

Interagency luncheon bridges town, region

About 50 people attended an interagency luncheon at St. Alban's hall yesterday, (Tuesday), in a bid to get to know one another.

The meeting, chaired by Don Disher, a social worker attached with the Mental Health team, was set up so the various agency people coming into the town regularly could get to know what people are in charge of what services locally. Each local group was allowed a few minutes to speak about its purpose.

Larry Ciglen represented the Georgetown Optimists and the Big Brothers Association. He explained to the group the Big Brothers movement has been going on in Georgetown for the past five or six years, but in the past three, has been run by one person only. He continued to say this person has moved away, leading to complete disorganization.

Mr. Ciglen said concerned citizens of Acton and Georgetown feel the organization should be expanded, and a number of volunteers have set about the reorganization of it.

A committee has been set up, Mr. Ciglen said, of people from all over Halton Hills, but more people are needed to get the idea off the ground. He explained the funding is currently by the Optimists, but it is hoped by next year, the group will be self supporting. One of the problems in the past, Mr. Ciglen said, is that

volunteers with Big Brothers have been those citizens who move into town, get it going and then move away again. He appealed to those who plan to stay in the community for a while, to volunteer to help the group out.

Carol Clark spoke on behalf of the YMCA recreation programs. The Y, she said, has been running since 1935, programs have started to pick up in the last few years.

Mrs. Clark described the seven Y programs running this fall, including Kiddies Klub, pre-school gym, mixed volleyball, etc. She also spoke of the courses hoped for after Christmas.

Terry Grubbe was on hand to tell the group of Meals on Wheels, and made an appeal for volunteers, either drivers or runners (those who can carry the meals into the homes.)

Mrs. Grubbe explained the meals can be received one to five days a week at a nominal price. The group project, she says is in conjunction with the Georgetown Meals on Wheels, co-ordinated by Nora Vikauskas.

Mrs. Grubbe also spoke on behalf of the Legal Aid clinic, now in its second week. Peggie Balkind is the lay worker and mans the centre. If she feels a program needs further aid, she will refer him or her to the duty council,

comprised of local lawyers Ron Henry and Gord Chapman.

Das Sydney, minister of the Acton Baptist church, represented the Acton Ministerial Association. He explained it is difficult to describe and define where the church is. There are people who are committed, and those who are not. Mr. Sydney told the group the church is involved with the well-being of the total man, and wants to show some people there is more to life than eating, sleeping, working and dying. The church is forgiving, he said. They will discuss death with individuals, and how there is eternity.

"The church is alive, but a lot of people question its existence," he said. "But it is at work, especially in people like you who are helping others," he concluded.

Peter Marks, chairman of the Acton Community Services Centre board of directors, read a poem about a school girl, under suspension, on drugs, and pregnant who was sent from one centre to another, including the church and Manpower, the school, public health and mental health centres. The story showed the runaround the young girl and her family received.

Mr. Marks said the centre should be aware of the needs of the people. "We are the first step of a thousand mile journey," he said.

Shirley W. from Al-Anon told the gathering of her group's purpose. She explained they were brought together with a common problem, having an alcoholic relative. She explained that the group tries to help families to encourage and understand the alcoholic relative. The group recognizes the need to discuss problems, she said.

The Rotary Club was represented at the luncheon by Gary Dawkins. He explained the club had been going on since 1948, and their main project is sponsoring the Scouts. The club helps the arthritis and Crippled Children campaigns as well as several on-going projects.

Peter Marks added that the Rotary club is one of the largest donors to the Community Service Centre.

Henry Stachyra represented the Business Improvement Area. He explained that 75 merchants make up the group, with a board of directors, composed of six merchants, and one councillor. They collect business taxes from the merchants involved, he continued.

Mr. Stachyra said there were several ways to promote the downtown business core. One way is through advertising, and another is through gimmicks. The BIA has chosen neither of these routes, he said, having chosen the renovation program. "The group tries to make downtown a pleasant place to come," he said. "If we get the people downtown, the merchants can take over from there." Business Association president Alma Sweetman is in complete support of the BIA, Mr. Stachyra concluded.

Recreation co-ordinator for the area, Anne Pickering was tied up at a previous commitment, but town office secretary Lorna Clark spoke for her. Mrs. Clark described the past and forthcoming recreation programs offered by the town, and also pointed out a meeting soon at Robert Little school to discuss the fate of the former pump house on Kingham Rd. and Main St.

Jean Poleschuk, a discharge nurse at the Guelph General hospital, explained the hospital has many patients from Acton and area. She mentions a special program the hospital offers after a patient has left their care, and has gone home. She praised the Acton Meals on Wheels, saying it was superior to the same program in Guelph. She explained her hospital offers a coronary outpatients program, and a diabetic teaching service, and a post natal course, as well as other such programs.

Diana Ayliffe, a private home day care visitor from Burlington, said she visits homes in all of Halton. No age limit is set, she said.

Everyone who spoke gave telephone numbers where representatives of their groups can be reached. These were then recorded in the records of the agency workers, who, if need be, will call them.

Terry Grubbe said she felt it was a very informative and successful meeting, as did many of the others in attendance.

Others in attendance who did not speak included Robert Little principal Hazen Allan, St. Joseph's Separate School principal Sean Briggs, high school teacher Brian Skerrett, the Rev. Andrew McKenzie as well as several others.

Go-Kart track near Ashgrove

A Go-kart track on the Ashgrove Road east of the Ninth Line, was proposed to Halton Hills Planning Board, last week.

The application was made in the name of J. T. Malecki, R. R. 1, Drumbo, to have the go-kart track constructed on 18.4 acres of land now designated rural.

Assistant Town Planner Brian Kropf in his report said while some recreational uses are allowed in rural area, the racing of animals or motor vehicles is specifically forbidden.

He said the town may wish to reassess the policy. The proposal was turned over to the planner for a report.

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Artist has students 'painting in fabric'

To start the pictures they are making in art classes at Acton High School, one of the first items on students' schedules is to make a loom.

Make a loom? For pictures? Using threads of red, brown, yellow, blues, whites, in their makeshift looms students are, as their teacher June Levy says: "painting in fabric".

Students have worked with batik and small wall hangings before, but this year the art department is moving into other directions, and one of them is weaving.

The school, to ensure weaving as an art is well grounded, hired weaver Janet Beck, of Limehouse, to be an artist in residence for ten days.

Mrs. Beck is a well established weaver. A 13½-by-7-foot example of her work hangs in the faculty club of the University of Toronto's Erindale College. The House of Sol, in Georgetown, also exhibits Mrs. Beck's works.

To spark interest in weaving within the school, Mrs. Beck spent some time with a loom in the Bear pit where many students gather between classes. All grades are

invited to weave, Mrs. Levy said.

About 60 art students will finish their weaving projects, Mrs. Levy said. Grades from nine to 12 are getting exposure to weaving, the teacher said.

Mrs. Beck's expertise was not confined to the high school; town's folk were welcome to come and learn, Mrs. Levy said. The middle school, for example, was invited.

On lunch breaks some students, not from art classes, have made their way into the art room to take a look at what their friends are doing. "It's been really exciting with all the kids," Mrs. Beck said.

Designs for small wall hangings, which students can manage on their approxi-

mately foot square looms, come from a variety of sources plus their imaginations. For example one of the boys who has taken to the loom, is using the image of an extended hand, and its shadows, as a pattern.

During lunch a foursome of girls came to watch Mrs. Beck at work. She was helping Kim McDowell thread a loom with orange and brown.

"Why aren't you doing one?" Mrs. Beck asked of Lillian Graham.

"I'm not in art," was the reply.

"You don't have to be," was the comeback.

Within five minutes Lillian was looking for a pattern to use, and perhaps another weaver was in the making.



LIMEHOUSE weaver Janet Beck helps AHS student Kim McDowell thread orange and brown threads through her loom.

Leadership candidates

Halton and Burlington NDP Riding Association will sponsor an all-candidate meeting at the United Auto Workers Centre on Martin St. in Milton to-night.

The meeting will include Mike Breugh, MPP-Oshawa, Michael Cassidy, MPP-Ottawa Centre and Ian Deans, MPP-Wentworth.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. The Ontario NDP leadership convention will be held in February.

Programs announced

Gate fee for the winter recreation program at Terra Cotta park will remain at two dollars per car, says the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. At this fee the program reaches a break-even point, they state.

Terra Cotta "Come Along" programs planned for this year include skiing, snowshoeing, sleigh rides and bonfires every fine weekend. Special programs for snow shoe nature walks, winter survival courses, winter photography and cross country skiing classes, will be included.

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