

Emergency Measures "Exercise Car Rally"

Haltos Emergency Measures Organisation swung into action Feb. 23, with an excellent test exercise in which the communications trainees manned mobile radios in connection with a large sports car rally.

With base radios in Milton and at Hamilton, and 13 mobile car radios spread through the county and northern Wentworth, the Haltos and Hamilton-Wentworth E.M.O. kept messages flowing between checkpoints and head-

quarters along the 150-mile rally route. The Haltos group provided the Milton base and nine of the mobiles.

E.M.O. Co-ordinator W. Bruce McGregor said the exercise was "an unqualified success" and it showed the group they could work very closely with the highly trained E.M.O. "We were ripe for an exercise like this," he said, explaining the communications volunteers had been spending plenty of time in the classroom practicing their techniques, but needed a practical test for the knowledge they had gained.

All the E.M.O. men on Sunday's exercise were volunteers, he emphasized. There was no cost to the county involved.

The rally was staged by the Hamilton Motor Sport Club, and saw 61 cars take off at minute intervals from a starting point at Greenville. At 19 places along the 150-mile route the drivers and navigators had to check in at

At Queen's Park

By George Kerr, M.P.P.

This week legislation was introduced at Queen's Park whereby the Workmen's Compensation Act would be amended which will provide that common law wives will be entitled to receive certain benefits in the event of the accidental death of the man considered in the community to be her common law husband. The amendment stipulates that the man and woman should have lived thus for at least six years unless the common law wife has a child from the union, in which case cohabitation for only two years is required.

Block Transmissions

The radios were necessary to transmit the messages from the northern section of Haltos back to the Hamilton headquarters. Mr. McGregor pointed out the radios would not reach that far from some checkpoints, due to valleys or hills blocking the transmission. The rally proved helpful in mapping some of these poor transmission points, he noted.

The rally route wound through Greenville, Clappison's Corners, Millgrove, Lake Medad, Kelso, Milton, Scotch Block area, Limehouse, Terra Cotta, Georgetown, Speyside, Hamiltonville, and back into Wentworth County.

Various Reasons

There are various reasons why this amendment is being introduced by the Department of Labour. There are many families where, for some reason or other, a formal marriage ceremony was never performed. In most cases, of course, the reason is that at least one of the parties has a spouse whose whereabouts is unknown, or, for some reason or other a divorce cannot be obtained.

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Legion Ladies Plan Year's Highlights

The Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliary held their March meeting at the Legion Hall, President, Comrade Mrs. C. Shultzis was in the chair. A new member, Mrs. S. Cannon, was initiated and welcomed by the ladies.

Thank you cards, were read from Comrades Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. E. Toth Jr. and Mrs. D. Stapleton, who have been on the sick list. Everyone appreciated the good job of housecleaning the girls did in the kitchen. A gift of \$100 was made to the Provincial Scholarship Fund.

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Other legislation introduced by the Department of Labour this week will provide a demerit system for those industrial plants having an unreasonable amount of accidents suffered by employees during the course of employment. The idea is to encourage safety in plants. It, however, in spite of serious injury and little or no

Robins are Back At Silver Creek

Six cheery robins arrived Monday at the home of Mrs. Fred Ballantine near Silver Creek, between the 7th and 8th lines. Mrs. Ballantine saw them early in the morning, sitting together on the ice-covered limb of an apple tree. The birds had picked the ice off a few apples left from last fall, she said. They looked in good shape, not thin or starved.

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"EXERCISE CAR RALLY" was conducted all day Feb. 23 by Haltos Emergency Measures co-ordinator W. Bruce McGregor and a team of nine communications personnel from Haltos E.M.O., and the co-ordinator called it "an unqualified success." Above, he points to a checkpoint manned by a mobile radio operator, while radio operator Bill Skinner relays a message on the base radio station. The E.M.O. co-operated with the Hamilton Motorsport Car Club by setting up mobile radios at 19 checkpoints along the 150-mile rally route taken by 61 cars. The Hamilton-Wentworth E.M.O. also participated.

Opens Here Mar. 16 P.S.I. Community Health Plan Available to Haltos People

The P.S.I. sponsored Haltos County Community Health Plan will again be open for enrollment beginning March 16, 1964. Haltos County residents will recall the campaign of last year when for the first time, the comprehensive doctor-sponsored plan was offered on an individual basis.

Thousands of families took advantage of the initial offering to enroll themselves in this unique coverage which has been so widely accepted by industry, and a similar opportunity to enroll will now be extended to any permanent resident of Haltos County who desires coverage.

Our Readers Write...
CREDIT UNIONS

Dear Editor:

Since we first received our Charter and opened our office in the old post office, I have heard numerous remarks regarding Credit Unions—most of them have been from people who have been misinformed or just DON'T understand the purpose and objectives of this community service, which is made up of people bound together by a common purpose: "the welfare of their fellow man".

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The Acton Community Credit Union charter allows anyone living in Acton, Rockwood or anywhere in a five mile radius of Acton to become a member.

I do hope this may remove some of the confusion that seems to exist regarding Credit Unions.

Bob Drinkwater,
160 Churchhill Rd.,
Acton, Ontario.

Press Release

George Kerr, M.P.P. for Haltos, announced March 6 the approval of a Provincial grant in the amount of \$1,250 to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for survey and appraisals in the proposed Lamhouse Conservation Area.

The Authority proposes to make a survey and appraisals of this property with a view to acquiring this property for a multiple use area.

All member municipalities are designated as benefiting and will be levied the Authority's share of the cost.

TWO-TONE EASY TO SEE

Research indicates that two tone cars are easier to see, and may therefore be slightly less liable to involvement in accidents. At 60 mph a two-tone car becomes visible to another motorist half a mile further off than a solid color vehicle. However, the Ontario Safety League hopes that no one will get the idea that color combinations can be an acceptable substitute, in any degree, for careful driving.

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