to remove any hazards to health.

You have the advantage of an organized program of communicable disease control. Adoption of measures to increase resistance to disease in the population as a whole by quarantine and isolation by immunization, by efforts to diagnose, treat and follow-up on tuberculosis and social diseases — are designed for your well-being.

Your children stand to benefit as much if not more than you. Even before birth a maternal hygiene program assists in preventing unnecessary maternal deaths or complications. After birth the infant and child health conferences, the popular "well baby clinics" are organized so that physical development may be periodically checked and advice given to parents on proper health care of the child.

Children are Fortunate
Your younger children, even before reaching school age, are protected by immunization against such diseases as diphtheria, small-pox, whooping cough and tetanus. Medical and/or clinical aid is recommended where uncorrected physical defects or other conditions are found.

Your children, in school, are fortunate to be benefiting by one of the earliest public programs in the Health Unit organization.

School health supervision, by procedures which include physical examinations, nurse inspection as communicable disease control, detection of physical defects and follow-up to secure correction, advisory services for handicapped children, school sanitation supervision generally contributes to physical and mental well-being in school and home.

Both you and your children, as well, stand to reap rewards by the broader faucets of Health Unit activities which include health education, public health nursing, nutrition correction, mental illness prevention, preventive dental care and co-operation with other health agencies.

Growth and Expansion
Dr. Bull a graduate of the University of Western Ontario who practised in BC before returning east and becoming M.O.H. for Halton, emphasizes the effect of expansion in this county on the activity of the Health Unit. At present the Unit operates on a budget supplied through a per capita grant of \$120.

During the ten-year period of 1941-1951, he pointed out the county showed a 50 per cent increase in population. Last year some areas in Halton had an increase in population of over 15 per cent.

"Because of this rapid growth," he earlier said, "it is necessary to continually expand health services to provide adequate coverage. It may be necessary at some future time to solicit an increase in the per capita rate."

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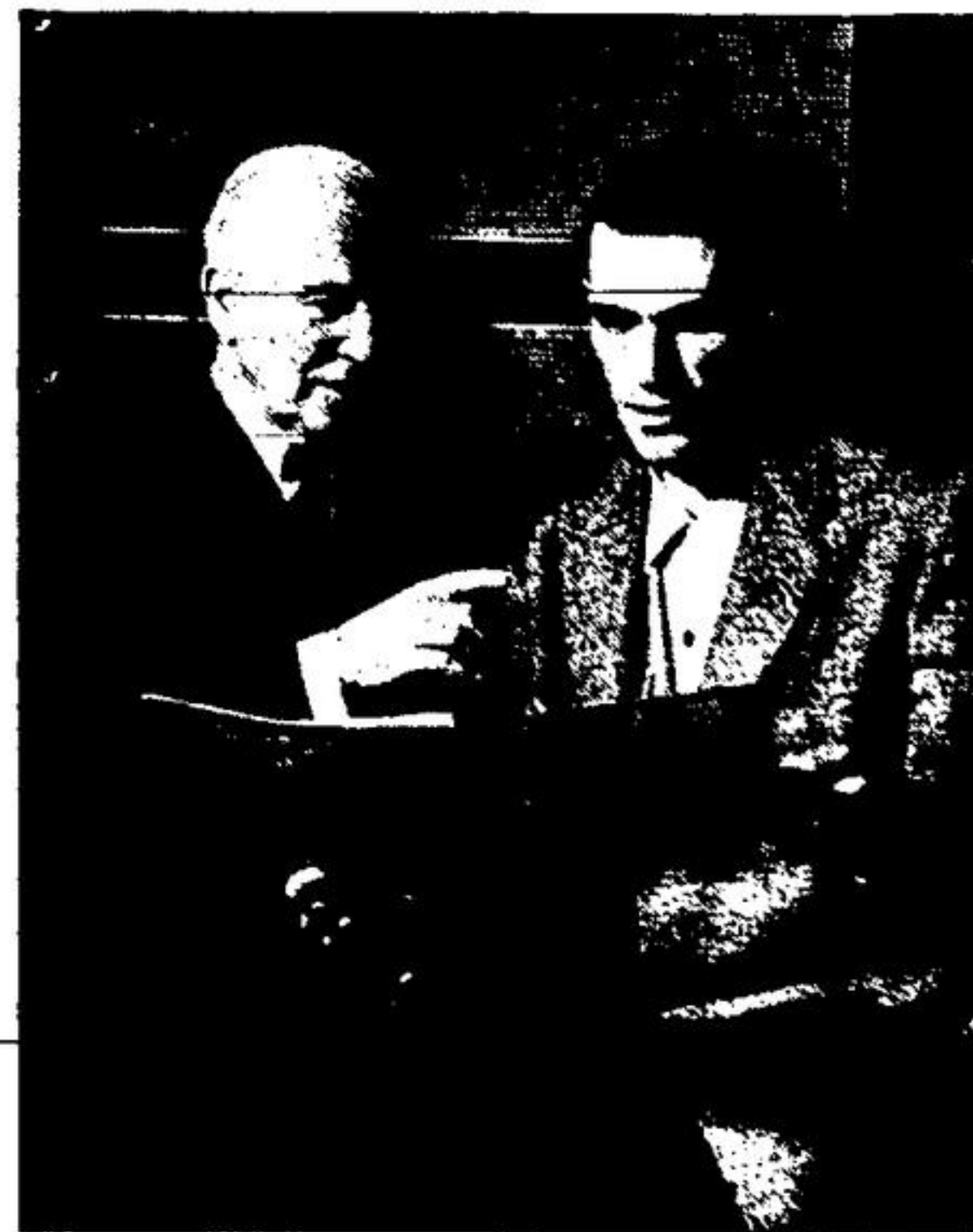
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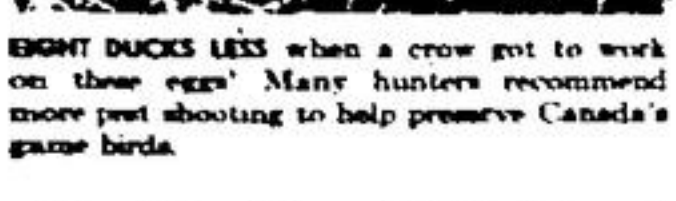
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