



Mick Holmes, fire chief of area one, gave a short talk to a group of girls at Acton High School about safety when babysitting. After his talk, Mr. Holmes handed pamphlets to the girls. The main idea of his talk was "don't panic". The course is seven weeks long and will cover other topics.

Chief Tells Students All About Babysitting

About 15 girls are taking a volunteer course in babysitting at Acton High School. The course is seven weeks long and is held during lunch period.

"The objective is to teach the girls to be more responsible when babysitting," explained Ruth Coulton, public nurse for Acton. "We want the girls to be geared to think about looking after the children."

The course was set-up by Brian Skerrett, a guidance teacher. He contacted the school nurse, Val Walters and Ruth Coulton.

The course is divided into various aspects of babysitting, including child safety, child behaviour, child care and other responsibilities.

"After the course, we'll take the girls' names and keep a list in the guidance office," added Val Walters. "Then, if anyone needs a trained babysitter, we can recommend the girls."

"I'm taking the course to learn a few more hints about babysitting," explained Judy Johnston.

"I just wanted to learn to react to different situations," added Melanie Hardie. Both girls are part of the class.

Mick Holmes, fire chief of

district one, talked to the girls about safety when babysitting. "First, in the fire department, we recommend that babysitters should be no younger than 12 years old."

Mr. Holmes offered the girls a series of hints to prepare for an emergency situation. "Take certain instructions before the parents leave; know how to get in touch with them and when they are expected back."

"Write the fire hall, police, and a doctor's number on a special card. At the first sign of a minor emergency, contact the parents."

The girls were told never to lie down and sleep during their babysitting. Also, they were advised not to do anything which would take their minds off the job.

"One thing I have to repeat and make very clear, never panic. Take to heart your responsibility for the safety of the children," Mr. Holmes said.

"Your first action is what counts, whether in putting out a fire or saving a life, it's your first action," he concluded.

O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA Looking At Gov't's Ten Major Bills

Last week we looked briefly at what I consider to be the 10 major bills introduced by the government last year and passed by Parliament. I made no attempt to analyze or criticize them—just state the name and thrust of each.

In addition to these 10 major pieces of legislation covering a spectrum of Canadian life, the government also sponsored nine major social welfare or direct payment bills. As this category almost equals all other major legislation, at least in terms of the number of new laws passed, I will outline them separately. In terms of the amount of money spent these nine far outstrip all other government legislation, important or otherwise, put together.

These bills are as follows:

The Family Allowances Act which raises the monthly baby bonus to an average of \$20 per child and provides that such amounts are now taxable.

The Unemployment Insurance Act was amended to eliminate the ceiling of \$800 million which the government had been permitted to advance to the UIC when it ran a deficit. The government may now advance from the general revenue fund unlimited amounts to cover deficits.

The Family Allowances and Youth Allowances Act is actually a companion piece to Number (1) above, which provides temporary funding up to \$12 per child per month until the other bill is fully implemented.

A statute to increase the pension funds of all civil servants, armed forces personnel and RCMP.

An act to amend the Canada Pension Plan which escalates retirement, survivor and disability benefits.

Old Age Security Act was changed to increase the basic old age pension to \$100 a month and also to increase the supplement accordingly.

War Veterans' Allowance Act was amended to increase these allowances.

Pension Act was changed to provide a basic rate increase of 3.2 per cent over previous two years and 24 per cent over the most recent increase, plus related benefits.

It is important to note that most social security programs operated by the federal government, from pension plans, baby bonus, old age security, etc. are now tied to the cost of living. Amounts paid under these plans are now adjusted periodically, usually quarterly, to try to keep pace with inflation.

Next week, an analysis of

these 19 bills (10 last week, 9 above), where we are going and a look at areas which were not dealt with by the government.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by my riding office at 347 Kerr St., Oakville, or telephone Fran Baines, 877-6475.

TD Bank Opens In Singapore

Toronto Dominion is the first Canadian bank to be granted a license to operate in Singapore and began normal banking operations on behalf of clients and correspondent banks in July. The branch includes an Asian Currency Unit specializing in foreign exchange and money market activities related to the rapidly expanding financial markets in Asia.

Red Cross Blitz On Tab For March

To maintain its free volunteer services to the residents of Halton Hills, Georgetown and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has planned its campaign-for-funds drive for March, with its blitz-day, March 11, as its blitz-day. Because of lack of canvassers, and weather conditions, Acton, Nassagaweya and the rural area of Esquesing will be canvassed by mail. Target is \$2,500.

The campaign committee consists of co-chairmen Doug Tucker and John Wickens; area-commanders Dick Perrott, Paul Parkas; volunteer services chairman Mrs. Alice Greenway and public relations chairman Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof. They will be assisted by Mrs. Walter H.

Pope for the professional canvassers, including Acton, and the industrial canvass will be done by Richard Willis. Special canvassers will be calling on the merchants, in offices, service stations and the like.

Thirty-five area captains are being recruited for Georgetown and district and organizers are seeking volunteers, 16 years of age and over, for the corps of canvassers. Anyone willing to help by putting in a few hours of their time in aid of the campaign, should call one of the area captains: Mrs. Beaula Lafontaine, Mrs. Elsie Linton,

Mrs. Marie Spitzer, Mrs. Eleanor Donaldson, Mrs. Lorna Forbes, Mrs. Jean Chapman, Mrs. Sina Van Hoekelen, Rev. Pierre Wood, Mrs. Phoebe Collins, Mrs. Peggy Balkind, Mrs. Anne Lindauer, Mrs. Beasie Peck, Mrs. Faye Sherk, Mrs. Ina Reed, Mrs. Phyllis Warnock, Mrs. Darlene Barrager, Miss Margaret Ward, Mrs. Mary-ellen Van Clief, Frank Tyrrell, Bruce McGivern, Mrs. Sue Lorito, Mrs. Helen Hope, Mrs. Irene Simpson, Mrs. Jean Barton, Mrs. A. Landry, Mrs. S. Rose, Larry Ciglen, Karl Klein, and Mrs. Gail Williamson of Glen Williams.

13th Brownies Hold Outdoor Skating Party

The Georgetown East's 13th Brownie pack held a skating party at the artificial outdoor rink at Bramalea Civic Centre on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Five brownies passed the skater's badge. They were Susan Waldrum, Stacey Hurley, Lisa Allen, Terry Lynn Muckay and Trish McIlroy.

After the party, the girl's had hot dogs and pop at Mrs. Harrison's home. She is the Brown Owl for the group. The girls were very thankful to the parents who volunteered their time to drive the girls.

Scout-Guide Week will be held from February 17 to 24. There will be a display in the window of the Arco Finance. Also, the Thinking Day Parade will be held at Holy Cross Church at 1:30 February 24.

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Notice of Public Meetings
Bradley-Georgetown Transmission Line Routes

The Study Continues
Over the past year Ontario Hydro has conducted an environmental study to identify the most acceptable alternative locations for each of two transmission line rights-of-way between Bradley Junction and the Guelph-Georgetown area. These rights-of-way are required to accommodate part of the planned province-wide 500,000 volt bulk transmission system as well as associated 230,000 volt rights-of-way in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Guelph area.

The First Phase
The first phase of the study was devoted to assembling basic data about the study area from maps, statistics, etc. In order to establish possible corridors for the transmission lines.

The Second Phase
To determine the views of the community about the alternative corridors, public meetings were held in October in the study area. Since that time the project team has established a possible right-of-way within each corridor.

Now The Third Phase
To obtain the views of the community about the rights-of-way a series of public meetings has been arranged. These are listed below. There is a meeting for your area and you are invited to attend.
Maps showing the location of the right-of-way within each corridor will be on display from 7:00 p.m. on the evening of the meeting. Hydro representatives will also be available at that time to discuss the rights-of-way with you.

Additional Information including a map showing the alternative rights-of-way can be obtained by writing to:
Ontario Hydro, Room H-1242, 820 University Avenue
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DATE	LOCATION	TIME: 8:00 p.m.
MON. FEB. 25	WALKERTON—Walkerton District Secondary School—1320 Yonge Street	
TUES. FEB. 26	MOUNT FOREST—Mount Forest District High School	
WED. FEB. 27	FORDWICH—Howick Central School—Highway # 87 North of Fordwich	
THURS. FEB. 28	ARTHUR—Arthur High School	
MON. MAR. 4	LISTOWEL—Central Public School—Binnington Street	
TUES. MAR. 5	ST. CLEMENTS—St. Clements Separate School—45 King Street West	
WED. MAR. 6	ELMIRA—Elmira District High School	
THURS. MAR. 7	WATERLOO—MacGregor Public School—31 Central Avenue at King Street	
MON. MAR. 11	GRAND VALLEY—Grand Valley District High School	
TUES. MAR. 12	ERIN—Erin Public School—185 Main Street	
WED. MAR. 13	FERGUS—Centre Wellington District High School	
FRI. MAR. 15	BROOKVILLE—Brookville Public School	