

Solid core active in St. John brigade

To many citizens of the community St. John Ambulance workers are folk who wear uniforms, cart band-aids wherever they go and are in the enviable position of being allowed into hockey games and other public events without paying.

While the job does have its rewards, the work of the brigade is much greater than it might appear on the surface. The St. John contribution to the community is a very real one.

According to local St. John men the brigade suffers from a vague public image. Brigade leader Don Miller is often irked by a common misconception concerning the brigade's portable first aid post. "Often when we are on assignment with the unit people will assume that it is the hospital ambulance and

that we are hospital employees," Miller notes. The confusion is added to by the fact that at least one of the St. John members are employees of the hospital's ambulance staff.

First aid

The Milton Brigade has a membership of 20 members and all are qualified first aid administrators. The roles brigade members play are many and varied in the community. Friday night hockey games find at least one or two brigade members stationed at strategic points in the arena. The black and white uniforms are a welcome sight to an injured hockey player. St. John men often administer first aid on the spot but for injuries needing more treatment, patients are whisked off to hospital.

During 1970 brigade members volunteered a total of 1,648 hours and treated at least 129 injuries. Miller notes the estimate of 129 is low and only represents treatments recorded. "Often one of our members will patch up a minor wound or supply bandages for minor cuts without marking it down," he noted.

Hockey games, special hikes or camps, walkathons, school field days, Cuborees, high school football games, ski events and other special happenings at Kelso as well as fall fairs and the annual Steam-Era are places you might find yourself in need of a friendly St. John man.

Women members too

Women in the brigade set up lost and found and baby sitting services at fall fairs and Steam Era. This enables mom and dad to cover the things they want to see without a tired youngster to lug around.

During the summer months the staff of Milton Community Swimming Pool has use of the portable first aid unit. Treating injuries and attending the host of functions they do attend in the course of the year is only a small part of St. John's role in the community.

Accident prevention and first aid training are an integral part of the St. John program. Both Milton Police and OPP take advantage of first aid courses offered, as do groups such as Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. Those who conduct the classes receive an honorarium. This is the only pay or remuneration individuals receive.

Revenue

The brigade depends largely on draws, raffles and donations from those groups they serve in the community.

Once or twice a year the brigade will stage simulated disasters of one sort or another. The scene takes place at Milton District Hospital and herds of supposedly injured persons from a bus or train wreck are taken there and the treatment that would normally be given is demonstrated.

New enthusiasm

Pete Steger, one of the brigade's newest members is typical of the enthusiasm generated in the brigade. "I really enjoy helping people. I'd love to see more people involved in this sort of work," Mr. Steger noted.

"What you have to learn to become a St. John man is something everyone should know," says Steger. Realizing that the enthusiasm is centred around a dozen solid workers, he urges some changes. "We'll try to make our meetings more interesting by showing movies and perhaps providing some sort of entertainment," he noted.

After five years in operation the brigade will centre their efforts on recruiting good potential members. The solid core of members is expected to grow with the community and continue to provide a service to the community.

Snowbound 35 hours

Road crews may have stranded cars removed

Municipal road crews have the right to have cars abandoned during snowstorms removed from the road, Esquimes council informed roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow Monday night.

Councillor Len Coxe told his colleagues he had received a call from residents of the Tenth Line, in the northeast portion of the township, to say they were blocked in by snow-plugged roads for 35 hours during the recent storm.

Abandoned car

Mr. Snow said a township snow

plow had gone up the Tenth Line immediately after the storm, but was unable to proceed further because of an abandoned car blocking the road. Mr. Snow told council the operator of the plow told him the car was locked and he could do nothing about it. Consequently, the plow continued on to clear roads in other parts of the township.

Deputy-reeve Russell Miller said residents of the area had told him the car was not locked and he expressed grave concern two men had lost a day of work

because roads were blocked.

Different version

Reeve Tom Hill said he had been talking to one of the two men and heard a different version of the incident. "He told me he didn't get to work, but it was for a different reason," Reeve Hill reported.

Reeve Hill also reminded council residents can have abandoned cars removed from roads if they first notify the OPP. The reeve said he had done this, after receiving a call from Eighth Line residents.

John Kitchen chairs Nass. Planning Board

John Kitchen, a veteran member of Nassagaweya Planning Board was elected chairman at the group's first meeting in 1971 on Wednesday evening and Don Smith was named vice-chairman.

Other members of the board are Councillor Jim Watson,

Conrad Sweet and Ron Cooksley. Former board members present for the meeting were Reeve A. MacArthur, Pat Redgrave, Allan Ackman and Gordon Agnew.

Secretary resigns

During the meeting the resignation of Campbell Thompson as secretary-treasurer was accepted when he pointed out growing responsibilities as clerk-treasurer prevented him from rendering effective service to the Board.

S. W. Savage was appointed as secretary-treasurer following a closed door discussion by members. Payment was set at \$30 a meeting.

Members agreed to invite Prof. Wheatley from the University of Guelph to outline to a future meeting, the results of Choliform tests conducted in the Blue Springs Creek. Earlier reports on the tests had indicated a varying level of Choliform in the creek which they felt could have coincided with the dumping of septic tank sludge in the area.

Councillors were also to be invited to hear Dr. Wheatley when he can appear.

Set salaries

The per diem payment for members of the Board was set at \$25, a meeting with \$30 for the Chairman. The decision on the payment was recorded after a private discussion by members.

Members recommended to Council the appointment to the Halton Planning Association of Chairman John Kitchen and Secretary S. W. Savage.

Meetings were set for the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Obituary

J. L. Gilbey

Formerly of Milton, John Leslie Gilbey died in Montreal on Jan. 22 following a lengthy illness. He was in his 71st year. Born in England on March 19, 1900 he lived with his family in Milton and attended Bruce St. Public School. He later married the former Mildred Neville and moved to Montreal where he was employed with the Bank of Commerce. He remained there until his retirement.

Private service

A private family funeral service was held in Montreal on Jan. 25 with his brother Rev. Stanley Gilbey conducting the service.

Surviving are wife Mildred, brothers Rev. Gilbey of Toronto and Geoffrey of Milton, Sisters Constance Gilbey of Toronto, Gladys (Mrs. John Taylor) Toronto, and niece Ann (Mrs. F. A. Bye) of Norval. His sister Millicent Gilbey pre-deceased him.

Heart blitz

February is "Heart Fund Month" and the one-day blitz in Milton will be held on Sunday Feb. 14.

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Rosary Church is organizing the drive under the direction of Mrs. D. O'Connor. Residents of Milton will canvass the town Sunday.

The Canadian Heart Fund Association flag is flying on the flagpole at the Town Hall, reminding everyone to give generously. Give a little and save a life.

Legion Notes

BY G. L. DAY

The monthly membership meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday, Feb. 8 but as these notes were written prior to this date I can give you no information about it at the moment. Members are reminded that dues for 1971 are now payable. Please don't put it off until the last moment.

SICK CALL

Members in the hospital at the present time are Earl Mongraw, Roy McDowell and Elmer Blacklock. We all wish each of them a speedy recovery.

SPORTS

In the Industrial Dart League standings as of Jan. 25 were Blairs 83, Johnsons 77 and Nielsons 61. The high scorer is Len Appleton with 180 and Bernie Sims holds the high finish with a score of 123.

In the Legion Euchre League Zimmermans still lead the way with 132 points followed by Smiths 127, Kilbride 121, Bolts and Nuts 120, Stewarts 119, Mohawks 113, Browns 111 and Snowings 109.

The Legion shuffleboard team didn't do very well in the United Shuffleboard League match last Thursday against an Oakville team in Oakville. They were beaten 12-0.

The mixed progressive euchre tournament held in the clubroom last Friday evening was quite successful. This tournament will be held every Friday night until the end of the season.

Milton Legion sent three teams to the Zone B7 Euchre Tournament but I'm afraid they did not do very well. At least when they returned to the clubroom they were all very quiet.

The Zone B7 Dart Tournament will be held in Brampton Legion on Saturday, Feb. 13. Members who wish to play are asked to contact sports officer Bob Titus as soon as possible.

ENTERTAINMENT

There was the usual good crowd in the clubroom on Saturday last for the weekly social evening and all present really seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Friday next, Feb. 12, in conjunction with the Milton Snow Festival, there will be a dance in the Banquet Hall. As music is being provided by the Kevin Malloy Show Band it is expected there will be a full house. There are a few tickets (\$4.00 per couple) available from the steward and as admittance is strictly limited you are advised to pick up yours immediately.

Too costly to measure blasting at quarries

The cost of seismograph checks over a 12 month period to measure the intensity of blasting from township quarries would be prohibitive, it was suggested at Nassagaweya Council Monday.

The proposal had been made when F. Benson submitted correspondence between himself and the Minister of Mines after complaints about the severity of blasting at Campbellville Gravel.

The Minister suggested the township investigate the cost of seismograph tests over the 12 month period.

Too costly
The clerk reported there was only one major firm set up for the required seismograph reading and interpretation. "The cost of continual monitoring would be prohibitive for Nassagaweya", he suggested. "The Department

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of Mines doesn't even do continual monitoring", he noted. "I wish someone would catch the ball and quit passing it around", Deputy Reeve Don McMillan opined as discussion wore on about blasting. He noted the Minister reports the province has legislation pending.

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An implementing by-law was approved by the township council Monday in an effort to reduce the township's borrowing requirements to cover education and county payments now coming due early in the year.

Less than half
The interim bill will be based on 30 mills. When the township

budget is set bills will be adjusted for the final two installments. It was noted the 30 mills would be less than half the total tax bill. Bills are expected to go out to property owners about the end of this month.

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