# Probation Officer a Responsible Job

by Brian Ward Oakville Journal Record

the peace and be of good beha- has the opportunity to talk ov- committed the crime. vior and appear before the court er his problems. when required to do so by the cused shall:

These words intened by a service. judge to an accused person after. his conviction often means the difference between spending and having freedem.

### BIG JOB

tion officer and is responsible ten an hour in length." for 80 probationers in the North Halton area.

ted on them.

time to help his probationers marriage or drugs or society. the way he would like to," adcer for Hamilton and Halton his life to live." County.

#### 80 CASES

venile and of legal age, has been placed on probation, a Barker's charge.

With 80 cases to handle and only 18 per cent within walking distance of his headquarters. in the provincial court office, Barker's probationers are not police officers in their district also Barker's job. keep an eye on them.

to report to Barker. usually doesn't mean I put in a good railways are simply dumping orations are down now and the litton hospital, but we're sorry ell who travelled from Nova once or twice a month.

### DISCRETION

of discretion to be used in en-report, although he could give forcing a period of probation," his opinion if the facts were said Barker.

any of the conditions, the pro- requested when an effender has passenger service. bationer is liable to a jail sen- committed a crime and the tence of up to six months and judge would like a more detail. As an example he noted the were. he may, at the discretion of the ed history before he makes up losing fight waged by himself' crown attorney, be returned be, his mind on the sentence. Bar- and the Town of Acton in an' We're very glad that Claude fore the judge to be sentenced ker must gather all the facts, effort to prevent the CNR from picket was able to be at home.

A Bachelor of Arts degree.

### CONFIDENCE

"The probationer and proba-Their problems, hang-ups and other areas to help him. hones can often be communica. Also included in the report,

in someone's affairs unless I'm It is a big job for one man asked to," he cautioned, "and handle probationers but Barker have to enter into a counselling also prepares an average of ten situation if he doesn't want to."

his own decisions about his "Tom hasn't quite got the problems whether they be with

#### FRUSTRATIONS

which could help him make the vice to Millon. right decision.

Very often, a pre-sentence report can make the difference At the same time a Canadian

"I would like to say, that town, when a judge says a report is word about him.

#### ALL THE FACTS

"The probation officer's only, caused", said Whiting. "There is always an element job is to put the facts in the strong enough to back him"

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to a term for his original of often interviewing a man's par-judge, crown attorney, defence probation is now a more appro-"The said accused shall keep Once on probation, the offender relationship with him before he ery fact printed.

### 'PARENTS HOSTILE'

in teaching, psychology and reg-compose about two thirds of back himself up. "Report to and be under the ular in-service teaching pro- my case load, the parents are: vide this type of counselling thetic with them while you're offender and rid him of some given in court by a police offidoing the report and they usu hostility towards society and cer who knew the accused. ally open up," Barker said.

With an offender from outen and often antiquated jails; ship of confidence, he said, must rely on his colleagues in probation officer, who repressing in Burlington. They are Ruddell, Mrs. Claude Picket, and having freedom of guy," Mildon stressed.

ted as we go through their in is an interview with the offen. And society's attitude towthe steel bars of the jail.

Tom Barker, 30, is a probaterview sessions which are of der which is often done behind and offenders is changing as Barker manages to meet his

ents, relatives, friends, police lawyer and the accused person priate way of dealing with ofor anyone else who had a close and is held accountable for ev-fenders, especially young ones." he concluded.

#### FOUR OTHERS **HUMAN TYPE GUY**

He has yet to be called by Probation officers only esmelersity in Hamilton, Stuart Nurse court, and in addition the ac- in social sciences plus training "With young offenders who any of the parties concerned to into being in Canada in 1921 Thelma Carney, Donald McClure and were employed by munici- and Murray Brownridge from palities. Pre-sentence reports the University of Guelph, all supervision of a probation offi. grams makes Barker and men often hostile towards you at Often a period of probation in the early days, now a prob- with their families for Christlike him well qualified to pro-first. But you try to be sympa- is enough to straighten out an ation oficer's job, were verbally mas.

> Some of our residents have a In Halton County, there are birthday this month in 1971 authority. A problem which often leads to the first offence, four others beside Barker with Grace Bird, Mrs. Graham Reeve, side Halton County. Barker "We try to make him see a two in Oakville and two work- Karen Wickson, Mrs. Arthur ents authority, as a human type employees now of the Depart- Fred Nurse, Mrs. J. M. Wickson, ment of Justice of Ontario.

ther Mrs. Norman Wriggles-Besides his Milton office, worth of Milton both on the same day, Ricky Elliot and Lois probationers in Acton and in MeNabb. Georgetown offices on a regular

"I don't try to stick my nose. Barker submits copies to the. "In the mind of the public, basis.

to handle and not only does he the probationer doesn't even "Fighting At A Disadvantage"

# have not yet had sentence pass who when you start with him, CN'S Passenger Dumping Dismays M.P.

pletely dismayed' that Canada's by Guelph. "You set out alternatives but two rail lines are getting out of don, supervising probation offi. in the end .it's made clear it's passenger service in southern of the country.

The Liberal MP said in Hal-Barker was reluctant to ton riding several passenger When an offender, both ju-talk about the frustrations or runs have been cut off and the. He said when a public hearsetisfactions of his job because Canadian Pacific Railway is ing was held into the Acton staperiod which could last up to help themselves on the right a Toronto to Windsor run presented by a battery of law encourage passengers. three years, he comes under read. He just makes suggestions which provides commuter ser-

communities, including George.

their passenger runs at every tree thrown away, the new cal- that Mrs. Frank Ruddell had to chance, and despite any public endars are hung up and we are spend Christmas day and a week hardship or inconvenience started into a new year, may it

### LOSING FIGHT

He said both local MP's and municipalities are at a disad-

Halton riding MP Rud Whit-shutting the local station and yers and slide rule experts, ing said this week he is 'com- transferring operations to near- while the local town had neither the manpower nor resources to fight the railway.

"This station was important Ontario and in most other parts ahead and closed it despite pub-ted only in freight hauling, although they have an obligation lie protest," said Whiting.

### OBLIGATION

able passenger service. he felt most offenders have to now seeking permission to end tion move, the railways was retthe railways are not trying to the New Year's celebrations Mr.

# ASHGROVE

# between probation and a jail National passenger run between University Students sentence to an offender, and Toronto and Guelph is being Barker's probationers are not sentence to an official and official and

Well the celebrations are all; for Christmas, as he has had a "It is quite obvious that the over for another year, the dec-long siege in and out of Hambring Peace and Happiness to in Milton hospital after a car and their children Brian, Landa

Mr. and Mrs. James Carney days ahead. and their three daughters and vantage when it comes to fight, sons-in-law motored to the sun-But if there is a breach of The presentence report is ing railway decisions to cut off my south for the Christmas holidays, one day they reported it was eighty degrees where they

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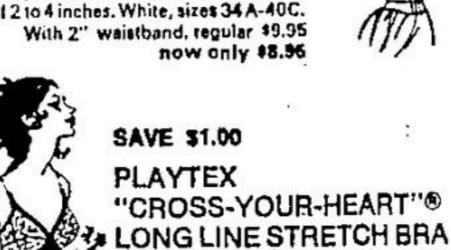
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Miss Janet Nurse who is at

tending the Ryerson Polytechni-

cal Institute in Toronto was

home with her tamily for the

holidays, as was also Miss Lois

McNabb from McMaster Univ-

Mrs. Harold Bailey and her mo-

May happiness attend you. In

all you plan to do. And may you

find good fortune along life's.

pathway too. Carnation is your

flower and garnet is your stone,

and may this January birthday be, the brightest you have ever

Holiday Visitors

Margaret St. spent the Christ-

mas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Holden in Oakville, For

and Mrs. John Holden were the

hosts and they also welcomed

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Wardell of Coe

Hill held a family party over the

hoiday season at their home for

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. R. Pink-!

ney, 50 Byron and Mrs. Pink-

ney's sisters Miss D. Wordell

and Miss G. Wardell from Flor-

ida and her brother Mr. Ward-

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Holmes

in-law Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tufts.

from Scarborough.

-- Mrs. John Bellboddy

known.

to the public to provide suit. Mr. and Mrs. John Holden, 7

accident. We wish both these Christmas in Brampton at the

good folk better health in the home of her sister and brother-

Mrs. Holmes welcomed gues.s Ken Glen.

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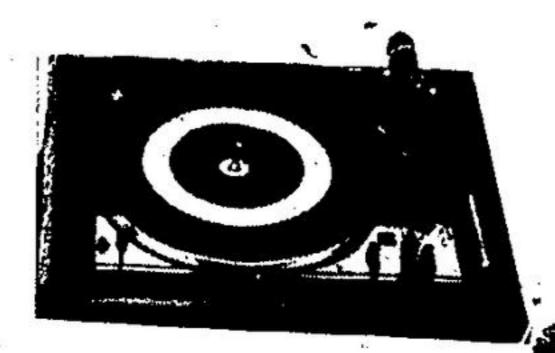
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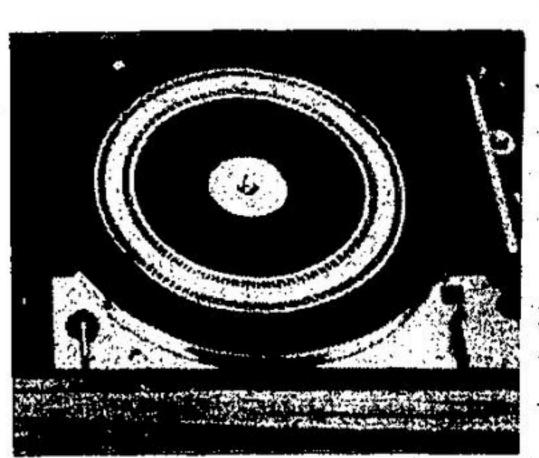
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