



HEALTH UNIT HOSTS LADIES-IN-WAITING

MOMS-TO-BE LISTEN as health nurse Mrs. Ann French conducts an instructional part of the pre-natal series of classes in Knox Church Hall. The current series concludes tonight, but a new one will start April 20th and run every Thursday evening until June 15th. The classes, offered by the Halton County Health Unit, and conducted here by Georgetown branch nurses, include exercises and information for the waiting moms. Listening here are Mrs. Michelle Leach, Mrs. Alberta Maines, Mrs. Sandi Langdon, Mrs. Lorna Michasiw, Mrs. Margaret Boettcher, Mrs. Sandra Chaisson and Mrs. Jean Sykes.

Condemns 'Hysteria' Says Rabies Not Serious Threat

Dr. H. J. Lambert, Peel County's medical officer of health, this week produced statistics indicating only a small percentage of animals found as rabid in the county, and condemned recent 'hysteria' over the problem.

At the same time, to cut down on the possibilities of a rabies outbreak, he called for a more comprehensive control of animals on the public and municipal levels.

"When you look at the number of rabies cases among domestic animals in the county compared with the total population of such animals the program is not that great," he said.

He said that in 1966, 17 animals were found with rabies in the county, including four cats and one dog. In 1965, only 12 rabid animals were found including one cat and two dogs. The figure decreased in 1964 to 11 with two cats and two dogs.

"So far in 1967," Dr. Lambert added, "four cats and one dog have been found rabid. These figures should indicate that the rabies uproar does not warrant the hysteria that it seems to draw from time to time."

Dr. Lambert suggested that all dogs be required to wear a collar showing if and when the dog was vaccinated.

"Any dog impounded which did not have the collar would not be released from the pound," he said.

Dr. Lambert stressed several

points which the public should be aware of.

"For a person to get rabies, the virus must get into the system by penetration."

"There are too many misconceptions about the transferring of rabies."

"Every person who gets bitten by a rabid animal will not necessarily get rabies."

He said that in the treatment of rabies the doctor must be

thoroughly informed of the circumstances surrounding any biting.

"Complete paralysis from taking the vaccine can result for long periods of time," he said.

He said that in wildlife that foxes and skunks seem to carry rabies in the species and the commonest cases of rabies occur in these animals.

"For the general public the rule should be to leave wildlife strictly alone," he added.

Scandinavian Foods are Studied by Ashgrove Girls

Seventeen members of the Ashgrove Centennial Cooks 4-H Homemaking Club answered the roll call at the sixth meeting held at the home of Doreen Harrop, on Saturday, April 1st. In the absence of the president, Mary McGee, the vice president, Jean Wilson conducted the business.

The girls had obviously enjoyed their home assignment when they visited various food stores checking on the many variety of breads and cheeses that are available.

They discussed their Achievement Day skit: "A Party with a Foreign Flair," and a committee of girls took the suggestions aside and came up with some very concrete ideas on how to present it. Meanwhile further arrangements were made for the Centennial Fair, their final club party.

The study of Scandinavian and Finnish foods and customs was most interesting. They recalled that the smorgasbord type meal is Swedish in origin, and learned that smorgasbord are substantially open-faced sandwiches enjoyed in Denmark. Fruit soups are another food custom of these countries and everyone enjoyed the rhubarb soup made by Kathleen Kiteley.

Doreen Harrop made cabbage rolls, a dish considered quite special in Europe, and Thelma Carney tossed a sweet and sour red cabbage salad, which is a Baltic favorite. Both of these dishes turned out quite colourful and tasty. Beth Laidlaw completed the meal with a characteristic Scandinavian dessert — apple sauce, interspersed with sweet crisp buttery crumbs and topped with whipped cream and jelly. A sampling period concluded the meeting.

GEORGETOWN TO BE PART OF FOUR TOWN AMBULANCE CO-OP

A four town ambulance cooperative which would pool the ambulance resources of Georgetown, Guelph, Burlington, and Oakville is almost a reality.

"All we want now is for the two ambulance services covering the north end of the county — Georgetown and Guelph, to extend their areas farther south," the man behind the co-op idea Murray MacBeth of Alexander Ambulance, Oakville, commented: "If every one takes an equal area we can cover the county very, very simply," he said.

Right now Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service is awaiting a new vehicle, and are held up because they haven't yet got the 50 per cent subsidy.

"But the minute the four of us can get together, we'll be rolling," said Mr. MacBeth.

"I've approached Dan Scarborough, chief of Georgetown's service, Ray Paine of Green's Ambulance, Burlington, and Mrs. Bogue of Royal City Ambulance, Guelph, and everyone's in agreement," Mr. MacBeth noted.

He said if there ever is an emergency of great consequence, either aircraft or train, the ambulance services could pool their resources and still have the towns covered.

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Seek Nurses' Settlement End Long Standing Dispute

A new move to settle the Halton county public health nurses' dispute with area Board of Health, was almost balked at county council meeting.

Several members objected to a new two-man negotiating committee proposal from the Personnel Committee.

The committee recommended the inclusion of only personnel consultant, Robert Rae, and county solicitor William Sharpe.

Burlington deputy reeve Frank Rogers disputed the move, and said at least one elected representative of the county should act on the special committee.

WARNS COUNCIL

"It would be the sorriest thing we would ever do if this amendment goes through," he commented.

Milton Reeve Austan Ledwith said a representative of the Board of Health ought to be present at all meetings, too.

The personnel committee suggested the two-man negotiating body could afterwards report to the committee which would report to council as a whole during the settlement discussions.

"It would take months and months," said Esquering Reeve George Currie.

Instead, a committee was formed of the chairman of personnel and board of health, Mr. Rae, Mr. Sharpe and Warden William Coulter.

WANTS ACTION

Warden Coulter appealed for

swift action to gain a settlement.

The public health nurses at the Halton County Health Unit achieved recognition as a collective bargaining agency by The Ontario Labor Relations Board two weeks ago. They are seeking to re-open negotiations on an employment contract with Board of Health.

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The Campaign - for - Funds chairman of the Local Cancer Society, Mr. Ray Howson, with the president Mr. Alex Berzish, held a meeting with their captains from Georgetown and District (Action) on Wednesday evening, March 29th, in Cedarvale Centennial Building.

Mr. Berzish welcomed the large attendance and introduced the two guest speakers, Provincial Chairman, Mr. Gary, and District Campaign Chairman Mr. Giesler, Oakville. Mr. Gary spoke from information contained in a very progressive report from the Princess Margaret Hospital which stressed the great need of the Society, for more research to fight this dread disease and for money to assist those in need of treatment. In his opening remarks he expressed his thanks to the captains and canvassers for the excellent job they had done in the 1966 Campaign under the leadership of Mr. Reg Broomhead and said he was certain that the 1967 total would be no less impressive.

Mr. Howson spoke to the captains and canvassers regarding their work ahead of them and expressed his confidence in them, and in the people of Georgetown to help this cause. The educational movie (which can be shown at any club or organization by just requesting it from the society) "The Millionaire Club", was shown. This movie was made in Hollywood by professionals and has been very warmly received. Before concluding with refreshments there was a lively discussion of future plans and activities of the Society.

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