

Prominent dairy farmer dies

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. James Livock and family on the death of her father Bill Featherston recently. Mr. Featherston was a well known retired dairy farmer.

Students go back to school after a two week holiday which I trust was a happy time for all.

The first meeting of the new year was held by members of Omagh Presbyterian ladies groups Jan. 4, with good attendance. Scripture and prayer was given by Mrs. Alice Brown and letters of thanks were read from Wm Muligan, Mrs. Ruth Brownridge and Mrs. Louise Pocock for Christmas remembrance for the shut-ins.

The annual fall bazaar is scheduled for October 20 at Boyne Centre. An invitation was received for yearly get

Omagh with ELLA PATTERSON

together of the ladies from Omagh and Boston churches June 5.

The thought for the day was given by Wm Muligan and Mrs. Marie Raynor. Reports were given on projects accomplished in 1989, which proved to be quite successful.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Fred Amme who has been a patient in Oakville Hospital for the past six weeks following surgery. She was moved to Milton District Hospital June 6 and will stay there for a few weeks more.



East coast wedding

Dr. and Mrs. Fraser MacKay were married Friday, Sept. 1 at North Tryon Presbyterian Church in Prince Edward Island. The bride, formerly Karen D. MacDonald, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer MacDonald of Prince Edward Island. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald MacKay of Milton.

Dateline

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Wednesday Jan. 10

Mothers seeking information about breastfeeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Milton La Leche League. The 8 p.m. meeting will be held at 332 McNabb Cres. in Milton. For further information, call 878-4803 or 878-6387.

Senior Citizens Club 88 will hold a pot luck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion hall. For more information, call Mrs. Royce at 878-3681.

Thursday Jan. 11

The Living with Cancer Group will meet at the Milton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, 751 Main St. E., from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Group discussions provide emotional support and practical guidance to patient, families and friends. For more information, call 878-5228 or 878-1876.

Christian Women's Clubs in the Campbellville-Milton area will hold a breakfast at Nassagaweya Community Centre located on Guelph Line, north of 15 Sideroad. Yolanda Fellows will discuss getting fit, Kristi and Chryl Morrison will present a violin and piano duet and the guest speaker will be Mary Lou Card. The event will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5. Call Mary Lou at 878-8714 or Sylvia at 878-8359 for reservations.

Sunday Jan. 14

The Guelph Rod and Gun Club in Eden Mills will hold a turkey shoot at 12:30 p.m. The high scorer will win a trophy. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Jan. 15

The Milton and District Horticultural Society meets at 7:45 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall on Brown Street. Bonnie Coulter of Orchids N Lace shop will give flower arranging demonstrations. Everyone welcomed.

Wednesday Jan. 17

Ladies are invited to a neighbourhood coffee hour in the main auditorium at Halton Centennial Manor from 9:30 to 11 a.m. An interlude of musical selections will be presented by Betty Davies and the guest speaker will be Doris Featherstone. Babysitting and admission are free. The event is hosted by the Milton Christian Ladies Coffee Hour.

Thursday Jan. 18

The Milton Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Jack Bennett who will take Miltonians back to the 1930s and 1940s and to the music of those years.

Friday Jan. 19

The next meeting of the British-Canadian Club of Halton will be a pub night in the upstairs room of the Manchester Arms in downtown Oakville at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 849-4700 in the day or 825-0451 in the evening.

Monday Jan. 22

Halton Centennial Manor will hold the first meeting of a support group for people caring for aging relatives from 7 to 9 p.m. The group focuses on the needs of the caregiver. For more information, call Lauraine Andrews at 878-4141, ext. 167.

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: **1-800-388-1154**. **TDD 1-800-387-5588.**

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