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Will close office of superintendent

One of the changes that will result from the establishment of a County Board of Education will be the closing out of the area superintendent's office in Milton. Formerly known as the office of the Public School Inspector, the office will cease to exist after July 31, 1968, it was learned this week. The office has changed as education changed from the time when a single county inspector manned the office covering the entire county to today, when two area superintendents, W. L. McNeil and C. G. McDowell, cover parts of the county as well as neighboring counties.

At the time of the Emancipation Proclamation about four million slaves were freed.

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Second Section

Two week stint

Doctors treat missionaries at clinic tour Lima, Cuzco, Inca ruins in Peru

Mission work and a hasty tour of Peru were combined this winter for Dr. David van der Bent of Acton Medical Centre. With Dr. Jeff Secord of Guelph, he flew to Peru to give complete medical check-ups to missionaries and their families and managed to see much of the country before returning two weeks later.

The missionaries of the South America Indian Mission had asked for doctors to go down and Dr. Craig Hutchison, a conference in the States, was the

first of the local doctors to learn of the appeal.

His friend in Guelph and then his bachelor associate in Acton agreed to undertake the two week stint.

It wasn't Dr. van der Bent's first experience with a mission field. Before he came to Acton, he was a doctor in Algeria.

On Sunday, January 14, during the worst blizzard of the season, the doctors left Milton to fly to sunny Miami, from there to Panama City and from there to Lima, Peru.

With the abrupt change in climate the doctors prescribed for themselves regular medication. But they felt the uncomfortable effects of heat, dampness and high altitude none the less.

The climate fosters illness, and particularly fungus infections, parasites and dysentery. It was because the missionaries there had been suffering from so much illness that the regular medical checkups are now being required.

They stayed two days at Lima, to become somewhat acclimatized and to do a little sightseeing. Then they flew over the Andes in an unpressurized DC-4 at a height of 20,000 feet. Their destination was Pucallpa in the Amazon River basin. The missionaries of the South America Indian Mission were all attending a conference there, about 80 strong. They represented several denominations, particularly Baptist and Presbyterian. All the families were there together, and the doctors set up a busy clinic in a school.

The complete checkups include vaccinations, TB tests, blood tests and bringing shots up to date. Incipient trouble was located and treatment could begin. Near Pucallpa they visited the well-known Dr. Theodore Binder, a naturalized Peruvian, who runs the 28-bed Dr. Albert Schweitzer hospital.

The friendly Shipibo natives here are called the "people of the monkey." They shoot and spear fish and also hunt with bows. They eat monkey and wild pig, grow vegetables including corn and fruits. Their many ailments are not particularly due to lack of nutrition, the doctors found. Many of the Indians have tuberculosis and leprosy isn't uncommon.

A Wycliffe Bible base in Peru especially impressed Dr. van der Bent. The linguistic specialists are attempting to give written languages to 35 distinct Indian tribes.

After their work at the conference was done, they went on a small Presbyterian mission plane "Jungle Air" down the hot steamy Amazon basin to a large Indian school at the town of Chita Tipischa.

Of special interest was a side trip from Cuzco to Machu Picchu, the "lost city of the Incas" which was only discovered in 1911. It's estimated the Incas last lived there in 1533 - and part of the mystery of their departure is that only bones of women and children have been found.

Cuzco, the capital and sacred city of the Incas, is at an altitude of 11,500 feet, and from there tourists go by train 60 miles and then by bus by switchbacks up the mountainside to Machu Pic-

chu. The ruins of the once great city are breathtaking in many ways than one - their size and mystery, and their high altitude that makes breathing hard for newcomers.

Dr. van der Bent was very impressed by the many dedicated people working in Peru with the native people. Some are at nursing stations and many teach Mennonites from Pennsylvania specialize in helping with agriculture.

Peru has 12 million people, and two million of them are in Lima, the capital. The slums of Lima were the worst Dr. van der Bent has ever seen, including Africa. He noticed the extreme class consciousness there.

The doctors returned to Canadian cold and Canadian sickness after what Dr. van der Bent called a very worthwhile trip.

An excellent photographer, he had dozens of beautiful color slides ranging from aerial shots of the jungle to close-ups of gaudy native weaving.

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No supervision will be provided for winter users

Citizens are invited to use this Park, and your Board hopes that in the coming years, it will be possible to add other winter sports facilities, for your recreation and enjoyment.

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