

Five New Babies Add Holiday Joy in Halton

Newly adopted babies will be adding a new excitement to the homes of five Halton couples some time this month — a merry Christmas present arranged through a cooperative understanding between Halton Children's Aid Society and the C.A.S. groups in many larger centres in Ontario.

On Thursday, five babies, ranging from newborns about ten days old to one four months of age, arrived en masse in the Halton C.A.S. headquarters. It was, in the words of one staff member, "organized bedlam" for a couple of hours but the staff weathered the storm quite well.

A few even offered to "take home one" or two of the cute wee infants.

"Operation Adoption" began in London that morning and reached its climax about noon when the five homeless waifs and three London C.A.S. case-workers arrived at Milton in a large rented, chauffeur-driven limousine. Later that day they left for foster parents homes around the county, where after a short stay they will probably be placed in adoptive homes in time for Christmas.

The mass transfer from London to Milton was an emergency situation, but Halton C.A.S. officials felt the project warranted some publicity as it exemplified the spirit of co-operation that exists between C.A.S. agencies around the province.

"London C.A.S. was desperate, we got a call for assistance a week ago," explained Dr. Gordon K. Askwith, Halton C.A.S. director. Unmarried mothers, he pointed out, flocked to the larger centres when their babies are due, and the city Children's Aid Societies have a problem in completing adoptions for such a large influx of newborns.

In such cases, the city agencies put out a distress signal to the counties where the birth rates are lower, but adoptive parents have to stay on a waiting list.

"This has all been a bit of a panic, but London was desperate," Dr. Askwith explained. "So we said send them down here, we can place them."

Adoptive parents like to do obtain their adopted children as soon as possible after birth, so the five who arrived from London Thursday shouldn't have any trouble finding good homes with loving parents. Most prefer to adopt a child at three to six weeks of age.

Right now the Halton Society has 35 foster parents' homes available to take in children for short periods of time until the right adoptive parents can be found. C.A.S. workers help select the right child for the right home.

Last year, Halton Children's Aid completed 74 adoptions. And 59 per cent of all the children classed as 'in care of the

C.A.S. in Halton were adopted and living in adoptive homes.

"We have a good inter-agency system," the director said. Halton often helps large urban centres with adoptions because of the county's high density of middle-class homes with young couples who, for personal or health reasons, wish to adopt a child.

Thursday's project just had to be a big success, according to chauffeur George LaHive of London, who drove the big nine-passenger limousine to Milton. "There wasn't a squawk from them all the way down."

London C.A.S. staffer Mrs. Arlene Nobbs, who with Mrs. Pam Mingo and Mrs. Doreen Peters accompanied the infants on the trip, reported just one casualty — a dirty diaper that had to be changed en route.

Mississauga New Name For Town of 105,000

Toronto Township voters have overwhelmingly chosen Mississauga as the name for their new town which will become the largest in Canada on January 1st, but the Post Office Department refuses to recognize it.

By a 7,400 vote majority Saturday residents picked Mississauga over Sheridan, the only names on the ballot for the new town which, with its 103 square miles and population of 105,000 will be the largest in the nation.

Reeve Charles Murray said the Post Office Department has refused to recognize the new town and plans to carry on with the existing postal districts of Port Credit, Cooksville, Clarkson, Milton and Brampton. The township has submitted a proposal of the town name and seven numbered postal districts. The new council's first fight

will be to gain post office recognition for the new town.

The township sought the change in name and status to eliminate existing confusion with its neighbour the City of Toronto, and the confusion within the municipality itself caused by the multiple postal districts and communities which had no relation to the township. Some township residents now have Port Credit addresses and telephone numbers while others are listed under Milton, Brampton, and Clarkson. Under the existing system the township never had its own identity.

In addition to picking the new name, the electors chose five new members for the town's 10-man council. Incumbent Councillors Frank Webb, A. A. Frayne and Thomas Dale were defeated, losing to Louis Parsons, Mrs. Catherine Killaby

Fine, Licence Suspension Follows Traffic Violation

A Georgetown father of eight received a \$250 fine and a 12 month licence suspension in magistrate's court Wednesday after his counsel said it would be unjust to penalize the man's family for his dangerous driving.

Crown evidence showed the man roared into Acton at 90 mph on October 20 and slammed into another car driven by Ann McConnell who suffered fractured ribs and serious internal injuries.

After the accident, which wrecked the McConnell car, the accused turned around, cut across a lawn, hit a tree, got out of his car and left the scene.

Volkswagen Demand Up November Sales Show

Customer demand for Volkswagen's new 1968 models has boosted November sales in Canada to 3,240 vehicles, an increase of 19.2 per cent over November, 1966.

For the first three months of the new model year, 10,429 vehicles were sold, an increase of 19 per cent over the figures of 8,764 for September, October and November last year, and a new record for the first three month period of a new model year since the company started business in Canada in 1952. A total of 30,313 Volkswagens have been sold in Canada from January through November, an increase of 10.5 per cent over last year's sales of 27,437 for the same period.

and John Kehoe. Grant Clarkson was acclaimed Ward 4 Cr. and Harold Kennedy won the Ward 1 seat. Ronald Searle won acclamation in Ward 7.

Robert Speck, who is recuperating in a hospital from a heart attack, was acclaimed first mayor of the new town and Charles Murray won acclamation as Reeve.

A Student Speaks

Learning, Training Two Different Education Goals

by David Braney

This week I would like to develop more explicitly what I believe the aims of the organized learning process should be. First, however, I would like to define the two parts of the learning process — education and training.

Training can be defined as any part of the learning process which has as its aim the provision of skills necessary for one particular type of job classification. It might also be defined as learning with the obtaining of a job as a goal.

Education, then, is any part of the learning process, education and training, are defined in terms of motivation and goal. These definitions enable us to divide secondary school education into two categories — training and training-education.

It has become trite to complain that we live in a materialistic society, but nevertheless it is true. It is most unfortunate that the school system is now in a position which reinforces this trend in society. As long as our school system is job oriented, then the circle of schools producing people for the business world, and the business world influencing schools, will continue.

The basic purpose of schools should be education. The system is not now, and never was intended to produce prepackaged individuals whose dimensions of knowledge are exactly those of some slot in society.

The first though admittedly not the only, purpose of learning is to bring the individual to such a state that he is able to think and gain knowledge in his own way and for himself.

If this is done, society will not need to try to see so specifically to an individual's material needs. He will not need to be trained specifically for a job in order that he will be able to look after himself physically.

A person whose learning has taught him to think before it has trained him to do, will, of necessity, do better. The reduction of this argument to its basics is this, a computer operator is a better operator if he is more than just an operator. He must be a thinking human being first and foremost.

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