

Health nurses . . .

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whom children could be referred, for instance, and they must be referred to Brampton, Guelph, Hamilton or Toronto.

Often, because of the lack of help, there is no follow up on cases which need help. This helps to build up a load of frustration for the nurses.

With adequate staff, she says, it could be a real challenge to stay in North Halton. Lack of

helping resources forces her to become more resourceful and initiate community groups.

"In my job it would be much easier to go elsewhere," says Miss Davey, but she feels there is a challenge here and an opportunity to try and improve the service.

They both feel there has been much talk about improving North Halton's inadequate health services and it is now time there was some action.

Differences exist twixt north, south

There are specific differences between the treatment of the north and south, despite assurances by health officials, Mrs. Sweetman states, with observations based on her own experience. Below she lists some of the comparisons she has noted that have contributed to unhappiness among public health nurses:

Georgetown office has one "girl Friday" to do receptionist work, clerical work for P.H.N.'s, answer phone calls, etc. The south has an extremely good clerical system using tape recorders which has just been started in the Georgetown office.

The south has a system of team nursing, one of the new programs which are introduced there first. There was no way they could have set up this pilot project in the north.

The south has programs for parents of pre-schoolers, has time and facilities for more in-service education, for example Burlington has a psychiatrist who meets with the P.H.N.'s to discuss cases and help with ongoing education.

The south has better supervision and hence help for new public health nurses.

Personnel in the south are allowed half day per month for research (library reading), preparing for prenatal or other community health teaching. There is no time in the north.

Nurses are able to follow maternal and child health programs as they are set up in the south, entailing visiting each new mother and following through pre-school years. In the north it is impossible to visit every new mother "and ridiculous to think in terms of preventive nursing in pre-school years."

There are no pre-natal classes in Acton, they are on again-off again in Milton and Georgetown. Recently the Health Unit has hired someone to do pre-natal classes in Georgetown.

The south is mainly urban. Therefore there are more helping agencies—for example meals on wheels, big brother and sister organizations, friendly visiting for shut-ins, addiction services, etc. In the north, the public health nurse handles many functions that would be handled by volunteer agencies in the south.

Nurses in the south can make more visits in one day because population is centralized while the northern nurse often must travel many miles between visits. In theory, the nurse must assess priorities and make visits in a particular area, but in practice a panic call could come from Norval and the next one could require a visit near Milton. A nurse's district in the south is compact and she can travel from one end to the other in 15 minutes.

Esquering hasn't really had a regular public health nurse since 1965. Esquering schools are used to managing without health services and secretaries, teachers and even janitors assume responsibilities well beyond their level of competence in the health field. Because of the difference in urban and rural areas, there should be a better ratio of nurses in the north. The north also seems to be getting the short end of the stick in the proposed home care program, although the need is more urgent in the north because of the lack of volunteer services and people are more isolated in rural areas.

More help is needed in North Halton schools in remedial reading, school social workers should be more available, enrichment classes, etc., which would all make less work for the nurse. There is only one psychologist for all of North Halton.

All in all the system favors the more urbanized south while the north of the county takes the crumbs off the health table.

Snowblower blows heat

A comment by Councillor Bill Coats that he's disappointed Acton's snowblower isn't getting more use sparked a brief but heated discussion among councillors at Tuesday's regular meeting.

"What do you want—your name in the paper?" asked Councillor Jack Greer. "We haven't had the snow to use it. You've had this answer before at committee."

Need conditions Mayor Les Doby said he'd like to see councillors be a little more constructive and less critical.

"We must have the right conditions, before we can use that machine," the mayor explained. "Cars must be right off the streets so that the machine can keep moving straight ahead."

Councillor Peter Marks said he thought Coats' comment on the snowblower had been very constructive.

"If we're having this problem with cars, why don't we consider setting up emergency snow routes after a storm," he suggested.

"I'm happy that it isn't being used, really," Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie quipped.

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SUPERB ARTISTRY of the Czech string quartet was heard by a small audience in the library Friday. Members of the ensemble are, from the front clockwise, Rudolph Kalup first violin, Anton Matasovsky second violin, Zoenor Konicek cello and Jaroslav Karlovsky viola. They played Schubert, Bartok and Dvorak quartets. —(Staff Photo)

Czech quartet delights disappointing crowd Fri.

To sit so close to world-famous artists was a thrill for 30 people who heard the Czech String Quartet Friday evening.

Numbers were distressingly few, but those who attended found the experience delightful beyond their expectations. The intimacy of the downstairs library room proved perfect for the program — three string quartets, by Schubert, Bartok and Dvorak.

Radio personality
The quartets were intriguingly introduced by Richard Gale, host of music programs on Hamilton radio station CKDS-FM. He was making one of his rare personal appearances Friday to add to the program here.

The four string performers from Prague fled in 1968 after the Russian occupation. They now play with the Hamilton Philharmonic, are part-time artists in residence at both McMaster-University and Christ



INFORMAL, informative commentary on the Czech string quartet program was given by Hamilton radio personality Richard Gale. — (Staff Photo)

Church University, New Zealand. Rudolph Kalup plays first violin, Anton Matasovsky second violin,

Chamber backs centennial

President Roy Goodwin urged the Chamber of Commerce to pledge their support to the newly formed Acton Centennial Commission at the first meeting of the Chamber's new executive this week. His call received unanimous agreement.

Consequently the Chamber agreed to incorporate the new centennial symbol on stationery now being printed. It was pointed out that two directors of the Chamber are on the Centennial Commission in John Shadbolt and Paul Nielsen. Henry Stachyra, a member, is on the centennial committee.

Plans are being made for a dance to raise money for centennial activities. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting of the executive Feb. 8 at the Bank of Montreal.

Chairmen for the various committees appointed at the first meeting include: membership—John Secord; civic and social—Alan Eastwood; retail parking, traffic and safety—Paul Nielsen; environment—Wayne Moss — a new committee which covers many aspects of the environment and will involve a great many people.

Director Kevin Conroy was authorized to proceed with erection of the community bulletin board near the town office. The Chamber is hopeful it will be a useful source of information to Acton residents and visitors.

Mr. Conroy and Mrs. A. Eastwood were appointed to the industrial committee which it is expected will involve members and directors in more Chamber activities.

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H. H. Hinton heads fair board for '72

H. H. "Bert" Hinton was elected president of Acton Agricultural Society at their annual meeting in the council chamber Saturday. Mr. Hinton was previously vice president, and replaces Bill Nelles, the president for the past two years.

Henry Stanley from the Department of Agriculture at Milton presided for the elections and other officers are: past president Bill Nelles; first vice-president G. D. Anderson; second vice-president Ken Murray; directors John Hasson, Brian Evans, Russell Murray, Ken Marshall, Bruce Coles, Walter Fryer, Ken Stubbington, Mel McCullough, Wallace Swackhamer, Brent Marshall, Gerald Riley, Carl Sinclair, Ron Cooksey, Stan Matthews, and Jim McCulloch.

Fair attendance
There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. President Bill Nelles thanked everyone for their co-operation during the past two years, and for the successful fairs.

The financial statement was read and adopted. Calvin Altken and Nino Braida reported on the last district No. 5 meeting.

More prizes
It was also decided that the ladies' section of the board be granted an additional \$100 to help increase prize money in all classes.

Committee chairmen reported on their sections of the fair and certain improvements are anticipated for the '72 fair.

Acton centennial committee had requested that a member from the fair board be on their committee and Bill Nelles was appointed.

Society refund
The board members decided to refund the Cancer Society the amount of money they had paid for their space at the 1971 fair. Delegates were named to

attend the Ontario Agricultural Societies convention at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on February 23 and 24.

Miss Brenda Bruce, the 1971 Miss Acton Fair, will also be representing the fair at the convention.

Set dates
It was decided that the fair

board would continue to sponsor 4-H clubs and the 1972 fair dates were set at the third week in September.

The midway contract with King Shows was completed, signed and forwarded.

Mrs. Swackhamer is to contact the Department of Agriculture re the possible application for Acton as a class B fair.

Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

One of the fascinations of duplicate bridge, at least to me, is to find the number of different contracts that a single deal can lead to. How can good bridge players, and everyone considers duplicate players to be good, arrive at different contracts with the same set of cards.

I was reminded of the above this week since I lent most of my boards to another club hence they were not available for analysis. All I had was a few boards to look at and most of these I had not even played. I was immediately attracted to the very first board for no two results were the same. Here are the cards with North the dealer and East-West vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
S-K J	H-K 8 4 2	S-10 7 3	H-7
D-10 9 8	C-J 10 8 2	D-10 7 5 3	C-A Q 9 7 3
WEST		EAST	
S-Q 8 2	H-A J 10 9 8 5	S-10 7 3	H-7
D-8 4	C-6	D-10 7 5 3	C-A Q 9 7 3
SOUTH		NORTH	
S-A 9 8 5 4	H-Q 3	S-10 7 3	H-7
D-10 9 8 5	C-K 5 4	D-10 7 5 3	C-A Q 9 7 3

I cannot give you the bidding as there were four different contracts arrived at.

First pair
The first pair arrived at two spades by South. This contract (Continued on Page 5)

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