

Still Collecting Facts on Home Care in Halton

County councillors continue to grapple with home care for people released from hospitals for convalescence at home Thursday and again deferred the issue without a decision.

County council's community services committee, meeting for the first time under council's new committee structure, took up the debate which has resounded in meetings of the Halton Health Board for almost a year.

Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, the medical officer of health, is pressing the county to establish a home care program which would be 100 percent subsidized by the province.

Burlington now has a home care program operating out of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in co-operation with the Victorian Order of Nurses. The VON program would be absorbed into the program for the entire county.

WRITTEN SUPPORT

The committee deferred the program again and asked Dr. Chamberlain to produce the written support from hospitals and the medical community which the province requires.

Dr. Chamberlain is in the process of gathering this support

and said Thursday the idea of a county-wide home care program has been well-received by hospitals and doctors across the county.

BENEFIT FIRST

He requested the committee to authorize hiring a nurse-administrator for the program who would be located in the Oakville office of the Halton Health Unit.

Oakville would benefit first from the program with the quickest implementation possible after approval. The Georgetown and Milton hospitals would be the next stage in the plan to providing home care throughout the county.

EXPLAIN

Home care has been well received in Burlington and in other counties near Halton for cutting hospital costs and opening hospital beds to people who need them. The program is tailored to serve people who need bed or medical care which can be given at home on a daily basis by visiting nurses.

Dr. Chamberlain will invite a representative of the provincial health department to explain the program to the committee at its February meeting.

Burial Here Follows Toronto Funeral Service

Widow of a Toronto policeman and member of a pioneer Esqueping family, Mrs. Frederick Foxton died at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, December 17. She had suffered a severe stroke the day before.

Mrs. Foxton, who was 82, was the former Beattie Helena Hume, youngest daughter of George and Elizabeth Aitken Hume, who farmed Lot 12, 8th Line, Esqueping. When they retired in 1914, they moved to Georgetown, to a house at 44 Main Street North, recently demolished for an addition to the Bell Canada building.

She learned dressmaking with Miss Jessie Baird and in 1916 moved to Toronto where she learned millinery at the John Northway Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Foxton were married at her parents' home here in 1912, with Rev. R. F. Cameron of Knox Presbyterian Church officiating. They took up residence at 69 Manor Road East

in the city, a home which the builder had just completed for them, and which was to be her home for the next fifty years. Her husband died in 1955.

Mrs. Foxton lived quietly. She took an active interest in Glebe Road United Church and enjoyed gardening. She has one son, Hume, a chartered accountant, and a sister, Beatrice, a retired member of the Georgetown public school staff, who moved to the city in 1961 to make her home with her. A brother Alex and sister Isabella died several years ago.

Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Young, at the Morley Bedford Funeral Chapel with interment in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Honorary pallbearers were Fred Barth and Jack Done of Toronto, Ken Kirkwood, Georgetown, Carl Sinclair, Limehouse, Don Bird, Deep River and Doug. Bird, Weston.

Number of Jobless in This Area on Decrease

The unemployment figures from Canada Manpower Centre for the area which includes Georgetown show a decline since September.

In releasing the figures H. W. Fullard, manager of the office at Brampton cautioned that they are not official unemployment figures for the area.

He said that many unemployed persons do not register with Canada Manpower while others registered may have found work since but not notified the office.

"Our clients without employment in December totalled 2,484 by the end of the month," said Fullard. "This, he said, "is a drop from the November figure of 2,566."

At the end of September the unemployment figure for the area was 3,637, and by the end of October it had dropped to 2,817.

"Hopefully, the federal and provincial employment schemes have helped in this," said the manager.

"Some major corporations have had a slight increase in employees and some have had a decrease," he said.

Bill Smiley Column

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years old then. We inherited them, and they're probably priceless by now.

How about my hip waders? If they're not antiques, I'll eat your hip waders. They're so old I can't remember when I bought them, and they are full of genuine holes, just like old furniture.

And where does my wood-pile come in? One of my oaks blew down last summer, and I had it cut into firewood. Now I didn't pay for the oak when I bought the property, and I have about \$35 worth of wood there. Do I pay capital gains tax on it?

Enough of that. I'm becoming steadily more worried. I can see my entire estate going down the drain to the greedy tax collector.

Something else has me just about as puzzled. It's the educational system. It's different in every province, so that you can learn as much in twelve years in Manitoba as you can in thirteen years in Ontario. That is understandable, because of the difference in climate (the only reason I can think of).

But a whole new, frightening aspect of the black-board jungle is being introduced in my province. It's probably something the Yanks tried out ten years ago and found unworkable and have since abandoned. That's the way Canadian education, at its worst, seems to operate.

Beginning next September, the kids and their parents choose what subjects the kid will take in high school. So far, so good. I've always been opposed to the old, rigid system under which you had to take math or French or something you were hopelessly inept at. I think there should be lots of options.

But surely, this is going a bit far. The provincial government, with the aid of federal help, has spent millions and millions of dollars setting up schools with all manner of equipment, especially in the technical departments.

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