

Welcomes Full Time Nurses Plan in Secondary Schools

The plan to hire qualified registered nurses to serve full time in Halton County secondary schools has been welcomed by Dr. L.M. Stuart, county medical officer of health.

The head of the Halton County Health unit this week said he is in complete agreement with the board of Education policy adopted last Thursday.

"Splendid idea" he said.

At present, only half the 12 high schools in the county have full time nurses; the rest receive health service from part-time nurses from the health unit.

Burlington and Georgetown high schools are the only ones which have full time nurses. The four Oakville schools, Mil-

ton District High and Acton district high school have got by on part time nursing help.

Health Unit

"The health unit staff, however, was never meant to give assistance to students injured by machines or render first aid and bandages to injured students" said Dr. Stuart.

"Its role is to help provide overall assistance on health status, and problems of students. Our staff will continue to conduct such programs as immunization and testing of hearing and vision" said Dr. Stuart forecasting no duplication or conflict when the health unit nurses continue to visit the schools part time after September.

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The Halton County education board policy approved the hiring of registered nurses, to be called health attendants, on a 10-month basis for each secondary school with more than 1,000 students or which provide technical training.

Other secondary schools will hire nurses to serve five half-days a week. Come September, only Acton will be without a full time nurse.

School Nurses

The subject of public health supervision of school nursing has long been a contentious issue between school boards and public health units.

Under provincial statutes, public health boards receive grants for supplying nurses in schools but school boards do not. They also have a preserve on the name "nurse".

Although the school-employed nurses are registered, they are called "health attendants" to avoid conflict.

Under Age, Fine Hamilton Youth

A Hamilton youth was fined \$150 for drinking under age when he appeared in provincial judge's court last week.

He pleaded guilty to drinking under age after he was arrested in Georgetown on April 3, a second charge of possession of liquor in a place other than residence was dismissed by the Crown.

Ten New Members Join Beta Sigma

Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a candlelight ritual of jewels ceremony at Terra Cotta Inn for 10 new members Wednesday, April 30.

Welcomed into the chapter were Mary Ellen Bridge, Norma Carlisle, Jeannine Ellis, Joan McDonald, Lorene Morwick, Vicki Owen, Cynthia Partridge, Helen MacLachlan, Terry Richards and Iris Usher.

The ritual was held in conjunction with the organization's International Founder's Day, with a special message from the founder Walter W. Ross and also the president, Mrs. Mary Ann Corbett.

A farewell gift was presented to retiring vice president Mrs. Jean Pennock who is moving to Oakville and Mrs. Dianne Tarr, retiring corresponding secretary who is moving to Guelph.

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Taking a breather before completing the Oxfam route are Mary Wilcox and Mary Ellen Alexander.



Some walkers rest at the Sacred Heart checkpoint on Guelph Street while others plod up the hill, their journey less than half finished.



Georgetown's dean of pedestrians, 81 year old Charles Burns, Burns, gets his sheet initialed by a checkpoint worker. He walked the route in nine hours.



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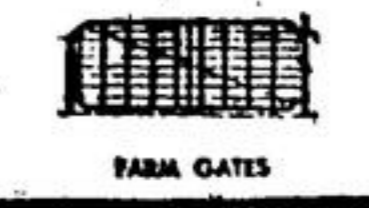
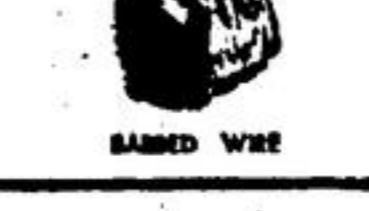


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