

Not Advertised Here, Critics Say of County Appointment

The hiring policy and the method of advertising vacancies for Halton County positions, came under attack by deputy reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing and deputy reeve Ted Tyler of Acton, at Friday's Halton County council meeting.

While no-one questioned the ability of the successful candidate Austen Ledwith, ex-reeve of Milton, and a former member of county council, the method of hiring and advertising were strongly criticized.

TRAIN THEM

The new appointed field worker for the Social and Family Services Committee, Austen Ledwith, will enrol in a two year public welfare course at \$75 a year, which the county will pay if he is successful. Deputy reeve Hill challenged this point "Is it our practice to hire unqualified people and then train them?" he demanded. Continuing he asked if there were any other applications. "I wonder how many more people would have applied if they had known they would be paid to train for the job?" he enquired.

Reeve Anne MacArthur of Nassagaweya backed up the Esquesing deputy reeve saying "A lot of people were barred from applying because they thought they had to be qualified."

OBJECT

Milton's reeve G. Harris said

only one other person applied, and she didn't live in the district in which she would serve.

In the same vein deputy reeve Ted Tyler of Acton claimed the county advertised for a fully qualified field worker. "I object to a brand new employee, his feet barely wet, being trained at the county's expense."

Art Spreight, deputy reeve of Georgetown stated flatly, "there was no mention of taking a course or the county paying for it when Mr. Ledwith was hired." He made the point that hiring an inexperienced man as opposed to a qualified field worker, saved \$1,900. "This makes the \$75 course look like a small item" he remarked.

Deputy reeve Tom Hill retorted, "I'm not arguing about the \$75, I'm arguing about the way the job was given."

AWKWARD

Oakville deputy reeve Bill Gillies urged the establishment of a definite hiring policy, and suggested council had put itself in an awkward position by hiring an ex-member so soon after he was in council. He also criticized the placing of the ad only in one Toronto paper.

George Currie, Esquesing reeve stated bluntly, "If you're looking for someone to fill a job in Halton County, you should advertise first, in Halton County newspapers."

Physical Fitness Lack Apparent in Canadians

Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met on February 17 at the home of Mrs. Kathleen Vickers, 25 Eleanor Crescent.

For her program, "The Body Beautiful" Mrs. Lorene Morwick introduced a guest speaker Mrs. Mary Simpson, who is one of Georgetown's most active instructors. She instructs for tiny tot and toddlers' gym, yoga, keep fit and take-a-break. She stressed the lack of fitness of today's generation, in particular men and children. Man's life span is drastically shortening, she said, yet a men's fitness program planned this fall had no applicants.

FITNESS TEST

She based most of her talk on the Bonnie Prudden physical fitness course which she attended last summer. Mrs. Prudden is director of the Physical Fitness Institute in the States. She approached two doctors and asked for a basic test to measure fitness of the body's major muscles and from this the Kraus-Weber test developed. It tests minimum muscle strength needed to maintain the body.

Results were astounding. In Italy 8% failed, in Austria 9.5%, Japan 19%, India 39% and in the United States 80%.

Mrs. Simpson raised the question "Why?"

RUN, CLIMB

The condition is created at birth. A baby is confined in a bassinet, then a crib, a play pen, a stroller so his muscle strength is not developed when he reaches school age.

Children instead need fields to run in and fences to climb. If they don't get natural exercise it must be supplied through other channels. Yet, she pointed out, there are no functioning gyms in the town's public schools. We provide children with an education, but not a strong body to support it.

INSTIL IDEA

As mothers, she said her audience should instil the idea of physical fitness in their children.

The sorority constitution was presented for approval at a business meeting. Mrs. Mary Ann Corbett presided at the meeting.

BALLINAFAD

Skates Replace Spurs For EB-HO Riders Party

There were about 50 members of the EB-HO riding club present for the skating party at the Hillsburgh arena on Saturday night. Both old and young participating. Some played hockey, others were interested spectators. A pleasant 2 hours was enjoyed by all. Next event of the riding club will be a horse clinic at Erin some time in March.

The February meeting of the UCW was held at the home of Mrs. Elwood Snow. The roll call was answered with a verse of scripture beginning with the letter J. Mrs. LaRose had charge of the scripture and the topic was given by Mrs. Don Brown. Members decided on the days to do the quilting most suitable being the beginning of the week of March 2. Mrs. Sales president reported on a meeting she had attended. Program was an exchange of Valentines and each member giving a household hint.

Mrs. Ruth Shortill and Mrs. Schwarz were the committee to help the hostess with lunch.

Mrs. F. Shortill, Mrs. E. Clark, Mrs. Leo Jamieson, and Mrs. R. Sales, ladies from the UCW of Ballinafad Church attended the Halton Presbyterial at Erindale United Church on Thursday February 19. Mrs. Patricia Clark was guest speaker in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Smith arrived home on Saturday after spending two weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swann-Beverly and Kevin were Sunday visitors at the F. Smiths.

Ricky and Vicki-Lyn Hembruff spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall.

The nine Nifty Separates

met for the 4th time in the basement of the community centre Saturday morning. The girls worked on their garments which they had cut out at the previous lesson last meeting. The leaders discussed the proper way to fit the clothes also the correct way to put on facings. With the wide display of patterns and the variety of materials the girls are anticipating a colourful display of finished garments for Achievement Day.

Two families presented children for baptism at the worship service on Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr, who presented their little son and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hillier, their infant daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robson and Paul were Sunday visitors at Ernie McEneaney's.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Lloyd McLean and Mrs. Lloyd McEneaney in the death of their uncle Mr. Ray Watson.

Sorry to report Mr. Harding Price is still a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

— Mrs. Winnifred Smith

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Too Late, Mrs. C., Takeover Is Here

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Dear Mr. Editor: Will you please be kind enough to print this "Open letter to a courageous lady." Dear Mrs. C.

I admire your courage but beg you to be careful.

You warn us so eloquently of the possibility of a communist takeover. Ah, my dear lady, it is much later than you think. We have been taken over already.

You remember dear Dick's celebrated kitchen debate in Moscow? He never came back from it, but was exchanged with a Russian who looked exactly like him. This man is now the head of the government in the country to the south. But this is not all. Statistically the exchange rate has been escalated from 6.6% in 1965 to 29.3% in 1969. 74.2% of all our leaders in government, business, religion, the army and the police have been exchanged. If the exchange goes on at the present rate all Americans will have been exchanged by 1976 (an election year).

You will want to hear some proof. Here it comes.

Why do you think the silent majority is called by that name?

Well, of course, as former Russians they are not yet able to speak English.

The kids at Woodstock?

All Russians. Would those spoiled American brats have behaved as well as they did?

The nudists and near nudists?

A Russian, every one of them. They simply are not used to our moderate climate.

Vietnam? The biggest exchange operation so far. Our American boys are shipped over there and a bunch of communists come back.

Sex? We all know that this filthy, godless habit isn't an American invention. Therefore it must be Russian.

Drugs? It's really all vodka. The Russians can't do without it.

Spiro? Just add a 'w' to it. Looks Russian, doesn't it?

The infiltration is much lower here in Canada but in spite of that the "body exchange" as it is called in secret government circulars is supposed to be completed by 1978.

I have to be extra careful of what I am saying about Canada, since I am hiding here.

But just two examples will do. Good old D. visited Russia lately. I have studied his photographs after he returned and I am pretty sure that he looks different now.

And a certain person's fur coat? There is something mighty odd about that.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Church Parade For Scout Week

In the observance of Scout week the Brownies and Cubs attended church service Sunday morning at the United Church. Akela Marion Rice read the scripture lesson and eubmaster Norman Carlisle read the Epistle. Attending with the groups were also Tawny Owl Parker, and assistant eubmaster Diane Giles and Scoutmaster Steve Gemesi.

The junior girls' ball club held another euchre in the town hall, Thursday evening. There were twelve tables. Ladies high score, Mrs. Harold Reed, 2nd, Mrs. Clara Switzer, Mrs. Cora Snyder; high score on white card — J. Holder, 2nd, Mrs. Sid Hulme, Mrs. P. Boyd. Refreshments were served. The next euchre will be held on March 5.

There will be a special Lenten service in St. Alban's on Sunday evening, March 1st to which everyone is welcome.

Dan Wagstaffe motored home last week from Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Macdonald of Ajax spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Steinfatt and girls.

St. Alban's Ladies' Guild held a successful euchre and social afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Reynolds last Thursday. Winners at euchre were, high score Mrs. E. Miller, Mrs. Sid Hulme, low score Mrs. Len Murdock and Mrs. R. Reynolds. Another will be held this Thursday afternoon to which everyone is welcome. Refreshments were served.

A ladies auxiliary for the Brownies has been formed and Mrs. S. Browning is president. Their first effort is a bake sale to be held in the town hall this Saturday morning, February 28. Anyone interested in the auxiliary whether mother of a Brownie or not, would be very welcome. Contact Mrs. Browning, Main Street.

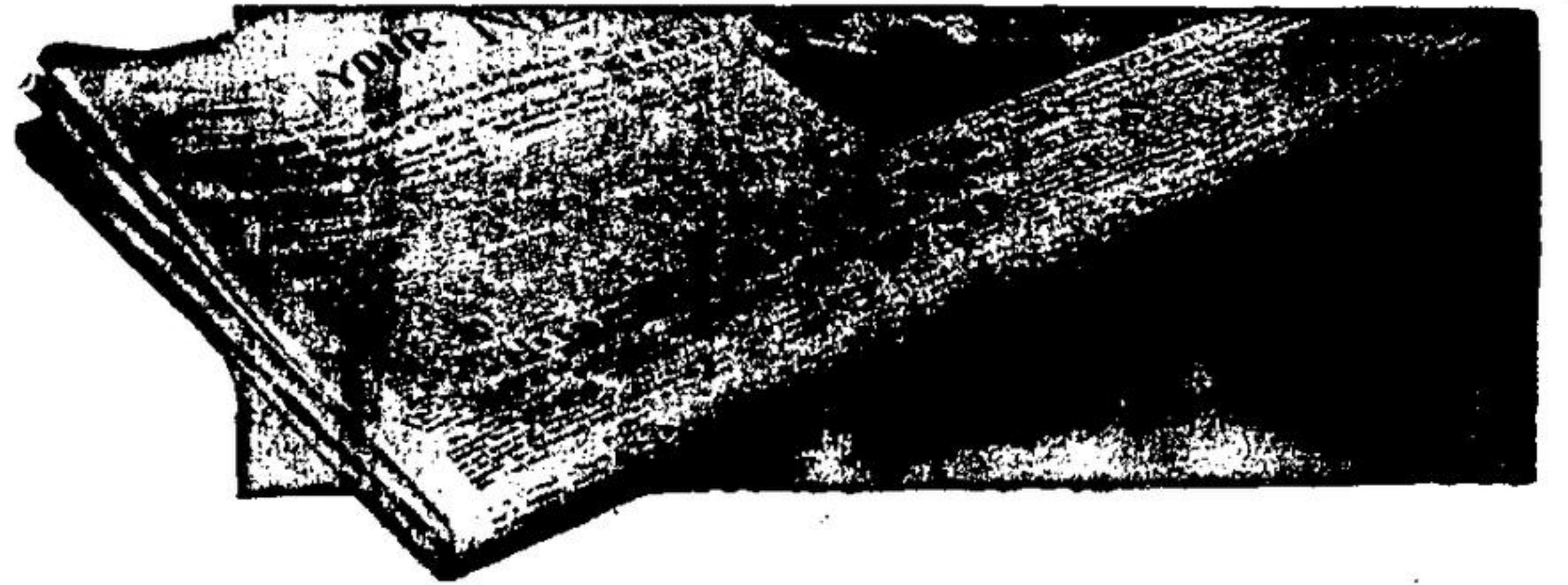
Mrs. L. Wagstaffe was able to be home for the day last Sunday while she is a patient in Georgetown hospital.

Get well wishes are sent to Mrs. L. J. Norton who is a patient in Georgetown & District Hospital.

— Mrs. C. Barth

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