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The Editor's Corner

HEALTH UNIT HAS A BIRTHDAY

On September 1st last year, Halton County Health Unit assumed the responsibility for safeguarding the public health of this county. Formation of the unit was made possible by the Provincial Department of Health which offered to pay half the cost of such units and Halton was one of the first counties to take advantage of the plan.

The first year of any new venture is usually one of planning and building for the future. In addition to the necessary groundwork, however, many concrete improvements are noticed and the unit has met with full cooperation from councils, school authorities and various private groups and individuals. The work of a health unit should be of help to all groups and classes in a community and should serve all age groups. A review of some of the unit's activities during the first year shows that this has been accomplished.

The nursing service is a generalized program aimed at reaching all groups in the community from pre-natal through infant, pre-school and school to adults. It includes general health supervision, clinics, school health, tuberculosis and venereal disease control. One index of the nurses' activity is the number of visits made to homes, which totalled 5351 last year. They made 1770 visits to schools and an attendance of 863 is noted at child health clinics.

Immunization is a valuable weapon in the control of communicable diseases. In the past year 1100 children have been successfully vaccinated as a protection against smallpox. By either original or reinforcing doses, 415 children have been protected against whooping cough, 3037 against diphtheria and 65 against tetanus. Regular clinics have made these services easily available in the towns and three visits were made to each rural school so that country children would have an equally good opportunity to obtain this protection.

With the cooperation of the Halton Christmas Seal Committee, regular monthly free chest x-ray clinics have been set up in Milton and Oakville and facilities in Guelph, Toronto and Hamilton are also used. A mass x-ray survey covered all towns last year (locally the Georgetown Lions Club sponsored this) and this fall it is planned to offer this service to rural areas by means of a mobile clinic.

In addition to the nursing services in the schools medical examinations were made available throughout the country. School medical officers visited 57 rural and nine town schools and carried out 1365 examinations. In the five high schools, 515 students were examined.

The activities of sanitary inspectors have been wide and varied, covering all aspects of sanitation, food control, communicable disease control, etc. Samples of milk and water for laboratory analysis, examination of eating utensils in restaurants, and glasses in beverage rooms, were included in this work. The new provincial legislation covering eating establishments and tourist camps involved a good deal of work in this phase of the health program.

NIGHT MUSIC

A friend has passed on this editorial from a recent issue of the Toronto Globe and Mail which will be particularly enjoyed by those who live a little closer to nature than city folk. We have always subscribed to the cricket theory along with hundreds of others, though just what scientific backing this might have we hesitate to say.

Through a million bedroom windows on these hot August nights comes a rhythmic sound which is music to some ears and annoyance to others. It is the reiterated chirp of a great host of small creatures, unseen and undiscoverable. In a truly astounding unison, they sing a trill which pianists have identified as D and D sharp two octaves above middle C. They maintain a constant beat of approximately two and a half chirps to the second, and they keep it up from dusk to dawn.

Who are the members of the unseen chorus or orchestra? To this question, addressed to oldsters with a knowledge of natural lore, answers of astonishing variety are given. "They're crickets," a majority say, and they make that sound by rubbing their back legs together, like sawing on a violin. It's their method of courtship. This romantic explanation seems reasonable enough until one recalls that every member of the choir, so far as one can judge, contributes his note at the end of the night. Does no cricket, wooing in the moonlight, ever persuade his love and retreat to peace and quietness? But the cricket theory is refuted by amateur naturalists. "That's the song of the tree toad," they say. "What are tree toads?" "They inhabit trees, and curiously enough, they have mortal eyes."

A third view, held by people with raised eyebrows and a certain pretension to learning, is that neither crickets nor tree toads but cicadas are responsible. Others say grasshoppers. It is all very mystifying to the citizen who doesn't understand music but knows what he likes. For him, if he is kept restlessly awake by the chorus, it may be noted that silence will fall on garden and shrubbery with the first cold night. If he happens to be soothed and lulled by the performance, he may rest content that the crickets, tree toads and grasshoppers will undoubtedly be back next summer.

Chatting... With Anne

It was nice seeing David Lawson raking leaves on the lawn and hearing him say he felt fit and well again.

We have a little new neighbour. A son for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Procyk. Congratulations, neighbours.

Bashed like old times to see Corporal Reg Reynolds back on the corner, but this time in holiday mood. Corporal Reynolds will spend three weeks with Mrs. Reynolds and the children.

When the Editor says, "try a classified in the Herald," he knows what he is talking about. It surely pays and pays and pays.

Something that was really very nice on our street was the wedding of Ruth Bradford and Claude Reid. The weather was perfect, the bride was lovely and everyone was in a happy mood. Ruth was a beautiful bride. No less charming was the bridemaid Eleanor Anthony. The wedding supper served at the home of bride's parents was a work of art. Under the capable management of Mrs. Anne Collins, everything went smoothly. You can be sure the food situation is going to be well in hand when Anne Collins is in charge. We wish you all the happiness in the world, Claude and Ruth.

On Saturday night the neighbourhood children were guests of Millie Armann at a corn and wicker roast. They all appeared to be having fun, the right kind of fun, when they are with Millie Armann.

We hope to see Audrey Sharpe soon home again after a tonallectomy in Toronto Hospital. Never like to hear of our friends being ill. Someone once said: "It is easy to speak well of your friends, you should speak well of your enemies, you made them enemies." Sounds like a good idea.

Maybe we should not be saying anything as yet, but judging from a peek we had at some materials for Darrell Dawson's wedding it is going to be a lovely affair, but how could it help but be with such a charming bride-to-be as Darrell. We just got around to discovering some new neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell. Welcome to our neighbourhood.

Down the street is a very nice new home being built for Ted and Marj Stigger and little daughter. It looks to be well worth the time and effort Ted has been putting into it, with help and advice from father George Stigger.

School started this week and the children all looked fresh and bright on Tuesday morning. It is rather a hectic day or so for the merchants who look after school supplies.

So for another week folks the best to you all.

Why do we see the black storm clouds?
 We have the sun.
 Why do we ponder over death,
 When life is just begun?
 Why do we see the blighted flower?
 Forgetting the live one?
 And count the faults of every friend.
 When they have none
 Greater than our own, and in the end
 Why do we always pretend?
 Why let our feelings clutch our sleeves
 And plainly show?
 Why frown when we can always smile
 To help our spirit grow?
 A happy thought can mend a wrong;
 It is a debt we owe
 To Christ, who marked the way
 for us
 Long years ago.
 Let's help to lift the world along
 By carolling a happy song.
 Anne

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FALL FAIR BABY SHOW HAS ADDED CLASSES
 There are to be three classes this year in the big Guthrie Baby Show at Georgetown Fair on September 18th, and also increased prize money for the prize baby. The three classes are under six months, six to twelve months, and twelve to eighteen months.

The directors hope that a tent may be secured this year in which to hold the baby show, but regardless of the place, the Guthrie baby show is expected to break all previous records.

There is no entry fee, so doll up the wee ones and put them in the show—they'll love it—and maybe you'll be the proud parent with the red ribbon.

LIMEHOUSE

Congratulations to Mr. R. P. Bourne who graduated from Ridley College last June, winning the Sir James Harris special scholarship for a student of that school, valued at \$180 cash plus free tuition of a total possible value of \$885. He plans to attend R.M.C. at Kingston this year. Results were just recently announced.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Campbell and Billie, and Mrs. Steplock and Mr. Danny Steplock all of Hamilton spent Sunday with the Nortons.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones and two little daughters Dixie and Gloria, to the village, having recently purchased the cottage formerly owned by the late D. M. Robertson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Archie McDonald on the arrival of a little daughter last Wednesday. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gordon whose new daughter arrived September 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown spent a week-end in Muskoka recently.

Mesdames E. Miller, Ellsby, Smethurst, Wright, F. Brown and Ruth Brown attended the Guelph Area W.I. convention last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Karn and Mr. Harold Karn spent the week-end at a brother's home in London.

Recent visitors include: Mr. and Mrs. Gebelin of Philadelphia with Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Williams.

Miss Frances Ellingham of Vancouver, B.C. with Miss Leona McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sinclair and family of Geraldton with the A. C. Pattersons.

Mrs. K. Y. Sutherland and son, Alan of London with the Jno. Lindseys, and A. W. Bentons.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipman, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shipman and Cynthia, of Oxford, Michigan, with the Wrights.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dobbie of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dobbie of Cleveland and Miss Connie Dobbie of Toronto with Mrs. Lane on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leonard of Coe Hill with the Milleres on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCreegy of St. Catharines with the Curries.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Magwood and children of Sussex, N.B., with the Fred Browns.

Mr. Alex Wright was home from Toronto last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pargater made a second inspection of the school children's gardens on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Millere and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Scratch motored to Niagara Falls on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Currie spent the week end at St. Catharines.

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