

Helping others 15 group's goal

By Mrs. Emily Price
We are starting a new year with the wish for a very happy and healthful 1976. Last year was the beginning of our organization and we are very pleased with the results. Being a new organization we have a lot to learn and we would welcome new ideas and suggestions to make our activities interesting. We hope our membership will increase as much and more this year, as we need you to help us help others. This is exactly what we are trying to do and with the aid of more friends we will be able to do so much more.

The next three months are trying times for a lot of us but it is also a time to try to be busy and occupied. Now that the hustle and bustle of Christmas and New Years

are over, it is a good time to think of what we can do to help out in whatever way we can.

We hope all our members and new members will come out to our first meeting of the new year at the fire hall on Tuesday, January 27 at 7.30 p.m. so that we can start to plan for the year ahead. With your ideas and suggestions, it should be an active year.

Our swim program has been a great help to all of us and we would like to see others get the benefits we are receiving from it. There is nothing better than pool therapy. Our pool time is at 10.30 on Sunday mornings at the Acton Lions' indoor pool at the high school. Anyone wishing information on this can phone me at 853-2324.



NEWYEAR'S DAY arrival for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Homer, 127 Churchill S., is Seth Christian, who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. at birth at 4.58 p.m. January 1 in Guelph General. Snoozing Seth has two sisters at home.

GO trains coming Polar Bear leaving

The Polar Bear Express will likely be sent packing and some extra rail cars added to the Georgetown GO train system at the end of this month.

GO spokesman Tom Henry said this week that 11 extra rail cars will be available for use by the end of January when bi-level cars start operating on the Toronto-Hamilton line this month.

"The elimination of the Polar Bear and extra cars on the three Georgetown trains to and from Toronto will provide more seats for Georgetown commuters," Henry explained. He said GO isn't sure yet if all 11 extra

trains will be coming to Georgetown but he thought the extra cars will relieve some of the crowding on Georgetown GO trains.

The Polar Bear Express which operated out of Georgetown wasn't expected back this year but delay in the delivery of new cars brought the Bear back to Georgetown again this year.

The number of cars on the big green Bear train was increased this year from seven to eight, adding 600 seats to the Georgetown system.

When the extra cars, freed from use on the Lakeshore arrive, the Polar Bear will

return to North Bay. Polar Bear cars seat 60 people while regular GO cars seat 94 people.

The bi-level cars seat 169 people and are being leased by GO from Chicago and North Western Railway, Chicago. GO has leased 10 of the cars.

A three month strike at Hawker Siddeley, Thunder Bay, which manufactures GO train cars, has delayed delivery of new cars until March.

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Groups: \$1.00 (with
proof of status)

Women's Institute enjoys meetings

The November meeting of Mimosa Women's Institute began at the home of Mrs. John Root at 11 a.m.

Following a short business meeting and lunch, 12 members and two visitors travelled to Floradale to the home of Mrs. Bauman who makes a business of marking quilts. She has many beautiful, intricate patterns, even some for crib or carriage. From there, they went to Elmira and spent some time at the Borg factory and then to the Sap Bucket which is a craft shop.

It was a most interesting meeting and they extend thanks to Mrs. Frank Longstreet who planned the trip. Mimosa W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Ed Gray in Hillsburgh for their Christmas meeting.

Everyone gathered around the beautifully decorated table to enjoy a most delicious and colorful dessert luncheon.

The president, Mrs. John Awrey welcomed 14 members and two visitors. The roll call was answered by a donation for the cheer boxes which will be packed and delivered before Christmas.

The new 4-H course is "A touch of stitchery" with the leaders to be named.

Mrs. Haines Root gave a short talk on nutrition in Ontario.

For the program, each member told or read a Christmas legend which were varied, interesting and some amusing.

Several carols were sung during the meeting. Mrs. Ernie Awrey acted as Santa Claus for the exchange of gifts. Before closing, the ladies drew their Polyantha names for the coming year.

All-time hydro high

It was a dark, pre-Christmas day when electrical consumption rose to an all-time high demand at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18.

Many houses already had Christmas decoration on, too, to add a bit to the record peak figure.

The record setting demand was for 14,548,000 kilowatts. It's about 650,000 kilowatts greater than last winter's peak.

NEW STREET signs in Kingham Hills honor two Acton names. W.H. Storey (inset top) was the town's first reeve. He also founded one of the town's early industries, Storey Glove. Les Duby (bottom inset) was a long-time mayor of Acton and is presently serving as an area councillor on the Halton Hills council. All the street signs in the new Kingham Hills have not yet been erected.



RENT REVIEW

These are the facts:

Ontario's new Residential Premises Rent Review Act affects most landlords and tenants in the province. The act allows for a review of the amount of rent a landlord may charge.

Landlords and tenants should be aware of their rights and responsibilities under this legislation. The Ontario Government is in the process of establishing rent review offices in major centres across the province. Review officers will hear disputes on rent increases by both landlords and tenants.

A rent review board is being established to hear appeals by tenants and landlords against the decisions of rent review officers.

What does the act cover?
• apartments • houses • townhouses • duplexes
• triplexes • rooming houses • mobile-home sites
• rent-geared-to-income units

What are the exceptions?
• certain non-profit housing or non-profit co-operatives
• units in a hotel, motel or vacation home which are rented for a seasonal or temporary period not exceeding four months
• buildings that were first occupied as residential premises on or after Jan. 1, 1976.
• commercial premises

How does it work?
If you have entered into or renewed a tenancy agreement which became effective between July 31, and Dec. 31, 1975, inclusive, you should be aware that:

The maximum rent increase for such agreements cannot exceed eight per cent of the rent charged during the last full month prior to Aug. 1, 1975, unless:

(a) the tenant and landlord agree on a higher rate of rent, or
(b) the landlord obtains the necessary approval from a rent review officer.

A landlord may apply to a rent review officer for permission to increase rent more than eight per cent. A tenant may file an application with the landlord requiring him to justify any increase. These applications must be made by Jan. 31, 1976.

Should a landlord and tenant agree on an increase in rent above the eight per cent guideline, they must complete and sign a rent increase agreement no later than Jan. 17, 1976. Copies of these agreements should be kept by both parties. Forms may be obtained by writing Rent Review, Box 580, Postal Station F, Toronto, M4Y 2L8. Or you may wish to use the form published recently in this newspaper.

However, a tenant may cancel such an agreement by completing a statement of revocation within 30 days of the signing of the agreement.

By signing a rent increase agreement the tenant waives the right to appeal the increase during the period July 30, to Dec. 31, 1975. The tenant also waives the right to collect a rebate of rent as provided for in this act, other than the amount of rebate, if any, stated in the rent increase agreement. Rent increase agreements do not apply for any period after Dec. 31, 1975, and do not constitute a waiver of the tenant's right to appeal the amount of rent charged on or after Jan. 1, 1976.

The rent increase agreements do not relieve the landlord from his obligation to obtain approval from a rent review officer for any rent increase charged on or after Jan. 1, 1976 that is more than eight per cent of the July, 1975 rent.

Where the landlord and tenant do not agree on a rent increase above the eight per cent, the tenant is entitled to a rebate of any rent paid in excess of eight per cent by Feb. 16, 1976. If the landlord fails to make such a rebate the tenant may apply to a rent review officer.

If a tenancy agreement becomes effective or is renewed between Jan. 1 and July 31, 1976, inclusive, you should know:

A landlord who wishes an increase of more than eight per cent must file an application with his rent review office and notify the tenant at least 60 days before the increase is scheduled to become effective. In respect to those rental increases taking effect between Jan. 1 and July 31, 1976, the application must be made by Jan. 31, 1976.

A tenant who wishes to appeal an increase has 60 days in which to file an application with his landlord requiring him to justify the increase. In case of a hearing, a date will be set by the rent review officer and both landlord and tenant will be notified.

After the hearing the rent review officer will establish the rent, and may order retroactive adjustments.

What is a tenancy agreement?

A tenancy agreement gives a tenant the right to occupy a particular dwelling, or to renew the right to rent a particular dwelling.

The agreement can be written, verbal or implied. In other words, even if you don't have a written lease you are covered by the legislation.

For written agreements, the important date is the date the agreement comes into effect, not the date on which the agreement is signed.

Rent review legislation is tied to the dwelling on an annual basis with the July, 1975, rent taken as the base rent.

Who attends hearings?

Tenants, landlords or their representatives should attend rent review hearings. Failure to appear or be represented removes the right to appeal the rent review officer's decision.

The hearings will be informal, and every effort will be made to keep the procedures simple so that individuals may conduct their own cases.

A rent review officer has the power to call witnesses and to order the production of the necessary documents.

Tenants should be aware that, should they appeal their rent increase to a rent review officer, the officer could permit the landlord a greater increase than the one originally demanded.

If there a landlord has been required to justify an existing or proposed rent increase, the rent review officer may adjust the rent to an amount below the original rent level.

Until the rent review mechanism is in place, please do not telephone. You can obtain further information on the Residential Premises Rent Review Act by writing:

Rent Review,
Box 580,
Postal Station F,
Toronto, M4Y 2L8

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★ REGISTRATION: at High School - JAN. 8th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. ★

COURSE	FIRST NIGHT	TIME	WKS	FEE	INSTRUCTOR
Bookkeeping for a Small Business	Wed. Jan. 14	7:00 - 10:00	8	\$15	McGillivray
Brush Up Typing & Office Skills	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Kroll
Crochet I	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	McCulloch
Crochet II	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	McCulloch
First Aid - St. John's Ambulance	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$15	Beemer + + +
French: Conversational **	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Beranek
General Shopwork	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$12	Rognvaldson
Landscaping	Wed. Jan. 14	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Schubert
Macrame	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Hamilton
Off Loom Weaving	Tue. Jan. 20	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Hamilton
Sewing with Knit Fabrics	Wed. Jan. 14	7:00 - 10:00	8	\$15	Hannah
Sketching & Drawing	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Goring
Typing **	Mon. Jan. 19	7:30 - 9:30	8	\$10	Shean

** Indicates that course has been operating for 12 weeks. Registrations will be accepted for the final 8 weeks if students feel they can profit from instruction.

+ + + For further information regarding the First Aid Course, contact Mr. Beemer, 853-2030.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are conducted at Robert Little Public School. Beginning Yoga classes are held on Wednesdays, beginning January 14. Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Instructor: M. Bray. Fee for the course: \$12.00. Duration: 10 weeks. Advanced Yoga classes are held on Thursdays, beginning January 15, 1976 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Fee for this 10 week course is also \$12.00.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE, AS SOME CLASSES MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF REGISTRATION. WATCH FOR OUR AD IN THE ACTON FREE PRESS THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 1976 FOR CONFIRMED CLASSES.



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