

# It Takes Courtesy & Common Sense Forecast Milk Price Plus an Assist From The Parents Rise in September

It's the bone chilling months, January and February, that Georgetown crossing guards are exercising extra caution to make sure the school children are threaded through the traffic safely.

The school tykes are usually bundled up to the ears against the cold this time of year making it difficult to see either side and the role of the 11 crossing guards in Georgetown becomes more important.

The local crossing guards work under the same handicap as their counterparts throughout the province in that they do not have the authority to direct or stop vehicular traffic.

Therefore, to a large extent, they have to depend on motorists using courtesy plus common sense, for the children to be guided safely across the street.

Schools can instruct pupils how to cross properly but they can't accept responsibility for how they behave off school property. This places the onus on the parents to insist before their children leave home that they strictly obey the directions of crossing guards.

**ONUS ON PARENTS**

In Ontario, only police officers have the authority to direct or stop traffic.

Hence, unless a crossing guard, is hired as a special constable and sworn in as such, he or she goes about the job with no authority to do so.

Sometimes school children fail to obey the directions of crossing guards and make a break through the traffic. Here again the crossing guard is

without legal authority to control youngsters if they are determined to act on their own.

Consideration has been given in many major Ontario communities to making special constables of crossing guards, however, because of possible liability problems, the idea has been ruled out.

**ATTACHED TO POLICE**

Georgetown school crossing guards, once recruited by the school boards and board of education, are now attached to the police department for administration, supervision and issue of equipment.

They are paid approximately \$110 per month for their 15 hours per week schedule. In those 15 hours they are exposed to every type of weather condition as well as the odd discourteous driver and mischievous pupil.

**HARD TO COME BY**

Each guard carries a 'stop' sign, but in fact wait for gaps in the traffic through which to guide the group of pupils. At some Georgetown locations during rush hours, gaps in traffic are hard to come by.

Georgetown Police department's traffic safety officer, Constable Arnold Van Clief, believes the secret of safe operation of school crossings lies to a large extent in better understanding by drivers of the problems encountered by school crossing guards.

"If drivers who follow a particular route each day could make a habit of paying just a little extra attention at points where school children cross, it would make the job a lot easier," he says.

**GUARD LOCATIONS**

He suggests all local drivers make themselves familiar with school guard locations. They are: Duncan and Weber; Delrex at Mountainview; Delrex at Rexway; Maple at Tyers; Maple at Main; Maple at Post Office; Mountainview Road bridge; Guelph at Wrigglesworth school; Main at Ewing; Main at Moore Park Cresc; and Ontario at Ann.

Georgetown's crossing guards are Mrs. Maureen Sewell, Harold McLaren, Mrs. Joan Emmerson, Mrs. Suzanne Guyett, Martin Moriarity, Jim Boyle, Bruce Ross, Mrs. Celeste Routhier, Mrs. Carol Baxter, Mrs. Pat Martineau, Mrs. Bernice Glass and Jim Lyon.

The price of milk paid to the farmer will go up another 15 to 20 cents by September.

Francis Redelmeier, a member of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, told the annual meeting of the Halton County Milk Producers this was to be the second increase in price bringing it to a total of 40 cents per hundredweight.

Consumers have just had to pay an increase of between one and three cents for their milk depending on whether they had it delivered to their home or bought it, at a cheaper price, at a store. The second increase will mean another one to three cents to the consumer, he said.

The first increase, introduced earlier this year, has been the first in three years for farmers, Redelmeier said.

He did not foresee an increase in price for any other dairy products, although their prices have not been boosted for five years.

Chairman of the board, George McLaughlin, later told the

meeting, held in the North Oakville Community Centre farmers will soon have to put a ceiling on their prices.

He disagreed, however, with consumers groups who argue the price went up too high.

McLaughlin claimed home delivered milk and the high cost of labour to deliver the milk boosted the price per half gallon to nearly three cents.

**LABOUR COSTS**

He also maintained that these high labour costs have forced many smaller dairies out of business or forced them to stay in the delivery side of dairying only, selling for larger dairies.

"The farmer will only receive a cent per half gallon increase when the price changes take effect," he said.

**AIN'T IT THE TRUTH**

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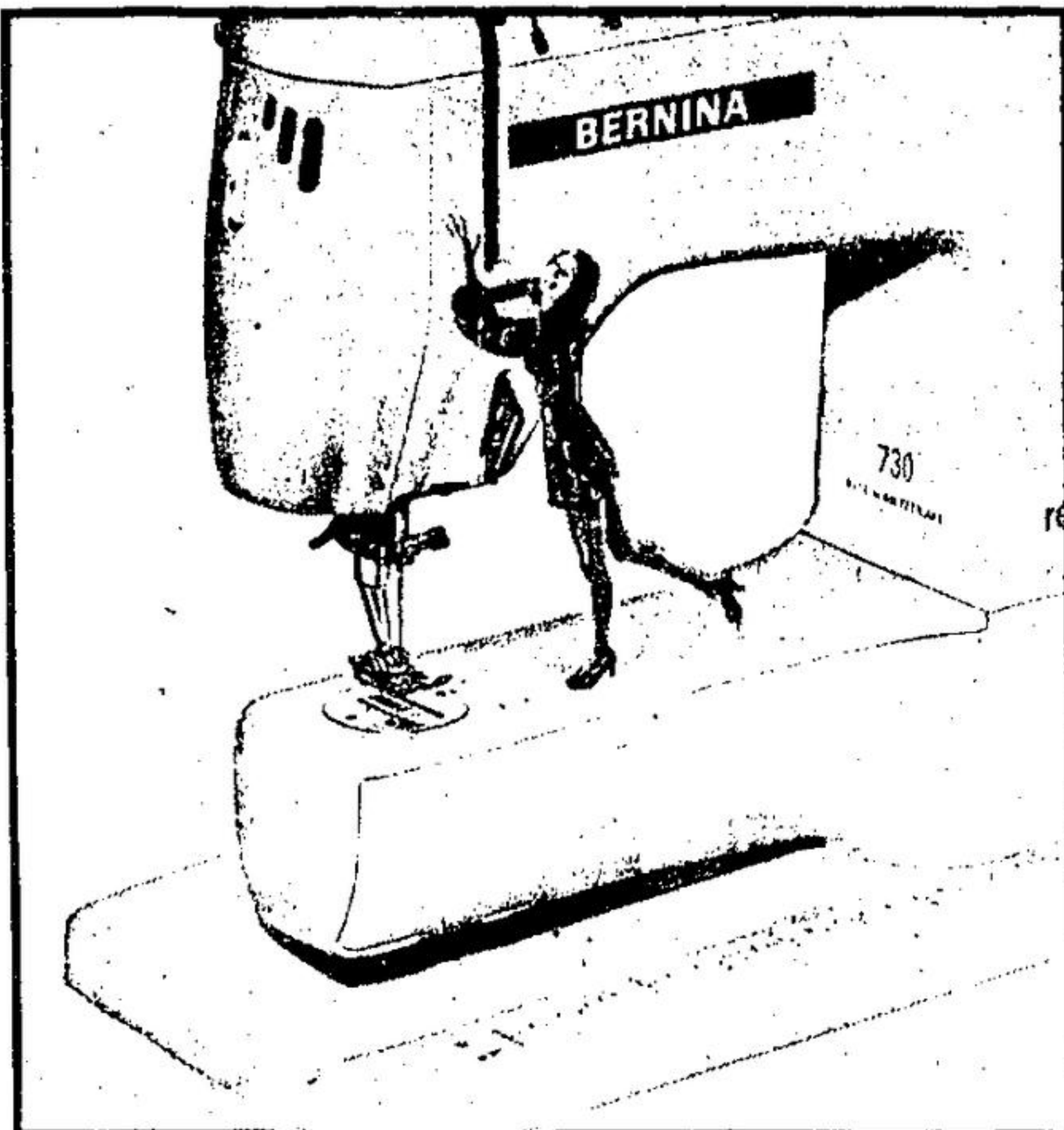
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