

Track Three program

Weekend skiing — worth two years' therapy

Every Sunday for the next two months, a group of physically disabled youngsters will travel to Collingwood for ski instruction with an organization called Track Three. They'll travel in style thanks to donations of a rental bus and club wagon from Ford of Canada, courtesy of Lorne Doberthien, owner of L & L Ford in Acton. Lorne's been very involved with Track Three Skiing, originally an organization for leg amputee skiers, since he lost his own leg two-and-a-half years ago. He remembers lying in his hospital bed a couple of weeks after the operation lamenting about having to give up skiing. A doctor overheard and later that afternoon, Lorne was visited by a member of the fledgling Track Three group telling him "You're going to ski again."

He was up, out of bed and down to a meeting that night at the Crippled Children's Hospital.

Not only did Lorne ski again but became a member of Track Three management committee in charge of transportation. For the past two winters he has organized the donation of use of club wagons and bus rental from Ford. Every Sunday he takes his snowmobile up to Georgian Peaks, where the group skis, to help transport disabled skiers back up the slopes.

Three tracks Lorne is very enthusiastic about the Track Three skiing program—so named because of the special outrigger skis for balance used on the ends of each ski pole. One ski and two outriggers leave three tracks—Track Three.

He feels the rewards from helping a disabled youngster be part of the world again are

considerable. He's also very vocal in his praise for Erling Morris, chairman of Track Three Toronto, vice-president of the Canadian Organization for Disabled Skiing, and chairman for Ontario Handi-

capped Association. Formerly a champion skier and instructor who describes himself as "the best looking instructor around here", Morris is now owner of Norwegian Ski Shops in

Toronto. Not disabled himself, Morris got into skiing for the handicapped because he appreciated the emotional rewards of teaching such children.

Morris, a man of considerable energies, becomes eloquent when he discusses the Track Three program. According to a noted physiotherapist, "One long weekend of skiing is worth two years of therapy."

More than recreation The disabled skier can expect good progress once he can manoeuvre. Skiing with one leg is faster than with two according to Doberthien who says "you don't have to worry about keeping the skis parallel." There's also less friction.

Disabling racing teams from all over the world, competing at the Disabled Olympics, clock times that make able skiers look slow. But skiing is more than a proficiency sport for the disabled.

"The mobility and freedom of movement that come with skiing are very important to a crippled child," says Morris. "Skiing is part of rehabilitation as well as recreation I've seen a child totally introverted, under psychiatric care, snap right out of it when he gets a chance to participate in this program."

Learn to cope Morris feels skiing is responsible for a reintroduction into society for most of these youngsters. Learning to cope with the problems of accepting society and society



A SMALL GROUP of handicapped skiers receive instruction at Collingwood where they are involved in the Track Three Skiing program.

Red Cross campaign soon

At a Red Cross campaign-for-funds meeting last Thursday at Cedarvale Community Centre, district commanders and area-captains were briefed by Campaign Chairman John Wickens and informed on some of the specific services of Red Cross as minor disaster, blood donor clinics and individual emergency aid by the chairman of these services.

A film "Our Street", covering all services of the Canadian Red Cross Society was shown by one of the organizers, Douglas Tucker.

Campaign dates have been set for Tuesday, March 1, in the rural areas, and residential Blitzday will be Tuesday, March 8, as Monday, March 7 will be Blood Donor Clinic Day in Georgetown. Initial campaign-cansass will continue Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week, while the whole campaign will not be completed until the end of March - Red Cross Month.

Target of the Georgetown and District Branch is \$15,000, to be collected in Acton, Georgetown and the surrounding areas of Esquesing, where Red Cross services are provided.

District Commanders are Mrs. Margaret Rayner, Mrs. Bouk Boone, Mrs. Betty Nemeth, Mrs. Rita Cutler, Mrs. Marilyn Mitton, Father Pierre Wood; call-back coordinators are Paul Farkas and Doug Tucker. The Branch is still in need of a district commander, several area-captains and of course many canvassers.

Henry Kroes, campaign organizer for Acton and district, is looking for all the help he can get from the public and organizations in Acton. The industrial, professional and businessmen canvass is in the hand of Rick Develin, manager of the Acton Bank of Nova Scotia, while Richard Willis of Irwin Dorsey Ltd. will cover the industries and businesses for Georgetown with Mrs. Margaret Pope in charge of the professional canvass again.

Wilderness camp proposed in Ward 2

Halton Hills works committee will wait for a report from engineer Robert Austin before giving permission for a building permit to be issued to Burlington Lions Club to build a wilderness camp for Brownies and Girl Guides on part of the Northeast Half of Lot 17, Concession 3 Esquesing.

The service club wants the town to waive the requirement that a building permit be issued only for properties fronting on an open road. Burlington Lions want to build two lodges of approximately 1,500 square feet on the property they are considering purchasing and it does not front on an open road.

organization noted it will require absolutely no municipal services.

Talks are going on between the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Burlington Lions with regards to the service group's plans for the land. The town has been asked to make a decision soon on the exemption since the agreement to purchase expires March 1.

The engineer will submit a report and the item will also go to planning board.

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Recognition certificates new for Halton Hills

Halton Hills is seeking to strengthen its political existence by introducing its "Annual Recognition Certificates" to be awarded on the basis of provincial, national or international fame.

Karen King, a recreation co-ordinator for the town, says that "because it is a Halton Hills award, as opposed to Georgetown or Acton, they are fostering a Halton Hills identity." She also said that "this was never verbalized, but I assume this is the intent of council."

Recreation Director Glen Gray said "Council has not decided what form the recognition will take," beyond that it will consist of a certificate

and lapel pin. They do not know whether they will hold a banquet or present the awards during a Council meeting, according to Mr. Gray. They "hope to resolve this on Monday's (January 31) meeting," he said.

Sixteen applications were received, all of which have to go to the awards committee to determine each applicant's eligibility. In charge The Finance and Administration Committee is in charge of the award, which is not intended to take the place of either Acton or Georgetown's Citizen of the Year award, according to Ms. King. The Citizen of the Year awards are given out on the

basis of community service rather than provincial, national or international fame. This is the first year that the Halton Hills awards are being presented.

Accident

A blowout on Tuesday, January 25, cost George Binden of Acton \$200 when his car swerved off the road and struck a rock. He was travelling south on the town line when the accident occurred.

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Urges switch

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer wants the region to assume responsibility for meter reading, billing and collecting for water services. That is now done by Public Utility Commissions.

In a memorandum to the Administration Committee, Farmer said the region is buying service from the Oakville and Burlington PUCs and to a lesser extent from Milton Hydro Commission.

He said the region could do it for less than what is being paid out now. Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell suggested that it should be left the way it is, because anything the region did to change it would no doubt cause more duplication.

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