

Canadian and family assist starving children



REV. RUSSELL FINLEY of Ebenezer United church chats with Peter Tacon, president and executive director of Pueblito Canada, his wife Marion and little son Alberto who are dedicated to helping abandoned girls and boys in Central America through a program of children's co-operative villages.

"Those of us who have the opportunity of belonging to the 80 percent of the richest people of the world should maybe do a little listening," said Peter Tacon. He was talking to guests attending a gathering at the Ebenezer United church last Wednesday night, April 16. The former Toronto teacher said that Canadians have done enough teaching and should be listening to the real needs of the people of the third world.

In presenting the plight of the children in Costa Rica, the speaker drew a parallel between the population of Toronto and the Central American country. "Imagine 10,000 homeless and abandoned children roaming the streets of Toronto, starving and searching through garbage for food," he said and pointed out how they had to be devious and learn to steal and prostitution at a very young age in order to survive.

Mr. Tacon is a leader of a group known as Pueblito Canada. He lived in Costa

Rica for about a year, sent as a government observer. The first president of Pueblito Canada Incorporated, Mr. Tacon was born in Hamilton, was educated in the elementary school of Hamilton and Toronto, at the University of Toronto schools, Toronto Teacher's College and the University of Toronto from which he is a graduate in social sciences.

His great versatility has taken him into many fields of working as a teacher in the arts and sciences as well as recreation leadership. In 1961 he founded Jeunes Voyageurs Canadiens, a travel-study program for junior and senior high school students.

He served as teacher, trustee on the North York Board of Education, and vice-chairman of the Metro school board. In 1967 he resigned his positions in Toronto to accept the principalship of York House school in Vancouver. During the following three years he was successful in guiding the school as an out-ward-bound institution stressing strong student part-

icipation and introducing the first bilingual-bicultural regular school program in Western Canada in 1968.

In 1970, at the invitation of the then minister of Education, the Honorable William Davis, he returned to Toronto to serve on his personal staff. In July of 1971 Peter Tacon began his work in international development co-operation when he was appointed to the policy staff of the Canadian International Development Agency in Ottawa.

Educational director During a succeeding year he served as executive director of the Educational Research Institute of British Columbia and in conjunction with the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University, developed Project CHICO-Canada, an audio-visual materials education program which, took the Tacon's to ten countries of Central and South America.

In July of '75 they returned to Canada with their 11 year-old adopted Costa Rican son, Alberto. They began gathering together groups of concerned colleagues and friends to found Pueblito Canada, a chartered and registered agency dedicated to helping abandoned girls and boys in Central America through a program of children's co-operative villages.

Forming Pueblitos.

villages within a village is a way Costa Ricans can help themselves. The village of Pueblito consists of 224 children living in six main buildings. Each building has two adults to act as parents for the homeless youngsters.

Along with Mr. Tacon and his wife, the very Rev. Bruce McLeod, former moderator of the United church of Canada will work under direction of Costa Ricans in setting up the village. Mr. McLeod feels he is putting his preaching into practice and made his announcement to his congregation that he would be taking a year off to put his preaching of helping the hungry, into action.

Self-sufficient With agriculture the livelihood of Pueblito it is self-sufficient within five years. "The children can't wait, they're starving today," Mr. Tacon told the meeting that what is required in particular is support of one child in the village. "Eight dollars a month won't care for all their needs, but it will go a long way to help," Mr. Tacon said.

With them at the Wednesday meeting was their young son, Alberto. Slides were shown.

Visitors asked questions during the presentation. The commentator pointed out that humanity and brotherhood is

not just a business of handing out, but also sharing and learning.

Mr. Tacon said the project won't solve the tragedy of all homeless kids in the world but could be a model or pilot project that could point a way. The very Rev. Bruce McLeod, former moderator of the United church of Canada will work under direction of Costa Ricans in setting up the village.

stake in their poverty. To a real degree, our wealth as a nation is built on it."

At the back of the Sunday school room brochures were available for those who wished to enquire into the program. Mr. Tacon and his wife chatted to those present about the Pueblito Life Program and thanked those who attended for coming.

The Halton Board of Education

NOTICE TO PARENTS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

(For those not previously registered)

Kindergarten registration for September 1975 in North Halton Public Schools will take place in the school which serves the attendance area in which the child resides on Friday, April 25th between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12:00 noon; 1:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Public School supporters may register their children who will have attained the age of 5 years on or before the last day of February, 1976.

Proof of Public School support will be accepted in the form of the 1975 tax bill or 1974 assessment notice, or a declaration from the Municipal Clerk's office. A birth certificate or baptismal certificate will be acceptable as proof of age.

For further information call the school principal or the North Education Centre (878-4154)

Mrs. J. Alexander J. W. Singleton
Chairman of the Board Director of Education

Long-time residents anniversary

Sunday was celebration day for two long-time residents of Eramosa township. In honor of their 50 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. McDougall, now of Guelph, were feted to an open house which was attended by some 250 guests, all friends, relatives and former neighbors.

Visitors came from Owen Sound, London, Haliburton, Mississauga, Toronto, Guelph, Preston, Kitchener, Acton, St. George, Flamboro, Ridgetown, Woodstock, Elora, Allenford, Fergus and Hillsborough as well as Eramosa and Rockwood. Festivities were held at the couple's former residence on the Fourth Line of Eramosa where they lived for 20 years. Hours of the open house were from 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening.

Raised in Eramosa Mr. McDougall was born and raised in Eramosa. His wife was born in Puslinch township and moved to Eramosa with her family as a young girl. She was the former Helen Pinkney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pinkney who lived on the Fifth Line, R. R. 1, Rockwood, with her parents, sisters, Edna (Mrs. Edward Gillman), and Evelyn (Mrs. Nelson Mino) and brother, Bert, all of Guelph.

Len B. McDougall was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McDougall Sr. He was born and raised on the family farm

at R. R. 3, Rockwood, now occupied by their son Keith and his family. Brothers are Melvin, Cliff and Irwin; he has one sister, Nellie (Mrs. Darwin Cripps), of Acton. Farming has been the lifetime industry of the energetic man. He continues to visit his old stomping grounds and assist his son with some of the farm chores. Mrs. McDougall is an active church worker with the Stone United church.

Actual date of the popular couple's anniversary is April 22 but Sunday was more convenient for the open house gathering. In 1925 they were married at the Fifth Line - home of the young bride and, as Mr. and Mrs. McDougall recall, it was a small family wedding with the Rockwood Presbyterian church minister, the Rev. John Little officiating. A week in Toronto was their honeymoon trip after which they formed in Guelph township for ten years with the next 30 spent in Eramosa before their move to Guelph, 11 years ago.

Couple has four sons. The McDougalls have four married sons, Leonard, Rockwood; Lloyd and Murray of Guelph and Keith of R. R. 3, Rockwood. In all they have 14 grandchildren. Sunday's celebration was hosted by members of the family. Mrs. Ted Pritchard, a niece from Fergus, baked a wedding cake. Granddaughters served during both the afternoon and evening.

As well as many beautiful

gifts, cards and flowers, the couple who now reside at 72 Knightswood Blvd., Guelph, also received a telegram of congratulations from Governor General and Madame Legler and a letter from Premier William Davis, Dr. Frank Maine, Liberal M.P. for Wellington brought plaques of greetings from Prime Minister Trudeau, previous to the open house date. M.P.P. Harry and Mrs. Worton visited bringing with

them a scroll from Premier William Davis. Greetings were also received from Mr. and Mrs. Alf Hales. Earlier in the week, mayor of Guelph, Norm Jary dropped in for a visit and presented a commemorative plate from the city.

Next Friday evening the couple will again be honored. A family dinner will be held at the Stone United church in Eramosa of which they are both members.



TWO WELL-KNOWN Eramosa residents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard B. McDougall were feted on Sunday in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house was held at their former R. R. 3, Rockwood home when they left 11 years ago to move into Guelph after 30 years in Eramosa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knox and Nancy of Hampton were with Pat and Bob Kerr, Christine and Jeffery on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warne of Guelph and his father Mr. Robert Warne of Acton visited on Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur.

Mrs. Art Cooper, Mrs. Clifford Storey, Mrs. Norman Turner, Mrs. Mike Cooper, Mrs. Fred Spears, and Mrs. A. Kerr. Mrs. Lisa Brunelle and Brenda Burt helped serve.

Mrs. Anne Brook of Weston, spent the weekend with her sister Mrs. Mary McEachern.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shephard of Toronto were guests on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Humphrey of North Bay spent a few days with her sister Edna, Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie.

Churchill 61st anniversary for couple

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur Church service and Sunday school at Churchill Community Church on Sunday, April 20, at 11 a.m. was well attended. Our pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury's sermon subject was "The parable of the lost coin," choral anthem "My Father's care".

Congregational meeting will be held at the church on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Rev. A. W. Fosbury attended the Waterloo Presbytery at Moorefield held in the United church last Tuesday. Mrs. Fosbury accompanied him to Moorefield and visited some of her old-time friends while the meeting was in process.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thompson celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last Sunday, April 20, at the Wellington Terrace in Elora, where they have been making their home for some time. It was a family gathering of 26 in number, including some grandchildren. An anniversary cake was made by their daughter Mrs. Carl Robson of Hornby. They received congratulations and many cards and flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were able to receive their guests and enjoy the fellowship together. They are in fair health.

Shower Miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson for Miss Erica Strokov on Saturday evening April 19. Friends and relatives were present from Troy, Fenelon Falls, Harriston, Georgetown, Hillsburgh and Acton. Some games were played. Miss Helen Kockx danced to the music of "Mr. Postman". Erica thanked all for the beautiful gifts she received.

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ATTENTION HOUSEHOLDERS

Keep this map in a handy place if you haven't got your fire number posted on your telephone. In case of fire, call the number indicated, giving your name, lot number and concession and describe type of fire. There are minor boundary changes, shown on this map, which become effective May 1.

(Any boundary road within Erin Twp. is covered on both sides by the fire department involved - e.g. Hwy. 24.)

The Corporation of the Town of Milton

PROCLAMATION

We hereby Proclaim Daylight Saving Time from Sunday, April 27th, 1975 at 2:00 a.m. to Sunday, October 26th, 1975 at 2:00 a.m. in the Town of Milton.

A.J. MacArthur, Mayor.