



MRS. PENNY Bristow of St. Alban's Church leads the congregation in worship at the World Day of Prayer last Friday.

World Day of Prayer

Prayer inspired experiences provide rewarding education

"Education—For All of Life" the theme for this year's World Day of Prayer, was the subject of the address given by Mrs. Pat Wilson at the annual service held Friday at St. Alban's Church.

Drawing on her experiences living in various parts of the world, Mrs. Wilson emphasized that experience is the greatest teacher. She stated that the best education can be had by those who through prayer, accept new challenges out of which emerge rich and rewarding experiences.

Speaking of how one can best help those in impoverished areas of the world she said, "If one focuses on God, one need not be concerned with the form one's works take." Inciting people to revolt through militant talk of exploitation is incompatible with the Christian message of peace and love, she said. By keeping in the stream of love, power and grace emanating from the Holy Spirit, one can lead others into experiences which will enhance their life style.

Mrs. Margaret Creasey, president of St. Alban's Anglican Church Women, welcomed those attending and acted as reader throughout the service. Penny Bristow of St. Alban's filled the role of leader during the service and was ably assisted by the following who gave scripture readings: Mrs. Marj Landsborough, Acton Baptist Church; Mrs. Ann Venema, Christian Reformed Church; Mrs. Dian Butler and Mrs. Dorothy Rognvaldson; Trinity United Church; Mrs. Isobel McKenzie Knox Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Karen Stuart, Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle; Mrs. Pauline Gordon, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Three skits depicting life in an underdeveloped land were presented by Karen Stuart, Dorothy Rognvaldson, Isobel McKenzie, Vic Bristow, Alec and Karen Pitt and Susan Wilson.

Rev. Leonard Ewing of St. Alban's gave the Blessing and

the choir under the direction of Mrs. Betty Oakes sang the anthem "Let There Be Peace".

An offering of \$40.90 was forwarded to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada on behalf of the participating Acton churches by Mrs. Marie Hargrave and her assistant, Mrs. Doris Cooke.

At the conclusion of the service a delightful tea hour followed in the Parish hall where the ladies of the ACW acted as hostesses.



THREE LADIES enjoying a cup of tea following the World Day of Prayer service are Mrs. Isobel McKenzie, Mrs. Beck Masters and Mrs. Jean Leishman.

Ask for arena room for Oxfam craft sale

An Oxfam sponsored crafts sale, with handicrafts from all over the world, will be held upstairs in Acton arena May 15, if Halton Hills council agrees to an administration committee recommendation.

Mrs. E. B. Comfort, of Acton, asked the committee

Monday night for use of the upstairs room. She explained Oxfam is a charitable organization, started after World War 2 in Oxford England, by Quakers. She said they had helped provide famine relief in Bangladesh, Africa, Nicaragua, and recently Guatemala.

Mrs. Comfort claimed they have now concentrated on helping these countries help themselves, so they buy their handicrafts and artifacts at a fair price and sell them in Canada, giving local people a chance to buy articles they would not otherwise have.

She said Oxfam used St. Alban's parish hall, last year, but this year decided to hold the sale in the room above the arena.

Other craft groups such as the Credit Valley Artisans, Georgetown Arts and Crafts Society and other Oxfam groups have been asked to participate. They would donate 15 percent of their sales to Oxfam.

Councillor George Maltby asked what rent would be charged for the upstairs room.

Recreation director Glen Gray said no rent has been established for that room, but pointed out the downstairs room rented for five dollars.

The administration committee agreed to the same rent for the upstairs room.

Chairman Les Duby explained council now has to approve the recommendation.

To rent pumphouse for store storage

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday to allow Mike Kinal, Acton Home Hardware, to rent the old Acton pumphouse on Main Street for storage purposes.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said Mr. Kinal wants to rent the building for dry storage but thought before it is rented the town should find out who would be responsible if something were stolen or the building burned down. He didn't want the items stored in the building covered by Halton Hills' insurance.

Councillor Joe Hurst said the business will likely need the storage area for at least a year until residential use of the store's second floor is phased out and it is converted into more commercial area and storage space.

It was suggested rent should be about \$600 a year,

the normal warehousing rate for a building the size of the pumphouse.

The committee decided a rent of \$300 would be fair if Mr. Kinal would accept all responsibility for his goods while they are stored on town property.

The committee also discussed the fact Home Hardware might not want to use the whole pumphouse so his rent should be lowered.

Engineer Robert Austin will contact Mr. Kinal to find out more about his storage plans, how much space he will use and discuss rental arrangements.

The committee wants a clause cancelling the deal if 60 days notice is given by either the town or Mr. Kinal written into the lease.

Grant Schultz to move to London

Grant Schultz, popular manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Acton, is on the move again. This time he's off to London, Ontario where, on March 22, he will take up his new position as senior assistant manager at the main branch.

Moving is not new to Mr. Schultz who was born in Owen Sound. His father is with the Ontario Provincial Police and

consequently his job took him and his family all over the province.

Since moving to Acton, Mr. Schultz and his wife have resided at 42 Brock Street. They have two young sons, Duane and Paul.

Taking over as manager will be R. Devlin. He will arrive from Chatham next Monday.

Residents will handle Red Cross canvass

All the canvassers for the Red Cross door-to-door campaign will be from Acton, a volunteer in charge of publicity said Tuesday.

Jake Kuiken was denying a statement by Halton Hills Red Cross public relations officer Connie Nieuwhof that if Acton residents did not help with the canvass here then volunteers from Georgetown would take on the task.

"The canvass will be handled totally by Acton people", Mr. Kuiken said in a telephone interview.

The three-day blitz will include apartment dwellers. Rural residents have received campaign literature

in the mail, Mr. Kuiken said.

Mr. Kuiken indicated that several Acton volunteers have said they will canvass. "We're trying to get one or two canvassers for each street", Mr. Kuiken said.

Mr. Kuiken also said that people wishing to volunteer for this worthy cause can phone Nellie Harbers at 853-0953.

Ducks onstage at council again

Councillor Joe Hurst will investigate complaints about damage created by Fairy Lake ducks to a stage which the Acton Agricultural Society wants repaired.

The ducks have been stored in the Agricultural Society's poultry barn this winter.

Councillor Mike Armstrong told the Halton Hills works committee Monday the people who put on the fall fair want sections of the stage repaired.

Engineer Robert Austin said he thought three pieces of plywood would repair the damage. He noted the Agricultural Society says if repairs aren't made the stage won't be good enough for this year's fall fair.

Austin noted much of the damage has been to areas which belong to the town as part of the arena and not the Agricultural Society.

Complaints He complained about the group asking the town to make repairs when it cost

Halton Hills 60 hours of work crew time to clean up after last year's fair.

Armstrong noted the group hasn't fulfilled all its obligations to the town since it is supposed to clean up after the fair and observed the group hasn't specified what repairs must be made and how much it will cost.

Austin reminded the committee again the damaged areas may not belong to the Agricultural Society but to the town.

Councillor Joe Hurst said he thinks the town is responsible for the ducks and so should look after the damage the ducks caused.

He promised to look into the whole problem and report back to the committee.

Lights up

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St. Joe's to slice

Guelph has also been hit by the current program of hospital cutbacks ordered by Ontario Health Minister Frank Miller. St. Joseph's hospital has been ordered to reduce its operating budget by \$81,000 but Guelph General Hospital has been exempted from the reductions.

Both hospitals received letters last week and administrators say they are relieved the cuts were not worse.

Contact Centre makes date list

Along with the "Distress and Listening Ear", North Halton Contact Centre in Georgetown has available an Information Service.

The centre has received a grant from the government to help make this a working part of the community.

Along with listings of just about every organization and service club in Halton Hills, the cross-reference wheel supplies information like: where to get student aid, get

help for new immigrants, find a palm reader, or join your local library.

The aim is to be able to supply a caller with: "the number to call", be it in Halton Hills or surrounding area.

Volunteers are gathering and updating information for the wheel on a daily basis as it becomes available.

Community calendar Nothing to do on a Sunday afternoon? The Community Calendar keeps up-to-date on

coming events, e.g.: dances, auction sales, bingo, rummage sales, blood clinics, craft classes and night school. In other words: anything of interest going on in the community.

Talent bank Last but not least, the Talent Book. This book contains names and numbers of the handy people about town. Listings include: accountants, babysitters, cake decorators, carpenters and dance bands, to name a few.

The Contact Centre is a free 24 hour Information Centre, to be used for and by everyone in the Halton Hills community to make this community more aware of each other.

"Please help us, with your information, to help our neighbors," a spokesman asked.

Next training course for new volunteers will be held April 22, 24, 29 and May 1.

Chief gets new job

Burlington Fire Chief Warren Corp is Halton Regional Council Administration Committee's choice to replace Doug Wilson as Regional Fire Co-ordinator.

Mr. Wilson, former Oakville fire chief, held the position for several years but retired last month. Milton Chief A. E. Clement has served as deputy co-ordinator.

Beds kept open in Milton hospital

The series of bureaucratic errors that led to the announcement last week of the closing of 25 beds of the Milton District Hospital were officially corrected by Oakville MPP Jim Snow.

Mr. Snow explained that the hospital had been under consideration for the reduction in the number of beds but with proper consideration of the number of beds in the Acton, Georgetown and Milton areas the number was already lower than required.

"The Milton and Georgetown area is under-bedded," explained Mr. Snow. "The Milton and Georgetown hospitals should have a total of 153 beds. At present there are only 133 active care beds in North Halton."

Snow furthered that he had personally interceded in plans to reduce the Milton facility, but a clerical error had left the Milton name on the list released to the media, while local officials knew nothing of the planned and cancelled closure.

Deputy Minister of Health,

W. Alan Backley confirmed in a letter that the hospital would be kept open but would be under the same restriction as all other Ontario hospitals.

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Contract talks to commence

Finance and personnel committee of Halton Hills Council is commencing negotiations with a representative of C.U.P.E. Local 73 for a new agreement to cover town employees, clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard said Monday night.

The present agreement between the town and the union expires March 31. Committee chairman, Councillor Ernie Sykes indicated "At the present time we're miles apart."