

Take-a-Break Kiddies Enjoy Sessions Also

by Marilyn Serjeanston
Have you ever wondered what happens to the kids at Ladies Take-A-Break?

I phoned Dana Primerano to find out just what they do. Dana, the mother of two children, has been looking after the 5 year olds for the past 1 1/2 years. She originally had planned to participate in the LTAB but her son cried and refused to be separated from his mother. Thus, fortunately for the Y, Dana became involved. Incidentally, Patrick, has changed his tune and can hardly wait for Tuesday mornings.

YOUNGSTERS HELP
The 13 or more youngsters start the 2 hours with a sing song followed by a story or two. Naturally, I was curious to know if they were quiet and attentive. I learned these children are so interested that they become involved with the story. This enthusiasm is captured by providing the children with an opportunity to build, paint, color or create.

I was beginning to think Dana would be exhausted after an hour. "No" she replied, "I really enjoy looking after these children. Moreover, I don't do everything. The youngsters help. They are responsible for certain duties. They set up chairs, collect crayons, pass out scissors and tidy up afterwards."

As you can imagine 13 three to five year olds aren't content to be perfect little angels for two hours without some physical activity. After a short refreshment break of juice and cookies, they are anxious to dash off to the gym for their own exercises with Carolyn McMuray.

Carolyn has a bachelor de-



gree in Physical Education. She quickly puts them through exercises to music, (Bev Smith at the piano), games with balls and bean bags and races in teams of make believe animals. This program will be enriched with the use of the Bonnie Prudden gym equipment.

TIME FLIES

Meanwhile Sharon Armstrong a mother of 2 school age children has been busy with the toddlers and the babies in the nursery. Here's where time flies. There are babies to be changed, possibly fed and even cuddled and toddlers to amuse. Dana pops in to help after the older youngsters go to gym. Hopefully, the babies sleep and the toddlers are content with the ample number of new and different toys.

Dana states from experience that children need to spend time away from mother and have a chance to operate on their own. At Ladies Take-A-Break they have an excellent opportunity to associate and play with kids their age. She says here they really start to learn to share and be a little responsible. At first, most youngsters are apprehensive but soon look forward to "their own school."

As you can see this program while designed to give the housewife a half hour of exercises, an opportunity to make new friends over coffee and then listen to a person of interest is also beneficial to their children.

NORTH HALTON REPORT

During the week of January 17-23, 1971 inclusive, officers of the Ontario Provincial Police stationed at North Halton Detachment worked a total of 1,103 1/2 hours and patrolled 10,448 miles of area roads under their jurisdiction. Charges were laid against 48 motorists for a variety of violations under the Highway Traffic Act, while 48 others received warnings. Proceedings in Provincial Court resulted in 48 convictions being registered.

Officers were called upon to investigate 21 general occurrences during this time period. Included were 4 thefts, one instance of break and enter, 3 investigations under the Liquor Control Act which resulted in 3 persons being charged and 1 domestic complaint. Two impaired drivers were apprehended during the week. Many other occurrences were of a minor nature and required little time to clear.

The number of traffic accidents investigated this week jumped to 21; however only 3 of these reported resulted in personal injury. Total property damage was estimated at \$14,880. Two of the mishaps occurred when deer wandered onto the road in the path of oncoming vehicles. Others were attributed to careless driving; following too closely; failing to yield the right of way. Failing to share half the road and blow-out. One of the collisions was a hit and run. Following investigations a total of 16 charges were laid and others are pending.

During the week Provincial Constable P. J. Campbell, Accident Prevention Co-ordinator for No. 3 District and Provincial Constable T. R. Penrice, Accident Prevention Officer of Milton Detachment conducted safety lessons throughout the Junior School at the Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton - approximately 250 pupils were contacted.

Here's a reminder for all drivers! If you're driving on one of the Provincial Highways after a snow storm, watch for the Dept. of Highways snow removal vehicles. Such vehicles carry a flashing blue light - so watch for it, it's a warning. Always use extra care and caution when approaching or passing a snow clearance vehicle. Remember, plenty of room for their work.



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