

# Legion Pledges Sponsorship for Halton Home for Retardates

A large, enthusiastic meeting of the Legion, were unanimous in their acceptance of a proposal to sponsor and maintain a residence for the Mentally Retarded in North Halton. This is a concept of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, and it is hoped to get underway with the purchase of land and building in the near future.

The idea of a residence is a relatively new concept in the realm of mental health care, but it has been proven that the Retarded respond to a far greater degree in a smaller, residence-type home. The plan calls for the purchase of ten to fifteen acres in a rural setting, at a reasonable distance

from the present North Halton facilities.

William Ferguson, president of the North Halton Association, addressed the Branch 120 meeting at some length, giving a brief history of his association, the reasons for deciding to start such a project, and the methods of paying for it. The Ontario government will build the residence, and supply a large percentage of the maintenance costs, but the association must find the cost of the land, plus a sponsor to be responsible for the difference in the cost of maintaining the residence on a yearly basis. He explained that the administration of the actual day to day operations, would be carried out

by 'house parents', a man and wife team who would live in the residence. Mr. Ferguson also pointed out that the building would fill a crying need for the care of older retardates.

A number of questions were asked at the end of the address, and a vote was taken for the Branch to sponsor the plan.

Since then the executive have been busy meeting with members of the Association and laying plans.

The Legion feels that this is a most worthwhile project, and in furthering their policy of community betterment, they are pleased to be able to help in some measure, in this worthwhile project.

# Says Baha'i Offers New Teaching in its Message

"All over the world, those of all the religions realize the need for something new — the old will no longer do," said Miss Catherine MacMillan, guest speaker at a well-attended Baha'i Bazaar, held here this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erland Barr, 15 Normandy Blvd.

This realization became vividly evident to the speaker during an extended teaching trip last year in behalf of the Baha'i Faith; a trip which took this Hamilton school-teacher, and a dedicated Baha'i, to Turkey, Iran and India.

Miss MacMillan devoted her summer holidays to lecturing to university students in India, and visiting the small communities of that country, where the masses thirst for something new. "As Baha'i we offer and share the message of a new teaching, the fulfillment of all the prophecies of all the religions of the world. The door of prophetic cycle is closed — the door is open to the unification of mankind," said Miss MacMillan; as she talked with the group on the basic principles of Baha'i Faith. "There is no new religion, just basic truth from God for different stages of the evolution of man." Baha'is believe the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, Baha'ullah, is God's Prophet for this age, the maturity of mankind and His writings bring those of all religions back to truth.



MISS CATHERINE MacMILLAN, Baha'i Speaker

During her visit overseas, Miss MacMillan stayed in Turkey and Iran, the birth place of the Baha'i Faith, and her descriptions of various palaces of former Sultans, and life in the Near East rounded out a most interesting and thought-provoking evening long to be remembered by the Georgetown gathering. The fire-side ended with lively discussions among those of the Baha'i Faith and many interested friends.

# Palette, Pencil Club Plans Collage Instruction

The Palette & Pencil Club, meeting in the Norval Scout Hall last week, elected its new executive for the April '68 to April '69 year. Elected are:

President, Mary Cooper; vice president and secretary, Dodi Scull; treasurer and supplies convener, Ella Hogg; coffee convener, Bart Scull; coffee committee convener, Grace Sellmer; publicity convener, Elaine Crawford; honorary chairman Frank Black.

So begins the third year of the Palette and Pencil Club's organization.

Since the workshop in March conducted by Mr. Black, the club has enjoyed an evening viewing slides on the works of the Old Masters, including Holbein, Murillo and Degas. These were shown and are owned by a

# Spring Clean-up Tips by Fire Prevention Bureau

The annual Spring Clean-up Campaign of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau will be launched this week, with the distribution of 10,000 posters throughout Halton.

"It's time for a Spring clean-up at your home," warns the firefighter on the poster. "Carelessness costs dollars — remember, every fire call is an expense to your community."

A list of Spring do's and don'ts has been compiled by the Bureau members. They include:

- DO:
  - Be sure all flammable liquids are stored in safety-approved storage cans.
  - Clean and check your chimney and heating system. Make sure no stovepipes are touching or near flammable walls or partitions.
  - Clean out rubbish, papers, rags and clothes from the attic, cellar or garage.
  - Check your fire extinguisher (every home should have one) to make sure it is fully charged and ready for emergency.
  - Use a covered container for burning rubbish, if outdoor incinerators are allowed under your local by-laws.
- DON'T:
  - Burn off any dead grass unless you have shovels, brooms, water and lots of helpers available to stop it from spreading.
  - Use flammable liquids for cleaning clothing.
  - Burn grass on windy day.
  - Throw cigarette butts away. Use an ashtray or grind out the cigarette with your heel.
  - Burn outdoor fires within 100 feet of any buildings.
  - Leave any fire for a minute.
  - Leave matches where children can reach them.

# CAS Aim, Remove Child Only as Last Resort

The Children's Aid Society has armed itself with new weapons in its fight against the evils facing our society's neglected, abused, and mistreated children.

Dr. Gordon Askwith, executive director for the Halton CAS drew attention to a new approach called the "homemaker service" in which removal of the child is a last resort.

Dr. Askwith was speaking at the CAS annual meeting held Friday at Halton Centennial Manor.

He described the homemaker service as a "peek into the future" of a social agency whose role is rapidly changing.

Dr. Askwith used the example of a boy whose principal was so amazed at the complete reversal in his behaviour that he switched from complaints to a letter of high praise for the work of the agency.

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# Health Unit Needs the Nursing Staff

Prospects for increasing the staff of public health nurses on the Halton County Health Unit have not improved much in the last few weeks.

Dr. H. B. Hay, the Medical Officer of Health, has estimated the unit needs about 15 more nurses.

A few months ago the Unit had nurses requesting sponsorship for the extra year of school required to become a public health nurse.

The sponsorship makes the students eligible for provincial bursaries. The Unit provides no money, but guarantees employment for the students on graduation.

But Dr. L. M. Stuart, assistant MOH, said that the two students who have already applied for sponsorship will not be available in the Unit until about a year from now, when they are expected to graduate.

There are now about 15 nurses on the staff, Dr. Hay said, and he feels the staff should be twice as large to carry on its program.

While none of the Unit's programs had to be cut off, he said, many were reduced from regular frequency, so that they were only done at the request of the school officials.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid returned by plane on Sunday from a three-month winter vacation in Florida.

— Margaret Jamieson



WILLIAM FERGUSON, president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, talks with Georgetown's Legion Branch 120 president David Bowman.

# Norval

## Norval Churches to Provide Refreshments Oxfam Walk

Unit One of Norval United Church met at the home of Mrs. James Landlaw on Thursday afternoon March 28 with Mrs. Ed McLean in the chair.

Mrs. Murray Laird gave the devotional followed by the minutes read by Mrs. Percy Laird. The roll call was answered by naming a Canadian missionary in Japan.

Flowers and ferns for the church were discussed, but it was decided to bring this up at an overall meeting.

Invitations to Thankoffering meetings were read.

The Oxfam Walk on May 4th was discussed. The Presbyterian Church in the village will be a rest stop with all 3 churches combining to serve refreshments and coffee to the walkers.

Mrs. E. McLean gave a condensed history of Japan followed by a chapter from Japan Profiles.

Several items were sold from the "Market Basket" which lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. P. Landlaw and Mrs. N. Landlaw. The Thankoffering meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Murray Laird on April 18th with Mrs. Mrs. C. Moreton as missionary.

On Wednesday evening, both members of St. Paul's Laidlaw Guild held a business meeting.

## Offer Original Log Cabin Move to Museum Property

Owners of a newly-acquired farm in the Georgetown area recently contacted Halton County Museum Curator Major H. E. Newman of Georgetown and offered the museum an entire log cabin from their property. They had covered the old log building when they decided to demolish it as it had been covered with a layer of siding over the logs.

The museum will first have to get approval from the Conservation Authority to be buried in the museum. Major Newman said, if they can come up with the money for moving the old building, and money is becoming more and more of a factor in everything the museum undertakes.

The Halton Museum is learning that being successful is not necessarily going to reduce the cost of running the museum.

Although capital costs are greatly reduced this year, with the Craft Home completed the new display building is almost finished, and a heavy-duty fire system installed — other costs are rising.

# Report Will Deal on Future of County EMO

Peace McGregor, county co-ordinator for the Emergency Measures Organization, expects his report on the function and future of the local EMO system will be ready for presentation to county council in a week or so.

The fact that the museum is so well-known now makes it easier to obtain new displays, he added, because people now think to contact him and offer things to the museum.

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# BALLINAFAD

The annual meeting of the Ballinafad 4-H Fruit Munchers was held on April 6, roll call was taken with 15 members present.

After the discussion on fruit, the club was divided in two groups, while one group arranged fruit and cheese trays, the other answered a quiz, then when the museum had no items the situation was reversed.

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