

# More teenagers under care

The number of teenagers in the care of the Children's Aid Society of Halton (CAS) during 1975 increased by 49 percent, the annual meeting of the society was told last week.

Former Executive Director Gordon Askwith, who resigned March 1 for personal reasons, said in a report this year that the increase "has had a great deal to do with the repeal of section 8 of the Training Schools Act which means that unmanageable children are no longer being sent to training school, but come into our care."

"These older children have created greater pressure on our staff and foster homes, even though we opened two new adolescent homes last July."

Dr. Askwith said "our Society has been in the forefront of those asking for proper financing and assistance for children in this group. We have held press conferences, meetings and have pressured the provincial government for an early solution to this problem. We have still no answer."

Earlier, CAS President G. G. Heym had said "I feel the provincial government must provide financial sources before referring children from section eight to us" in an address to 100 members of the society at the meeting in Milton.

Population stable  
Dr. Askwith noted, however, that the CAS child care population (compared to teenagers) did not increase as had been anticipated.

In his year-end review, the executive director referred to the adoption of children, and said "we notice a continuing decline in the number of children available for adoption, even though we have continued to work with children from other Societies."

"This reduction in children is an unhappy situation for prospective adopting parents who may have a long wait for a child and in some instances there may be no children available at all."

Children returned  
"We returned 82 children to

parents, completed adoptions for 40 of our children, completed adoptions for 18 other Society children, and ended the year with 142 children in our care (including 29 on adoption probation).

"We reported on 94 private and parent adoptions, assisted 92 unmarried mothers in plans for infants, completed 71 divorce reports and 1,053 other miscellaneous services."

"We helped 1,249 children in their own homes through service to 542 families."

Restraints hurt  
CAS President Heym said "the budget restraints announced by the provincial government for 1976 (6.5 percent) severely hit our Society and a rollback in some services is unavoidable. After four budget drafts, the final budget was submitted in accordance with the restraints."

"However, a special resolution was forwarded to the Cabinet of the provincial government requesting an additional amount of 1.7 percent to cover commitment to our foster parents."

"Reaction on the resolution from area MPPs was positive. The resolution was endorsed by all elected and appointed directors at the final budget meeting in January 1976. We should hear from the Cabinet in the very near future."

Interview space  
The CAS president, on another subject, said "we have now provided for interview

space in Georgetown in order that the citizens of the North of Halton may not be deprived of the Children's Aid service."

He said the move "demonstrated our desire to truly serve all the people of Halton as is expected from us under the Child Welfare Act of Ontario."

The 100 CAS members at the meeting approved a new executive director, subject to approval by the provincial government, and elected a new board of directors.

New board  
Re-elected to the board for 1976 were Bryan Clarke, Michael Irwin, Mrs. Nan Roeder and Ross Warriner, all of Burlington.

Oakville residents re-elected included William Devries and G.G. Heym.

New board members elected were Peggy Balkind of Halton Hills, Mrs. Norma Shepherd of Oakville, and Burlington residents Mike Whyte, Dr. Roger Nicholson, Paul Chapman, and Mrs. June Ashwell.

Earl Jollymore of Acton and Mrs. Ann Ptolemy of Milton have left the board, as has Tudor Beattie of Georgetown and Mrs. Catherine Walsh of Burlington.

President again  
Mr. Heym was chosen president for the third year in a row, while William Devries is to be treasurer. Secretary is Regional Councillor Marjorie Powys of Milton.



NO SWIMMERS yet! The swimming area and beach on the south side of Fairy Lake had enough ice and cold water Saturday to chill the desire of any spring bathers.



## Promotion for Acton native

A success story for an Acton native is recorded in a recent interview in the Winnipeg Tribune. The interviewee is R. J. Hansen, who is married to Betty, the niece of Helen and Billy Middleton. The Hansens often visit here where they lived as youngsters, and the Middletons often visit them.

Mr. Hansen is now regional

vice-president in CN Rail's prairie division.

The article says Mr. Hansen's present job as assistant vice-president will disappear when his appointment is effective. This is a part of a sweeping restructuring of management.

CNR has been split into five divisions. Mr. Hansen is part of CN Rail, which handles

freight operations.

His area is from Armstrong, Ont., to Biggar, Sask.

Problem  
He says his main problem in the next few years is to increase the system's freight carrying capacity.

Mr. Hansen graduated from the University of Toronto as a civil engineer and joined the CN as a draftsman in the engineering department in Toronto. After various promotions he became in 1957 the terminal construction engineer with responsibility for building the CN freight marshalling yard at Montreal. Then he became regional engineer in Montreal.

Next, assistant area manager in Montreal in 1963, then manager of Hudson Bay area at Dauphin in 1965. Back into engineering in 1967 as deputy chief engineer and system chief engineer in 1969. And assistant vice-president in 1972.

He is also a director of the Canada Safety Council.

The long interview concludes with the only personal question: Where was he born? "Acton, Ontario."

## Three baptisms at St. Alban's church

The congregation of St. Alban's Church welcomed a new brother and two new sisters at a service of Holy Baptism, Sunday morning. They are Mark William Pearson, Sherril Lynn Scanton and Jayda-Lynne Bullough.

Rev. Leonard Ewing officiated at the service after which refreshments were served in the Luxton Hall.

Mark William is the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pearson, R. R. 1 Acton. His godparents, who were present at the christening ceremony, are D. Edward Peatfield and Molly Peatfield of Toronto.

Godparents for Sherril Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scanton, 86 Kingham Road, are Barbara and Michael Ewasyszyn, Lathrup Village, Michigan.

## C. of C. chairmen are named

Committee chairmen were named at a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Nielsen heads the retail merchants' section, Edgar Bendicks the social committee, Doreen Mitchell is membership chairman and John McNabb public relations chairman.

## June convention women preparing

The District Directors meeting for Wellington Centre was held in the township room at Hillsburgh with the District Directors and conveners present.

Mrs. Clarence Beatty, pres. presided and Mrs. Elmer Duffield secretary read the minutes. Mrs. R. John Reid, board director was also present.

The district annual for Wellington Centre will be held at the United Church, Mimosa on May 26 with the Mimosa Women's Institute as hostess.

Since the Federation Women's Institutes of Canada Convention will be held at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island in June, the theme for the meeting will be Prince Edward Island given by the Elora Women's Institute. The roll call will be facts on the habits, industry and

## Valentine bake sale

On February 14, the Ladies of St. Alban's A.C.W. held a delightful Valentine tea and bake sale.

Bake goods sold out in the first half hour. The tea was convoked by Louise Lindsay and was a big success. Decorations for the tea table were made by Marie Hargrave.

The door prize, a beautiful floral centre piece, which was decorated in a Valentine motif, was won by Rev. Len Ewing.

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