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Small Business Voice Grows And Grows In The Spotlight

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system which is geared to specialists talking to specialists, mandarins talking to mandarins, so that without any conspiracy, most of Ottawa is geared to the needs of the giants, Bulloch says.

Senior civil servants, usually assistant deputy ministers, meet with the high priced lawyers and accountants who represent large corporations.

Since Ottawa has acknowledged this vacuum by recognizing the federation for independent business, it now has

access to federal officials at the highest levels and many of the questions are submitted to members through monthly opinion polls written by assistant deputy ministers. The results are sent to Ottawa.

The federation's strength, says Bulloch, is its credibility and broad representation. It is active in every province and will not accept donations of more than \$500 from members. It will not accept public companies as members, nor will it accept companies owned by residents of other countries.

"There's no way we can be

dominate or controlled," he says. "We're simply the voice of Canadian owned small business, and we bring a perspective to national affairs that is not possible through organizations dominated at the top by multi-nations."

This is no private ego trip, says Bulloch. "It has picked up so much momentum that it does not need me any more. I'm bringing in strong people so the organization is no longer my creature, but it's exciting and challenging and I'll stay with it as long as the challenge lasts."

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dependently operated, but still situated in the library.

It consists of a number of volunteers, some of whom are drivers, and others operators. The operators' work involves answering the telephone in the office. They are prepared for this by way of a six week training course under Dr. Bun Lacombe of the York Cental Health Services.

Among other things, they are taught to respect the confidential nature of each request how to provide information about community services, and to refer people to qualified professionals when necessary.

The drivers provide transportation for people unable to drive themselves, (these people must first be referred by a professional). They also make frequent visits to the elderly residing in the Country Place Nursing Home.

The financial support needed to sustain the Helpmate Information Service is provided in the form of a LIP grant and Town grant. The Board of Directors, which meets once a month, was originally established by extending around 100 invitations to various groups or organizations within the town, and holding a subsequent election. A paid co-ordinator is to be appointed sometime in the near future, who will see to the over-all organization.

The success of Helpmate is evident in its expansion; it now covers Thornhill, King City, Lake Wilcox, and the new BAIF development. New office, working under its own Board of Directors, will soon be established in Oak Ridge.

If you've got a question, need a service, want to help, the number for Helpmate is 884-2727, and its hours are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday.

OPP Issues Warning

Snowmobiles Already Taking Deadly Toll As Season Starts

The annual carnage from snowmobiles has already started and if the winter continues with heavy snowfalls, as it has started out, may well outstrip the number of injuries and fatalities recorded last winter.

In Ontario, during the 1972-73 winter season 52 people lost their lives as a result of snowmobiling. 21 drowned, 20 persons died when in collision with motor vehicles and nine died as a result of colliding with fixed objects. Collision with a train took another life and exposure was responsible for another. The list of injuries was much greater. And this in a winter when in areas of the province little use could be made of these motorized snow vehicles because of scanty snowfalls.

The Provincial Police are quite concerned about the dangerous aspects of snowmobiling and warn that snowmobile operators must realize they are handling a powered vehicle with the potential to destroy life or limb. Snow machines must be given the same respect as a motorcycle or an automobile. One must constantly remember that snowmobiles are high powered, hard to control and afford little protection. They are an invitation to serious injury or death if misused.

motor vehicle (which includes snowmobiles) on the highway in Canada for a period not exceeding three years.

Last year, OPP personnel in 17 districts presented 746 snowmobile safety lectures to more than 41,800 students and adults, placing special emphasis on problems encountered in different areas.

In Southern Ontario this emphasis is placed on mechanical fitness, extra parts and gas, proper clothing, travel on lakes, rivers and highways, travel on municipal streets and trespassing. The extra precaution of telling someone where you are going and when you'll return is also highly recommended.

The police are particularly concerned about those who operate these machines for pleasure (they may also be used for sport and business). It can be the novice driver who without instruction feels he can handle the machine if

he can work the controls who gets into serious trouble. Or, it can be the old story of "familiarity breeds contempt", when experienced operators forget to take commonsense precautions.

Other hazards are added to the list of potential dangers: weather, visibility, knowledge of terrain, attitudes, lack of judgment and alcohol.

Snowmobilers must also take into consideration the rights and privileges of others. The noise of the machines run into the early hours of the morning can prove most annoying to those who are trying to sleep in the privacy of their own homes. Trespassing on private property, posted or not, should be avoided. Particularly where there is a light snow cover, damage to lawns and field crops can be extensive and expensive to repair.

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