

# Oxfam Wants Parents as Walkers, Not Spectators

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Get out the sweat suit and the track shoes — there's only 2 1/2 weeks left to train for the Oxfam Walk.

Sponsored by Oxfam, the 'Y' World Service Committee and UNICEF, this year's walk will start off at the Brampton Fair Grounds at 7.30 a.m. May 1st and winds through Georgetown.

When it will end is anybody's guess.

## FINISH SOON

This year the walk will be about 28 miles long, out Queen Street, Brampton, to Huttonville, across Mississauga Rd., to the Huttonville Sideroad West, along it to the Town

Line south of Norval, along Highway 7 through Georgetown to Maple Avenue, down the Seventh Line of Esquesing for the Hornby bypass, along Steeles Avenue (Base Line) to Highway 10 and north to Brampton Fair Grounds.

There will be five rest stops, with snacks of sandwiches, oranges and apples at the second and third stop, drinks available at every check point and coffee and hot drinks at the last two stops.

It's the young students who make the walk a success, say walk organizers, and it's the parents, friends and gawkers

who cause the problems.

Organizers have nothing but admiration for the many, many young people who walk to raise money for charity, but this year they are hoping to eliminate some of the problems caused by sight-seers last year.

## STAY OFF ROUTE

They are asking parents, especially, to please stay off the route.

Last year, many parents brought snacks for their youngsters and so many of them were on the road that the "ambulance and the police couldn't get around", said a spokesman.

The organizational committee is emphasizing that there is enough to eat at check points for the walkers, and other amenities such as foot powder and footbaths for the inevitable blisters are also provided.

While parents are concerned about their children, said the spokesman, there is really nothing to worry about. Volunteer drivers will pick up any walker and drive him back to the arena. There is also a free telephone available, and parents will be called when their child needs a ride home.

## LITTER PROBLEM

Another problem encountered last year which it is hoped will be eliminated during this walk, is litter. For miles throughout the walk route, garbage littered the road. "A lot of it was sandwiches mother made for them," said the

spokesman. By having plenty of food at the check points, the litter problem would be solved.

Walkers should wear light-weight, warm clothes, and be covered all over, said organizers.

The first of May at 7.30 a.m. is no time for shorts, or skimpy outfits.

It is easier for a child to carry a light jacket, or tie it around his waist, than to wish he had an extra coat.

## START EARLY

While stout walking shoes are the best footwear, most youngsters wear running shoes, and as long as they are not in danger of falling apart en route, they are fine.

An extra pair of socks is a good idea. While the day itself might be warm, the walk starts early in the morning, before the sun banishes the chill, and

many of the children return after dark "just shivering". Last year, the police cleared the route as soon as it was dark, to avoid any accidents, and this year they will do the same.

Children who start late, can't be expected to finish before dark, so an early start is a must.

Entry forms are expected to be sent to the schools shortly.

## RAISED \$75,000

Last year, the walk raised almost \$75,000 for the three organizations.

This year's proceeds will be used in part to support existing projects.

People who sponsor walkers can be assured that money is going to good causes, to help combat illiteracy, poverty and human want in the poorest areas of the world.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council

## Daylight Saving Time

will be observed in Georgetown, beginning at 2.00 a.m.

Sunday, April 25th, 1971

and ending at 2.00 a.m.

Sunday, October 31st, 1971

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## ELMER'S BACK

# PC Nightingale in Charge For School Safety Campaign

Elmer the Safety Elephant is being reintroduced to the children in Georgetown's elementary schools in a three part series of visitations by Georgetown Police Constable Ted Nightingale.

The visits started last week when Constable Nightingale delivered basic safety messages to the junior graders. He will take Elmer with him when he revisits the schools. And on his third time around will work with the children outdoors, demonstrating Elmer's safety rules.

For the grades from three to six inclusive, the program is slightly different with movies and instruction combined. Seventh and eight graders will get the safety instruction in condensed lectures toward the end of the school term.

## VISUAL AIDS

"The objective is to teach every school child the basic safety rules, the safest route to and from school, and the safe way to deal with traffic," Constable Nightingale told The Herald.

After an initial talk with each group of children in the kindergarten to grade three range, visual aids will be introduced to keep the pupils' interest at a high peak.

Elmer the Safety Elephant, Elmer flags flying from school flag poles, safety films and slides are used along with outside activities such as teaching the proper place and the proper way to cross a street.

## BIKE SAFETY

"We teach the children the meaning of two rules 'obey' and 'safety' which we then transform into our motto Obey The Safety Rules," Constable Nightingale said.

Bicycle safety will be stressed to the four, five and six graders but primarily it will be the kindergarten to grade three children who will get the instruction.

"As time goes by we should notice an easing in the need for safety work with the older grades," Constable Nightingale said. "This does not mean that the older pupils will be neg-

lected since we still have a program for them. But more time can be spent with the junior graders."

## TAKE ACTIVE ROLL

Along with the safety program the Georgetown police urge parents to take an active role. "Don't tell your children how to cross the street properly — show them," says Constable Nightingale. "Safety habits, both good and bad, are learned in the home, usually before the child has an opportunity to attend school."

"Children are blessed with the ability to change their way of thinking very quickly, however it is enough to have to learn the proper way without having to forget the wrong way," he said.

The Georgetown Police Department through these visits and the use of Elmer the Safety Elephant, are doing their best to give Georgetown elementary school children a good basic safety education. "However this is also up to you, the parents, to do your share. They are your children."



The police officer behind the smiling faces is Georgetown Constable Ted Nightingale. Last week he started a series of visits to Georgetown elementary schools aimed at arming them with safety habits that will help them reach adulthood. See story page 7.

## GLEN WILLIAMS

### St. Alban's Guild Meets in New Hall

St. Alban's Ladies Guild met in the new parish hall for their April meeting with president Mrs. Robert Reynolds in charge. Secretary Mrs. Tom Haines read minutes and Mrs. Len Murdock gave the financial report. A bake sale is planned in May and the women will cater for a July wedding. A decision was made to continue the Thursday afternoon euchres.

Mrs. E. Chatten had received a letter from a former Georgetown resident Miss Pat MacKinnon who is teaching in central Africa. The letter, addressed to the Guild reads:

"On behalf of myself and the students at Umbul, I would like to thank you very much for the large box of sweaters which we received.

We have not distributed all of them yet, as the headmaster wants to make sure that the most needy of our students receive the benefit of their warmth in the fast-approaching cold season.

"With the risk of sounding

presumptuous, could you send us more men's sweaters. Many of our boys are quite big, as a great number are in their late teens or early twenties. (They weren't able to start school until the age of 10 or 11 or older). If you could send these sweaters, or trousers, they'd be much appreciated.

"As I'm leaving in August perhaps it would be best to send them to the headmaster. Mr. Nkhoma is a very kind, thoughtful man and is always grateful to receive any kind of assistance, as our school and students are sorely in need of many things."

Mrs. Tom Haines, in charge of lunch, made and served fancy sandwiches to the 14 members present.

The village was a beehive of activity Saturday to watch the Crazy Boat Race. Hundreds of cars and people jammed the streets to watch competitors sail down the river on the 7 mile course. Some of our Glen boys lost their raft when they stopped to help someone in trouble. Thanks to them for their thoughtfulness, and maybe saving a life.

— Mrs. Tom Haines

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