

Vaccine runs short

Restrict polio clinics to youths 18 and under

Emergency polio immunization clinics in Halton will limit immunizations to young people 18 and under, Dr. Joseph Chamberlain, Halton's Medical Officer of Health, announced Monday night.

Persons of any age who have just returned from the Netherlands or are planning to visit there will be given the vaccine as well.

Dr. Chamberlain said he received a call from the Ministry of Health Monday night instructing him that no further adult clinics are to be

held outside Oxford County and counties forming a buffer zone around Oxford. Three cases of paralytic polio and two cases of non-paralytic polio have been confirmed in Oxford County and 85 people have been quarantined.

Dr. Jo Chamberlain, Halton Medical Officer, said as long as there is a mobile population, there is danger of any disease spreading.

He said some people from Oakville Burlington area had attended a wedding in the Norwich area, and had been

in direct or indirect contact with those who contracted the disease.

He said he had a bulletin placed in Georgetown Christian Reform Church warning of the need for immunization if planning to visit Holland or expecting visitors from that country.

Most victims are members of the Netherlands Reform Congregation. Some members of the sect refuse vaccinations. There have been 100 confirmed cases of polio in Holland this year. Several

exchange students who belong to the sect have been visiting in Oxford County.

Clinics for those eligible for the vaccine will be held as previously scheduled. The Milton clinic is operating out of the Health Unit office today. A clinic in Oakville is slated for tomorrow and one in Acton for Friday. A clinic was held in Georgetown Tuesday.

Clinic hours have been changed. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Phone numbers are 878-7245

for Milton and 877-2238 for Acton and Georgetown.

After this week the only clinic scheduled so far is one on Sept. 1 in Milton.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Health said the restriction of vaccine is a temporary measure only. When supplies have been replenished, clinics for adults will reopen. He said 1,000,000 doses are expected to be ready in September and a further 500,000 doses in October. Individuals over 18 who have started a series of injections

will be able to continue them at that time, he added.

The order to confine immunizations to the high risk group, issued Friday by Health Minister Dennis Timbrell, has met with a mixed response.

Oxford County physician Dr. R. M. Hall, who discovered the polio cases, is reported to disagree with the ruling. He is quoted as saying everyone should be able to get immunized against polio.

The medical officer of health for Ottawa-Carleton

said Saturday he would continue to vaccinate people of all ages until supplies run out.

The last major outbreak of polio in Canada occurred in 1953, and the last reported case in Ontario, before this year, was five years ago. But Canadians growing up in the forties and fifties and earlier will remember the polio scares of summers, will remember the warnings against swimming in dirty water and will remember the iron lungs.

Vaccine against polio

became available in 1955 and the disease virtually disappeared.

But the virus itself has not been wiped out. It is always present in society, a spokesman for the Ministry of Health stresses. Absence of the disease depends on maintenance of an adequate level of immunity in a community.

Poliomyelitis is a viral disease of varying severity. At one extreme it can be fatal — mortality rate ranges from two to 10 per cent and increases with age. At the other

extreme it can be symptomless.

Signs and symptoms include fever, headache, stomach upset, general malaise and stiffness of the neck and back. Paralysis, usually of the lower limbs but sometimes also affecting the muscles of respiration and swallowing, occurs in some cases.

The virus is spread by secretions of the nose and throat and in the feces of infected persons. It can be carried in contaminated drinking water, (Continued on Page 2)



GORD BRUCE shows his style in the Acton Tennis Championships on the weekend. Gord and partner Mike Morris reached the finals of the senior tournament before bowing to John Kavanagh and Peter Marks, 6-1, 6-1. Morris and Bruce are still junior age. Line judge Lin Briggs looks on. See Sports pages for story.

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Hydro, ICG to battle at OMB in early 1979

The New Year will see the restart of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing into the dispute between Ontario Hydro, on the one side, and Halton Hills, Halton Region and the Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) on the other.

About two weeks were set aside starting January 2 for the hearing which is to test the old Esqueving official plan and bylaw which keeps Ontario Hydro's 500 KV corridor, for the most part, outside Halton Hills. The town's 7th Line office will again be the site.

When the hearing resumes

more than five months will have passed since the first try was made to get it started. July 31 was to have been the opening day for the hearing. However, ICG Lawyer Robert Jarvis, of Toronto, convinced the OMB there was not good enough notice, under law, given to people who would be affected by the line.

Ontario Hydro agreed "in view of the serious suggestion that people did not receive proper notice."

Residents in the path of the power corridor are to receive separate notices announcing the January OMB hearing. The July meeting was ad-

vertised in local papers and Ontario Hydro mentioned the meeting in a brochure which it maintains was mailed to many people along the corridor.

The Esqueving official plan is in force in Halton Hills. It is the main barrier to a 109-mile long Ontario Hydro 250-foot wide corridor. The corridor is planned to carry power from the Bruce nuclear generating station, on Lake Huron, to Milton where it is to join an east-west corridor of equal strength.

Parts of the corridor are built and others are under construction. However, no towers stand so far along the north-south axis within Halton Hills.

The route would travel from Erin Township south between Lines Four and Five, cross Highway 7 just east of Acton, cross the Niagara Escarpment at Limehouse, and continue south, for the main part parallel to the lines, until it joins with the east-west corridor near Highway 401.

Ontario Hydro recently won the right, in a ministry of housing decision, to build towers on a four-mile stretch of Niagara Escarpment Commission land within Halton Hills. Eight miles remain for the public utility to secure.

ICG opposition to the corridor stems from what it contends are errors in Ontario Hydro planning, but mainly from the lack of an independent study for a route. Such a study was made of the east-west line, the one which the north south line is to join near Milton.

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No visit planned from "The Chief"

John Diefenbaker, former prime minister of Canada, will not be appearing at the Acton Fall Fair next month.

Otto Jelinek, Halton Progressive Conservative candidate, told the Free Press that Mr. Diefenbaker sincerely regretted not being able to make the fair September 15, 16, 17, but his schedule does not permit it.

It was hoped "the Chief" would be able to officially open the fair Saturday afternoon and attend the Old Tyme Fiddler's Contest Saturday evening. Local P.C. members have been trying to arrange the visit.

This past weekend, Mr. Jelinek said, Mr. Diefenbaker's schedule was drawn up for coming months. He explained that on September 18, he will be guest of honor at birthday celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. He explained the event is usually put on by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, with many dignitaries and friends attending.

On September 20, Mr. Diefenbaker leaves for China. Mr. Jelinek said. With this busy schedule, the candidate said, it is regrettably impossible for the former prime minister to be present in Acton.

Mr. Jelinek explained that with the uncertainty of a federal election, Mr. Diefenbaker's aides could not plan the trip to China. However, Mr. Jelinek said, they now feel free to go ahead and plan the trip, thus throwing a wrench in any plans to attend the local fair.



SHARON NAYLOR, new librarian for Halton Hills shows local youngsters Peggy Ancker and Shelley Donstone a new book in the Acton library.

Sharon Naylor new librarian

Although only at her job for three weeks, Sharon Naylor the new librarian in the Acton and Georgetown libraries, already has found her job enjoyable and the staff supportive.

Sharon, a native of Newmarket, received her Honors Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of Waterloo. She has just recently completed her Masters of Library Science at the University of Toronto.

Hired by the town of Halton Hills to work between both community's libraries, her job was created to coordinate children's services in the entire town. Wednesday and Friday afternoons and some Saturdays, Sharon works in the Acton library while the remainder

of the time she works out of Georgetown.

She feels it is an excellent job for someone just starting out, and she thoroughly enjoys the work she does. She has found everyone to be very supportive in her new position and friendly.

It was while working as a page in the Newmarket

library that Sharon decided to be a librarian. Now after years of study and reaching for her goal she is on the job enthusiastic to learn even more than her education provided.

In her spare time, Sharon enjoys handicrafts of all kinds, cross country skiing, biking and hiking.

Free Press photo contest

The Acton Fall Fair is once again coming up on the calendar. And as annual as is the fair, is the Free Press photo contest.

The contest is open to all amateur photographers in the Free Press coverage area, including Buckwood, Speyside, Baldinford and Limehouse. Categories are

both color and black and white and must be taken in the area.

Entries will be accepted no later than September 10—so get snapping.

Professional photographers will be judges. Cash prizes will be won and winning entries published in the Free Press.

Role of school changing says high school principal

The family unit is changing and with it the role of the school, says Wally Watkins, new principal of Acton high school.

Mr. Watkins said there is not the close bond in families there once was. He stressed this is not the fault of anyone but of a changing society. He explained that families are smaller, thanks to family planning, than they were even 15 years ago. Mobility in today's world causes families to move away from their relatives, thus eliminating the aunts and uncles and grandparents role in helping to raise the young.

High mortgages sometimes means mothers have to work instead of being home when their children get home from school. Single parents, whether through death or the high divorce rate also affects today's students.

With these and many more examples of changing society, students of today look towards their peers for guidance rather than their parents or other relatives. The only adults some of the students come in contact with are teachers.

"The schools are asked to do more and more," Mr. Watkins said. "And the problems is, society can never afford to pay people to do these things that Mom and Dad, aunts and uncles once did for nothing."

The family unit is one of the major concerns of the new principal. He pointed out it is

happening all over North America and not just Acton or Halton. He blames no one and stressed that not all family units are changing.

Education standards have increased radically over the past 12 years Mr. Watkins states. "More and more people are expecting and receiving an education now than in any other time."

"Half the students in school wouldn't have been here 12 years ago," he cited. "This leads to expectation. Just as everyone expects to have two cars when 12 years ago they felt lucky to have one, today students are expected to perform at a high level of literacy. More people are going and staying in school longer than before."

Mr. Watkins explained that everyone who leaves school today achieves a level of education to performance that would have demanded from a very few 12 years ago. He also pointed out that about ten or 12 years ago was when students started using education as an alternative to employment. "This has led to a big discrepancy to what people think happens in schools and what is happening."

"People are paying more money in taxes," he said, "and are being they are not getting the results in education they expected. One of the problems is society has to decide what it wants from education and whether it can

afford it."

Mr. Watkins believes in three words—faith, hope and charity.

Faith, he says can be in religion, in ourselves, in common sense. It is different for the individual. A principal, however, he said must have faith in his staff and students.

Hope, he says, is something everyone must have. Without it, the world would be full of despair and being cheerful is important in life.

Charity, Mr. Watkins explains comes from the latin work caritas which means love. Everyone must have

love for the other, a sense of community and ability to support each other. Everyone must also have the ability to persevere with people who have let us down or let themselves down.

The main thing in education, Mr. Watkins said is to test the students to the limit of their ability but not to affront them by demands that are beyond them. "It is to work people hard, but to be fair", Mr. Watkins stated.

The new principal looks forward to September when students return to classes. He is extremely happy to be in Acton, and stressed he likes a

small school much more than a larger one. He has nothing but praise for the entire staff of the local secondary school, from everyone from teachers to secretaries, to janitors.

There is a working communication between the school and public, Mr. Watkins noted, something which past principal Dean Fink help achieve. These communications must be kept open, he said, as they are a vital link.

The educational system in Canada is a fair, well rounded, unprejudiced democratic institution, Mr. Watkins said. Having grown up and taught in the British school system, he feels he is qualified to make such a statement.

Mr. Watkins was born in London, England and grew up during the war. He has memories of airplanes, bombs and war.

His father was a butcher "a working class" Mr. Watkins explains. However, he was a "scholarship student", and was able to go to grammar school. This system he criticizes. "This form of education is unfair and insensitive" he said. "Four-fifths of society is sealed off from a university education".

A test must be taken to enter grammar school. Only the top 15 per cent are granted admission. The school makes it very clear to everyone, who made it in the

Trial date in robbery to be set Monday

A man and a woman who were arrested by Halton Regional Police in connection with the July 8 armed robbery of the Royal Variety store were remanded until next week when a date will be set for trial.

Stephen William Jones, 18, was remanded in custody while Cindra Elizabeth Kirby, 20, was not. When arrested by police neither had a fixed address. They are to appear in court Monday.

The pair appeared last Monday at provincial court at Milton.

After they were arrested Kirby was released on her

own recognizance. Jones was placed in the Toronto West Detention Centre. Their first court appearance was on July 31.

The Royal Variety was held up just before closing time by a man and a woman. The man had a 10-inch knife. Loot taken in the robbery is between \$300 and \$500, according to police.

Most of the cash was spent. Jones and Kirby were arrested after surveillance teams from District One Investigative Services and uniformed officers staked out a trailer camp near Acton.



JOHN FORD, RIGHT, GIVES a big kiss to his steady Michelle Perry. Brother Mark, left, demonstrates the Fonz pose with thumb out front. The children were chosen as best dressed greasers at the Robert Little playground greaser day Friday afternoon.

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