

2 Special Speakers Highlight Open House

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The Monteith Correctional Centre held 'open house' and was opened with an address was D. Greggs, superintendent of the institute.

A tour of the buildings which included living quarters, recreation, academic and vocational facilities. Guides for the tour were provided by volunteers and residents of the adult training centre.

Refreshments were served and on the following evening about 65 persons attended again, in what was in the form of a discussion seminar. Guest speaker for the event was J. Fox administrator of community programs for Ministry of Correctional Services.

REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives from most communities from Kirkland Lake to Kapuskasing, from different organizations and church groups were present as well as many other interested persons attended.

Mr. Pinder, chairman of the community volunteer program committee, gave the following report on what efforts could be made by public to rehabilitate the residents of the centre.

He stated "there is a growing need recognized within our ministry for greater community support in helping towards the rehabilitation of our residents.

"Particularly, for example, towards those residents, who, for a variety of reasons, seldom if ever, received visitors or correspondence from either family or friends and so languish to a high degree, not only in physical but also in psychological isolation from the outside world," said the speaker. "Since most of our residents are somewhat alienated from society in the first place, it follows that this isolation only tends to reinforce that alienation and so much more likely to return to jail, through the revolving door."

Mr. Pinder said "Conversely, contact with the outside world especially if its positive and meaningful would tend to reduce that alienation and so be less likely to return and a reduction in recidivism means that both economically and behaviorally society may become a better place in which to live."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"One way the community could help is by providing selected volunteers to visit and-or corresponding with these residents, with the object in mind of establishing a warm friendly meaningful relationship on a person to person basis, not only to fill this void of isolation but with the idea also perhaps, of influencing a positive change in

certain of their values, systems in belief, attitudes and behavioral patters which are at odds with society. And also, to assist them towards a better understanding of themselves and the society in which they are expected to live. In order that they may become useful productive members of that society," commented the speaker.

"Having said this I was asked to implement a program to fill this need and I am pleased to say I was able to get the support of a fine group of people from various areas in the North who were willing to help me, in this I refer to people like: Judith Groenfeld and Lou Bozzer of Timmins, Dorothy Thompson and Shelly Lefcovitch of South Porcupine; Nazaire D'Aronour of Kapuskasing; Frank Buchan of Cochrane; Roger Naud of Iroquois Falls; Betty Findlay and Rev. J. Raymer of Matheson and Rev. J. Jubinville of Ramore; Oliver Doyle and Leo Belanger of Kirkland Lake and Tritown," he said.

"For the first step it was decided to reach into the communities and contact people who would or might become interested in supporting this program. Then to invite them to Monteith Correctional Centre and provide them with an experimental and educational type program from which they would be in a better position to make a decision," he concluded.

A question and answer period followed. Refreshments were served.

The following members of Monteith Womens Institute attended the Summary Day held in the Christian Education Building, Matheson: Mrs. Margaret Plummer, Mrs. Elvina Plummer, Mrs. Bernice Hutchings, Mrs. Kate Hoffman, Mrs. Ann Krikken, Mrs. Gladys Corkill, Mrs. Jenny Mitchell, Mrs. Anna Simon and Miss Hazel Demrah.

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HONORABLE MENTION

Monteith Public School float, which won best - overall prize in the Iroquois Falls Winter Carnival parade, was given an honorable mention in the recent Kirkland Lake ACT Winter Carnival parade.

SURPLUS

A surplus of approximately \$23,000 is to be realized for the past year by Iroquois Falls, reported finance chairman Com. George Critchley at a recent meeting. The 1973 budget will include provision for dog pound construction, a water study and the new library.

INSPECTOR

Edward Clarke has been appointed warble fly inspector and weed inspector for the Town of Iroquois Falls.

'All systems go'

The word is "go" on the new stretch of pipeline across Northern Ontario, according to the contractors, PanCana Associated Contractors Ltd., of Calgary. The company has set up temporary headquarters at Porquis.

Spokesman for the firm said Tuesday that welders were now tested, and actual welding of the 36-inch pipe will begin today, Wednesday.

Clearing and grading of the right-of-way has been completed at Ramore. This is where the pipe welding will begin. Ditching operations will start this weekend.

Some road boring is going on at the present time. Today the company's men are working on their third boring job on Highway 11. The pipeline path is bored under the highway so as not to disrupt traffic. Work is proceeding towards Cochrane.

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