



CAROLYN ROBERTSON of Rockwood was one of 16 named to the College Honor Roll of the College of Biological Science at the University of Guelph. To be awarded this honor a student must have achieved an 85 per cent semester average in the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th semester of his or her program. Carolyn achieved an 85.4 per cent average in the fifth semester of her program in the biological sciences. Left to right, Professor D. F. Forster, president of the university; Carolyn, and Professor R. Anderson, Dean of the College of Biological Science.

Limehouse

Springtime activities for church, youngsters

by Mrs. Hannah,
The Cubs have been continuing their busy spring program. They attended the flag presentation by Dr. Phillbrook M.P. The Scouts opened the ceremony with an excellent flag break and after a welcome speech by Women's Institute, Mrs. Booth, were presented with a new Canadian flag.

The Institute who are our sponsors, also received a flag. One of our parent volunteers, Robert Foster organized and took the Cubs on a combined nature hike and a tour of the DeKleer and Bennett farms.

Last week they had a tour of the Georgetown fire hall and on Saturday both the Cubs and Scouts took part in the Trees for Canada program. They planted their quota of trees in the Meadowdale Conservation Area. It was a beautiful day and after the trees were planted the Cubs stayed for a picnic lunch and a hike along the creek with some boys and the leader from the Norval pack.

The boys will start collecting their pledges this week and we hope everyone will honor the pledge he has given.

Cubs recently earning badges are: Stephen Widmont, team player; Brian Porter collector; Craig Armstrong, skier; Tim Ruggle, skier; Roger Mullins, collector.

Thank you to all the parents who turned out to help plant trees—we had 11 and needed every one of them.

by Mrs. Benton
Rev. Peter Barrow baptized Stephen Michael, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Denny (nee Mary Lou Brown) at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. Wilfred Kirkwood is improving in health at home following a stomach operation in Toronto General Hospital about a month ago. We hope he continues to do so.

by Mrs. W. Karn
The Limehouse Church Women's Association met at the Church April 25, at 8:30 p.m.

President Ruth Linham opened the meeting with the reading "Legends of a Raindrop", followed by reading Psalm 1. Fifteen ladies an-

swered the roll call, "A Family Treasure."

The Cemetery and Memorial Day luncheon to be held May 28, at 11 a.m. was discussed. The committee in charge of lunch is Ruth Linham, Doris Brown and Betty Ann Karn. Mary Lou Denny is to purchase flowers for the church flower beds.

Other business discussed was a wedding on June 10. The committee in charge of catering is Ruth Linham, Inez Crichton, Margaret Appleyard and Marion Lindsay.

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No injuries in crash

by Doris Fines
A Belfountain pilot had 45 seconds to find a place to land his bi-plane when the engine quit last Thursday afternoon. His companion from Milton, is part owner with him, of the acrobatic plane they built themselves, the design of which, won world-wide award for manoeuvrability. The two men were flying out of Guelph airport, with just an hour's flying time on the aircraft, when suddenly the engine died, and they hit the ground at 100 miles an hour, in a field behind Tony Van Dam's barn on 25 Highway. They went through a fence, skidding to a halt in a muddy field. Luckily, neither man was hurt, but the plane was damaged. Byron and Bradley Bruce, neighbours of Van Dam's helped load it on a trailer, after the wings were removed, and transported it behind the tractor to Belfountain.

Mrs. Wesley Bruce of Whitewood, Sask., is leaving for home this week, having spent six weeks visiting with her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce and family. She also visited at the home of her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kerrigan, Tom and Jim, at Camlachie.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and Bradley entertained at a dinner party Friday evening in honour of Grandma Bruce. Guests were, Dr. and Mrs. Garth Bruce, Kim and Dean of Toronto, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce and David of

The Women's Association ladies have offered to aid the Church's Missionary Society with their budget allocation for this year. Ada Roughley expressed thanks on behalf of the Missionary Society.

Doris Brown and Betty Ann Karn were asked to purchase flowers for the sanctuary for Mother's Day on May 14.

The next meeting will be a work meeting on May 18 at 7 p.m. at the church. Weather permitting, the ladies intend to clean windows etc. and plant the church flower beds.

Burlington, Brenda Bruce of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce.

We extend a welcome to our new neighbours in the village, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill. They have moved into the house formerly owned by Mrs. Martha Jackson.

This is Cancer month, and canvassers are out calling door to door. Mrs. Vernon Stewart is captain for this area, and her canvassers are: Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, Mrs. Harvey Madgett, Mrs. Allen Walms, Mrs. Calvin Aitken, Mrs. Emerson Anderson, Mrs. Rick Timmerman, Mrs. Norman McKenzie, Mrs. Peter Heyden, Mrs. W. J. McCallum, Mrs. D. Campbell, Mrs. J. C. Schneider, Mrs. Robert Vetsira, Mrs. Ken Stubbington, Karen McKinnon, Mrs. Ben Wingrove, Mrs. Alex Morrison, and Mrs. George Lang. Please bid them welcome when they call. It is a worthy cause.

I witnessed a collision on the main street of Erin last week, or, more truthfully, I saw the result a second after it happened. Two young lads,

Bike stolen off street

A Nelson Court resident reported to police the theft of his bicycle which was parked in front of the arcade on Mill Street East last week.

It's cheaper for region to buy private care

Purchasing day care from private centres cost the region less in 1977 than providing care in its own centres, a staff report shows.

The report, prepared for the community and social services committee by co-ordinating day care supervisor Norma Lepa, shows the actual per diem cost of providing care in the regional centres was \$13.29, whereas the costs at two private centres in Burlington were \$8.97 and \$9.60.

Community and social services committee asked for the

report to help judge the feasibility of opening a regional day care centre in Burlington. The region operates three day care centres, two in Oakville and one in Georgetown. Day care in Milton is purchased from a private centre.

The higher per diem rate in the regional centres was attributed to higher staff salaries, compared to private centres, and to a drop in enrolment. In Halton staff salaries account for 74 per cent of costs of regional day care centres, compared to 78 per cent in Metro Toronto.

If full enrolment had been achieved, costs at regional day care centres would have been lower than purchased services. But Mrs. Lepa added while enrolment was dropping in some areas, it was rising in others, specifically Burlington and Milton. In the absence of a day care study (which the region earlier turned down) and a proper forecasting mechanism it is impossible to determine day care needs, Mrs. Lepa told councillors.

Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkewich, who said the report raised more questions than it answered, pointed out the day care situation was one where a social planning report would be an asset. (In the past the region decided against hiring a social planner.)

But Oakville Councillors Ron Planche and Laurio Mannell argued it was inaccurate projections of school enrolment by planners that got the school board into

difficulty. Nevertheless, Mr. Planche said he could support the need for a social planner provided there was an equivalent reduction in planning staff.

Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller said if the region was objective, it would have municipally-operated day care centres in each of the four area municipalities. "Children are our biggest resource," he said. "We don't want to farm them out just anywhere."

Having regional centres which don't have to be concerned with profit margins ensures a consistent quality of care regardless of economic conditions, Mrs. Lepa said. However, both Mrs. Lepa and social and family services administrator Rene Vivian agreed the quality of care now given at private centres was satisfactory.

The region buys services only from those agencies which have an unqualified license from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Mr. Vivian said. The Ministry sets standards and carries out regular inspection of centres.

The committee received and filed the report but Mrs. Lepa will do an internal study of day care needs, using figures compiled by the planning department in preparing the draft official plan.

The region provides or subsidizes day care for children of parents who cannot meet the costs themselves. The province pays 80 per cent of the costs and the region 20 per cent.

Milton tax levy up

Milton ratepayers face a small increase in municipal taxes this year. The 1978 budget finalized by council Monday indicates a taxpayer with a home assessed at \$5,000 is in for a \$22 increase on the tax bill.

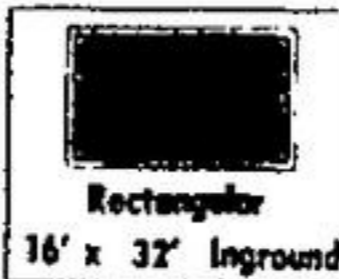
Increases will range from \$5 to \$41.50, depending on the area of the municipality, Treasurer Don Loughheed pointed out.

Based on a \$5,000 assessment, an urban Milton homeowner will pay \$628 in taxes this year, up \$21.10; in Nassagaweya area the levy is \$656, up \$41.50; in Esqueving \$534, up \$33.80; in former Burlington \$453, up \$9.60 and in former Oakville \$459, up \$5.

Town spending hit a new high this year with \$7,310,560 to be levied against ratepayers. That's an \$880,000 increase over last year's levy of \$6,430,207, or up 13.69 per cent.

Milton's costs account for 24 per cent of the total levy, the treasurer pointed out. The town needs \$1,924,161 from its ratepayers this year, compared to \$1 million for the region, \$1.7 million for high schools, \$1.8 million for elementary schools and \$197,000 for separate schools.

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