

Haldimand Director Says Child Abusers Expect Too Much Of Child

Though great attention has been focussed on child abuse and battered children in recent years, few of the public have been made aware of its causes, in the opinion of John MacGregor, Executive Director of the Family and Children's Services of Haldimand.

"By understanding the causes," he said, "we may be able to prevent parents from battering their children. It is very difficult for the average parent to understand how a mother or a father can punish a child so badly that he is handicapped for life or killed, especially when most of the children are below the age of three. Studies of these parents show that they have various attitudes and characteristics in common. In many cases these can be corrected so that they can become good parents."

Often the cause of baby-battering is the

parents' unreal expectation of how the baby should behave. Some think a baby should be toilet trained at six months for example and that the child, however young, should give instant obedience, well beyond his level of maturity. Such parents become enraged when their own efforts fail and take out their frustration by hitting the child. A baby with colic, who cries constantly, can drive such parents to brutal measures.

It was also found that abusive parents feel they have no one to turn to for help in child-rearing whereas other parents will be able to name some other person. They literally do not know what to do when a baby cries.

"These studies of abusive parents give us clues to prevention," said the Director. "We would like to see parenting taught as a subject in High School so that young people will know something about child

development and early childhood needs long before they become parents. We in the community must put in what their own parents were unable to give."

Another preventive measure would be a Preschool Program for Parents and Children. Such a project was conducted by the Children's Aid Society in Brantford with great success. The families who came, in many cases had small children who exhibited one or more unmanageable behaviours, such as temper tantrums. (These were not abused children, who are usually very withdrawn and quiet). The children were attention-seeking or punitive or both because their mothers gave attention to this kind of behaviour, tended to ignore appropriate behaviour and sometimes "gave in."

There was very little praise, hugs or chatting and a great deal of shouting, scolding and

spanking. This created a spiral of mutual anger, fear, hostility and punishment followed by worse behaviour on the part of both parent and child. In the Program the parents were taught how to reinforce positive behaviour in their small children and even how to play with the child. Relationships improved dramatically.

The same type of approach could be used with parents who are potential child abusers. These would not be singled out for the program which would benefit any parents who need help in coping with small children.

The Family and Children's Services is eager to have volunteers, parents, teachers, nurses and other interested people in the community, help to launch such programs of education for parenting in this County. Interested persons are invited to call the Society and take out membership. You will be informed of developments and will be asked to help the Society get these projects under way.

Minister of Housing Donald Irvine says. So they cannot be included.

Other regions, under this new set-up, will receive bylaws from their area municipalities and give written comments to the Ontario Municipal Board on whether or not the bylaws conform to the official plans and regional policies. Prior to now, this function was the responsibility of the Ministry of Housing's Plans Administration Division.

This sector will only adopt a monitoring role. It will receive copies of the bylaws and the regional municipalities'

"This is part of an on-going process to further decentralize planning functions. The next phase will be to delegate the approval of subdivisions to regional municipalities, and they will be authorized to approve official plans in the final phase," Mr. Irvine says.

Knights Of Columbus Install New Officers

On Tuesday, October 1, the new officers for the Father Wm. Fitzgerald Council, 6091, Hagersville area were installed. District Deputy Earl Kowalsky and his Warden Harry Smith, both of Simcoe, conducted the installation.

The Executive is: Grand Knight: Tom White; Deputy G.K.: Michael Montague; Warden: George Ver-vaeke; Chancellor: Ray Montague; Advocate: Frank Dykstra; Financial Sec: Theo Dykstra;

Recorder: Neil Anderson; Treas: John Coyne; Trustees: Dr. Nick Huschilt, Tony Pierroz and Joe Noronha; Guards: Con Maure, Bob Ouellette and Ed Kruis; Lecturers: Terry Coyne and Kevin Walsh.

The Council's Chaplain is Rev. Raymakers pastor of St. Anne's and St. Mary's and the immediate past Grand Knight is A.J. Pierroz.

Following the programme, a social evening was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Tom White.

Police Report

September completed half a year of operation as a regional force. Having ironed out, by now, some of the administrative wrinkles resulting from the unification of the eight former departments of the region, we trust that the results are satisfactory to the communities served by the regional force.

Twenty of the 264 calls to which the personnel of Division 2 responded during the month resulted in arrests being made for other departments. 22 were auto accidents, three of these involving personal injury. 70 were general complaints, 13 involved theft of autos and bicycles, and three missing persons.

The officers served 21 summonses, provided escort services on 10 occasions, checked on seven properties for absent owners and found 14 unlocked business premises during their security checks.

They laid Highway Traffic Act charges against 106 persons, Criminal Code charges against 27, Liquor Control Act, 21, and three under other provincial statutes.

Each of the three cruisers assigned to this division travels an average of 5000 miles each month in its patrols of Caledonia and Hagersville.

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Thursday, Oct. 17

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Nanticoke News



by Mrs. Harry O. Evans and Mrs. Howard Dennis called on Mr. Thomas Bilton last Sunday afternoon. The occasion was his 80th birthday.

Mr. Creaser conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Mary Bull in Port Rowan last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Claude Hoover of Aylmer returned home Friday after having spent two weeks with Miss Stella Pratten.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Evans and Frances were dinner guests of Mrs. George Saunders and Delbert in Port Dover Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5.

On Thursday, October 10, four local fishermen left to try their luck at Lavine, in northwestern Ontario for a few days. We wish success to Cecil Hedges, Wray and Philip Dennis and Robert Vokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Maas gave a belated birthday party for a few friends Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dennis are at home now.

Following the two special Sunday services on October 6, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church in Nanticoke, the U.C.W. served the usual delicious turkey dinner on Wednesday, October 9, with settings at 5:15 and 6:15. Several dinners were sent out to shut-ins.

Miss Frances E. Evans returned to Toronto Tuesday, October 15, after a fortnight's pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry

O. Evans and City of Nanticoke friends.

On Saturday, October 12, 1974, at 4:30 p.m. a very lovely wedding was performed in Christ Church, Nanticoke when Lynda Diane, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ross of Port Dover became the bride of Lyall Arthur Snively, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Snively of Watford.

Mrs. Cameron Thomson drove to Waterloo Friday, Oct. 11 to bring back her daughter, Marie, from the University for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomson and family spent Thanksgiving weekend with her sister and her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliot of Williamsford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hedges have returned from a two and a half month trip throughout Western Canada. While there they visited their two sons in Prince George, B.C. and their daughter in Calgary, Alta.

Some of the highlights of their trip was a trip to the Kenny Dam which was constructed to change the course of the Nechaco River; an overnight camp - out on Sweeney Mt. at 6000 ft. level where the Alpine Meadows were a sight to behold. This mountain is near Tatsa Lake, the last body of water before it enters the 10 - mile tunnel built through a mountain on its way to Kitimat, B.C. Also a flight to Whitehorse, Yukon, and a train ride by narrow gauge rail on the White Pass Yukon

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by Postmaster, Larry Scarr

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This dead elm tree located between Jarvis and Nelles Corners on Highway 3 makes a picturesque photo on a cloudy day. (staff photo)

Qualifying residents 65 or older should now have at least \$2700 a year.

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Your Ontario Government believes senior citizens should now have a guaranteed annual income of \$2700 a year for single persons, and where both spouses qualify, \$5400 for married couples.

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