

Happy summer at playground

By Mrs. R. Shortill
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given have returned from a wonderful trip by motor to the west. They visited Vancouver Island and many of the beauty spots including Butchart Gardens. They cross to the main land from Nanaimo, travelling down the B.C. coast. A few days were spent at Hainey, the home of Mel Ady and his sister was enjoyable, Mel being happy to hear about this area where he lived for many years. Then on to Calgary where they enjoyed the Stampede with their daughter and son-in-law and family, June and Dirk Jensen, Laura and David, who were also on a trip to the west and met them there. They also called on Mrs. Ady, Mel's mother, who is 89 and lives in an apt. there; and a niece Mrs. Frank Carter and family.

In Winnipeg they spent some time and visited the wonderful Zoo and English Gardens. Then through Northern Ontario calling at different places. They journeyed arriving home tired but satisfied on Saturday night, all their family visiting them on Sunday to hear about their

trip and to welcome them back.

The playground children under their leaders have had some bus trips, one to Pioneer Village and one to Casa Loma. It has been a very happy summer for the children and much credit goes to the leaders who were splendid organizers. Each day I could watch them and enjoyed seeing them happily engaged in games and ring arounds all on the nicely mowed lawn on the cemetery corner. It all looks so much safer than the usual biking on this busy road.

New home

Mr. Jack Norman has the foundation dug out and is starting to build here in Ballinafad.

Miss Nancy Snow, R.M., is now nursing at Red Deer Hospital in Alberta. She is enjoying her work in the Intensive Care Unit, reported by Mr. and Mrs. Given, who visited her there. Previously she had nursed at Kapuskasing after her graduation from Mississauga.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, son Stephen and Jack Hancock

have returned from a pleasant trip to B.C. They met up with Ida's two sisters, who live out there. So the relatives toured the Rockies with them and visited at the same time. Eddie reports it was all a highlight of their life. Also they called on the McKims at Burnt River.

Stewards

The Sunday service was under the direction of the stewards. The different members took parts. Floyd Shortill, Wayne Jessop, Carl Volmar, Paul Schwarz. No service will be held next Sunday.

I had a call from a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Binne on Friday. She was the daughter of Mrs. Lottie Tate, who moved to Parry Sound on her marriage. She and her husband and father were trying to locate the "White Church" cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Binne rest in the cemetery there. The Binnie's were former residents there.

Another auction on Sunday at the hall was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Shortill spent a few days at Bracebridge along with wee Patrick and Lori.

Regional union is under study

Negotiations connected with the formation of a union for office and clerical workers at Halton Regional Headquarters continue. According to Regional Personnel Director Dennis Camm, the process is a long drawn out affair.

Mr. Camm, representatives of the employees and representatives of the Labor Relations Board are meeting

in an effort to come to a consensus on a number of key issues. One of the key issues involves determining who is and who is not eligible for union membership. Mr. Camm said the parties involved had reached agreement on some issues but indicated the matter isn't apt to be resolved quickly. "It's a fairly lengthy process."

Seek ratification Employees sought union ratification in May and a spokesman for the group attributed the move to poor

morale and what some workers feel is an unfair deal from the regional council. A spokesman said that many who had transferred from area work forces in the region to the regional level suffered financially. According to one source, employees doing similar jobs at the area level are receiving much more generous increases than those employed at the region.



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Nurses reach deadlock

It's a stalemate between Halton's 47 public health nurses and the regional Board of Health over a new contract for the nurses.

After a meeting between the two sides last week a provincial mediator, T. R. Smith, declared there was nothing he could do to bring the two sides together.

Mr. Smith had been appointed earlier this month to facilitate a settlement between the region and the nurses, who have been without a contract since December 31.

Hold positions Last week's meeting had been the first time the two groups sat down together in a month. Both sides, however, refused to budge from their respective positions.

Mr. Smith said at the moment he had no plans to call another meeting, but added that the parties are free to meet on their own at anytime.

Mrs. Loveday Tuck, chairman of the local bargaining group of the Ontario Nurses Association, said the public health nurses are seeking parity with the hospital nurses and compulsory arbitration.

In June the public health nurses staged a five day walk-out to back their demands for arbitration. The Halton region countered this with a one-week lockout of the nurses.

Mrs. Tuck said the big issue was over compulsory arbitration.

"If we have this in the future we can avoid all these problems," she said. "When we reach a stalemate we can go to the arbitration board and abide by their terms instead of striking."

She added that another strike at the moment, was the furthest thing from their minds.

Seek classification E. C. Reid, chief administration officer for Halton Region, said the public health nurses have gone to the provincial government to change

the legislation putting them in the same category as the hospital nurses, but he felt that the two were entirely different types of services.

Mr. Reid said the region will not agree to compulsory arbitration with the nurses. He said the Board of Health would probably meet next week to hear a report on the state of negotiations with the nurses.

Presently, both sides are waiting for an anti-inflation board ruling on nurses' contracts awarded elsewhere in

Ontario. An arbitration award last February, which is currently before the AIB, gave public health nurses in York a salary increase of 18 per cent.

If the Halton public health nurses received parity with hospital nurses they would gain increases of 21 to 27 per cent.

The health nurses now earn between \$12,072 and \$13,527. Mrs. Tuck commented that it has been a difficult year to strike an agreement for both sides, due to the AIB.



ORTON GIRLS Carrie McGee and Rosalin Wagenaar show sign announcing the Hillsburgh Country Bluegrass Jamboree all afternoon and evening July 31. Proceeds are for a new arena. The Hillsburgh Potato Fest committee is running this event as well as their own festival later in the summer.

Ho-hum response

A letter from Wellington County Board of Education asking the town's support for government legislation to control the distribution of hard core pornography by permitting only licenced out-

lets to sell such books, caused not a ripple at Halton Hills administration committee, Monday night.

The committee received and filed it, with no comment.

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