



MICRO PLASTICS Toronto office and Acton office staff posed for Alf Long in front of the Acton plant. From left to right: Marian Bucknam, Toronto; Vicki Hopkins, Toronto; Verna Tatton, Acton; Cathy Tacher, Acton; Sandi Sinclair, Acton; Joyce Auger, Acton; Mary Irvine, Toronto; Pat Forrest, Toronto; Carol McIsaac, Acton; Flo Fryer, Toronto and Ann Nelles, Toronto. The girls got together on Saturday, May 11 for a tour of the plant. Missing in this photo is Lea Feather, Toronto, who arrived later. They met with the group of foreign students later and toured the Beardmore plant. Afterwards they went to Florence Fryer's home for supper (Photo by Alf Long)

Free Press Women's Page

County board of education taking over retarded schools

Three schools for retarded children in Halton County will be placed under the responsibility of the new Halton County Board of Education on January 1, 1969, it was announced this week by the Hon. William G. Davis, Minister of Education. Legislation was introduced on Thursday to place all of Ontario's schools for trainable retarded children with the new divisional boards of education. Sunshine School at Hornby, presently operated by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, is one of the county's three schools. Others are located in Oakville and Burlington. The new county boards will handle all public and high school education in their division, starting January 1. In recent years the provincial government has handled education and operating costs of schools for the mentally retarded, but local associations have been responsible for capital costs. School programs for trainable retarded children were initiated over 20 years ago by dedicated parents who refused to accept the view held by most educators at that time that trainable retarded children could not profit from education. Local Associations were formed throughout the Province, and in 1953, the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded was formed which has since become known as the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded. The Ontario Association and its local affiliates, cannot be commended too highly for their efforts over the years in the establishment of schools for trainable retarded children. The legislation being introduced will relieve local Associations of any financial responsibility for the schools. Rather than lose the interest and guidance of the Associations, legislation provides for the establishment by each divisional board of an advisory committee on schools for trainable retarded children. The committee shall consist of six members, of which three shall be appointed by the divisional board from among its members, and three shall be appointed by the local Association or Associations. Representatives of the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded, and the Federation of Retarded Children's Education Authorities of Ontario, along with officials of various school boards have participated in the development of the legislation. The Minister of Education said he was most appreciative of the contribution made by these organizations.

The inclusion of the schools for trainable retarded children as part of the responsibility of the new larger units will be of direct benefit to the children involved. The resources of the boards of education in terms of psychological services, special education consultants, and consultants in other fields will now be available to the schools for trainable retarded children. In addition, more teachers will be attracted to this field of education and programs for trainable retarded children will become an integral part of the special education services provided by each board of education.

Renaissance in leather men's wear

Tanners will be glad to hear there's a renaissance in leather men's wear this spring. At least part of the credit belongs to Prime Minister Trudeau's leather coat and hat. The Financial Post writer Jean Danard says that Canadian tanners are touting leather as a prestige item and the idea seems to be taking hold. Top executives are taking to leather-lined coats. And a leather, attache case is one indication that the man who carries it has arrived. The Financial Post says that companies giving quality services are choosing leather decor. It is going well in banks and universities. And the new turbo jet suits are to have airplane-type seats down in genuine leather. The new airport is Vancouver will have leather in the bar. "To look rich, wear leather," the fashion advertisements say. Women have been doing so for the past few seasons, from the tip of their high-style boots to jaunty hats that match. Now, men are getting into the leather stream with full-length coats and many more of the sheep-skin lined variety.

Annual convention of C.W.L. planned

Representatives from 105 parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton will gather in Brantford for the 48th annual convention of the Catholic Women's League in the diocese, from May 31 to June 2. The theme this year is "TEACH US TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, AT HOME AND ABROAD, THE GOOD THINGS YOU HAVE GIVEN US". Mrs. H. T. Donhee, National President, will be the speaker at one banquet. St. Plus Parish, Brantford, is host council for the convention, and Mrs. D. T. McKinley is the convener. Business sessions will be chaired by Mrs. H. R. Harper, Diocesan President. Officers and conveners will present annual reports giving highlights of the efforts of 15,000 members. Resolutions will be brought to the floor during the final session for discussion and approval. Election of officers for the coming year will conclude the three-day meeting.

Status of Women U.C.W. skit topic

A skit on the Status of Women was the high point of the meeting of the evening unit of the U.C.W. Wednesday of last week. Taking part in the skit were Dorothy Allen, Ruth Maxwell, Barbara Trotter and Lorraine Shields. A lively discussion followed. Gloria Coats led the devotion. A joint meeting of U.C.W. units in June and catering for a wedding in July were discussed.

Don't throw away an old old-cloth tablecloth. Use pinking shears to cut a number of place mats.

Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Leno Marzohave returned home after flying to Milwaukee to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawson and Ted. The Rev. Gordon Turner and Mr. Fawcett Eaton attended Halton Presbytery conference in Waterloo last week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough and Ralph spent the long weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sinclair, Kingston, calling on Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Storey in Napawa, former residents of Lake Ave., Acton. Mrs. R. D. Buckner is flying to New York to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bobar and her new granddaughter, Sarah Jane. Mrs. Bobar is the former Janet Buckner. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest West, Peter, Paul and Michael of Waterloo, Miss Ina Near, Mr. Ernest Near of Toronto visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Fred West. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Weaver and Miss Susan Weaver, Mr. Patrick Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rawn of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Townsend of Montreal spent the holiday with Mrs. E. Phillips, Frederick St. Mrs. George Hargrave is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, and Mr. Hargrave expects to be admitted as a patient there next week. Best wishes for quick recovery for these two members of the "Citizens of the Year" award winning St. John Ambulance Brigade. Mr. and Mrs. James Rolston attended the funeral of Mr. Rolston's sister, Mrs. Percy Waldrill, in South River. Mrs. Waldrill had celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary a year ago, while two brothers, John and James, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries with their wives two years ago. Mrs. Waldrill was the fourth in the family to attain her golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Peter Lawson received his results from Centennial College Scarborough, last week, and has now completed his course of Recreation Management. He hopes to enter university in September to specialize. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson left May 8 for Sault Ste. Marie where both have positions for the summer, travelling by way of Chicago and Milwaukee where they spent a few days with Peter's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawson and Ted.

Bobby is proud pop three bison babies; number 4 due soon

Hattiesville Point Park's buffalo and elk compound is looking more and more like an obstetrics ward these days -- a total of three baby bison were born last week and there's probably one more due any time. Bobby, the hitherto "bashful" male in the compound, may have to change his name to "Procreative Peter" in the near future. Expected increases in the tribe failed to materialize last year, but Bobby's making up for it this spring. Three of his four female friends have now given birth to a calf and number four's due any time, a spokesman for Halton Region Conservation Authority said. The first calf was a female, born Monday, May 6. Another calf arrived Friday evening and another showed up Saturday morning. Authority game technicians haven't been able to get close enough to either of the newest arrivals to determine their sex, but they're hoping there's at least one male in the batch to carry on when Bobby quits fathering new offspring. "Burlington" is the name chosen for the first new arrival. The Authority's executive decided on this nomenclature at a meeting Thursday, to honor Burlington which is the municipality in which the 70-acre compound is housed. The little cow will be called "Burl" for short. No names have yet been selected for the remaining two calves.

Donna Bateman heads Y's Menettes

At their meeting May 14 at the home of Mrs. G. Bateman, the Y's Menettes decided to purchase dishes for the Y's Men. New executive is president Donna Bateman; vice-president Adele Cloland; secretary Kate Elliott and treasurer Sally Wilson. Members agreed to help with the Y's Men's auction sale and rummage sale this Saturday. There was a kitchen shower of tea towels, soap, dish cloths, etc. for the Y.

Award trophy at last euchre

Latest list of winners at the euchre at L.O.L. hall Crewson's Corners: ladies' high, Bea Anderson; ladies' low, Mrs. C. Storey; men's high, C. McDonald; men's low, Ken McDonald; lone hands prize, Bea Anderson; door prize, Willard Briton. Next week will be the final euchre for the time being. There will be a draw for several prizes, plus a penny sale. A trophy will be awarded to the player with the most lone hands over the season.

Leaves staff

Mrs. George Williams has resigned as assistant librarian, and the board is advertising this week for a replacement.

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Travelling salesmen - student bring paintings to library

Two psychology students from the University of Waterloo have what must be one of the most unusual summer jobs of all. They are taking a group of paintings by two Waterloo men, setting up exhibits all over Ontario, and selling what they can on a commission basis. The students, Brian Elliot and Bruce Hunsberger of Waterloo, have their unique travelling exhibit in Acton this week. They expect to set up about 60 pictures in the library today for showings until Friday. They've been on the road a month already with exhibits at Wingham, Ingersoll, Oakville and Orangeville. Georgetown is on their itinerary for later on. They can only work in one a week. The painters whose canvases will be on sale here are two young Waterloo men, friends of the travelling salesman, Pete Snyder and Michael Roth. Mr. Roth was born in Europe. They are full-time painters who are leaving the advertising and merchandising up to the two enterprising students. They are relatively unknown artists, and so the price range is low, from \$35 to \$125. They have many landscapes from Halliburton and Muskoka, as well as Atlantic seascapes. There are a few abstracts and still lifes, which generally don't sell so well. "But you never know," observed one of the optimistic salesman-students.

\$1,800 turned in to date Flowers of Hope campaign

Approximately \$1,800 has been raised to date in the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded "Flowers of Hope" campaign, campaign chairman F. V. Cannon of Milton announced on Monday. With six of the 19 captains still not heard from, the campaign is at about the same stage it was a year ago. Mr. Cannon said the government has just decided to take over the responsibility of running the school, effective on January 1, and this enabled the campaign proceeds to be directed towards H.O.P.E. workshop and a residence for adult retardates. He expressed appreciation for the help received from the canvassers and the donors as well.

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