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Polio Vaccinations For Youngsters Grades One, Two In Halton County

Polio vaccine will be available by the beginning of April to inject all the children registered in grades one and two in Halton county schools.

A series of three injections is required with an interval of one week between the first and second injections and an interval of four weeks between the second and third.

About 2500 children will be eligible for the vaccine. The injections must be completed by the end of May so that immunity may be offered before the beginning of the polio season. Because of the short time during which the procedure may be carried out, it will not be possible for the immunization team to visit every school.

A clinic will be set up in each municipality and the parents will be asked to bring their children if they desire to have them immunized. The time and place of the clinics will be announced later. The injections are entirely on a voluntary basis and are offered to children in grades one and two.

The County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Archie F. Bull, is asking for the co-operation of the parents and guardians of pupils in Grades one and two of elementary schools in the district, in the forthcoming program involving polio vaccination.

Most Vulnerable Age
 The Provincial Minister of Health, Dr. Mackinnon Phillips, recently announced such a program was being planned to start early in April for pupils in those two specific grades. Enough vaccine will be available for the approximately 250,000 children in the group selected. This group forms a large cross-section of the age group most vulnerable to polio.

"It is hoped that all parents and guardians concerned will lend their co-operation to the local health authorities so that the giving of this vaccine may be carried on as expeditiously as possible," said Dr. Bull. "It is hoped that it may provide protection against poliomyelitis."

He explained that the vaccine, made by the Connaught Laboratories, University of Toronto, is being provided without cost to the local board of health. It had been proven harmless in tests in the United States last year where 450,000 children received a similar preparation. Its use in Ontario at this time would be in the nature of a further effort to ascertain on a trial basis the value of the vaccine.

The Medical Officer of Health explained that the vaccine is given in three injections by a procedure similar to that used in giving diphtheria toxoid. The dose is relatively small—the first two injections are given a week or 10 days apart, and the third is given four weeks after the second.

In emphasizing that the co-operation of all involved persons is necessary, Dr. Bull said "requests" forms would soon be distributed for signature by parents or guardians.

"I would like to emphasize once again," he said, "that this polio vaccine is harmless, and it will be that it is the answer we have been seeking to the polio problem for many, many years. It is certainly worth a trial."

DIFFERENCE
 A physical instructor was assuring one of his pupils that swimming was the best exercise in the world for keeping that slim and beautiful figure.

Noting that doubt still lingered in the girl's face, he asked: "Don't you believe me when I say that swimming is good for the figure?"

Girl—Of course I believe you, but did you ever look at a duck?

Chronicles
 of
Ginger Farm
 Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by
 Gwendolyn F. Clarke

Canada won the World Championship in Hockey. Canada against Russia... Canada—five to nothing! What headlines... what a victory! Even people not usually interested in sports will be delighted with the result of that hockey match. We needed a little good news like that to boost our morale after all the dire predictions about the effect of too much atomic activity.

And then the unpleasant weather we have been having just lately. Last week we had everything—wind, snow, rain, sleet, fog and a thunderstorm. But then it's March; we should expect almost any kind of weather—and the chances are we won't be disappointed! Last year we had much the same variety around this time. Actually, it ought to realize how lucky we are. Think of the floods in Australia and the snowstorms in the British Isles.

What have we to grumble about? Nothing really—but of course we grumble just the same, just as naturally as the sparks fly upward. Anyway, the sun is shining this morning... enjoy the pleasant smiling hour. Let's do just that. Why not, when Canada won the hockey championship?

We had our own worries last week—sick dogs. Honey has practically recovered but I am afraid poor old Tip is finished. We tried to bring her back to strength with brandy and raw eggs but her aging heart is giving out. In all our years of farming she will be the first dog to die a natural death. The others were either shot by accident or intent or run over by cars, except in one or two cases when we had the "vet" destroy the poor things for viciousness or some other bad habit.

Apparently there is a terrific lot of sickness among dogs just now. In some cases it is a virus infection; others, as with Tippy and Honey, it is some kind of flu. The vet dosed them with sulphadiazole which Honey reacted quite favorably but I imagine Tip was too far gone before we realized she was sick. The first sign was a refusal to eat. I thought perhaps she had caught a rabbit and wasn't hungry. So, if you have a dog that won't eat—watch out. We shall miss poor old Tip. She was excellent with cattle and a good watch dog.

Still on the subject of dogs: Remember what I was saying about dogs being dropped from passing cars? One of our neighbors actually saw it happen. Unfortunately he did not get the license number of the car. A car drove by and a black cocker spaniel was left on the road. The car driver evidently went up to the next crossroads, turned and came down the road again. The little dog recognized the car and caved after it but was soon out-distanced. The farmer went into the house for dinner.

Next time he opened the back door the little dog ran in. His wife hadn't the heart to turn it away so she fed it. A week later there were six puppies. Three of them died but the others have all been promised homes. When the puppies go the poor, faithful little mother is to be taken to the Humane Society as these people already have a dog of their own. So you see that is just one more instance of cruelty and desertion on the part of the original owners.

Just recently I have been having a field day with books—English magazines and old Canadian school readers, the latter dating back to 1885. Evidently school readers used to be the same year in and year out for quite a long time. In these books there are poems that I remember very well although I certainly wasn't around in 1885.

For instance I came across a great old favorite of mine—"King Bruce and the Spider"—in fact I believe that poem helped me to overcome many childish obstacles. "The spider up there defied despair, he conquered, then why should not I?" There was also "We are Seven" by Wordsworth. I used to wonder why the man was so stupid—why couldn't he understand that the little cottage girl there still were seven in her family?

And there was the sailor from

Strict Action Gets Results On Arrears Local P.U.C. Learns

(Continued from Page One)

their hydro bills regularly and on time, he observed.

The secretary was authorized to take action to collect an outstanding account of G. Atkinson in the amount of \$37.91. He was also asked to press action for the collection of a merchandise account of about \$300 held for some time against A. Vine.

A motion was introduced to write off as uncollectable several other accounts but this was later withdrawn until a check is made on property owners' liability.

Notified About Heaters
 The H.E.P.C. notified the Commission there were no more water heaters in stock. However, another supplier has been examining the burned heater tanks at the hydro shop storage shed and indicated some arrangement might be made regarding these damaged tanks. Six heaters were ordered from the John Wood Co. Ltd.

The secretary reported the Glenora subscribers have been notified the type of water heater installed in their houses cannot be charged by the flat rate method.

Expenses of local representatives to the O.M.E.A. convention in Toronto recently were ordered paid. Two separate accounts of \$60 and \$53 were involved in the matter.

The Commission accepted by motion an adjustment settlement of \$1,353.38 on the hydro truck and equipment for repairs and replacements following the hydro shop fire last month.

Deposits Too Low?
 Hydro superintendent D. Mason requested the Commission to inspect repairs made at the hydro shop and reported his department has started to change transformers here.

Following a discussion on replacement of burned office furniture at the hydro shop, it was resolved that three new chairs be bought, two to be charged as fire replacement, and six cushions purchased for the Commission office chairs.

Water superintendent J. Lambert reported an airator motor has been replaced and a utility battery is running low and will need replacement in the near future. Several frozen water meters have had to be attended to recently, he added.

Commissioner J. Stewart questioned near the close of the meeting, if the \$10 domestic deposit for hydro and water service is sufficient. A recommendation in this matter is to be brought in.

Survey of Line Needs
 Before adjourning commissioners briefly discussed a survey prior to the proposed work to bring the local hydro system up to desired transformer strength.

The following accounts were earlier passed for payment:

Thompson Motors	\$ 2.00
Bilton and Perry Ltd.	2.59
Dept. of Lands and Forests, stock	10.00
	614.59
Hydro Accounts	
Watson Dairy Bar, breakfasts	\$ 2.25
Toth's Garage	.90
R. F. Bean, ins. premium	39.00
Pitney-Bowes, serv.	18.00
Can. Wire and Cable mds.	382.13
Grand and Toy Ltd., meter covers	64.30
Acton Free Press, cards	6.05
Moloney Elec., transform.	
Guelph Bear Alignment, hydro truck repairs	844.00
Thompson Motors	25.00
Burndy Can. Ltd., mds.	37.75
Pedal Wire, Cable, mds.	68.80
J. R. Kearney Corp., mds.	127.38
Williams Supply Co., mds.	175.00
Pitney cash, exp., trans.	28.03
Can. Line Materials	6.54
H.E.P.C. of Ont., meter pts., labor, installing, etc.	379.55
Rec. Gen. of Can. re meter fees	206.49
Sangamo Co. Ltd., mds.	10.60
	186.25
	\$2,607.55

"the Gray Swan" who returned to his mother after 20 years. And how he was welcomed. "After Blenheim" was another favorite. Peterkin asks "Now tell us about the War, and what they fought each other for." And old Kasper replies "Well, the I cannot tell," says he, "but 'twas a famous victory." An age-old question and an age-old answer, neither one changes much with the years.

Another worth reading, decidedly modern, is worth reading, Dr. Brock Chisholm, in Weekend Magazine, says the greatest threat in the world today is over-population. Feeding the masses is not the answer. World wide birth control is the only solution. He also advises inter-marriages as a means of combating racial prejudice.

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PRINCIPALS ENTERTAIN BOARDS SPEAKER DESCRIBES RUNNING SCHOOL

Halton Principals' Association entertained at a county dinner the chairman and secretaries of the public school boards of Halton County at Milton Inn on Thursday, February 17. Some 60 people sat down to dinner.

R. F. Sanderson, retired principal of Oakville said grace.

R. A. Hopkins, president of the Halton Principals' Association made a short speech in which he welcomed the trustees and explained that despite the different points of view of trustees and principals, the common denominator in which all were interested was the school child. From present criticism, he continued, it is very evident that education is very much in the forge of all people's thoughts.

L. L. Skuce, inspector of public schools, very humorously introduced the principals and trustees alike. His thumbnail sketches were witty and lucid.

B. F. Borghold, Halton county inspector presently in the Department of Education in Toronto, introduced C. B. Routley, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education for Ontario. Mr. Routley spoke mainly to the principals and outlined briefly the duties of principals. His advice to the trustees was to have the principals sit in on the hiring of teachers since they were the men who had to incorporate them on the staffs. Mr. Routley directed the principals' attention to an I.Q. test for principals.

The questions were pertinent to running a school. It was not only necessary for principals to be sound administrators but also to have a sound philosophy of education, so that they could help teachers and pupils alike to develop their potentialities.

Mr. Routley declared, for example, that in a world of rapid change, it was not uncommon to read in the newspapers today 25 new words that were non-existent 20 years ago. Educators have to be alert to the changing situations and ready to give the children the necessary edges to go forth ready for the future.

Regardless of the blasts of critics and the salvos of disgruntled people Mr. Routley was quick to point out that the majority of teachers are earnest and what is more, capable. If there are remedies to be made in education, teachers, have to effect that remedy. He pointed out that what is done this year may determine what is done 15 years from now by the pupil.

In thanking Mr. Routley for his speech—John A. Lockhart, Principal of Central School, Burlington, remarked that Mr. Routley had aptly made pictures of teachers and portraits of principals as others see them.

Mr. Skuce explained that this business of education is a partnership between citizen and government. He also warned that this country was going to experience many more "growing-pains" with expansion, and that township school areas were well-equipped to take care of this situation.

Jack Hawkins of Nelson Township, thanked the principals for their hospitality, on behalf of the other trustees present.

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