

# Over 50 people surround new owner of home for senior citizens every day

Jeanette Fernandes is never lonesome. The new owner of the home in the former Legion, she has 35 residents and a staff of six to share her days, and at home at R.R. 2, Erin, she has a husband and 11 children! Jeanette's Home for Senior Citizens became the new name, succeeding Kellys Rest Home, on the first of July. A couple was due to move in to a double room this week, making the rooms completely filled. The same staff remains with Mrs. Fernandes. She became interested in work with older people in England where her father was chief accountant of the Voluntary and Christian Services organization. The Help the Aged program was part of the branch. A financial analyst who studied accounting, she got involved with her dad's work. After she came to Canada in February 1968, she got the idea of this kind of project from a friend in Brampton

who works with older people. Then this opportunity presented itself and she bought the business from Katherine Kelly. She and her husband come from East Africa; she is of Portuguese and Indian descent. They grew up together and were married. In 1960 they moved to England and then in 1968 to Mississauga. Her husband works at the Mercedes-Benz plant and is a part-time professional musician. They have three natural children, four adopted children and four foster children. They live on a 10-acre hobby farm near Erin. The children attend Brisbane public school and Erin high school. All of them are involved in music and they will be entertaining at the home here some times. Her husband teaches drums and plays with the Studio 12 group. Jeanette is president of the Foster Parents of Peel Region.

Six staff members work rotating shifts. Marjorie Hughes, Ann Morrison, Mary Higgins, Sue Oakley, Carol Boyd and Brenda Bartholomew. Some of the Fernandes family and some of the residents also help with the routine housework. For instance there's a dishwashing machine, but it's seldom used. One of the residents has taken on the task of doing dishes as her own. Others enjoy sweeping or helping set the table. There are not many activities for the people, and Mrs. Fernandes would like to look into the possibility of having more events and programs for them. In some homes in England, a certain sum is set aside for recreation, she recalls. Some of them go across Willow St. and enjoy spending time in the Senior Citizens' drop-in centre. Some have visitors, but quite a few do not. She has talked already to Lions club members about

getting the residents out a little more. Don Marzo has brought several programs to the home. Staff members take a personal interest in the lives of the residents. They help celebrate birthdays—there have been four in July, complete with cakes. They join in dancing, a popular activity, in the lounge. Staff members all prepare the meals. A typical day's menu was being presented Thursday, the day of the interview for the Free Press. Breakfast was juice, bran flakes, fried egg, toast, jam and beverage. Lunch was a combination salad of ham, cheese and lettuce, pie, bread, butter and beverage. Dinner was to be roast beef, mashed potatoes, beets, and ice cream cake. There are snacks and beverages in the evenings. There will be an Open House in September when the home will welcome anyone interested in seeing the facilities and meeting the people. Katherine Kelly established the business, after the Legion building was completely remodelled. Mrs. Fernandes has bought the business and rents the building.



NEW OWNER Jeanette Fernandes chats with residents in Jeanette's Home for Senior Citizens, formerly Kelly's Rest Home. Seated left to right are Mrs. Annie Perryman, Mrs. Louise Simpson and Mrs. Mabel McDougall; standing are Mrs. Fernandes and Mrs. McDougall's visitor, her daughter Mrs. Margaret Rae of Erin.

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### Obituary

#### Charles Tyler long illness

A resident of Oshawa for the past 30 years, Charles Alfred Tyler died at the Oshawa General Hospital Friday, July 22, following a lengthy illness. He lived at 221 Simcoe St. No., Apt. 614, Oshawa. He was born Aug. 12, 1894 in London, England. He farmed in Dunsford and

Stayner area before moving to Toronto where he was employed by the T. Eaton Company. Later he built a service station and store near Acton. When he sold, he then worked for Canada Wire and Cable during the war. He owned and operated a hotel in Agincourt. When he moved to Oshawa he worked for Gen-Auto Shop-

pers for 10 years as a security guard. Before retiring he sold real estate for an Oshawa company. His wife was the late Mabel (Mary) Pitman. He is survived by a son, Franklin Dean, of Kingston; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, also several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held in Oshawa Wednesday, July 27 with interment in Oshawa Union cemetery.

### Obituary

#### Arnold Sinclair dies in Guelph

Funeral service for Arnold Sinclair, who passed away July 14, 1977 at the Guelph General Hospital was held at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton, Sunday, July 17. The Rev. G. Lewis from Ospringe Presbyterian church officiated.

He was married June 29, 1945 in Rockwood, lived in Guelph and was an employee of the Acker Furniture for 29 years. He previously lived at Ospringe. He was an adherent of the Harcourt Memorial United church, Guelph. Pallbearers were nephews Ralph Sinclair, Keith Sinclair, Kenny Sinclair R.R. 3, Acton; Grant Sinclair of Guelph, Bert Sinclair of Kitchener and Arthur Brown, Rockwood.

Flower bearers were Jack Hunter, Jerry Atkinson and Bill Livingston of Guelph. Interment was in the family cemetery, Everton.

Born June 18, 1913 at Ospringe, he was the husband of Elsie Gordon, father of Gordon, Donald and Deanna all of Guelph; grandfather of Gina, brother of Kerwood Sinclair R.R. 3, Acton, and predeceased by Archie and Elgin. He was the son of the late Archie and Mima Kerr.

### Obituary

#### Arthur J. Clow Rockwood farmer

Arthur J. Clow, Rockwood farmer, died July 17 in Guelph General Hospital at the age of 85 years. Mr. Clow was born at Bovington, England on March 22, 1892. John Clow and Avis Anne Seabrook were his parents. Mr. Clow was predeceased by his wife, Martha Ann McMillan.

They had four children. There are eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The children are Raymond Clow, R.R. 4 Rockwood; Mrs. Douglas Allan, R.R. 1 Fergus; Mrs. Ray Currie, 17 Toke Ave, Guelph, and Mrs. Arthur Wheeler of R.R. 5 Rockwood. Mr. Clow was predeceased

by his sister Mrs. Grace Denham. Fred Clow, a brother, lives at 121 Main St. N. The service was held at the Shoemaker Funeral Home on July 29. The service was conducted by Rev. E. C. Cossar and interment was at Everton Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandson Douglas Wheeler of Rockwood, nephew Ronald Clow of Limehouse and neighbors William Buckland of Rockwood, William Gillilan, Rockwood, Joe Oakes also of Rockwood and Ted Jestin of Everton.

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