passed Wednesday night exec-

utive members are merely

Fourteen people were nom- elected at the nominating meeinated to fill five seats on the revamped Georgetown Business Improvement Area Board of Management at the BIA's annual meeting held last Wednesday night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The BIA's nominating committee recommended executive positions for: Monty Hyde, Robert Gougeon, Bill Crawford, Sandy Mackenzie, Lyn Barnard and Ralph Fletcher.

BIA executive candidates nominated from the floor include: Gene Brooks, Belty Monchamp, Shirley Griffiths, Irene Graph, Lorna Davies, Jim Langadyke, Pete Pomeroy and Jim Akers.

NEW SYSTEM

nominated at the general meeting. Candidates then have until Nov. 17 to decline the nomination in writing, Ballots will then be distributed to all members of the BIA with the candidates names on them. Voters will have until Nov. 24 to return their completed ballots to the BIA. The top five vote getting candidates would then take over as the BIA's new executive pending approval by the Halton Hills council.

BIA chairman Robert Gougeon explained that members hope the new voting procedure will help involve more memb-Unlike in previous years, the ers in the process. The new

and candidates "a few days to ting. Under a new procedure think about," the election, he

> DEFINE POSITIONS BIA members also decided to define executive positions on the Board of Management this term. Mr. Gougeon sald this will "spread out the work" and allow executive members con-'centrate working in their own

areas of interest, The executive will now consist of: chairperson, secretarytreasurer, Main Street Improvements co-ordinator, promotions co-ordinator and communications co-ordinator.

Sixteen BIA members attended the Wednesday night meeting and Mr. Gougeon sald members left "with a good feeling" about the organiza-

AMBULANCE TOUR

tooks on as Donna Massena of the Georgetown Volunteer (Herald photo) George Petrusma

Youth of the year

The Optimists Club of Georgetown has awarded its 1978 Youth of the Year citation to George Petrusma, 17, of Georgetown.

In a ceremony at North Halton Golf and Country Club last night, out-going Halton regional chairman Ric Morrow made the presentation to Mr. Petrusma in recognition of his ablevements in various fields and his participation in church and community activi-

In addition to the Youth of the Year plaque, Youth appreciation plaques were presented to Brenda Archer, 13, James Beeker, 13, Michelle Miehm, 14, Cheryl Hauser, 17, and Gordon Miller, 18.

The Youth Appreciation Awards are part of National Youth Appreciation Week, which is the second week in November. The Optimists Club is involved in this process in order to recognize youth activitles such as heroism, church work, tutoring of retarded children, volunteers in hospitals, outstanding scholastic a chievement and other acts of

Mr. Petrusma is a graduate of Georgetown District Christian School and presently attends Toronto District Christian School in Woodbridge. In addition to maintaining high marks in his school work, Mr. Petrusma is president of the student council, a member of the school entertainment committee, and was elected to the yearbook editing committee.

SOCCER CAPTAIN Mr. Petrusma is captain of the school soccer team and a member of the track and field team and the volleyball team. He is involved in theatre arts. and has organized Walk-a-Thons and ping pong tournaments at school.

He attends Georgetown Christian Reformed Church and weekly Catechism classes.

He is a member of the Calvin Cadets, an organization similar to the Boy Scouts, but with emphasis on religious teachi-

ng. He has been awarded a Black Star for achievement and has become a Junior Councillor. Over a period of 10 years, Mr. Petrusma was involved in Georgetown Minor Soccer as a player, manager, coach and referce. He participated in House League Minor Hockey,

but gave it up at the midget

level because it conflicted with

his Sabbath. He is a Bronze

Medal swimmer and a mem-

ber of the swim team and

Mr. Petrusma has a stamp collection numbering between 5,000 and 6,000 stamps, and is becoming interested in photo-In the community, Mr. Pet-

> rusma has organized Walk-a-Thons and paper drives for other groups. He also has a part-time job in a restaurant. At present, Mr. Petrusma la considering further studies at either Sheridan College or Calcin College in Grand Raplds, Michigan, where his brother is presently enrolled, and from which his father grad-

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executive members were not procedure also gives voters BIA officials seek GO transit route change

Members of the Georgetown BIA met Friday morning with representatives from GO Transit to discuss the possibility of re-routing the buses to stop in downtown Georgetown

In a re-scheduling move designed to streamline the GO schedule between Toronto and Guelph, GO Transit recently re-routed the bus, which had gone along Main Street, so that it now goes from the Georgetown Market Plaza, along Highway 7 to Moore Park Plaza, without stopping down-

Rick West of R.H. West Insurance and Monty Hyde met with Floyd Dumier and other representatives of GO Transit Friday to discuss the possibility of putting the bus

back downtown, and Mr. West said there appears to be some flexibility with regards to suggestions they made as to how time could be saved along the route to allow the bus to go

WEST's CONCERN

Mr. West said that concern about the re-routing of the bus was based on three interests being served; senior citizens in the older downtown area often find it difficult to get to Moore Park Plaza or Georgetown Market Plaza; the downtown merchants are concerns about having to go out to one of the plazas for parcel pick-up and delivery service; and merchants feel the bus service to the downtown area is one of the important factors in keeping the downtown area alive.

Mr. West said they have proposed a tentative solution to GO Transit, which GO has sald is acceptable providing other merchants agree. He said they will be talking to merchants in the Georgetown Market Plaza, downtown merchants, and others who will be affected by any changes, and if the group reaches agreement on a solution, work will proeeed on making the necessary

Mr. West said they did not want to go into details about their proposal before talking to the merchants who will be affected. He said they expected to make the details public at the meeting to form the Georgetown Retailers' Association at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Novem-

Arunas Kaspervicious of the Brampton Ambulance Service Ambulance Service explains the contents of the ambulance to children from the Maple Nursery School. The children were given a four of the ambulance and shown its inner workings.

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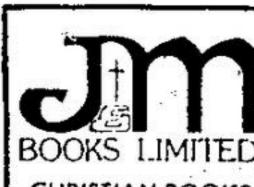
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Child abuse on decrease, lecturer tells women's club

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald staff writer Evidence suggests that there is less child abuse than there used to be, according to the former head of a provincial

task force on child abuse. Speaking to more than 60 women at the University Women's Club at Centennial Middle School last week, Dr. Ralph Garber Dean of Social Work at the University of Toronto said that people are more aware of abuse now. They are alert to it and respond to it when they see it.



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The law defines abuse as physical injury, gross neglect or sexual molestation. Incest is almost never reported, he said so it is difficult to gauge the

extent of it. There are, however, "a lot of abuse situations that leave no marks," he said, and thus no one can tell how badly children are hurt by them. There are, for example, the parents who never allow their children to grow up as well as those who expect their youngsters to be all grown up at 112.

PHYSICAL ABUSE "If a child isn't properly fed or clothed or is being physically abused, you can see that," he said."But how much yelling does it take to constitute a

bruise?" Since the members of the task force foresaw problems in pinning down a workable definition on mental abuse. Dr. Garber sald, they clung to working on physical abuse and 'came down soft on soft

"We wanted an informed rather than informing public," he said, and noted that the

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force feared a vigilante situation arising if attempts were made to enforce legislation on mental abuse. Dr. Garber disapproves of

all the publicity being given to abuse because he feels it is inaccurate and smacks of scare tactics. Of the 40,000 youngsters in

care for various reasons during the past year, he said, only 2,500 were there as reported abuse cases. Only half of those 2,500 children were actually abused while 13 of the 1,250 died of abuse. More than half of the 13 dead were under three years of age.

According to the American National Institute on Child Abuse Dr. Garber said statistics show that only a tenth of the abuse cases get reported and also only a tenth of the neglect cases are reported.

The number of cases of abuse reported by the abusing parents are concerned and taking responsibility for their own actions rather than trying to avoid it.

One area where Dr. Garber feels abuse is seen and not reported is by the hospitals and medical profession. He feels ductors are not always sensitized to look for abuse when children are brought to them and thus they do not report it.

SAW SITUATION · He quotes a situation he once saw for himself in a Toronto hospital emergency ward while he was there as a poti-

"They brought this child in

with injuries and put her in a bed across the room from me and the doctor was going back and forth between us," he said. "I watched her being treated and I could see the mother hovering outside the door apparently afraid to come in, yet very concerned, Finally I motloned to the doctor and suggested that she ask certain other specific questions because the story the father had given for the girls' injuries was very strange. She knew who I was and my connection with child abuse research so she went back and tried my questions. Then she went and called the police because the mother had injured the child.

"She was a competant doctor, I think, so I have to assume she just wasn't looking for anything like that. But until they're all aware of the problem, the cases are going to slip through"

New legislation requiring all professionals including doctors and nurses to report all cases of suspected abuse under threat of a \$1,000 fine should help to correct this situation, he said.

Also speaking at the meeting was Howard Wrigglesworth Public School principal Eric Balkind, who outlined the basics in his recent proposal for a parenting education course in

Halton schools. TEACH NUTRITION Explaining nutrition so that girls are aware of how important their food intake is, even before they become pregnant,

is important, he said. If we hope to avoid problems with poorly nourished feetuses that have less than the average number of brain cells at birth and thus can never catch up with their advantaged broth-

Since language development is well under way by the age of three, young people should be made aware before they undertake a parents' role that their child will need plenty of talking to, listening to and reading to in order to establish proper language patterns even before he is able to talk. Experiments with various

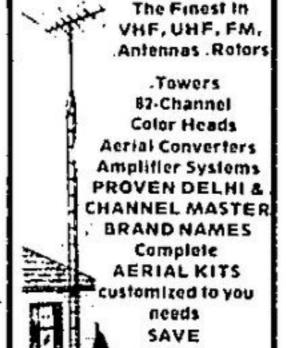
vile-tasting but non-lethal liqquids have proved that youngsters at the exploring stage will drink anything with disregard for its taste or smell, he said, and thus parents should be aware of what problems they will encounter with their growing child. They need to know what is normal in order to cope with many frustrations as he experiments with every new experience. They must also learn to give him sufficient freedom to experiment and grow while still protecting him from life's dangers.

LIMEHOUSE

By MRS. A.W. BENTON We extend sympathy to Mrs. A.C. Patterson in the passing of her sister Mrs. Stuart Smith. of Weston following a lengthy

It is pleasant to see that the v:recking yard has again moved off the roadside. We thank whoever was responsible for

the cleanup. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leferink who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary with a family party at Ballinafad Hall on Saturday evening. The family surprised them by bringing Albert's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffion of Halverson's Graveland, Holland here for the occasion.



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