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Waiting for a train that never comes



Safety patrollers attend camp

A senior student from each school in Halton with a school safety patrol program will be attending a week-long training camp at Ridley College in St. Catharines beginning Aug. 21. Halton regional police safety officer Raj Swaminathan said

the officers in charge of school safety patrol programs have found that the most effective way of training the students taking part in the program is to have one senior student attend a training camp. The student will then take charge

of instructing other students at a day-long training session on their return from camp.

"The senior students are trained at the camp in the rules and organization of patrols, how to improve patrols, conducting patrols, conducting foot and bus patrols, how to supervise them, and how to keep records of particular patrols", Constable Swaminathan said.

"These students are given practical and theoretical instruction," he said. "They are trained in how to instruct and supervise the new patrollers

from their school. They learn how to cross at intersections where there are traffic lights and stop signs, and how to cross where there are parked cars."

At the training camp, the students, who were selected by the principal of their school, or the person in charge of the safety patrol program, take part in a variety of programs. There are a variety of sports activities, such as swimming, track and field, basketball and baseball. There are also arts and crafts programs and even dancing.

The camp is being organized by the Hamilton Auto Club, with the support of the police departments involved (Halton regional police, Hamilton-Wentworth regional police and Brantford police).

Once the students return from the training camp, they will attend a day-long training session at Nelson high school in Burlington. The students who completed the training course at the camp will instruct the new safety patrollers at this session, under the supervision of Halton's three safety officers.

Fires, occurrences reported

Acton firefighters responded to three fire calls during the holiday weekend, two of them in Nassagaweya.

The firefighters responded to a three-car accident Saturday on the Guelph Line south of 20 Sideroad in Nassagaweya Township. There was no fire.

Firefighters extinguished a grass fire Sunday near 20 Sideroad and Concession 4 of Nassagaweya Township. They also responded to a damaged car fire Monday at 61 Churchhill Road south in Acton. The fire started in the battery cable leading to the engine.

Georgetown firefighters were called out to a kitchen fire Saturday evening which resulted in \$1,500 damage to a home at 141 Raylawn Crescent.

Cause of the fire was a pot of grease left unattended on the stove.

Friday afternoon, the firefighters were called out to a grass fire on Sheridan Nurseries property at the rear of 571 Main Street in Glen Williams.

A Saturday morning accident at Main Street North and St. Alban's Drive in Acton resulted in \$800 damage to a car driven by Clifford Storey and \$150 damage to a car driven by Sharon-Lee Cann of RR4 Meaford.

A car driven by Jasmin Levasseur of Burlington struck a parked car on Mill Street west in Acton early Sunday. Damage to the Levasseur car is estimated at \$1,000 and damage to the parked car, owned by the Lease 1016 Corporation of Toronto, is estimated at \$3,000.

Eleven 8-track tapes were stolen from a parked car on Elmore Drive in Acton on the weekend.

Estimated value of the tapes is \$80.

Escapes injury

An Acton man escaped with minor injuries when his car was destroyed in a single-car accident August 1.

The car, driven by Santo Tanno, 30, of Acton, was northbound on Trafalgar Road when the front wheels of the car suddenly turned to the left. The vehicle crossed the southbound lane, and left the roadway, striking a tree.

Damage to the front end of the car and the windshield was estimated at \$3,000. The investigating officer reported that the car suffered "total damage".

OHIP records, secrecy

By JULIAN REED, M.P.P. (Halton-Burlington)

Last December, there was considerable discussion in the Legislature about the confidentiality of OHIP records. Under pressure from the Opposition, the Minister of Health announced that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would be denied further access to the files, and subsequently the Government appointed an Ontario Supreme Court Judge, Mr. Justice Horace Krever, to head a provincial inquiry into the matter.

The Judge's task was to inquire into current procedures for the safeguarding of such data, and the Attorney-General tabled a legal opinion which indicated that although OHIP employees and police officials (and possibly others) may well have broken the confidentiality sections of the Health Insurance Act, no prosecutions should be carried out. Liberal Leader Stuart Smith expressed the fear that some people might not go to doctors or hospitals if they believed that their medical history was readily available to police investigators. "I wouldn't want the police to be held back from doing their duty," he said, "but I'm concerned that, for example, someone might not come for treatment as a habitual child abuser because of fear of the police." People ought to feel that their medical files are confidential unless police have a demonstrable need for information and are "not just on a fishing expedition".

During the course of the inquiry, a doctor employed since 1971 as a claims adjudicator for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan acknowledged that he placed himself in a conflict of interest with his employer by preparing medical reports on accident victims for insurance adjusters.

Dr. John McGee Porter told the Commission that his deputy minister had identified two areas of conflict and in retrospect he could see two others. He said he was aware that in accident cases OHIP tried, through what is known as the right of subrogation, to recover medical and hospital costs from the party held responsible for the collision. Asked whether he knew he should do

nothing that might affect this right, the doctor replied, "I've never given any thought to the subject. It never came up in my mind". But he agreed that his opinion - that a patient's hospitalization was unrelated to an accident - could impair OHIP's right to subrogation. While he hadn't considered the matter in making out reports, "looking at it now, I'm quite positive of the fact subrogation is an important part of the field".

A number of private investigator firms have been investigated by the Commission. In some instances, company files have been seized. In connection with the testimony of two employees of Cortlaw Services Ltd., Judge Krever questioned the ethics of private investigators, while the company's records of investigations into personal and medical histories of people in the London area were under review.

Recently, it was revealed that unauthorized medical information continues to be leaked to private investigators even as the Royal Commission is in the process of probing the leaks. Judge Krever expressed some surprise that "with all the publicity given to the procedures of this inquiry, in the past three months, 60 cases occurred in which hospitals gave information about their patients" to investigators of Equifax Services, Ltd. of Toronto.

The president of Quest Investigations Ltd. has testified that he drafted a training manual for private investigators dealing with pretext calls and submitted it to OPP Chief Inspector Lloyd Lyle, retired registrar for private investigators. Inspector Lyle returned the manual without any objections, apparently. The manual says "It is quite often necessary for an investigator to operate under a pretext, that is, he disguises the real purpose of his inquiry, as to operate openly would obstruct his investigative purpose." The manual, used as a basis for a course of ten two-hour lectures, said under the heading Medical: "Here the investigator should endeavour to obtain all information possible from hospital, doctors, nurses, chiropractors (and) physiotherapists".

With respect to the activities of the RCMP, lawyers for the force and members of the Commission have indicated that RCMP officers could be charged under the Official Secrets Act if they divulge information in "classified" files. Lawyer Robert Carter, representing the officers who were to testify before the Commission, said his clients were prepared to say what they had done and why they had done it, but not what they had seen in a confidential file.

Maple tree parasites

Lately there have been several calls by concerned gardeners when they have found small branches of their maples lying on the ground.

This damage is caused by a borer insect known as the Oak twig pruner. This insect will also attack maple, hickory, locust and other ornamental trees and shrubs. In our area the damage has been reported only on maples.

The adult is a beetle which lays its eggs in mid-summer under the bark of small twigs and branches. The larvae bore under the bark and weakens the branch so that it breaks off in high winds.

the RCMP and federal Solicitor-General Jean-Jacques Blais offered no help. "I don't quarrel with the dilemma you face", said Arthur Pennington. Raising the hypothetical case of an enemy agent who suffered an injury, he suggested that any information on the injury which found its way into a top-secret file shouldn't be

divulged. The Judge indicated that he was not dealing with security matters, and was only trying to find out what various people including private investigators and police officers, had done in the way of acquiring medical information which Ontario law required to be kept confidential.



GOING FISHING

Carolyn Anderson, 4, of Mississauga, was prepared for a day of fishing Sunday at Fairy Lake in Acton. The young lady has already caught some bass, according to her father George, and although they were small, she enjoyed the thrill of the sport, he said. The Andersons were picnicking at the Acton Prospect Park during the Civic Holiday weekend.

Ballinafad district news

By WINIFRED SMITH Herald correspondent

We extend sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Don Siles and Donnie in the loss of Mrs. Siles Mother, Mrs. Darlington, whose death occurred on Saturday in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinclair, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown recently returned home after an enjoyable trip touring Kentucky and Tennessee. While there they visited the Grand Ole Opera.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Jones, from Garson, near Sudbury are visiting at the Smith Farm and renewing acquaintances with other friends in the neighbourhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Miller from Toronto spent the weekend with the Marshalls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Buckrell returned home on Sunday, after spending a week at Bala.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kanusek spent their holidays in Manitoba where they visited her family and other relatives in the west.

Happy Birthday to Jeff Larsen, who celebrated his sixth birthday this week. Jeff and his family have been visiting relatives and friends this past week in the States.

Trees removed, Hydro to replace

Ontario Hydro may have to replace any trees they remove along the municipal road allowance in Halton for rural hydro lines.

Halton public works committee approved a recommendation last week which granted Ontario Hydro permission to remove 15 to 20 trees along the south side of Regional Road 20 east from the 4th Line, subject to the replacement of the trees by Ontario Hydro. The recommendation will be passed on to regional council for approval.

S.T. Griffiths, forestry superintendent of the central region for Ontario Hydro, appeared before the committee to ask for an exception to the region's policy that trees removed from the regional road allowance must be replaced at the expense of the company or individual removing them.

Mr. Griffiths said that during 1977, Ontario Hydro removed about 10,000 trees from along the line routes in five regional municipalities during

routine maintenance operations.

"We don't normally pay compensation when we have to remove trees along our rural lines," he said. It would take "hundreds of thousands of dollars" to replace all the trees removed by hydro to protect its lines," he said.

Mr. Griffiths said the tree maintenance program of pruning, and removing, if necessary, trees along the rural lines is for the purposes of service reliability and public safety. He added that the only trees or brush which is treated is that which has or could have a direct effect on public safety and reliable service.

"We don't feel we should have to pay compensation," he said.

The only change committee made in the original staff recommendation was to add that the removal of the trees and their replacement should be subject to the approval of the public works director.



BELLES OF GEORGETOWN

Larry Wylds has loaned The Herald another old photograph of interest to local residents. Although Mr. Wylds had only sketchy details on the picture Kenneth Langdon Sr. was able to fill in the rest. The picture was taken in 1931 or 1932 just after the Georgetown Lions Club was formed. Members had donated costumes co-ordinated by a local seamstress, Mrs. Roney, to present a skit to a Lions Club convention at the Royal York Hotel. "I think we called ourselves the Belles of Georgetown, or something like that," Mr. Langdon says. Members are

seated 1. to r.: Charlie Burnside, Bill Thompson, Treff Imbleau, Frank Sykes, Gordon McCintock, Jack Kelly, Kenneth Langdon, Dave Creighton, and Dave Brill. Back row standing: J.B. Mackenzie, Arnie Feller, Art Beaumont, Harold McClure, Bill Grant, Ed McWhirter, Arroll O'Neil, Bill Long, Tom Sykes, Arnot Early, and a brother-in-law of Dave Brill from Brantford. He was not a club member. Mr. Langdon is the only surviving member of the group, he believes.

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