

No fluoride clinics next summer unless there's better response

Unless there is a better response for the last two self-applied fluoride clinics, the Dental division of the Halton County Health Unit will not repeat clinics in Acton next year.

"We expected a better response," said dental hygienist Mrs. M. Ludzik, who runs the clinics each Thursday at the M. Z. Bennett school.

Mrs. Ludzik said approximately 24 children had been treated with the specially formulated toothpaste up until last week's clinic but the Health Unit felt they had only reached one quarter of those from the ages of four to 12 years who were in need of treatment.

Clinics start at 9.15 a.m. and continue through the day by appointment. Parents may make appointments for the last two clinics—one this week and another at the end of August by phoning the Georgetown office of the Halton County Health Unit. Phone number is 877-2238.

What are the advantages of having children's teeth treated with the paste which has a high concentration of fluoride?

First of all, explained Mrs. Ludzik, "we can do a group of children with a minimum use of time since they apply the paste themselves under supervision. But the biggest benefit is the fact that children treated once a year have from 30 to 50 per cent less cavities."

She used the armed forces base at Camp Borden to illustrate her case. They used to employ about 5 dentists to look after teeth

on the base. Now after fluoride treatment only three dentists are needed to handle teeth problems.

The self-applied method of brushing teeth is free and takes only a few minutes. The correct procedure for brushing teeth is

also demonstrated and children are given a tooth brush free to take home and use. Teeth are also examined and parents advised if the children should see a dentist.

Mrs. Ludzik tells the children, surprisingly, that candy will not hurt their teeth



DENTAL HYGIENIST Mrs. M. Ludzik demonstrates the proper way to clean teeth for a class at a fluoride clinic at the M. Z. Bennett school.

Staff Photo

provided they brush immediately after eating. Gum is forbidden, however, unless it is unsweetened.

Most children respond easily to the treatment but a few balk at cleaning their teeth in a group even when it is self applied. Mrs. Ludzik, who hails from Guelph, or her assistant Cindy Scott of Georgetown, help reluctant tooth brushers.

Mrs. Ludzik affirmed that the water in Acton does not have the required amount of fluoride to prevent dental caries. She said the clinic's methods were the second best method of preventing tooth decay. The Health Unit would like to make the clinics an annual affair but if response does not improve she felt there was no way to justify carrying them on.

There are approximately 500 children from 4-12 years in Acton who could benefit from the treatments, she said. She was unable to understand why most had not taken advantage of the clinics. The Health Unit has been criticized in the past for neglecting the Acton area and they have made an effort to set up the clinics in Acton.

Earlier in the year, council members took exception to statements attributed to Dr. Green of the Health Unit asserting the teeth of children in the North Halton area were poorer than in the southern part of the province.

Subsequent discussions between Dr. Green and Acton officials were responsible for a better arrangement for children in the north.

CBC shoots battle scene in district gravel pit

The topography of an old gravel pit on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya was perfect, so CBC chose the spot for filming of their latest half hour feature drama "The Salient". Director of the film is Peter Carter, producer David Peddy.

Trenches and fox-holes were the setting for this World War I Battle of Passchendale in France, 1917. The story evolves around the life of one young soldier who has grown to manhood, taught only to look out for and protect himself. During his many months of combat he befriends other soldiers and at the climax of the film, falls on a grenade to save his buddies.

82 in cast
The cast was made up of 82 people; the two lead stars being Tim Henry and Donnelly Rhodes. The entire film was shot on location from Saturday to Wednesday last week. Assistant director was Lyman Gifford.

The old gravel pit was located on the east side of Sixth Line just south of the Heavy Equipment School.

Many of the actors played French or German soldiers. The glamor usually attached to drama, actors and actresses isn't nearly as apparent on the scene as it is with the public image. While people in other occupations stripped off all the clothing they might to avoid the heat, the actors wore heavy army uniforms to create the authenticity of the drama.

Takes plunge
Only one man had what appeared to be a refreshing role. A stunt man who plunged to his death in the murky waters on the battle scene at least had the opportunity to cool off. But the water wasn't exactly suitable for bathing — it was muddy. Time after time, "Frenchy" threw his final grenade and then dropped to his death in the water.

"That was great French, real good," the director said in an encouraging voice. Then he asked him to take the plunge just one more time, and then just one more time after that, in an attempt to reach perfection.

Will Fournier, Administrator of the Manpower School said Sheridan worked about two days on the land building trenches, ravines and dug-outs in order to create an authentic battlefield scene.

Stayed on site
Many of the cast and crew members came by bus every day to the Heavy Equipment School site, while others stayed in campers and tents during the film production.

Professional actor Evann Lewis, appearing in his first war movie, said he was not accustomed to wading around in the mud and falling into waist-length

pools of murky water. However, he said after the first day of filming he really felt he was in the army fighting it out with the

Germans and that Sheridan was the actual battlefield.

The first two days were spent filming in the trench; the third

day in the dug-out and the last two days were spent developing personalities of the principal characters.

Authentic outfits

Costuming was a large undertaking for the wardrobe crew said one CBC official. Each man was clothed in an army brown uniform, helmet and carried a rifle, canteen, ammunition box, hand grenade, water bottle and gas mask. The wardrobe

department had to make certain each soldier dressed the same in every scene.

The makeup girls applied stage blood, complete with maggots, and bandages on the wounded soldiers while men working on special effects kept busy planting bombs in strategic positions on the battlefield.

"The Salient" will be premiered this fall on CBC.



DOWN HE GOES AGAIN. John Berger, a stunt man with CBC took dive after dive last week until he would convince TV viewers that he had been blown up. CBC chose an old quarry pit near Sheridan College's Heavy Equipment School on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya for the war scene, part of a movie to be seen on TV soon.—(Staff Photo)

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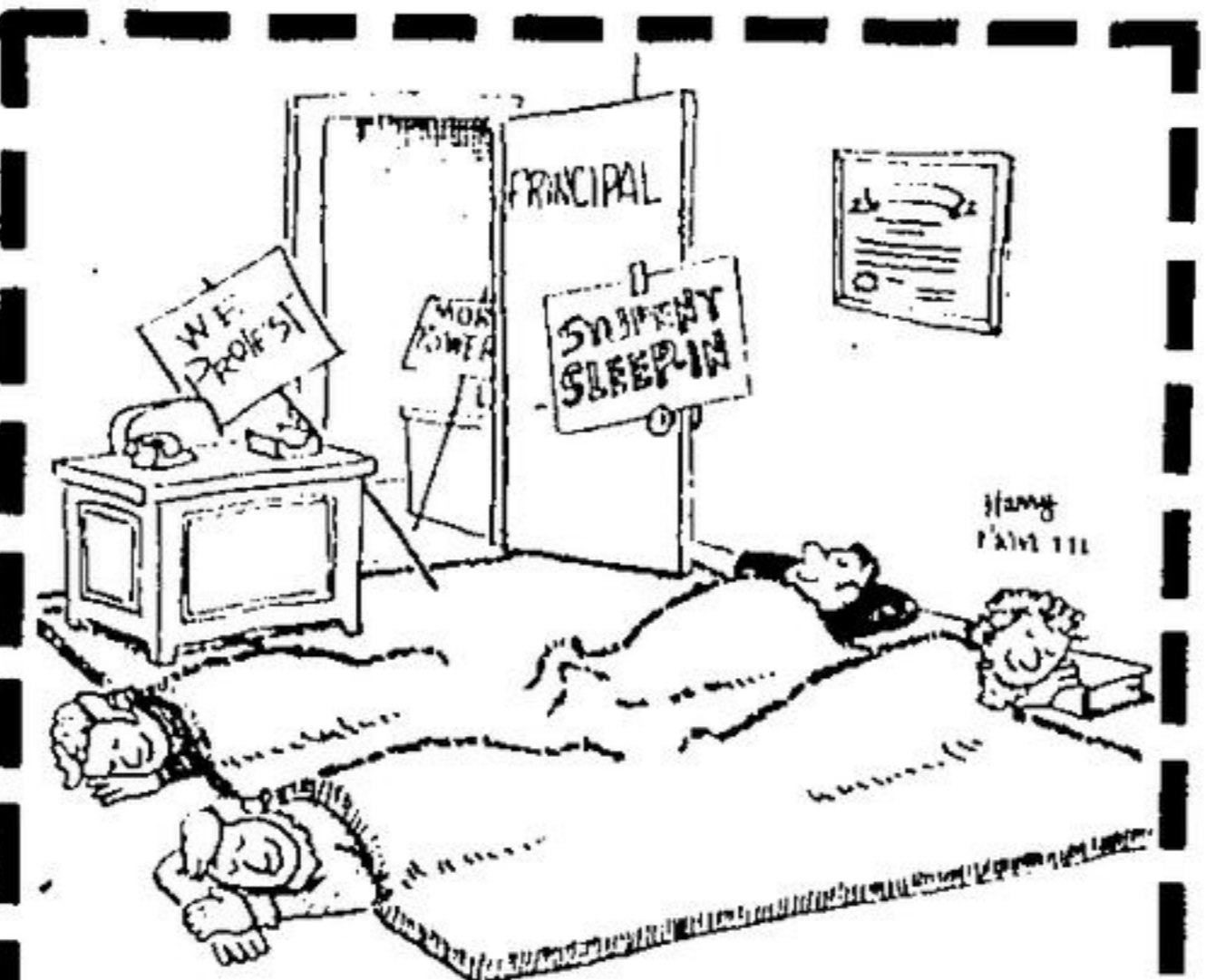
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Laborer killed at Scotch Block

A Galt laborer was killed Friday afternoon at the site of the Scotch Block dam on Highway 25 near Speyside, when he was run over by a large earth scraper.

Antonio Resendes, 38, of 153 Beverley St. in Galt was dead before an ambulance could rush him to hospital. Milton OPP investigated and said one of the earth moving machines at work on the site backed up a hill and pinned the man.

Coroner Dr. Ivan Hunter of Milton conducted a post mortem at Milton District Hospital. Const. Carmen Wright investigated.

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