

Small Cost, Big Benefit if Town's Water Had Fluoride

The recent uproar in Georgetown and Acton caused by a Hamilton Speculator interview with Dr. Samuel Green has resulted in 'definite positive results' over the past few weeks.

Dr. Green said a story in the Speculator which described Georgetown, Acton and the north end of Halton County as a poor socio-economic area was a "misinterpreted article." It inferred children in the south of Halton had better teeth because in the lower income areas to the north, parents couldn't afford as much meat and their children consumed sugary coffee.

It brought a public apology from the Halton County Health Unit.

Dr. Green later stated he was misinterpreted and attributed the better condition of children's teeth in south Halton to fluoride in the Oakville and Burlington water supplies.

In a press release this week Dr. Green, who is the dental director for Halton County, thanked newspaper editors for giving him a chance to put the record straight.

"Due to the constructive efforts and mature approach by the community minded citizens, politicians and the capable direction of the Halton County Health Unit, definite positive results have evolved," he said.

Dr. Green said that as a result of the controversy there has been a greater interest aroused as to the dental status of the community, especially that of children. He said many county school principals have since enthusiastically backed efforts to promote dental health and a number of them have discussed dental problems suggestions and solutions with him.

"Halton County Board of Education is working with me to establish a health curriculum guide for use by teachers from kindergarten to grade five," he said.

He said a number of dentists have recently contacted him expressing their desire to improve the dental health of the community. One dentist in Georgetown has even offered some of his time free to aid in the screening and education program in this area.

He stated an interest in water fluoridation has been expressed by many politicians and citizens in this part of the county. If water fluoridation were brought into being it would reduce decay by 80 per cent at a cost of 10 to 25 cents per person. Dr. Green offered to sit on any committee formed to do a feasibility study on water fluoridation here.

"If one compares the incidence of dental cavities of the children in Halton County in 1950 to that in 1969 one could see a reduction from 92 per cent to 54 per cent," he said. "That is to say that decay is becoming less and less prevalent, but the fact still remains that 54 per cent of the children examined in Halton County last year had dental cavities of one degree or another."

He said the 54 per cent was about an average with the rest of the province. Areas where the percentage was lower had the benefit of fluoridated water.

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presented with a gift from the group. Peeters, This part of the event also included the investiture of four Scouts. Paul Macdonald, Tom Fitzmaurice, Peter Malenfant, and Paul Milliere, a floral arrangement and birthday card.

The program was a simulated campfire with entertainment including a song skit by A Pack, guitar solo by Peter Malenfant, and a play The Littlest Month, by B Pack.

The evening was convened by Mrs. Roma Timpson and Mrs. Mary Leonard.

A special presentation was the religion and life badge and

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Terra Cotta area. This six mile hike to be led by Colin Mason will start at Terra Cotta park at 10 a.m. and head west to the 8th Line. Then on Sunday, April 19 the Toronto group will head to the Niagara region for a short hike around the Ball's Falls area. Some club members will also join with hikers in the Dufferin Highlands area for a longer hike on the same Sunday.

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He said that 40 per cent of the children examined last year in Halton had never been to a dentist.

"This is neglect. It is the moral, legal, ethical and professional duty of this public health unit to prevent dental disease if at all possible. Experts tell us we can prevent it by up to 85 per cent and it is both my intention and that of my staff to reach this goal through prevention, education and organized community action," he said.

"There is a saying which is applicable — 'Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you.'"

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He asked if the government or the Prices and Incomes Commission had made representations to the credit card companies and those companies and financial institutions who used this method to promote business, requesting them to regulate the availability of such cards.

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Scouts, Dads Dine on Kentucky Fried Chicken

Fifth Georgetown A and B Cub Pack and Scout Troop and the boys dads sat down to dine together recently at the annual Fifth Georgetown father and son banquet in Holy Cross auditorium. Kentucky fried chicken and salads were their fare.

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Hikers Feet Itchy

26 Mile Walk Plan For Bruce Trailers

The Toronto Bruce Trail Club's most recent newsletter, "Footnotes" list several winter and spring hikes coming up in the Milton-Georgetown district. Major hike of the year will be the fourth annual end-to-end hike on Sunday, April 26 when a band of walkers will head out to traverse the entire Toronto section of the trail, a 26 mile walk from Terra Cotta to Kelso.

That hike will start at 7.30 a.m. Hikers will leave their cars at Kelso (corner of Five Sideroad and Fifth Line), drive to Terra Cotta by bus and hike back to their cars.

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Major operations totalled 21, minor operations 47, and tonsil and adenoid operations 12 in February.

Ramautarsingh OSSTF Assembly Delegate

A Georgetown District High School teacher, Tom Ramautarsingh, will be one of 10 high school teachers representing the Halton-Wentworth District at the annual assembly of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation next week.

President of the federation, Ward McAdam, said federation representatives will attempt to establish an acceptable ratio for academic, technical, and vocational classes at the assembly.

Mr. McAdam says a standard ratio is necessary to maintain quality educational programs. These programs can only be effective when there are sufficient teachers in each school.

Contribute to Inflation Whiting Continues Attack Credit Cards 'Too Easy'

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He leaves his wife, Pearl Jackson, whom he married in 1918; three children, Mrs. E. W. Scarlett (Estella), 11 Mary Street, Mrs. Del Beaumont (Ethel), 53 Shelley Street, and Mrs. Rene Martin (Velma), 38 Byron Street; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, brothers Andy of Walford and Mel of Durham and sisters Mrs. Bertha McCannell, Milton, and Mrs. John Hooper (Ethel) of Varney. He was predeceased by brothers and sisters John of Holstein, Robert of Georgetown, Russell of Powassan, William, Toronto, Viny and Arthur of Swinton Park.

Rev. Robert Scrivens conducted the funeral service on March 9 at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons Brian, Beaumont, Jim and Ron Scar-

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