

Hopes for Georgetown Training Course in Emergency Welfare

Bruce McGregor, Emergency Measures Organization co-ordinator for Halton, says he hopes a course in emergency welfare held recently will be duplicated in the Georgetown, Acton, Milton and Burlington areas with the participation of local volunteer organizations.

His solid: "The setting up of efficient registration and inquiry procedures is an essential service in a disaster."

His comments were made at a special one day course attended by some 20 members of the Oakville branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Given by the Emergency Welfare Services Division, Dept. of National Health and Welfare at the request of the Halton County Emergency Measures Organization and the Dept. of Social and Family Services, Government of Ontario, the course covered the organization and operation of a registration and inquiry service designed to reunite families scattered during an emergency.

Registration and inquiry, explained the course leader, Jack Anderson of the Dept. of National Health and Welfare, is one of the five welfare services which are vital in emergencies, and, like the others, emergency lodging, feeding, clothing, and personal services depends heavily on local volunteers to make it work.

Training courses for all emergency welfare services are available from the federal gov-

ernment, he explained. Their purpose is to create across the country, cadres of trained leaders who augmented by locally recruited teams of helpers, would be able to operate these welfare services in the event of an emergency.

Jim Gray, Director of Welfare Services for Halton County said the need for a registration and inquiry service was well demonstrated in last August's hurricane which demolished the camps of 2,400 Boy Scouts attending an international jamboree in the area which resulted in the boys being widely scattered throughout the area.

"A good deal of anxious searching and worry by parents would have been avoided," he said "if the procedures learned here had been used at that time."

Minister of National Health and Welfare, John Munro, on reviewing the results of the course, said: "This exercise is an excellent example of community involvement in problem solving. All those concerned in O. Kville and Halton County are to be congratulated for their forward thinking and initiative



DON BROWN, LEFT, chief of registration and inquiry services of Halton County discusses his work with Jack Anderson of Emergency Welfare Services Division, Dept. of National Health and Welfare during a special course on the subject. Adding her own viewpoint is Mrs. Lorraine Small of the Oakville Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society.



CHOOSE YOUR CHRISTMAS COLOR IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RED

Don't worry if you don't plan to use red in your chosen decorating theme. You will have plenty of this familiar tone supplied by gift wrappings, stockings, berries and seasonal flowers to give bright colour accents in the house.

Carefully plan the effect you want to achieve before starting. For instance, it would be an original and soothing setting for all the activity and excitement, to provide a mood of peace and contentment using blues, whites and metallic touches.

A theme from the words of one of your favorite carols could be expressed through the creative use of color in your Yuletide decorations. After you have decided on a general color scheme, try to keep hues simple.

THERE is a definite language of colors, they produce certain

thoughts and feelings, and understanding a few of the ideas associated with them will be useful in your preparations. According to color experts, there is a reason for our seasonal preference for certain shades. Bright, warm colors like orange and red suggest warmth, gift and joy. Green is associated with hope and life everlasting. Light, cool colors of blue, turquoise, and violet, are calm and serene.

Blue, particularly, expresses restfulness—truth and dependability. White means purity, peace, faith and joy. Silver symbolizes birth, purity, the Spirit and the promise of happy times; the Gold stands for royalty and power. As one of the gifts—the Three Wise Men: Melchor, Balthasar, and Caspar—Ad meant that the Christ was acknowledged as King of men.

may it live in men's hearts!

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LIFE'S SCALES



There is a legend of a Goblin who made an annual pilgrimage among the people at Christmastime, evaluating their thoughts and deeds by their weight. One day the Goblin saw a man with a new automobile, which he had purchased for himself and family as a Christmas token. Here, thought the Goblin, is something very valuable. So he put it on the scales, but, to his dismay, it weighed nothing.

Next he saw a boy who appeared very happy. "Why are you so glad?" asked the Goblin. "I'm going to get a lot of nice things for Christmas—I know, because I've seen them in the closet," said the boy. The Goblin put them all on the scales, but they weighed nothing.

There was a young girl who was frowning. "What are you frowning for?" asked the Goblin. "Oh, a friend of mine gave me a little old handkerchief for Christmas last year and I will have to give her one this year because she'll expect it." The Goblin put the handkerchief on the scales, but it weighed nothing.

The Goblin looked up and saw a richly attired woman sitting at a window knitting. What are you doing?" he asked. "I am knitting a scarf for a sick

friend who is cold and miserable," said the woman. "That isn't a scarf in all the stores that I care to give her, so I am knitting her one." The Goblin put the scarf on the scales and it weighed very much.

Looking down the street, the Goblin saw an aged couple carrying a well fitted basket between them. He approached the couple and saw that they were very poor. "Where are you taking that basket of food?" he asked. "To a kindly friend," said the man. "But do you not need this for yourselves?" asked the Goblin. "We can spare it—besides, our food tastes better when we divide it with those who need it worse than we do," was the answer. The Goblin put the basket on the scales and it weighed very much indeed.

Question: Who Put 'X' In Christmas?

Almost every year from this time on, the question comes up again—who put the 'X' in Christmas, and cries such as the unchristian approach to an otherwise solemn occasion.

Actually, it's been there all the time. An X, used alone or in combination with other letters, often stands for the word 'Christ', and an Episcopalian

Institute Women Contribute Layettes, Family Service

The Christmas meeting of Terra Cotta Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Lyons.

Roll Call was answered by displaying a Christmas apron and giving a Christmas greeting. Layette contributions were received and three more layettes were sent to the Children's Family Services.

The short course "Treasures in your Attic" is to be conducted by Miss Jean Armour of the Department of Agriculture and Food on January 23.

The program consisted of singing Christmas carols, a Christmas reading by Mrs. Owens MacDonald, an address by Mrs. Shipley of the Children & Family Services and games conducted by Mrs. Howard Dolson.



BELLS OF JOY... This painting by Leon Fragoso of Mexico brings to life the exuberance of the Christmas spirit. It's called 'Joy Bells.'

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