

# Mapleview home sanctuary for elderly



By Lorraine Root  
A visitor was lauded with resounding applause recently when she arrived at Limehouse Presbyterian church to enjoy the annual fowl supper.  
Miss Isabelle Moore, 82, a long time resident of the Georgetown area; a teacher whose career stretched from the 1800's into the twentieth century was the special guest who was greeted with "Auntie Belle" from all ages.  
The Seventh Line school near Limehouse was the country school where Miss Moore conducted most of her instruction. As the youngest of a family of four girls she was raised on a farm situated on the outskirts of Georgetown half of which today has been incorporated into a plaza named after her family, called Moore Park.  
Sometime ago a broken hip necessitated casual home care, not continued hospitalization, but rather a place with contemporaries where supervision and companionship are blended with warmth and affection.  
Relatives of Miss Moore found such a place for her to stay, one that matched her farming background plus the atmosphere of friendliness and security in a family situation.  
There are several other senior adults who share Miss Moore's enthusiasm about

her special home—ladies and gentlemen with families grown and away, who have retired. They have no requirement for hospital medication or care, but rather a place to which they can feel "belonging," where personal privacy and human dignity is a top priority.  
Mapleview is such a place. Situated on the Town Line between Erin and Esquesing off Church Hill Road, a mile from Acton, the big house on the hill, backed by an imposing white barn, is a picture of tranquility.  
Mapleview is a boarding home for the elderly which has been operating now for the past 5 1/2 years as an enterprise for a young woman who was faced with the situation of an invalid husband, a family to raise, plus a concern about the plight of elderly people who needed a place to be without burdening others.  
Practical nurse  
Joan Waldie is a trained practical nurse who, through her years of applying care at hospitals had an insight to the particular hardships destined for older people. In her hospital she had seen the frustrations, heartaches, disappointments and the loneliness of the elderly and wanted to do something.  
Examining her own situation she decided to consider ways of incorporating her problems

with care and, as a lady who sincerely believes in "the plan of things," she investigated the possibility of procuring the big white house on the top of the hill.  
Presto, everything fell into place. Lloyd McEnery who owned the farm was delighted with her initiative and scheme and agreed to lease her his home. Today, she is able to handle some nine guests who literally move into the family at Mapleview and easily adjust to its atmosphere of companionship and good care.  
Satisfaction and continual fulfillment is how Joan Waldie puts it. Although her vocation requires fulltime working schedule, eight hours on and eight hours off, she believes she, along with two assistants, are filling an important need which has been overlooked in today's society, a place where senior citizens suffering from only minor difficulties can live with contemporaries who are mentally stimulating and enjoy each others companionship.  
"I hate to see what happens when bright people are put in with the senile," says Joan. "Any one at any age can regress if neglected and is made to feel unwanted." Mrs. Waldie brings in her residents as part of her home environment. She, her staff, and guests enjoy each other's

company; serving afternoon tea and sharing together local affairs such as church parties and outings, outdoor escapades and shopping sprees, particularly in family situations.  
Last winter two of her guests enjoyed their first snowmobile jaunt and found it exhilarating.  
Guests participate  
Five years ago daughter Lynne was married at home and the Waldie guests enjoyed participating. They have also been a part of Lynne's raising of her two babies plus sharing the rearing of the two youngest Waldie children Duncan 13, and Lillian 7.  
Listening to reading assignments and correcting spelling errors have been the enjoyable tasks of elderly school teachers like Miss Moore, who is delighted to be needed again. Repairing furniture and working about whenever they want to and the elderly at Mapleview are happy in their sufficiency.  
Joan Waldie is, herself, the chief cook but not the bottle washer; she has a machine to complete that operation with assistants. Mrs. Shirley Page, Mrs. Katherine Smith, Mrs. Agnes Wyga, and Mrs. Page's daughter Julie, 15, to help out in the care and love department.  
At the moment, two of the

guests require continual medication and the local doctors are, according to Joan, "terrific." The member, if her family come and go as they please, depending on their particular needs. They can either assist with their own personal shopping or Mrs. Waldie does it for them.  
The supervisor says that she has seen new visitors literally "bloom" when transferred to her home from a situation of hopeless finality.  
"Our people know they can stay with us as long as they need and that here, their lives are not over," she said, mentioning she hopes someday soon to be assisted by an auxiliary which will affiliate with Mapleview to help in the recreation and entertainment department.  
Churches help  
According to Mrs. Waldie the Baptist Church ladies in Georgetown occasionally come out bringing an electric organ with them and provide group entertainment. The Acton United Church Ladies, the Girl Guides and the Pilgrims from Maple Avenue Baptist in Georgetown also visit once in a while to the delight of her residents. "But all people need continual mental stimulation," she says. Her one stipulation is that she does not receive patients with problems of senility. "It is not good for

those who are here" she says. "Everyone has lapses of memory but it is wrong to take the bright and inflict them with those who require special hospitalization."  
Mrs. Waldie's people are terrific. Chuck full of historical knowledge which could bring many writers in tune with early local facts. Mrs. Court, 92, born and raised in Ingersoll, was an outstanding horse cart driver who could be an adviser to any young person today interested in learning about the skill. Mrs. Florence Bowles can recall many of her past experiences but enjoys more what's going on for the future.  
Sandy McLean, a former Acton resident, well known in the district has been hard of hearing for years but doesn't miss a thing; and Mrs. Bertha Chapple of Erin has Anglican church friends who come down periodically to visit and rehash their hometown fun and discuss the

children of her recent baby sitting days.  
Functional, happy, delightful people at home in a family situation. That what Mapleview's all about. It's hard work for the planners, requires acceptance for the children and family, but everyone is learning together the medium of compassion and understanding.  
Youngsters in the Waldie home have an oversupply of great and grand mothers and fathers of which, today, many children are deprived. To Joan Waldie, it is a blessing. She is continually pleased with the outside response to what is being accomplished.  
"If my parents were ill and needed a place in which to be cared for, Mapleview would be the place I'd choose" said an affiliate of nursing and boarding homes recently and, from the vocal viewpoint of the guests at Mapleview, "It's a wonderful place to live."

**EIGHTY-TWO AND FILLED** with the wisdom of her teaching years, Miss Isabelle Moore of Georgetown is presently a resident of the Mapleview boarding home for the elderly. Commenting on children today she said: "The community governs the children and it's the community that affects what they are and always has" and Miss Moore was enjoyed an Elementary teaching career stretching from the 1800's well into the twentieth century.

### Let's talk about HORSES

by Jennifer Barr

There was a mad swinging party at our place this evening—a barn warming. In attendance was a rather pregnant young donkey, a portly matron, and her equally portly four-legged daughter, who kept snapping at her master not to hog all the goodies. Also there were a benign thoroughbred gentleman and a somewhat startled pony.

The guest of honor, a spirited lady of Arab extraction, amused everyone with her rendition of the can-can—everyone, that is, except the hostess whose nether regions received one of the high kicks.

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## Delegation complains Orton pump cut off can't flood rink

When Erin Township Council cancelled their agreement with Marathon Realty, leasing the pumping station at Orton, they were unaware of other aspects of the problem.  
In August, council had decided that over \$50 every three months was too much to pay for a pump and reservoir

they couldn't use due to a new fence which made the site almost inaccessible.  
At their November 5 meeting, council received a letter from Marathon Realty on behalf of the CPR, informing them since they owned the pumphouse, they must remove it.  
Reeve Lloyd Lang told

council "In my opinion, the really company broke their own lease the day they fenced us out of there!" Council was still discussing the matter when a delegation of 15 adults and youngsters from Orton appeared.  
Harry Walker, spokesman for the group, said that since the lease was cancelled, the hydro had been cut off in the station and the local rink

could not be flooded.  
New information  
Reeve Lang pointed out council knew nothing about Orton's use of the pump during the skating season "Or we'd have had second thoughts about cancelling the lease. As we saw it, the pump was fenced off to us, and never used."  
It was suggested by Councillor John Reid that

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## Golden Age members rally

By Mrs. D.G. Robertson  
New song sheets, courtesy Canada Life, were used for a short sing song to open the regular meeting of Acton Golden Age Club, held Tuesday afternoon of last week in Luxton Hall.  
With Ivan Harris presiding the business was dealt with. At next evening meeting Mrs. K. Alger is showing pictures of a trip to Europe and a special lunch of cake and ice cream is being provided by G. McKenzie.  
Highlight  
The Legion and Rotary Clubs have again invited the members to the usual turkey dinner being held Nov. 27. This is a high-light of the year and the senior citizens greatly appreciate this good will gesture.  
Mention was made of the Zone Rally being held in Georgetown Nov. 7.  
Names of several ill and hospitalized members were given, and get-well wishes were expressed.  
Adjournment was made

## Not prepared

University of Guelph president W.C. Winegard was quoted as saying that the university now has to devote greater portions of its resources for make-up and introductory courses because high schools are not preparing students for university work.

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### CVCA Farm up for sale

The 146 acre farm, at Hillsburgh owned by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will be sold by tender this month.  
Joan Rollings, public relations officer for the Authority, said they had just acquired 700 acres in the Silvercreek area, which included the 210 acre Vaughan farm, so the Authority felt there was no need of two farms.  
Sandy Kier, who was farm manager of the Vaughan farm, will continue as farm manager for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.  
The collection of 19th century farm equipment at the Hillsburgh farm will be moved to the Vaughan farm where it will be displayed.

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