

# Sees perfect project on Bangladesh tour

Just back from Bangladesh, Ontario Oxfam director Catherine Harvey enthralled a group of over 20 in the library Monday with her description of near-perfect Oxfam project. She had gone to India for a seminar, and from there went to see the project she had heard about in Bangladesh—the Oxfam-sponsored Bangladesh Rural Action Committee.

Here in the rural villages of this fertile land which some would despair of helping she found a project that embodies the kind of development that Oxfam has highest hopes for. She was happily amazed.

Slides She showed slides as she showed the Rural Action organizers and their paid workers in each village—such as the family planning lady—an older woman eager to tell others not to make the same mistakes she did. The functional education teacher—a teenager who got the village women so excited they doubled their number of

classes. The village healer—and then the paramedics who learn how to treat diseases just one at a time and tour the villages of the area. The village animator who sets up programs such as the women's duck raising and vegetable co-operatives. (The women would be too timid to start such a project alone.) All are Bengalis.

This project covers 220 villages of between 2,000 and 3,000 people each, with camps for training of more and more native workers. This project seems a fine chance of creating a self-sufficient economy, not simply dependent on one crop which can be flooded out.

Need press Money will be raised for a printing press for this Rural Action Committee. Many Bengalis have learned to read and a newspaper is being produced.

Acton Oxfam president Daphne King said it is hoped money raised in Acton will go

toward this press. She announced the trade fair for St. Alban's Hall in May.

Miss Harvey explained Oxfam groups are in the United Kingdom where the movement originated, in the U.S.A., Australia, Belgium, Canada and Quebec. The Quebec group is separate from the rest of Canada.

They support projects individually with Canada specializing in parts of Africa, the English-speaking Caribbean, Peru and Bolivia.

Ontario Fund raiser Steve Thomas washere and explained the methods of raising funds and letter appeals. Expenses are kept to a minimum.

(Miss Harvey had been expected to speak at the high school Monday afternoon but she is suffering ill effects from her trip to Bangladesh and had to go to a doctor. Illness is rampant in the country and she inadvertently brought some of it home.)



## Obituary

### Alvin F. White showed horses

Alvin John Frederick White passed away at Guelph General Hospital, early Tuesday, April 8, after one month of rapidly declining health. Born on the 9th line of Erin Twp., he was the eldest son of the late Frederick White and his wife May Barbour, now Mrs. Ben Morfill of Brampton.

On August 22, 1938, he was married to Myrtle L. Allan. They farmed briefly in West Garafraxa Twp., then for ten years on Lot 10, 3rd line, Erin Twp., moving to Lot 29, 9th line, Erin, in 1946, remaining there until July, 1969, when they moved to their retirement home on Hwy. 24, west of Erin. During these years, Alvin was very active in showing and racing horses, and since retiring has acted as a judge of horse classes at many fall fairs. He had been interested in community affairs, in curling, baseball and hockey; and was still an executive member of the Ontario Rural Hockey Association.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and two sons, Edward of Belwood and Harvey of Bramalea, and three

grandchildren, Bradley, Kimberley and Janceen. He is survived by his mother and two brothers, Norman of Brampton and Norris of Orton. He was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy, Mrs. Wilfred Turner.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. Maddock of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hillsburgh, at the Butcher Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 10, Erin. Temporary entombment was at Coningsby Mortuary with interment at Huxley Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Alex and Jack Smith, Lorne Rayburn, Matt MacDougall, Robt. Marshall and Harvey Peavy.

Flowerbearers were nephews and nieces, Barry and Wanda Turner, Heather and Gordon Warn, Cathie and Jim Keeler, Paul Turner and Rick White.

### Case solved

An out-of-town man was arrested on a warrant for breaking the front window at the Music Stop.

# Will appeal budget

Halton Regional Council will lodge an official appeal against the budget being proposed by Halton Children's Aid Society. The budget proposal reflects an increase of 38 per cent.

Council passed a resolution to that effect but agreed the appeal would be withdrawn at a later date if a new budget, reflecting cuts, could be presented.

The Society had planned a board meeting to go over the entire budget and consider possible areas of reductions. CAS Director Gordon Askwith had met with treasurer Don Farmer and Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Field to peruse the CAS budget.

Care for 150 Last year the Society budgeted for 117 children in care but at its peak had 150 in care. Dr. Askwith said there were currently 148 children in the Society's care.

"The big increase is in the area of foster parents and group homes. More adolescents need more care. It costs less to have them in our own homes than to send them to outside agencies," he said. "It is difficult to see where substantial cuts can be made

without a reduction in service. So many of our costs for foster parents or group homes."

CAS treasurer Bill DeVries said the total 1974 budget was \$810,462 and the 1975 budget is \$834,589. He said the region pays a share of about approximately 20 per cent. Until this year the region share worked out closer to 33 per cent.

He echoed Dr. Askwith's statement earlier when he said the bulk of the increase was for direct care for children.

Question staff Reporting on that meeting, Councillor David Coons said the CAS had miscalculated possible revenue. He noted the addition of two and a half staff people was also questioned.

The resolution passed made no reference to how much should be cut or what degree of increase would be acceptable. In an interview following the meeting Dr. Askwith said the greatest degree of increase was in direct care for children.

Dr. Askwith noted the underestimated revenue could amount to several

thousands of dollars. That revenue comes to the Society as a result of the Society handling cases from other areas.

Dr. Askwith pointed out the additional staff required would be necessary to handle the extra workload. If the extra work wasn't incurred, the additional revenue wouldn't be realized.

## Hiking day

For 1975, the provincial government has designated April 27 as Ontario Hiking Day. Within the Grand River watershed this day will be observed by the Guelph Trail Club who are scheduling the official opening of their Arkell Springs trail, completed in the fall of 1974.

Opening time has been set at 2 p.m. one-half mile east of Watson Rd. near the city of Guelph at the small dam at Arkell Springs. Vice-chairman T. J. Heeg will be attending as the Authority's official representative.

The Grand River Trails Association is also planning a series of hikes on the section of the trail now open between Elora and Paris.

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