

House sought for day nursery must have qualified supervisor

The executive of the Community Services Council and Howard Pearce, Recreation Director, met with Mrs. J. Cummings, of Oakville, who is Day Nurseries Supervisor of the Dept. of Public Welfare of Ontario, on Thursday, to discuss the starting of a Day Care Centre for Acton.

Mrs. Cummings explained some of the physical needs for such a venture, required by legislation, such as 30 square feet of indoor space and 60 sq. feet of fenced outdoor space for each child, storage space for indoor play equipment and coats and adequate washroom facilities. Since the children will be there all day, a hot meal must be provided at noon. There must be enough rooms for an executive office and an isolation room in case a child becomes ill. A trained supervisor must be on hand all the time, but the assistants may be untrained.

It appears that a good sized house would be the answer, particularly since it might provide apartment space for a couple acting as caretaker and cook.

Some discussion centred about indifference or hostility to a Day Care Centre but it was felt that Actonites were more informed than communities mentioned by S. H. Kiefan in the Globe and Mail, Jan. 26. Not only is the working mother an established fact in this town, but an enlightened electorate these days would scarcely dispute that there are many valid reasons for a child to sometimes require care outside its own home.

The C.S.C. was directed to several operating sources for information about basic budget requirements for a centre in a community this size. They were also advised to advertise in local cities and Toronto for a trained pre-school teacher.

The C.S.C. will certainly go ahead with plans to assist a local person in acquiring the necessary education (provided by several universities in a series of summer courses or as a regular session), but it is necessary to hire a well qualified supervisor until a local person is certified.

Mrs. Cummings pointed out that funds provided by municipal government could be recovered from provincial sources to 50 per cent at present, and that a bill in the process of ratification to raise that to 80 per cent — so that any sum provided by public funds for equipment, rents, salaries and assistance with fees would be to a large extent, replaced.

The C.S.C.'s first task now is to secure adequate housing and have it inspected and approved by local fire and health authorities. At the same time financial and other backing will be sought from local groups and organizations. It is hoped that various individuals or groups in Acton would help to provide the wooden play equipment which is easily made from well illustrated instructions.

Mrs. R. McMurray is most willing to hear from anyone with constructive suggestions or offers of help in this project.

Grand Jury praises Centennial Manor

A supreme court grand jury toured Halton County municipal buildings in Milton in January, and in their report to last week's meeting of Halton County Council made five recommendations.

The jurors praised the "feeling of friendliness and warmth" at Halton Centennial Manor, the home for aged residents, and reported they were very impressed with S. A. Allen, the superintendent of the building. Once again, they attacked the county jail and heartily agreed a new facility such as the regional detention centre at Hornby was needed. The jurors found the crown attorney's office and clerical space "inadequate as to floor area" and noted there was no room in the office or other facilities for an assistant.

Other recommendations were minor ones concerning the parking lot and supplies stored in a hallway.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
Winter Garden, Fla. — Officials look twice when they ask Miss Dawn Princeton for the name of her parents at Florida Southern College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvard Yale Princeton.

Weather, icy roads blamed in accidents

During the period Jan. 22 to Jan. 28 inclusive, personnel of the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 1,013½ hours and patrolled a total of 8,287 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol, 17 traffic charges were preferred and 41 traffic violation warnings were issued, as well as 80 convictions registered.

During this period, 13 property damage accidents were investigated, resulting in \$4,155 in property damage. Cause of the majority of accidents was adverse road conditions.

There were 39 general occurrences reported including theft of money from the residence of Mrs. McKay, R.R. 1, Norval, Ont.; one assault; one disturbance; several mail boxes damaged on the 8th Line of Esquesing Twp.; two persons reported missing and later located; two premises found insecure at night; two requests for assistance; two liquor seizures made and two charges preferred under the Liquor Control Act; two stolen autos were recovered for other police forces, and seven abandoned autos were removed from area highways. Remaining occurrences were of a minor nature.

Stanley Smith of R.R. 4, Acton, received \$1,000 damage to his car when it swerved while passing two trucks and rolled over in the median of Highway 401 just east of Milton Tuesday of last week. A Rockwood man, Ralph H. Townsend was unhurt but his vehicle received \$200 damage in a collision with some guardrails on Highway 25 near Milton on Friday. They were the only Acton district residents involved in the past week's accidents.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD members for two year term are, seated, secretary Bill Middleton, chairman Orval Chapman, vice-chairman Cyril Bishop; standing R.L. school vice-principal Doug Copeland, Murray Smith, Vic Bristow, Bill Benson, M. Z. Bennett school principal E. Smith and Doug Manning.

"Nassagaweya Neighbors" group being organized

A new organization is being born, this centennial year, in the township of Nassagaweya — and the organizers are calling it the "Nassagaweya Neighbors' Association".

Officials in charge describe the N.N.A.'s purpose as: "burying the hatchet, unity of purpose, good neighborliness and the promotion and fostering of pride in being both a true Nassagawegan and a Canadian."

Mrs. Anne MacArthur, a member of the township council, is chairing the steering committee which is at work now organizing and recruiting members. She describes the group's aims as very worthy, especially the one about fostering pride in their township when, like Jonah, the township may be "swallowed up by that

whale of a report" — the Plunkett Needs Study of Halton and Peel.

The group will hold a meeting in the near future to elect officers. A centennial project and program is being discussed. Members want to seek cooperation and participation from the younger generations in Nassagaweya who constitute more than 40 per cent of the population.

"For a township that has for so many years been riven by feuds and factions that made the Martins and the McCoy's look like members of the Peace Corps, this is indeed, a welcome turn of events," one official told this newspaper. "An official told this newspaper, 'An association with such laudable sentiments will succeed, we hope — if only to prove that whatever personal or political

differences exist, this year, centennial year, being a good neighbor and a good Canadian come first."

Youth work, theatrical outings, meetings with speakers, sporting and social events are among the aims of the new organization.

Auxiliary begins new sport program

The Acton Association for the Mentally Retarded, with the enthusiastic assistance of Howard Pearce, has instituted a program of sports activities for those under the auxiliary's care.

Members are assisting with sports and everyone concerned is having an exciting and interesting time.

Family counselling service director reports to council

Halton's first family counselling service completed its first full year of operation at the end of 1966, and in a year-end report to Halton County Council last week, its director René J. Vivian reported the first year was a successful one.

Mr. Vivian dealt with 313 cases during 1966, of which 38 were still termed "active" at the close of the year. His work involved 1,545 telephone calls.

"With the appointment soon of another staff worker, we will be able to offer a more effective service to other residents of our county," he reported.

The director noted 121 cases were in Oakville, 78 in Burlington, 46 in Georgetown, 26 in Milton, 20 in Acton, nine in Esquesing, two in Nassagaweya, and 11 were handled in the family court office and welfare office. Most of the cases were referred to him by the family court or private individuals.

The first year was "one of pioneering and acquainting the people with this new service," Mr. Vivian told councillors. "People from all walks of life have availed themselves of the service, and it is our hope that many have found some assistance and guidance." Where psychiatric assessment or treatment was necessary, cases were referred to the mental health clinic in Hamilton or to two psychiatrists in private practices in Oakville and Burlington.

Marriage counselling classes have also been organized and are being held throughout the county with professional people in the fields of medicine, finance, law, insurance and other co-operating agencies.

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