

One in 4 MDs out of OHIP

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DOCTORS OPTING OUT OF
OHIP

Approximately one in four of Metro's doctors are now out of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan - an increase of 255 doctors to 1,039 in total, in two years. Statistics tabled in the Legislature by the Ministry of Health show the biggest defection was by Metro specialists. The province-wide picture is not quite so bad - a total of 2,071 doctors, or 16.9 per cent. Anesthetists had the highest percentage of drop-outs, with nearly 63 per cent, or 321.

ONTARIO'S LEGAL SYSTEM

A recent survey by Ontario's Corrections Ministry found that two-thirds to three-quarters of all cases admitted to jail waiting for bail or trial were eventually released without a jail sentence. The 18-month study was done in Ontario's 25 short-term jails where most of the remanded prisoners are sent.

According to the Minister, a \$600,000 provincial experiment giving social agencies the job of getting more prisoners out on bail could help end serious overcrowding in jails. The program, called bail verification, also addresses the problem of people kept in jail because they can't afford a small bail.

The Ontario Government is also launching employment programs to try to find jobs for 10,000 able-bodied but unemployed people on probation from prison who now cost taxpayers nearly \$2 million a month in welfare. More than 30,000 people are now serving probationary terms and "about half of them are unemployed".

PENSION PLANS

Liberal Finance Critic David Peterson has called upon the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations to bring in immediate disclosure legislation for private pension

As of April, 73 of Halton region's physicians had opted out of OHIP, according to recent figures released by Ontario health minister Dennis Timbrell.

That figure represents 24.3 per cent of the region's physicians.

The statistics show 31 general practitioners, or 17.9 per

plans as the first step in cleaning up the pension mess in Ontario. The Quebec model, enacted last year, would be a good one to follow. It requires that employees receive information about their pension plans including the amount of their own and employers' contributions and accrued interest, the percentage of members' contribution vested in case of termination of employment, amount of money payable to the employee at normal retirement age, overall funding rate of the plan, death benefits payable.

CONTROLS

The Premier has been under attack by Opposition Members because he has given the impression that he's in favour of returning to wage and price controls. In a recent speech to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, he said "Price and income restraint must again become a matter of urgent and frank public discussion". He also said that Canadians have come to expect their income will rise at least at the rate of the consumer price index. Liberal Leader Stuart Smith said the Premier is "dead wrong" if he thinks a return to wage and price controls will curb inflation. Such a theory might have been true "during the early '70s when contract settlements of up to 30 and 40 per cent were not unusual....

cent of all the region's general practitioners, and 42 specialists, have opted out. A total of 2,071 doctors, or 16.9 per cent of the province's doctors had opted out of OHIP in April.

The figures were released at the request of MPP Mike Braeugh, NDP health critic, who sought a county-by-county breakdown of opted-out physicians.

But to apply the same theory today, when wage increases are by and large below the inflation rate, is ludicrous". He pointed out that there was not a word in the Premier's speech about "how prices can be dealt with", nor did he mention the behaviour of oil companies and banks or the price of electricity, which went up 16.4 per cent this year.

ONTARIO HYDRO

Ontario Hydro will pay about 40 per cent more than current world prices for initial deliveries of uranium this year and a 40-year contract signed in 1978 with Denison Mines Ltd. Signing of the \$7 billion contracts with Denison and Preston was authorized by the Premier on February 28, 1978, over strong objections from the opposition parties.

The Legislature's select committee on Ontario Hydro Affairs has voted unanimously to resubmit its budget for 1980-81 without changes, although the Board of Internal Economy wanted it to "consider further that section of the proposed budget dealing with legal, consulting and witness fees" and come back with an alternative budget.

CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS MATTERS

The Minister has asked for an investigation into a claim that American Motors Corp.

ads promoting Ziebart factory rust protection on some 1980 cars are misleading. Liberal James Breithaupt (Kitchener) raised this question in the Legislature, stating that the Attorney-General of Illinois had filed an application for an injunction against American Motors of Delaware last fall on the grounds that the Ziebart factory rust protection mentioned in the ads is not the same as the process offered by independent Ziebart dealers.

Mr. Breithaupt also criticized the government for not finding out that the hotel chain hired to run Minaki Lodge had done a poor job of managing a Detroit hotel.

ONTARIO HOUSING CORPORATION

The Ontario Housing Corporation spends almost 20 times as much for security services in Metro as it does in Ottawa, Sudbury and Hamilton combined, according to the Minister of Housing. Responding to questions on a racist attack in an OHC building, the Minister stated that some \$4 million is spent in Metro for security services. In the other three cities, the security bill is \$231,000. There are 123 OHC buildings in Metro, 45 per cent of such buildings in the Province.

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About the Hills

Seniors Week

The town's general committee passed a recommendation Monday proclaiming the week of June 15 to 21 as senior citizen week in the town for 1980.

Home support

Senior citizens in Halton region will benefit from a \$64,000 Home Support Services grant from the provincial ministry of community and social services. The allocation will enable Halton Helping Hands to continue its household assistance program for elderly and disabled residents who cannot afford to hire home helpers.

Festive Brampton

The week-long 1980 Brampton Flower Festival gets underway a week from Monday (June 16) with the Shopper's World carnival, which continues until June 22. Floral displays at the same location and the Miss Brampton contest at Lester Pearson Theatre highlight the June 17 festivities. Arts and crafts and more floral displays, a golf tournament, a Bavarian evening and a benefit softball game provide plenty of fun through June 20. The Grand Floral Ball and a full day of activities end the festival Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21.

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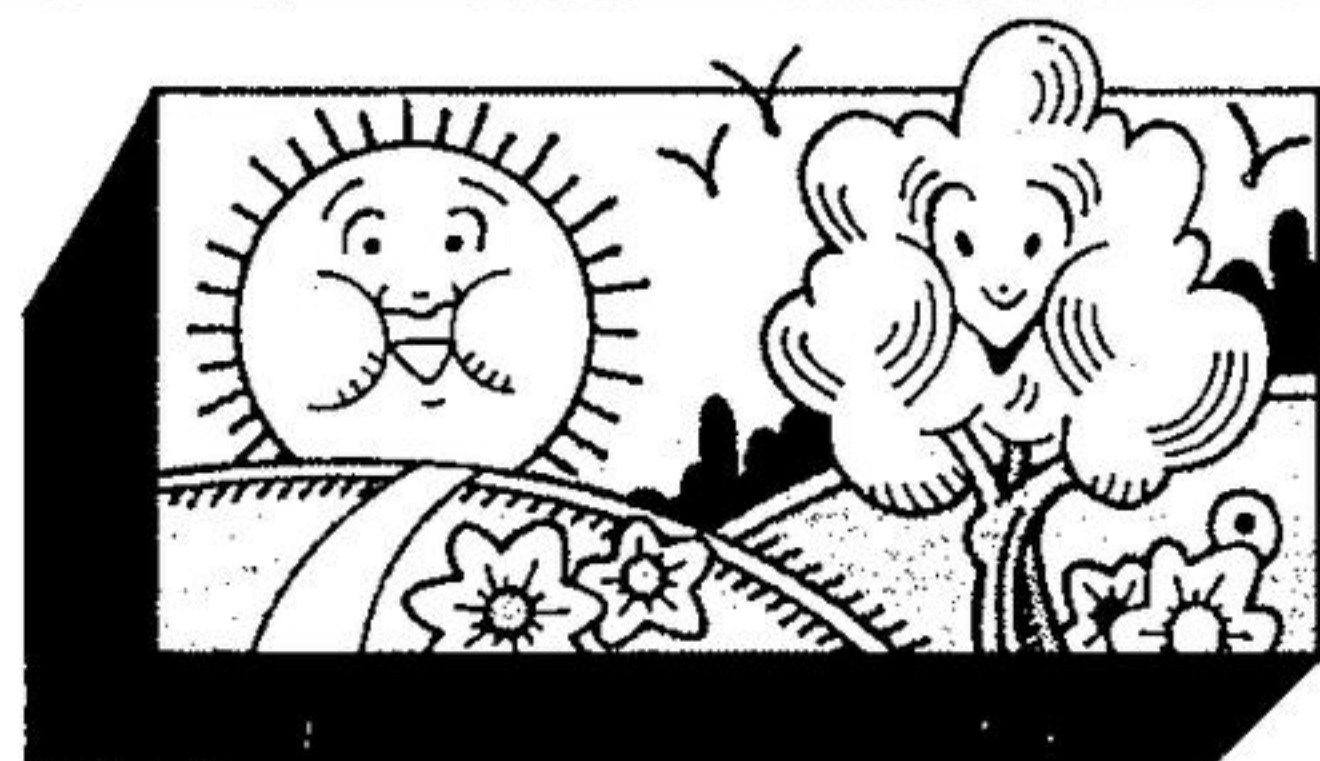
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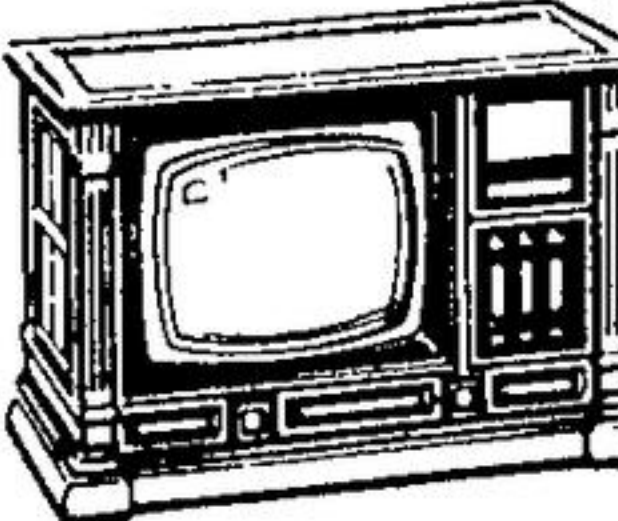
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