

# Seeks volunteers for probation program

Representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services are looking for volunteers for an Adult Probation and Parole Volunteer Services program in North Halton.

Maria Kelly, Co-ordinator of the program, told this newspaper there is only one probation officer for Acton, Milton, and Georgetown. This man handles 100 cases a month, and gets an average of 10 to 15 new cases every 30 days.

The Ministry is looking for people who are willing to spend two evenings a month in an assigned office with a person on probation. The total time involved should be not more than six hours a month, Mrs. Kelly explained. During this time, the volunteer will be attempting to care for and befriend a person placed in society under the conditions

of probation, and to care for and protect society through surveillance of someone with conditional liberty.

Expectations. The volunteer, Mrs. Kelly explained, is expected to commit themselves to serve for one year. Accident, illness or change of municipality would make this pledge void. Volunteers are expected to make every effort to see that the clients assigned to their supervision report at least once a month and to make an effort to enforce the conditions of their probation. If a client does not appear for their probation appointment, the volunteer is expected to make another appointment, before the volunteer leaves the office that evening. A report of each probationer is expected following each meeting.

Volunteers will be expected

to attend a two-hour orientation program before beginning the supervision of clients. Mrs. Kelly also said that the volunteers must remember that their relationship with the probationer is confidential and that all personal information given them by the probationer or any other source should be kept as such. Matters concerning criminal involvement and response to conditions of probation which the probationer has asked to keep secret from the probation staff are not confidential, and the client must be told the volunteer is obliged to share any information with the probation staff.

If a client is violating his probation, such as staying out too late at night, the volunteer himself need not become involved. He or she can merely notify the police, who will take charge from there. In this way, Mrs. Kelly said, the volunteer need not appear in court, and the probationer does not have to know the volunteer called the police.

Once volunteer Mrs. Kelly explained that the job of a probation officer was once a volunteer community function, which became a paid job. She pointed out that with the increased curb in spending and no increase in staff, the ministry has found it necessary to go back to a volunteer activity.

"The volunteer has to be a person who can stick to their work, be firm and efficient," Mrs. Kelly said. "Kids are looking for someone authoritative. They respect adults if they are strict." She continued, "A lot of kids have wishywashy parents who do not say anything to them for months at a time, then all of a sudden, 'boom'."

Persons interested in the Adult Probation and Parole Volunteer program are asked to contact Mrs. Kelly in Oakville at 845-8571, or Tom Barker, at Milton 878-7239. Sid Wray, at Maplehurst Correctional Institution, who is co-ordinating volunteers who want to work within the institution can be reached at 878-8141.

## Pet of the week



TWO-YEAR-OLD Bonnie (centre) is bigger than her masters Scott and Chad Rowsell, ages four and two. Bonnie is a purebred Collie, and even though she has only been a member of the family for a month, is very protective of her wards. Scott and Chad are the sons of Junior and Dolores Rowsell, MacDonald Blvd.

## Fire prevention keeps chief busy

School children of all ages are going to be aware of Fire Prevention Week by Friday, due to the hard working efforts of fire chief Mick Holmes.

Youngsters are not the only ones informed this week by the chief. Factories and businesses will also be visited and advised by Mr. Holmes.

Fire inspections of both businesses and schools, lectures and children's visits to the fire hall will be making up Mr. Holmes' agenda. He has been on the go from October 3 when the week began. It ends on October 9.

Another project Mr. Holmes is working on is en-

couraging various plant managers to set up their own fire brigades. The Acton volunteer firefighters and the chief himself will be glad to assist in this task.

Mr. Holmes explained this is for added safety. If the individual brigades have their own posters for a contest held annually by the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau. The winners will be announced in the spring.

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## Fire calls down reports fire chief

Fire calls for the Acton Volunteer Firefighters are at an all time low so far this year.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes presented his bi-annual report this week and reported 22 local calls and seven rural. Estimated damage in town is set at \$50,000 as of July.

In a breakdown of calls, Mr. Holmes says one was in a television set, two were factory fires, six were house fires, one space heater fire, two calls for the resuscitator, one car accident and two garage fires.

Mr. Holmes said the \$50,000 figure is confined mainly in the hotel and one house fire, leaving minimal damage for the other calls.

An estimated \$12,000 in damages has resulted in fires

since July in 14 local calls. There were also three rural fires. In town were two car fires, two chimney fires, one car accident, three house fires, two false alarms, two grass fires and one tar pot fire.

The fire chief explained that he does not have any estimated damage or statistics on rural fires as other fire departments in the area take care of the statistics.

Mr. Holmes did say, however, that in the first half of 1976, the Acton department answered six fire calls in Milton and two in Erin. Since July, they have had two calls in Erin and one in Milton.

"Compared to other towns, we are very low," the chief said, referring to both fire calls and damage.

## Report coming on policing all Halton

In preparation of its takeover of Nassagaweya Township on April 1, 1977, Halton Regional Police is preparing a report dealing with the dispersal of manpower and equipment for the entire region.

This week Halton Police Commission, which has known through the press for a month now the OPP would be pulling out of Nassagaweya next year, finally received official notification from Solicitor General John Macbeth.

Commission chairman Glenn Magnuson asked at Thursday's meeting if the force was ready for the takeover.

Chief Ken Skerrett replied that information about crime enforcement in Nassagaweya was available from the Milton OPP "but I want us to look at the complete picture. We must look at policing the entire region and not just the new area." He added a full report will be ready for the

commission by the end of this month.

Mayor Harry Barrett reminded all the commissioners they will have to keep in mind financing policing of Nassagaweya when the 1977 budget is struck.

PLURA—the name comes from the initial letters of the Presbyterian, Lutheran, United, Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches—is an ecumenical funding and public education organization created to fight poverty and injustice in Canada. It has a budget of \$200,000 from which it makes grants to low income self-help groups.



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## Robert Little house system

Robert Little school's Fun Day did more than give the pupils plenty of easy competition on the late September day.

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The inter-house system covers several activities in athletics, academics and culture.

Grades 6, 7 and 8 children have been separated into six groups with cat names. There are Cheetahs, Tigers, Lions, Panthers, Jaguars and Cougars.

Champions will be named in the three groups of activities. Also an overall champion will be selected.

LIVE IN NORTH "Challenge North" is a United Church project to help government agencies and private corporations find the right people to fill their postings in the Northwest Territories.

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## 26 veterans meet at annual reunion

Members of the 164th Battalion from the First World War gathered at the Acton Legion Hall on Saturday to reminisce and visit with old friends.

President of the reunion committee, Dr. A. Buchanan, said 26 men attended this year, the same as last. This is the 48th consecutive year the reunion has been held, says the former dentist. Bob Stewart is the only other Acton resident who belonged to the battalion.

The reunion was first organized in Toronto by a member of the Sergeants Mess in 1928. Since then it has been held in Oakville, Burlington, Georgetown and Orangeville. Dr. Buchanan explained that in the past ten years the get-together has been held in small towns between Orangeville and Acton. This town hosted it last year and will next year he said. Members of Orangeville to Acton area have been the regular attendees.

The oldest member is 95 years old, Dr. Buchanan says.

In the past, the day has started at four p.m. with supper served at six. The president decided this year to have the day begin at two p.m. and supper at four. Dr. Buchanan explained that many of the out-of-town members did not like driving in the dark and this would alleviate the problem.

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