

## Norval News

The roll call "How Changing Agricultural Methods Change Our Lives" was answered by 15 members and seven guests.

Norine Van Leeuwen introduced Melba and Hugh Beatty of S.H.A.R.E. Agricultural Foundation who were guests of the evening. In 1977 the Beattys rented their farm and sold their stock and equipment and were on their way to Massoro, Brazil to monitor the first S.H.A.R.E. project there. They lived in this area for two years. Hugh said he loved these people even though once he had met a man wearing the pyjamas that had disappeared off the Beattys' clothesline previously.

Melba and Hugh gave an excellent slide presentation and commentary on their work with S.H.A.R.E. It is a unique organization helping families help themselves with agricultural help, also providing food, education and better health to the developing countries.

S.H.A.R.E. began as an idea in the minds of a small group of Peel County residents and since its first project in 1977 has funded 30 other projects in four continents.

The Beattys volunteer all their time and work and not by pre-planning, often work with church groups of any and all faiths. A recent project has been getting the street kids of Porto Alegre off the streets and into worthwhile programs. As executive director of S.H.A.R.E. Hugh travels every

year to monitor and evaluate new requests.

Eleanor Hyatt thanked the Beattys and presented them with a gift. Norval W.I. is sending a cheque to S.H.A.R.E. Foundation for \$50.

The next meeting is at the home of Ethel Webb Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Joyce Hutton will speak on China.

### Sincere sympathy

NORVAL-Sincere sympathy is extended to Bonnie Thurlbeck of Norval on the death of her brother Herbert Cecil Ford of Walkerton, who passed away Dec. 23, at the Bruce County Hospital. Beloved husband of June and loved father of Deborah (Mrs. Jeff Batchelor) of Holstein, and grandfather of Jessica and Tyler. Dear son of Louise and the

late Cecil Ford of Georgetown. Several brothers and sisters also survive. Funeral service was from the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, Georgetown, on Dec. 27. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

### Baby boy

NORVAL-Congratulations to Nick and Ruth Anne (Wilson) Wollaston of Milton on the birth of their son Calvin Wilson, on Jan. 4, at the Milton District Hospital. A baby brother for Lori, Jan and Katie, and first grandson for Anne Wilson, Norval.

### Get well

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Francis Thompson, who is a patient in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

### Back home

NORVAL-Gordon McMurchy of Huttonville has returned home from a Christmas holiday with his daughter Janie and her husband Brian Slatter and grandson Colton, of Vancouver, B.C.

### Guest speaker

If you're looking for a cure to the winter blues then try going to the next meeting of the Acton Horticultural Society and thinking Spring. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton.

The guest speaker will be Henry Kock of University of Guelph Arboretum. He will speak about the ecological gardener. Everyone is welcome.

# As of January 1, 1990 you no longer pay OHIP premiums

## And you are still covered

### When will premium payments end?

January 1, 1990.

Ontario residents are responsible for paying their premiums until the end of December 1989, for the period through March 31, 1990.

### Will my health care coverage continue?

Yes. If you were covered you will continue to be covered under your present OHIP number.

Payment of the final premium will ensure continuous coverage to March 31, 1990.

After April 1, 1990, coverage will automatically remain valid for all eligible residents of Ontario.

Ontario's health care system covers all residents of the province including students, senior citizens, retired people, people on social assistance, people who are employed, unemployed or self-employed.

### What should I do if I do not have an OHIP number?

Contact your local OHIP office.

### Will the change affect personal coverage under company plans such as semi-private coverage or company drug plans?

No.

### Why did the Ontario Government eliminate OHIP premiums?

In the past, many companies paid all or a percentage of OHIP for their employees. Other companies paid nothing. Many Ontarians paid OHIP premiums on their own. Unfortunately, many of the people who had to pay their own premiums were those who could least afford them. The new Employer Health Tax and the elimination of OHIP premiums will make the system fair for everyone.

### Will there be enough money to maintain the quality of health care we enjoy today?

Yes. Last year nearly fourteen billion dollars, one third of the entire provincial budget, went towards providing health care for Ontario residents. The elimination of premiums in no way affects the amount of money the government has committed to health care. It simply changes one of the sources of the money. In the past OHIP premiums only paid for a very small part of the Ontario health care system. Most of the money for health care came from general revenues collected through the tax system.

### What do I do when I go to the doctor or the hospital?

Do what you usually do. Use your OHIP number. It's still the same. Present your number to show that you are eligible for health care services.

### Did we miss answering one of your questions?

If you have further questions here are two ways we can help you:

- 1) Call your local OHIP office. You'll find the number in the blue pages of your local telephone directory.
- or
- 2) Call the Ontario Ministry of Health toll-free number: **1-800-268-1154**. **TDD 1-800-387-5559**.

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