

TWELVE BROWNIES flew up to Guides last Tuesday evening in an impressive ceremony staged at M.Z. Bennett school. Front row, Shelley Lindsay, Carolynne Hoare, Jennifer Kelly, Tracy Frizzell, and Leah Marks. Back row, Karen Wagner, Kim Arnold, Heidi Marttala, Sharon Dubil, Gilliam Brain, Jackie Roden and Jenny McDonald.

# Tips for babysitters ideas which save lives

by Jennifer Rowe

Once again many students will be looking for summer employment. Babysitting provides students with jobs during the summer and also throughout the rest of the year. The Canada Safety council has compiled

a pamphlet entitled Tips for Babysitters which includes many safety tips for both the parents and the babysitter. Proper knowledge and quick thinking on behalf of the babysitter and responsible parents can save the lives of children and prevent accidents.

Never leave children unattended. Children left playing alone can get into trouble and this is where accidents happen. Matches and cigerette lighters should be kept well out of the reach of children. Toys can also be a cause of accidents if not checked for defective parts. Even safely constructed toys can become defective as a result of constant use or misuse. Check them often for loose parts, sharp edges and defective wiring.

Portable heaters should be kept away from the play area, curtains and furniture. Don't smoke on the job. Babysitters have been known to start fires from careless smoking.

Those students who will be babysitting all day in the summer are often faced with the . responsibility of preparing meals. During meal preparation the babysitter should were tight fitting clothes to avoid contact with range elements or brushng aginst pots and pans which could result in dangerous spills. Pot handles should always be turned inward on the stove so children cannot tip them. In the case of a pan fire always smother it with a lid. Never throw water

Electrical cords should always be rolled up and kept well back on the counter, out of the reach of children. When handling hot pots or pans or when

having a hot drink, put bables in the playpen so they won't be burned in case of spills. Babysitters are responsible for the children and the knowledge of basic first aid and emergency procedures can save a life. For emergency help don't hesitate to call the emergency medical, police or fire department numbers as supplied by the parent. Call the parents for questions about lesser emergencies. Always notify parents about

small accidents when they return. For cuts and bruises stop the bleeding by applying gentle pressure with a clean cloth. Wash the wound and apply a bandage. If a child starts to choke let him try to cough it

down and smack him on the back. Call for medical help. Treatment for children who have swallowed poisonous substances can be read on the label of the bottle. Call for emergency medical help.

If the child's clothes catch on fire show the child how to drop and roll. Rolling in a blanket, rug or just on the ground smothers the flames. Call for medical help. Put ice or cold water on a burn to slow skin damage. If skin is already blistered, dead white, brown or charred, call for emergency help.

Advance planning by the parents and the babysitter in the case of fire can save lives and avoid panic for both the children and the sitter. Children should know how to get out of the bedroom if the front and back doors are blocked by smoke or flames. The sitter should make sure in advance that they know all the escape options. One of the largest causes of fire deaths is smoke. If in a room shut the doors to stop the smoke from advancing. Stuff the door cracks with wet towels or blankets. Show the children how to crawl in the smoke so they can get better air near the floor. Get the children out of the house and don't let anyone go back in. Many people die after reaching safety and trying to return to the burning house. Go to a neighbour's house and call the fire department. Give the complete name, street and town over the phone.

Babysitters should be sure all the doors are locked and never open them to anyone. The exception may be when the parent has sald a caller is expected. Be brief and businesslike on the phone. Any conversation may be encouragement to someone who might mean harm. Don't tell callers it is the babysitter speaking or any additional information. Take a message and say the parents will be back momen-

Parents should provide babysitters with the telephone numbers of the police, fire and medical emergency department, polson control centre and the family physician. The numbers of a neighbour, relative and where the parents can be reached are also necessary. If an emergency arises and these numbers are not readily available the babysitter should call the operator.

Babysitting is not a job for anyone. The sitter is taking responsibility for other the role of a parent while on the job.



# Choir entertains Golden Age Club

club was held at Luxton hall April 19 with R.L. Davidson in

The bake sale was discussed and tickets are to be

day of the sale. Tickets will be

25 cents each. Several letters of correspondence were read, thank you

over to the Junior Farmers choir who entertained with notes for cards received for

The regular evening sold on a picture prior to the anniversaries. Mrs. Mann Never Walk Alone, Climb meeting of the Golden Age bake sale as well as on the read the roll call. There were Every Mountain, A Time for 54 at the previous meeting. Us, Amazing Grace and Let The meeting was handed There be Peace on Earth.

Ten with home-made burns very nice songs such as You'll and jam was enjoyed by all. Thieves bolt with volts

Thieves made off with a Morepower 12 volt battery from a parked car in an apartment building lot last week. The owner lives on Maria Street.

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