

Hard Working North Halton Association Review Work With Mentally Retarded

Report of the work of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded was heard last evening, December 22, at the annual meeting of the association at the Sunshine School, Brantford, to review the year's work and select officers for 1967.

The Association operates the Sunshine School for mentally retarded children and the H.O.P.E. Workshop for retarded adults, both at Brantford.

"The past year has been virtually filled with interesting and productive activities," noted R.A. Kanerva, president of the association. "It has been in my opinion, a year of progress and a year of change."

Mr. Kanerva reviewed the year, noting that the Executive Educational Authority by authorization of the provincial government, has underwritten the operating costs of the Sunshine School, thereby allowing the association to launch the H.O.P.E. workshop.

He observed that "the operation of such a workshop center is extremely expensive and is further complicated by our transportation requirements for which a bus has been purchased. I could conservatively estimate that our operating costs for the workshop will exceed \$10,000 annually and these funds must be raised by this association."

The president lamented the apparent lack of interest in the general public shows toward fund raising campaigns launched by the association.

A report was heard from Harry Isham on the Adult Services division of the association. Included in Mr. Isham's report was the financial statement of the H.O.P.E. workshop.

Over a period of 22 weeks, the workshop produced sales with a value of \$1,065.29 cash and \$200 receivable. After debts of \$965.47 are accounted for, the shop shows a balance of \$619.82.

A variety of donations including \$600 jointly from Milton, Georgetown and Acton Ladies Auxiliaries; a sewing machine and typewriter from the North Trafalgar Community Club; \$25 from Milton Branch Royal Canadian Legion and other gifts were put to good use.

The \$600 went for an electric Gesteiner which has already

turned out over 65 per cent of its value in Christmas orders.

Milton Legion's \$25 was used to aid in the purchase of three high chairs for the shop and an additional \$100 from Georgetown Ladies Auxiliary helped buy a wood lathe and motor saw. The motor unit is used to help publicize the association.

The bus which is now picking up trainees — three from Milton, one from Campbellville, two from Acton and one from Georgetown at present — does 585 miles per week and is driven by Mrs. Diane Wood, who is also the manager's assistant at the workshop.

Mr. Isham expressed his regret that the Residential Care program discussed with Oakville and Burlington associations had not been taken further, and hoped 1967 would see the plan put through.

A movie was shown of the students as they went about their business at the Sunshine School, the H.O.P.E. Workshop and Milton arena when Sunshine children are taken each Monday morning to learn and practice skating.

A report was heard from Rev. M. Christensen, outlining the work done in the Spiritual Committee. He noted that representatives from NHAMR attended the provincial conference in the Park Motor Hotel in April. Lectures by a Mrs. H. Shady were heard concerning "A Spiritual Development Program for the Mentally Retarded."

Discussion groups were formed with Rev. Christensen, Mrs. R.P. Jeffares and Miss Beth Crawford taking part in one about "The Spiritual Development of the Retarded Person in the Community."

A report on the H.O.P.E. Workshop was given by Mrs. Isham. She noted that the workshop now has eight trainees ranging in age from 16 to 40 years.

The projects undertaken include exclusive designed Christmas cards, artificial Christmas trees, re-strapping of lawn chairs, manufacture of knitting and tote bags, small toy clowns, flowers for wedding vehicles and others.

The managers also informed the audience that the trainees are paid wages ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 weekly. The money is earned not on the

basis of production but the basis of effort on the part of the individual. Deductions are spoken of for laxity in behavior, sociability or cleanliness, but seldom do they have to be enforced.

It is found that jobs must be changed frequently to prevent overdrift on the trainees' attention spans.

Trainees prepare their own lunches and coffee breaks, and the girls handle this while the boys maintain washrooms and floors in weekly turns.

The managers, who must find new contracts for the shop and maintain the building on top of her other duties, attend a course in "Small Business Management" as it affects Sheltered Workshops and centres for the Mentally Retarded, August 31.

Other supervisory staff at H.O.P.E. include Mrs. H. G. Wood, who left a position at Milton District Hospital in August to join the centre full time after a period as a volunteer.

Mrs. Wood also drives the bus on its two hour route covering most of the northern half of the county.

Mrs. Syd Dance and Mrs. R. Wardle are two regular volunteer workers at the shop.

Mrs. G. Jeffares, principal of the Sunshine School, noted that in January, 1966, the

school contained 24 pupils. One child left and one enrolled, keeping the attendance static.

The bazaar and tea were held June 10 where the senior pupils served 96 guests with tea and displayed crafts for sale.

The local inspector's wife, the provincial inspector's wife and the association president's wife poured tea. The event created a \$132.30 profit.

A closing concert was held June 20 in the hall of Holy Cross Church, followed the next day by a picnic at Terrior's Pony Ranch.

A display was placed in Milton Fair, with proceeds of \$5.

A visit by the senior pupils to Riverdale Zoo was staged Sept. 14, the first time this had been done.

Bill Roberts, a nationally famous artist, has been donating his time and talent to instructing the senior pupils.

Volunteers working at the school include Mrs. Deumer, Mrs. Caves, Mrs. Bickers, Mrs. Dales, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Baardolf. Mrs. Wood helps whenever possible.

A total of \$250 was spent on physical fitness equipment and the principal feels that some medals may be going to the school during the 1967 Centennial physical fitness tests.

Popcorn Balls



Make a big batch so there'll be some to eat and some to hang on the tree.

First have five quarts of popped corn . . . then

2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon vinegar
1 1/2 cups water	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt	Candy red hats
1/2 cup light corn syrup	

Keep popcorn hot and crisp in a slow oven. Combine the five ingredients, cook to hard ball stage (250 degs.). Remove from heat and add vanilla. Slowly pour syrup over hot popped corn, mixing well to coat every kernel. If you wish, stir in some candy red hats for color. Butter your hands lightly before pressing popcorn mixture into balls.



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Indians ate wild turkey, cranberries and pumpkin before the first European colonists arrived. The turkey today is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey.

TREE FRESHNESS TEST

To test the tree before you buy rub a finger across the butt. Stickiness is a sign of freshness. Bounce the tree on the ground several times. If the needles shed, the tree has begun to dry out. Next tug at the needles. If they pull off easily freshness has gone. Patches of browned needles mean dryness has set in. A fragrant odour is a good sign of freshness, and healthy green needles are a good sign too.

IN FRANCE

In France, after the elders return from midnight mass, it is time for a large feast. The roast goose is popular in some sections of the country. At other sections such things as buckwheat cakes and sour cream, roasted chestnuts served with milk, or turkey and chestnuts served with wine.



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Senior Citizens Guests As Rotarians Entertain

Georgetown's white haired youngsters gathered in Knox Church hall for the annual Senior Citizens' Dinner Monday Dec. 12.

An estimated 130 guests accepted the invitation of the Rotary Club to a night of entertainment following the traditional Christmas season meal of turkey and all the trimmings.

Emcee Vince Mountford, vocalists Milree Aymstrong and Sandra Greig, trombone soloist Martin Wheeler and an award winning baton twirler made the time pass all too quickly for the over-70 audience.

Rotary Annes prepared the dinner with kitchen help from the Georgetown Business and

Professional Women's Club and the Rotarians served. Radicals Car Club members saw to transportation.

Robert Gougion welcomed the guests on behalf of the sponsoring club, and John Farmer thanked the hosts on behalf of the Georgetown Senior Citizens. Among the guests were former Georgetown Rotarian Jim Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie who made the trip from Willowdale to attend.

Music was provided by Ralph Ursel's instrumental quartet. The highlight — the ever-welcome visit from a famous senior citizen, Santa Claus, who toled a bag of gifts like a youngster.



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