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[illegible] Chapman's [illegible] Mason is hopeful Acton will go over the top as in the past. C. F. Leatherland beat the starting excitement by a matter of a few minutes when he sold his first bond to Mrs. Norman Robertson, Young Street.

Fred L. Wright tackled his first customer 10 minutes after opening time and sold his first bond to Jack Chapman. To date returns are certainly encouraging and the citizens' response is excellent.

The first night of the annual Y.M.C.A. display and program last night packed the house as tumbling, drills and clowns were the big attraction. Parents and citizens in general were given an opportunity to see for themselves just what is being accomplished at the Y. With another performance tonight the Y is expected to be filled again. May Gray is acting secretary in the absence of here husband, Johnny, serving overseas.

During the council meeting Monday, president R. W. Lowrie and secretary C. B. Swackhamer of the Fair Board were present to request the use of the curling rink section at the arena for displays. The arena is being used all-year-round for storage of wool but council granted $200 to help repair the old drill shed. Members also agreed to build new cement steps at the entrance way to the town hall and make some minor repairs to the bell tower.

[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] will leave shortly from Church on her residence here at the corner of Frederick and Church Streets.

The concert staged by the Methodist choir last Thursday under the direction of Professor Charles Kelly of Guelph was a huge success. Tickets for the hall were sold out well in advance and the music was quite pleasing to everybody. A duet by the Mason sisters was especially enjoyed.

Mr. N. F. Moore has sold his cottage at the corner of Church and Elgin Streets to Mr. George Havill, $1,800 consideration.

Suckers have been running in large numbers the past week and quite a number of boys are having themselves a time at the creek catching the fish by hand. In the evening quite a number more fishermen join in the sport.

Mr. Alex Crippa is the first resident of Crewson's Corners to become the possessor of an automobile. He purchased a Studebaker machine from R. Sinclair of Acton. The new auto is gaining Mr. Crippa plenty of popularity in his neighborhood. Messrs. Kenney Brothers are intending to put a brick and plate glass front on their boot and shoe store. Work is supposed to get under way soon.

Mr. Harold Nicklin who recently completed his second year at the school of Practical Science, Toronto, left on Tuesday for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he has secured a position under the city engineer.

Mackenzie's planning mill, Church Street, is putting on a needed exterior. When it has received a coat of paint, it will blend more suitably with the surrounding places.

[illegible] the world for the second time in three years and are now interviewing hundreds of experienced businessmen.

Our chances of selling Canadian-made finished goods in world markets on a really big scale are much brighter than many people think. In the past two years alone there has been an impressive better-than-50-percent jump in such exports. This shows what can be done and indicates that we are getting away from our traditional image as an exporter of natural resources and nothing else.

Exporting, of course, in the first instance, is both expensive and risky. There are no easy profits to be had — the competition in both price and quality is too rough for that — and, initially, such profits as may be earned are likely to be slim. That companies with no export experience and only limited means should move warily in such circumstances is understandable.

But manufacturers — small no less than large — will need to show boldness and take risks which are as necessary to the future growth and prosperity of many of them as to that of national economy itself.

Several Acton manufacturers are showing that initiative and indeed the community and citizens may be better off for their efforts.

One Every 25 Minutes . . .

It's a hideously malformed child — like those that shocked visitors during the recent thalidomide tragedy — were born every 25 minutes of every day in Canada; the people sympathetic and shocked upon would be horrified.

Yet every 25 minutes of every day a similar disaster happens. Every 25 minutes a Canadian child is born mentally retarded. Mental retardation is as much a personal tragedy . . . but the headlines do not shriek as the people seem unconcerned unless it personally affects them or their families.

Fortunately, there are some who do care. There are the 13,000 members and workers of the 600 local associations for retarded children across Canada, under whose guidance the retarded are being helped. The Canadian Association for Retarded Children is one of these groups, which operates the new Sunshine School near Hamilton and gives day schooling to 15 children from Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Burlington and Hamilton.

These efforts should not go unnoticed. Beginning with rented quarters in the rear [illegible] Town Hall in 1958, the organization has expanded its scope of training, its enrollment and its facilities until now it is geared for the best possible school training of its charges.

The task is not over yet, however. The school has a $5,000 mortgage to be wiped out. Operating costs, while partially subsidized by the Province, are still staggering. In the near future the organization hopes to begin training facilities for adult retardates. And research is still being conducted nationally into the causes of mental retardation.

None of these are the "other fellow's" responsibilities. The financial assistance must come from you, the ordinary citizen who is blessed with normal children.

During the next few days you will receive an envelope in the mail, outlining the needs of the local association. Read it, think it over, then send in your cheque. Your dollars can help these volunteers overcome the tragedy that exists. The need was never greater.

● It was a difficult day for mother. There had been dozens of interruptions caused by the trandsor bill and the telephone. Finally, she turned to her five-year-old son and said: "The next time the telephone rings, Bobby, you answer and say that I'm not home."

Good little boy that Bobby was, he obediently took the next phone call. The caller wanted to know where his mother was.

"Just a minute," delayed Bobby, while he yelled to his mother, "Mom, where are you supposed to be?"

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE DISTRICT

MILTON—The five appointees to Milton Recreation Committee resigned last week, after council cut $5,000 from the proposed 1963 budget. In a letter of resignation, the group explained they could not operate a sound playground program plus a swimming pool on the drastically reduced budget. The budget cuts wiped out $3,000 allowance for a recreation director.

BURLINGTON—Councillor Ernest Hennessey described the condition of the Guelph Line as an "abominable situation" as he urged council to investigate the delay in widening and reconstruction. The road has been ripped up for months but there was no indication when paving would begin.

GEORGETOWN—Lightning struck a Reid Court house during a recent electric storm, touching off a $12,000 fire in the downstairs section. The recreation room was gutted and the thick black smoke charred the remainder of the house with a smokey film. The lightning is believed to have hit the TV aerial.

PORT CREDIT—The Toronto area's first retreat house for married couples is to be opened in mid-May by the Oblate Fathers of Assumption Province. Called the Queen of Apostles Retreat House, it now nears completion on the banks of the Credit River north of the Queen Elizabeth Way. It will accommodate 67.

BRAMPTON—There's good news in Brampton these days to offset recent bad publicity over an attempted murder and police gunbattle. Taxpayers got a two-mill tax reduction, estimated to save the average home owner $7.70 on this year's taxes.

OAKVILLE—Police are finding they haven't enough staff to cope with a recent hit-and-run vandalism spree at local schools. Vandals have caused $3,000 damage in recent weeks. Council has refused to add five constables to the force.

Society Nixes Rabies Cases No Oakville Isolation Clinic

The Oakville District Humane Society will not turn its shelter into an isolation clinic, should another major rabies outbreak develop in Halton.

Officials of the Society have notified Dr. A. F. Bull, Medical Officer of Health of their intention, after county council declined to spend an estimated $15,000 on an isolation building.

15 at A Time

The Oakville Society, during last season's outbreak of the disease had as many as 15 animals from the Milton area in quarantine at one time. Normal services of the shelter were disrupted.

"Recognizing that health and other federal, provincial and municipal authorities concerned are unprepared to take care of a further outbreak of rabies or other contagious diseases among animals, we urgently recommend that you call a meeting of interested parties of your district concerned with the property where Dr. [illegible]

The Society indicated it would be willing to participate in such a meeting. If construction and maintenance funds were available, the Society has agreed to donate the necessary land.

High Incidence

In a press conference in Oakville Tuesday it was pointed out the incidence of rabies in Halton was high. The season for the disease runs from September to February.

"We're willing to do anything to solve the problem but it would appear we're not getting the action we had hoped for," Society Director Howard C. Colson complained.

"It's a serious problem — one that's more serious than most believe," Mr. Colson concluded.

Responsibility for isolation facilities is not clearly set out and the matter has referred for [illegible] to Dr. Bull, Halton's medical officer of health, [illegible]

[illegible] Thirty minutes later, the kid was back. You guessed it. With the kittens. It seems she hadn't cleared things with the authorities at home. She did not get any cookies or pats on the head this trip. She was lucky to get away without a punch in the nose.

My correspondent in B.C. reproved me for not having our cat "neutered". We've been into that, thoroughly. It's a costly business, for one thing. After every batch of kittens, we discuss it, plan to have it done, get involved with getting rid of the kittens, and before we get around to putting Piper into hospital, that feline is in trouble again.

However, the kittens are gone. I probably won't get to heaven, but I swore to two different people that the kitten they took was a male. Nobody seems to know the difference. We called Piper "him" until "he" got slightly pregnant for the first of many times.

Next we had trouble with the dog. Playboy. He's a backward spaniel, and no animal can be more retarded. He's comparatively friendly. That is, he's friendly all the time, more friendly when he's hungry, and most friendly when he's soaking wet.

You see, we had planted grass seed in a large, bare patch in the backyard. Gently, and with infinite care, we had turned the soil, weeded [illegible]

The [illegible] black squirrels and the starlings get into a daily break, over who was going to have the attic for the summer. The starlings had it last summer, and the day they left for the south the squirrels moved in. The other day, a couple of starlings, tanned and arrogant, just like all those southern tourists, sailed leisurely through the eaves, into their penthouse.

Talk about bats in the belfry. There was the chickens to pay. We all stood about in the bedrooms, looking at the ceiling, mouths open. I was cheering for both sides. I think the [illegible]

All week, I chortled and rubbed my hands, when nobody was looking. Opening day, I picked Bunny up early, said his mother'd look after him, and off we went. We told me, cautiously, that the Big Guns were just before the dam, in a deep hole. I did a few little dance steps as we stalked through the wet grass. With the utmost hilarity, I ambushed my friends fishing those worthless holes, with hundreds of others.

"There it is!" shrilled Bunny. "That's where the Big Guns are!" And they were. All 720 suckers of them.

Send Quilt Patterns For Club in Toronto

The April meeting of the Busy Bee Institute was held at the home of Mrs. MacLeod. There were 12 members and two visitors present.

Mrs. Hayward presided and the meeting opened with "Institute Ode" and "Mary Stewart Collect."

The standing committees all gave their reports. Two tickets were received for the T.B. dinner to be held in Oakville in May.

Each member was to make a quilt pattern to be sent to Mrs. P. McLean who is starting a club in Toronto, also an Easter card was received from Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. Arthur MacLeod showed moving pictures of their trip to the west coast, which was enjoyed by all.

A social half hour was then enjoyed over the teacups. Courtesy convener Mrs. Hitchcock thanked Mrs. MacLeod for the use of her home and lovely lunch.

Alert Auxiliary Easter Meeting

The Easter Thanksgiving meeting of the Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox church was held in the church school room on Wednesday, April 17. Miss Emma Cole assisted by Mrs. Ash by conducted the devotions following the Easter service of worship given in the Glad Tidings. Mrs. Robert Turner read the Scripture and Mrs. H. L. Bately led in prayer.

An Easter contest was conducted which was won by Miss B. Rossell and Mrs. G. Young. Correspondence and thank you notes were read from shut-ins who had been remembered by the group.

At the close of the business meeting a social time was enjoyed.

Daffodil Tea Held At Manse April 20

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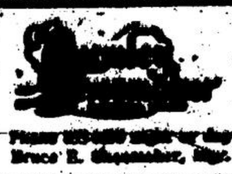

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