

Health Unit Annual Report

Halton County Free of Disease Epidemics

Halton County was free of epidemics of communicable diseases and unusual diseases in 1964 according to a report submitted to Halton County Council by Medical Officer of Health Archie F. Bull, M.D., D.P.H. In a 15 page booklet, Dr. Bull summarizes the efforts of the Halton County Health Unit during the year, reported on sanitary conditions in the community, and gave a general survey of the existing health problems in the area.

In backing this statement, the Medical Officer of Health suggested, "In 1900 the diphtheria death rate in Ontario was 32.9. If that rate prevailed today we could expect approximately 44 people to die each year in Halton County from this disease, and one could expect more than 400 people to be ill with the disease. If one calculates the cost to the community of these deaths and the cost to the community of those who are ill, in loss of earning power and cost of medical care and hospital treatment, one arrives at a sum that is several times our total annual budget. In actual fact we have not had a death or illness from this disease for several years and we are not likely to have, so long as we continue to immunize all of our pre-school and school age children adequately."

4-H Calf Club Groups Formed

Rockwood — Three separate groups were formed at the April meeting of the Eramosa 4-H Calf Club recently held in the Eramosa central school, the evening opened with repeating the 4-H pledge. The roll call was taken and the minutes read.

U.C.W. Unit Sees Antiques

Rockwood — The Weathervane, Rockwood's home of antiques, opened its doors to the members of unit two Rockwood United Church Women recently. Mrs. Shirley Harris arranged the evening and the ladies were given an extensive and very interesting tour by the owner Mr. Stewart.

In closing his own official statement, Dr. Bull noted, Halton County is most fortunate in having not only a good public health preventive service, but also adequate hospital facilities and an adequate number of private physicians who provide a very high standard of medical care to the residents of Halton County. We are deeply indebted also to the many voluntary organizations which assist in providing health services to the people of Halton County.

There has been a great increase in attendance at prenatal classes held in all four centres in Halton County. This is an indication, the report says, that there is a great interest in good prenatal education and care in our area. Public health nurses are expending



Lawn, Garden Spraying? Knapsack Makes it Easy

Each year, more and more people are relying on chemicals to protect or improve their lawns and gardens. As there is no relation between the amount of insecticide and the amount of herbicide that a plant can stand, two separate sprayers should be used.

When spawning, one of Canada's east coast cod produced up to 9,000,000 eggs. The minute transparent eggs drift on top of Atlantic waters until the tiny fish develops.

increased effort toward visiting mothers with new babies at an earlier date.

On adult health questions the Halton County Health Unit continues to cooperate with official agencies on the Federal, Provincial, County and Municipal levels and with voluntary agencies at all levels. There is an increasing interest in Mental Health throughout the county and Halton County branch is continuing to grow and to stimulate interest in this field. There is increasing interest in the staff of the two larger hospitals in mental health, and it is probable that mental health programs will be developed and expanded during the year.

Home Hazards

In all parts of the county, Public Health Nurses and inspectors are on the alert to observe home accident hazards and to advise householders of methods dealing with these hazards.

There are 83 elementary schools with 944 classrooms and 30,300 pupils in Halton County. Public Health Nurses carried out 599 health inspections and 6,666 other inspections. 16,113 vision tests and 6,123 hearing tests. There are 10 secondary schools with 332 classrooms and 9,666 students. Nurses conducted conferences with 2,475 students.

Financial Report

During 1964 the Halton County Health Unit received municipal grants totalling \$148,385.34 plus \$181,855.15 from other sources making a total of \$330,240.49. Expenditures included salaries totalling \$283,557.47, travel expenses of \$35,485.70, equipment worth \$2,018.51, materials and supplies worth \$7,321.92, rent and utility services \$27,837.32. Expenses totalled \$330,240.49.

The Halton County Health Unit presently employs 54 persons full time, but needs an additional nine full time employees including another Medical Officer of Health, four more public health nurses, two more sanitary inspectors and two more clerical staff employees.

In a list of communicable diseases reported, are two cases of food poisoning, 11 cases of hepatitis, one case of whooping cough, five cases of scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat, eight cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one other. The usual number of cases of measles, chicken pox and mumps occurred but there were no epidemics reported. Twenty-seven cases of venereal diseases were also reported.

Inspections In their inspections of water supplies, Public Health Inspectors inspected a total of 1,235 water supplies and took 1,292 samples. A total of 1,441 sewage systems were investigated and 21 inspections were made of subdivisions, land development and re-development areas. Twenty-five inspections were made of disposal areas.

A total of 49 public swimming pools, including pools, bathing beaches, summer camps, fairs, racing meets, drive-in theatres and public parks were inspected and 169 visits were made. Two extermination permits were issued for pest control and 124 investigations were made. Inspections were also made at schools and plants.

Other inspections made included meat inspection, inspection of barber shops and beauty salons, housing inspections and investigations into possible cases of rabies. A total of 474 investigations were made into the possibility of rabies.

Dental Health

In the report on the Dental Health program within the county, it was noted that the greatest emphasis in the past year has been placed on the pre-school and the Junior grades of children. The extension of testing to include some 3,000 children seems to have had very good results and the results indicate an improvement in fewer cavities developed in the age groups in the test is predictable in the ensuing year.

The topical fluoride program for three-year-olds was continued at one full day a week in the four counties, in addition to one full month in the summer. This program seems to have the most direct impact on the tooth condition—less than half of those treated and returning for a second or third time have had new cavities in the one and two year intervals, the report said.

Humane Program I was surprised and a little disappointed that seven out of 13 County Councilors appear not to favor the province's proposal in the Department of Reform Institutions at Queen's Park is attempting to establish a realistic and humane program in the detention of men and women who are kept in penal institutions for a short time and are usually first offenders.

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alone at this cost nor with other county such as Peel. I hope that our County Council can approve this project without needless delay. Hamilton and Wentworth are waiting anxiously for an answer.

While a few famous fishing banks off Canada's Atlantic coast are the main producers of cod, this species is also caught in substantial quantities within five miles of the shoreline, along the entire coast.

Report From Queen's Park...

BY GEORGE KERR HALTON M.P.P.

I was happy to note last week that the Halton County Council has turned down a motion to consider the possibility of entering a regional jail set up with Peel County. This proposal was to be instead of the provincial government's plan for a regional detention and classification unit including Hamilton, Wentworth and Halton.

The estimated cost of the combined detention unit is about \$2,000,000 and Halton's share would be \$140,000. Our county could not build such facilities.

This proposed unit is to replace, for example, the present inadequate jail in Milton, which was built in 1878. The recent Grand Jury report indicated that the Milton jail should be repaired from top to bottom. The jail contains a number of cells with animal-like facilities and the inmates have practically nothing to do.

The whole modern-day idea of detention and rehabilitation is defeated in such a jail. This, of course, is no reflection on the warden and present staff at Milton who, under the circumstances, are doing an excellent job.

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This Mother's Day



plant a seed of hope

BY SUPPORTING THE MENTALLY RETARDED FUND CAMPAIGN

Science has shown and proven to us that the mentally retarded CAN be helped. They can be taught under special supervision. The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded is making use of these new methods and techniques. Support their dedicated work by planting the "Flowers of Hope" seeds that you will receive in the mail. Please be generous with your donations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING will be convened by the council of the Town of Acton TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION FOR RE-ZONING OF LOTS 8 - 9 - 10, PLAN 670 ON MOWBRAY PLACE.

The proposed re-zoning is from Residential to Industrial to permit Ajax Engineers to extend their storage yard facilities.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the TOWN HALL at 7.30 P.M. on THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 1965.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBJECTING OR RATIFYING THE PROPOSAL IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES.

J. McGEACHIE, Clerk-Administrator

MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 9 To Show Her How Special She Is! HERE ARE A FEW SPECIALS WE THOUGHT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MOTHER ON HER DAY! 10% Off ON LIGHT FIXTURES IN SHOWROOM 15% Off ON LIGHT FIXTURES IN STOCKROOM SPECIAL CLEARANCE OF TABLE LAMPS at Low, Low Prices A. L. Riemer Equipment Company ELECTRICAL - PLUMBING - HEATING CONTRACTOR 17 Mill St. W. Acton, Ont. 853-0640-0641

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