

Bernice Dixon honored at

by Louise Middleton

Friends, acquaintances, and guests gathered in the Beaverton Legion on June 15 to express their heartfelt appreciation to one who has selflessly given her all to ensure that seniors of Brock Township remain living independently in the comfort of their own homes for as long as is humanly possible - Bernice Dixon.

For the past 14 years, Mrs. Dixon served as the co-ordinator of Brock Good Neighbours. During which time she has often gone above and beyond the call of duty to see to the implementation of new services and the continued existence of said services. She has been a true defender of senior's rights to accessible health care services and to live independently with dignity.

During her years with Brock Good Neighbours, Bernice Dixon implemented such programs as: Friendly Visitors, Wheels-to-Meals, Share-a-Meal (for those requiring short-term assistance with meals), and many others. At one time, she was even invited to go to China to make a presentation on the work she was involved in, with regards to Brock Good Neighbours, at a conference being held there but she was unfortunately unable to attend due to lack of funding. She



Bernice Dixon was honored during a retirement tea held to thank her for her 14 years of dedicated service as co-ordinator of Brock Good Neighbours.

was one of only 12 chosen to make presentations on the projects they were involved with at this particular conference.

Former coworkers fondly comment on how she has "beautifully" defended the program over the years by adamantly insisting that the program should hold onto its name and its identity despite some opposition to this.

Appreciation Tea

Another project she began was a free simple taxation service for seniors.

Whenever there was something that needed to be done for one of the 400 plus clients that one of the 150 volunteers wasn't available to do, Bernice Dixon would hop in and do it herself, such as doing banking for some clients.

She was constantly aware of the invaluable service performed by the volunteers and assured that all felt free to discuss any concerns with her. She insisted that these volunteers be recognized for their efforts through volunteer appreciation events.

Former co-workers state that one of her best attributes during her career with Brock Good Neighbours was her ability to see to the personal little things clients required without ever infringing upon their sense of independence.

Mayor Don Hadden attended the Appreciation Tea to make a presentation to Mrs. Dixon on behalf of the township. Advisory Committee members, clients, and friends came out to express their appreciation to her.

Taking over as the new administrator of Brock Good Neighbours is Mary Ann Knight.

COUPERTHWAITE, H. J. (Jack) - (Former Ontario Champion Plowman, member of Port Perry Orange Lodge, formerly Malvern Lodge) Suddenly at his home, Uxbridge, Ont. on Thursday, October 18, 1990, Jack Couperthwaite, beloved husband of Margaret Wallace. Dear father of Robert, Marion and her husband Leslie Jermey of Orillia, loving grandfather to Heather, Cory-John, and Rebecca Couperthwaite, Jerry, Steven and Mark Jermey, and brother of Marjorie Ham. Resting at the OGDEN FUNERAL HOME, 4164 Sheppard Ave. E., Agincourt (E. of Kennedy Rd.) Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. for funeral service in the chapel on Monday at 2 p.m. Interment Stouffville Cemetery, Tuesday at 10 a.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

At Rest

PHOENIX, Franklin Herbert suddenly at the Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry on Sunday, April 26, 1987 in his 73rd year. Dearly loved brother of Kathleen Leask of Seagrave, Fred Phoenix of Greenbank and predeceased by Marjorie Beaton. Also survived by 8 nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held at the Wagg-McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home, Port Perry (985-2171) on Tuesday, April 28th, at 1:30 p.m. Interment Greenbank United Cemetery. If desired, a donation may be made to the Diabetic Association.

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