

Family adopts lad in Ecuador

A special commitment has been made by members of the community, Robert S. James and family of Acton, to Foster Parents Plan. They have adopted little Kleiton Pazmino, aged seven, of Ecuador.

For the past two months Mr. James and family have been supporting Do Minh Tri of Viet Nam. The family's monthly contribution of \$17 brings material and financial assistance to both child and family and is aimed at strengthening the family unit by helping each member.

Kleiton Pazmino was born at Guayaquil, Ecuador. He attends first grade and is taking reading, writing, arithmetic, natural sciences, social sciences, drawing and physical education.

His father Jose is a laborer and his mother Mariana a housewife. He has two sisters, nine and four years old.

The father has a monthly income of about \$48. Their diet is mostly rice, vegetables and sea food. Once in a while they have meat and milk. They have two meals a day, including breakfast which is black coffee and bread. Nutrition is very poor.

They buy water from cars. The house in the suburbs is made of cane with wooden floor and zinc roof. There is no running water or sewage system.

The James family have been told that their new foster



KLEYTON Pazmino, age seven, of Ecuador, has new foster parents, Robert S. James and family of Acton.

son is obedient and affectionate, gets along well with his family and has a good attitude toward school. They also know that he would like to become a sailor!

\$17 a month provides the family with a cash grant, useful items, medical and dental care. The aim is to make the family self-supporting.

Changes in education reviewed by Institutes

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

District Day for Halton's Women's Institutes was held at Maple Leaf Research Centre Wednesday, November 26. Mrs. L. R. Jamieson, president, welcomed the guests and introduced the panel, who were principals of local area schools, Georgetown High School, Glen Williams and Fairview Public Schools. "Changes in education over the years" was the theme for discussion.

Prior to World War I a child received a commercial education, many left school to go to work or received no high school education. There was not as much smoking, some drinking but no drugs in those days. The system changed after World War II. A student could drop French and take typing. There were no options because all took the same course. In 1950 the Roberts plan steered into a choice: (1) commercial

(2) technical, or (3) arts course.

Students felt the arts course had a snob appeal and these usually headed for university courses. These divisions are now eliminated. Instead options with credit systems are used. To the end of grade 12, 27 credits are needed and six more credits are needed to complete grade 13. The pass and fail system is now eliminated, to be replaced with credits, the panel pointed out.

Busing, French

At the present time no-one dictates on the styles of dress or hair. Transportation was by walking but by 1950-59 buses started to pick up and transport children to school, and different age groups were divided. Before 1960 French was not taught in public school and no special consideration was given to slow learners. Today special classes are provided. Suitable textbooks were provided by the department, with parents

Santa visits W.I. meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Acton W.I. opened with a lovely pot luck dinner at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. This meeting was as usual in the board room of the library. After the dinner they had their usual meeting with the president Grace Nellis opening the meeting with the Ode followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. The secretary treasurer gave her report.

The Roll call was answered by 10 ladies each giving a suggestion of a gift of money for a worthy cause and the group in town "Friends in Need" was unanimously chosen.

Reports
Convener reports of different standing committees were given as follows:
Agriculture—Mrs. Ray Lindsay; Citizenship and World Affairs—Mrs. Doris Cooke; Education and Cultural Activities—Mrs. Mabel

Anderson - Lister wed

On Saturday afternoon, December 6, Anna Rena Lister of Willowdale and Frederick Anderson of Acton were married at Willowdale Presbyterian church. The Rev. Alec McLean performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of blue chiffon with a corsage of pink roses. Her attendant was her sister, Mrs. Ila Smith, who wore dusty rose silk.

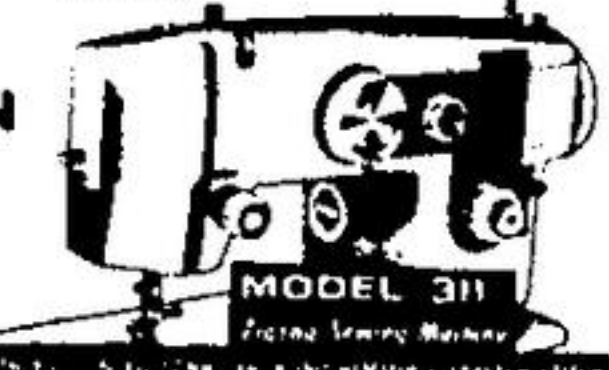
John Krapek of Acton was his father-in-law's attendant. Friends and relatives gathered afterwards at the bride's home for the reception.

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Visiting committee set for Golden Age Club

Over 60 members attended the regular afternoon meeting of the Acton Golden Age Club.

The president R. L. Davidson presided for a lengthy business meeting. In the list of officers, previously reported, a correction was noted. Mrs. F. McCutcheon asked to be relieved as a member of the program committee and Mrs. N. Merkley was named to fill the office.

A visiting committee was named to visit shut-in members, and January visitors are R. L. Davidson, Mrs. Jean Precious and Mrs. A. Lambert.

Cheer boxes were purchased for shut-ins at Christmas.

Due to popular wishes a gift exchange among the members will be held at the pot luck supper on December 17.

Game time
The usual game time was enjoyed with prizes for euchre going to Mrs. M. Milne, Mrs. M. Lambert, Mrs. M. Fountain and J. Fuller.

For crokinole, Mrs. M. Spear, Mrs. G. Townsley, A. Mann and R. Warne.

Birthdays noted were for Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann; wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. J. Fuller.

Sandwiches and a cup of tea concluded the afternoon.



WOMEN FROM THE Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society gathered at the home of Gloria Coats to pack annual gifts to be sent to the Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto. Left to right, Harriet Helwig, Marjorie Struthers, Rena Arbie, Cathy McGillivray and Gloria Coats.

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Friends-in-Deed

Shopping night, parties heighten holiday spirits

by Mrs. Emily Price
A very successful shopping night for the physically handicapped (arranged by the March of Dimes) in Guelph on December 2 saw many of our members taking part. Everyone enjoyed the evening very much and enabled those who find shopping difficult to do their own shopping, with the help of volunteers. There were many there to help people and there

was entertainment, gift wrapping and free coffee. The evening was very well organized with many organizations in Guelph doing their part. It is hoped that it will continue in the future, as the first attempt proved to be a great success.

Party
We held our Christmas party on Friday at the firehall with 15 attending. Cocktails preceded a turkey dinner with all the trimmings with some of the volunteer firefighters acting as waiters. They did a marvelous job, and we thank all who helped, both in the cooking of the turkey and the waiting on tables. We appreciated it very much.

Christmas gift exchanges were made after our dinner, at which time a cheque for \$50 was received, a donation from the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. It was a

wonderful gift for our organization and we thank the ladies very much.

We had a wonderful evening, but we were sorry so many of the group were not able to attend due to previous commitments or illness, and we hope all those under the weather will soon be well and able to enjoy the holiday season.

A few of us will be going to Guelph on Wednesday, December 10 to the C.A.R.S. (Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism) Christmas party, so we, like everyone else are going to have a very busy time before Christmas. There will be no meeting this month, but our next one will be held on January 27 at the firehall at the usual time.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Women's Institute have their Christmas party

Bannockburn Women's Institute held their Christmas party on December 3 at the new and lovely home of Lois Henderson.

Eleven members and two guests each brought a cookie sample along with the recipe for an interesting roll call.

Business was conducted as usual and Christmas gifts for the less fortunate friends of the Institute were chosen. The collection was taken and the meeting segment of the evening was closed.

Battle
After a hectic and hilarious battle over several crokinole boards, Mary Matthews came out well on top with Lois Henderson getting second prize.

Gifts were happily exchanged followed by a delicious lunch and much Christmas conversation. The Bannockburn W.I. hope all their friends and acquaintances have a happy holiday and theirs has started out to be.

Christmas dinner for Daughters of Knox

The Daughters of Knox held their December 1 meeting in the form of a Christmas Dinner, and Mrs. Harold Swallow kindly offered her home for the festivities. Each member placed a small gift under the tree to be delivered to the girls at the "House of Armagh" to make their Christmas a little more pleasant.

Following a colorful and delicious meal, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The scripture was read by Mrs. Harold Swallow, Matthew Chapter two, verses one to twelve. Numerous Christmas Carols were sung and en-

joyed, after which Mrs. H. Swallow's group read the "Christmas Worship" from the December Glad Tidings. Games were played and prizes won, amid much laughter.

Dinner party

Members of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner party together on Tuesday. Hostess for the evening was Mrs. R. H. Elliott, Bower Ave. Donations to charities were approved, and gifts were exchanged.



MARION PATTERSON was one of the women from the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society who packed annual gifts and baking for the Princess Margaret hospital, Toronto.

Canadian Cancer Society volunteers are a vital part of the fight against cancer. Most communities have a unit of the Society which sponsors film showings, distributes literature and is prepared to answer questions about cancer. Cancer can be beaten, by learning the facts.

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Contact Centre two years old

North Halton Contact Centre has completed two years of service. The centre opened November 15, 1973, and has since been open 24 hours a day to anyone in need. The Centre in Georgetown is comprised of approximately 60 men and women volunteers, who operate a confidential, befriending and referral telephone answering service.

In the first year of operation the Centre handled 1087 calls but in the year from November 15, 1974, until November 5, 1975, calls more than doubled to a whopping 2134. Acton and district calls are welcome.

every possible request or problem.

It is obvious the North Halton Contact Centre could not operate without money, and a great number of churches and organizations, including the Town of Halton Hills, have responded to that need in a generous way.

Another service the Contact Centre performs is called the community calendar. A record of coming events in the community is available so anyone can phone during the year and find out what is going on that particular date, avoiding duplications. A talent book is also kept to record names and phone numbers of people who have a talent someone in the community can use such as baby sitters, odd jobs, young people's bands, etc. Centre officials may know the names of the people but do not necessarily know them personally.

The establishment of the contact centre was the result of concern of certain members of the Red Cross, Public Health Service, the YM-YWCA and the Ministerial Association in Georgetown.

The Contact Centre has grown in size, maturity and scope. In order to maintain a list of active volunteers at about 60, new training courses are conducted each spring and fall. Some from Acton take part. Also experienced has been a physical growth in that after operating for a year from somewhat inadequate quarters, the centre moved to a better location where volunteers are much more contented. The number of calls has increased from an average of two or three a day to nine or 10 a day, covering

Plan for next year

At an executive meeting last week, Oxfam members looked forward to specific plans for next year. They have divided into sub-groups, each responsible for one single project.

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Sunday, December 14

2 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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- MILTON Public Library, Thursday, Dec. 11
- OAKVILLE St. John's Church, Friday, Dec. 12
- HALTON HILLS Cedarvale Community Centre, Georgetown Monday, Dec. 15
- From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- BURLINGTON Central Library, Wed., Dec. 17

We are all part of the problem— become part of the solution!

Ungarbage Halton