

NEWS of the district

Fergus hepatitis

FERGUS—The death of a Fergus young man, Allan Sayyeas, from what was diagnosed as hepatitis, has dramatized a slight outbreak of the disease in Fergus and Elora.

Dr. B. T. Dale, MOH for Wellington county, says he has heard of seven other cases, six in Elora and one in Fergus, but most of these patients are children. He stressed that parents should not become alarmed, the disease has a very low mortality rate and, in fact, in many cases the patient stays on his feet and does not know he has the disease.

He explains that hepatitis seems to go in cycles, then die out for a while. There is no inoculation against it and it is a very difficult disease to control. It is generally recognized as a virus disease but there is less than perfect knowledge of the way it is spread.

Dr. Dale has issued a statement which he hopes will help people to recognize hepatitis and take steps to avoid infection.

About 30 days after exposure to infection, the clinical symptoms start and may be of varying degree. Usually the earliest indication may be dislike of fatty foods, malaise, loss of appetite, abdominal discomfort, nausea, vomiting, headache, weakness and fever.

Symptoms such as this may last five to seven days—sometimes as long as three weeks. Jaundice develops in the meantime and lasts for ten to fifteen weeks. With intense jaundice, vomiting, nausea, heartburn and pruritus (itching) may be also pronounced. It is usually a mild disease with a very low fatality rate.

Infection hepatitis or jaundice is recognized to be a virus disease, but its mode of spread is imperfectly understood.

Practical measures for the control of infectious hepatitis are as follows:

Toilet and wash facilities: Cleanse daily toilet seats, flush handles, toilet door knobs and all hand basins including faucet handles and drinking fountains with chlorine solution.

Ablution requirements: Thorough washing of hands in soapy solution before leaving toilet area and before all meals.

Personal hygiene: Avoid biting lead pencils, nails, etc.,

Laundry facilities: Frequent laundering of underclothes with hot water and soap.

Limit snowmobiles

GEORGETOWN—After months of debate Georgetown council gave third reading to the snowmobile by-law. The snowmobiles will be allowed to go through Cedarvale in the area of the old sewage disposal plant, but cannot deviate into other areas of the park or use any other Georgetown park.

Recreation Director Doug Collison reported to council that the Georgetown Snowmobile Club wanted an access through Cedarvale to cross Main Street south to the old sewage plant. He pointed out this was part of a system of trails from Highway 401 through Huttonville, Silver Creek and up to Terra Cotta. Collison said Robert Lane had given permission for the snowmobiles to cross his property.

Council agreed with the report, but Cr. Ernie Sykes stressed that the long hold up had been due to some members of council wanting the actual trail spelled out in the by-law. "While I'm not opposed to this, we could have passed the same thing two or three council meetings ago," he commented.

"We've kicked this by-law around for over a year" said deputy reeve Art Speight, "if we find anything wrong with it, we can always amend it," he added.

The recreation director's report stressed that access through Cedarvale was the only requirement made by the Georgetown Snowmobile Club.

He pointed out that the Club had put a great deal of effort into making it a responsible and safety conscious group, and that the trails they have outlined would take them out of town into the rural areas.

Summing up the mayor said he felt this was the right solution. "We've had complaints about snowmobiles in every park, now they will be in the areas most suitable for the sport."

The by-law bans operation of snowmobiles in town between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. and at all times on Guelph and Main Streets, except to make a crossing.

The vehicles cannot be used on school grounds where the town has established skating rinks. They cannot be used on median strips, sidewalks or boulevards.

No one under age 16 can operate a snowmobile, except on private property with the owner's permission.

A penalty of \$10 for the first offence, and \$50 for each subsequent offence is provided.

Second wolf hit

GEORGETOWN—For the second time in a week a Georgetown man has hit a wolf with his car.

John White of Georgetown will get \$25 bounty money for hitting a wolf which ran in front of his car as he drove along Derry Road after leaving his supervisor's job at Douglas Aircraft in Milton.

The 40 pound brush wolf was crossing the road just east of Highway 10.

One week earlier, another Georgetown motorist hit a wolf near the entrance to the Georgetown Market.

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Establish new fund

The Grand Lodge of Canada has established a fund known as "The Ulster Appeal Fund" to aid those in distress in Ulster. There are six Orange Lodges in the Halton County L.O.I. jurisdiction.

Lodges in Hornby, Carlisle, Acton, Georgetown and Stewartstown have all responded generously to the appeal and spokesman for the group William Milligan said he hoped more would be interested in the appeal.

Those interested should contact William Milligan at 235 Cherry Hill Rd. in Oakville or Percy Hall in Milton.



May all the peace, happiness and blessings of this holy season be bestowed upon you and yours. A very Merry Christmas to one and all.

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SANTA VISITED the Second Acton Guide Company and girls ringed round their visitor for this group portrait. The girls have been carol singing and making toys as Christmas projects.

Enrolment, Santa for Guide Company

The Second Acton Guide Company held an enrolment and Christmas party to entertain their parents Monday, December 13. Santa Claus was present and the girls exchanged gifts.

Guides enrolled were Lorrie Jones, Jeanne Griffin, Monika Heptner, Michelle Fields, Cheryl Shubert, Audrey DeVries and Karen Paton.

Dianne Buckman and Becky Baxter received their challenge emblem and were invested as patrol leaders.

Friend to Handicapped badges and B.P. emblems were given to Dianne Buckman, Erika Heptner, Carol Grant, Becky Baxter and Pat Jordan.

A hostess badge was presented to Marie Jordan, a Little House Emblem to Pat Jordan, Team

Sport to Carol Jordan and Baker and Toymakers to Pat Jordan.

Yule events
On Monday the girls went carol singing at Kelly's Nursing Home and took along gifts they had made for the residents.

The Guides have made stuffed animals for handicapped children and doll furniture for the Cancer Society.

Plan delegation to OPA meeting

By Henry J. Stanley

The Halton Plowmen's Association met at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Hornby on Monday evening, Dec. 13 for their annual meeting and banquet. A film was shown of the 1963 International Plowing Match held at Caledon, followed by a film on wildlife. Special guests were Mary Anderson, Halton Furrow Queen and Len Jefferson of Fergus, a director on the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

The ladies then played cards while the annual meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association was conducted. Ross Segsworth, chairman of the local committee of the 1974 International Plowing Match reported that sufficient

land had been obtained for the match in the Georgetown area. Over 600 acres is required for the tented city, plowing and parking.

Plan delegation
A large delegation from Halton County will be attending the Ontario Plowmen's Association annual meeting in Toronto on Feb. 22 to advertise the 1974 match. Directors chosen to the O.P.A. annual from Halton are Bill Rayner, Spencer Wilson, Ross Segsworth and Lloyd Stokes. The secretary-treasurer of the Halton club, Jack Taylor, is the current President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Officers and directors of the Halton Club for 1972 are as follows:

OFFICERS
Past president is Frank Peacock, 14 Barton St., Milton, president is William Rayner, Milton, first vice-president is Spencer Wilson, Norval, 2nd vice-president is Lloyd Stokes, Campbellville and secretary-treasurer is Jack Taylor, 1309 Appleby Lane, Burlington.

DIRECTORS
Esquesing: Clifford Wrigglesworth, Georgetown; Fred Nurse of Georgetown, Bert Robertson of Acton, and Ed Wilkinson of Georgetown.

Oakville: Lee Wilkinson of Milton, Jack Marchmont of Hornby, Lloyd Pickering of Oakville, and Harold Biggar of Oakville.

Burlington: Sherwood Hume of 141 Bell St. Milton, John Breckon of Burlington, and Gordon Thompson of Milton.

Nassagaweya: George Swann of 50 Court St. Milton, Claude Inglis of Campbellville and Lloyd Chisholm of Milton.

Associate directors include Bryan Marshall of Milton, Dwight May of Hornby, Larry Pickett of Georgetown, Jim Lovock of 4182 Sixth Line, Oakville, Don Brander of Norval, Keith Merry of Hornby and John Wilson of Norval.

Honorary directors include J. C. Marshall of Milton, Stanley May of Hornby, Claude F. Pickett of Georgetown, Ross Segsworth of Campbellville, Lloyd May of Milton, George Readhead of Milton, J. C. Cunningham of Georgetown, Roy Currie of 159 Wakefield Road, Milton and Henry Stanley of O.D.A.F., 181 Main St., Milton.

O.P.A. representative is J. H. Taylor and Halton farm safety council representative is Sherwood Hume.

W.I. holds special Christmas meeting

The Nassagaweya Women's Institute held their Christmas meeting in Brookville Hall Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. with almost all members present and some visitors. The president, Mrs. Truman, conducted the meeting, opening with a poem, followed by the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call was a white gift, and a gift for the secret partner of the year. There were several matters of business dealt with, among others, a donation to be sent to the Salvation Army and a committee appointed to look after the purchase of material for a Valentine quilt. Mrs. Andrew was named representative at the Royal York conference in February.

Present program
The program conveners, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. McLaren presented a program of appropriate readings and carols.

The group was given song sheets and the old familiar carols rang out. Mrs. Beryl Clegg favored the audience with a solo, The First Noel.

A beautiful Christmas tree adorned the platform, on which were presents for all. The children each got a gift and a balloon and the members received a gift from their silent partner.

A long table down the centre of the hall was laid with Christmas tablecloths, serviettes and candles, making a festive scene. Added to the scene was a tasty lunch put on by the lunch committee and helpers. The Queen and W. I. grace were sung.

Mrs. Roberts thanked those who had made such an effort to make the Christmas party an enjoyable event.



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