

Friends-in-Deed

Weather, volunteers concern members

by Mrs. Emily Price
What a winter we have had up to date with so much snow, cold and blizzard! It makes a person wonder where it all comes from, and how much longer it is going to last. Let's hope it won't be with us too much longer. One thing we can be sure of, spring will eventually arrive.

We are still looking for volunteer help in the ladies' dressing room at the pool on Sunday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to noon. We're hoping to hear from any ladies who feel they would like to help, and can spare a little time: helpful to us all, but being handicapped, as many of us are, help is needed. Any ladies who are free and can help us out, can get in touch by phone 853-2423 or 853-2324.

Our meeting on January 31 will be at M.Z. Bennett school at 7.30 p.m., and will be a crafts night. Anyone interested in hobbies and crafts is very welcome to come and join us. Bring your ideas. There are so many crafts, and we would like to include these in our future programs, so let's all get out and enjoy

the evening together. A very warm welcome is extended to the public to come and find out what our organization is all about.

At some time in our lives, we all need help in one way or another, and one never knows when some illness or accident will leave us handicapped in some way. However, we need the interest and concern of the public to make us a strong organization.

It is our hope to reach out and be able to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Only by your co-operation in

letting us know where you are, so we can keep in touch and help out in some way. We are hoping to make 1978 our best year ever, but we need the co-operation of all members and any interested persons to make it such a year. We hope our opening meeting will be a good one, so we can help our committees plan our future programs. Surely by then, all who have been laid up with the flu, and other illnesses will be better and be able to get out and enjoy the evening with us.

See you all Tuesday night.

Walker Lodge new executive

Walker Lodge officers for 1978 were installed at their January meeting.

W. Bro. Elmer Grischow is the new Worshipful Master, with W. Bro. Wm. Near as the Immediate Past Master.

Bro. Gary Dawkins is Senior Warden, and Bro. John Carney is Junior Warden. W. Bro. George Hargrave is Chaplain with W. Bro. Ray Thompson as treasurer. V.W. Bro. H.L. Ritchie is secretary.

Bro. Richard Coe is Senior Deacon, and Bro. Jack Talton is Junior Deacon. W. Bro. Jack Carpenter is Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. L. Slingerland, Inner Guard. Bro. Kenneth Hodgson is Tyler, Bro. Bryan Alder is Senior Steward, and Bro. Alvin Moore is Junior Steward. Bro. Douglas Price is organist.

Gene Taylor show comes to Sheridan

Oakville area residents will get a rare chance to be part of a CBC television production when The Gene Taylor Show comes to Sheridan College Jan. 30.

The half-hour Toronto-based variety show will be taped on location in Sheridan Hall at the Oakville Campus, Trafalgar Rd., beginning at 5 p.m. It will be telecast on Channel 6 that same night from 7:30-8 p.m., the show's regular time slot.

The public is invited to attend the taping as part of the audience. Admission is free and doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Sheridan will be providing much of the entertainment for the show, including a fashion show by Fashion Technique and Design

students, a professional magician and student-made animated films.

Other guests planned for the show are a student designer of gothic masks and a couple of Sheridan bagpipers, who will give Gene Taylor a lesson in the Scottish art.

A cast member from 'The Wiz', opening soon in Toronto, may also be on hand to perform a number from that hit musical.

The Gene Taylor Show, telecast every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, is popular with all ages. Each show is filmed or broadcast live from a different location in and around Toronto and this is the first time it has ever been filmed at a community college.

How to conserve topic at Greenock meeting

The January meeting of Greenock branch F.W.I.O. was held one week late at the home of Mrs. J. Addison because of inclement weather, an afternoon gathering. As members arrived they were served a delicious cheese-cake dessert and tea in charge of Mrs. J. Veerman and Mrs. C. Binnie assisted by the hostess.

Mrs. R. Sinclair, president, opened the meeting in the usual manner plus a reading followed by meditations by Miss E. Pearen. Each requested we face this new year with a challenge and with confidence. Remember a friend, write a letter. Make it an adventure. Forget an old grudge.

A financial statement given and many thank-you notes were read from those remembered over the festive season including a note from the Gregory's saying they

had arrived home safely to Australia and the Maple Leaf quilt was proudly displayed in their home—These were all read by Mrs. E. McGeragie, Sec. treas.

Approximately 14 ladies are enjoying the evening quilting class. Reminders were given for Summary Day 1.15 sharp Wed. p.m. March 8 at Trinity United Church, Stevenson St. N. Near Woodlawn Ave., Guelph.

The Wellington Place Museum near Fergus will open for the new season in April.

Canadian Consumer Magazine subscription was renewed.

Save your newspapers. Collection is planned in May. The demand is increasing.

Mrs. G. Wallace, District Director to Wellington Centre, gave a report on the fall board meeting. Mrs. C. Deamond, a former Wellington member, was asked to conserve energy? This roll call was answered by 13 members while six children entertained one another in the play room. Some good suggestions to conserve energy were: turn down your thermostat, wear warmer clothing, Too cold out? Hang clothes indoors, this increases humidity. Cook a complete hot dinner in the

over. Fix that dripping tap. Agriculture and Canadian Industries was the program topic with conveners Mrs. C. Allan and Mrs. J. Jackson telling of these in British Columbia. They had gathered many interesting facts about Vancouver's imports and exports, fishing, lumbering, mining, fruit farming, tourist attractions and cruises and the beauty of the Rocky Mountain Ranges of B.C.

Mrs. Sinclair thanked all those helping make this a successful and interesting day.

Mrs. C. Allan invited all to her home for the February 14 afternoon meeting.

The AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets at St. Joseph's Church Hall 64 Church E. Mondays at 8 p.m. Information 853-3310 After Hours 853-2504



A THREE FOOT AMARYLLIS? Not quite, Mrs. Nellie Mitchell's Christmas present from her grandchildren falls a few inches short of the one yard mark, but it needs help to stand on its own. There are four bright red flowers on it, each measuring seven inches across. Mrs. Mitchell says she is amazed at how high the plant has grown. She planted the bulb Christmas day.

Services available

Program on wife abuse

Residents in Halton Region will soon be seeing a television program on wife abuse through the co-operative efforts of Burlington Citizens Cable Television, the Secretary of State and the Halton Committee for Media Education (HCME).

HCME was formed following a seminar on Issues Affecting Women in Halton, held at Sheridan College in

Oakville last fall, and initiated by the Secretary of State. One sub-committee is looking into the feasibility of establishing a shelter for women in crisis situations. The other committee, HCME, will be exploring ways of letting women and their families know about services that are now available.

Don Dymont, Program Director at Citizens Cable Tele-

vision, and Maureen Dawson, Program Co-ordinator for the station, will be technical advisors for the program, which will deal with the various aspects of wife abuse. Professionals from the social services field will assist in their areas.

The program will be processed on videotape and will be made available to cable television stations throughout the region, as well as being

Halton hostel study

The first meeting of the steering committee to look into the establishment of a women's hostel was held last Thursday, and its first role will be to establish its own purpose. Alternatives and another name will also be considered.

A second committee will gather statistical information on the need for a hostel in this area. It will also prepare an application for a grant so students can be hired to gather information. Assigned to the first committee are Carolyn Aleah, Oakville Lawyer; Betty Hill, Halton family counsellor; and Elaine Riehm, Burlington School trustee.

On the second committee are Sandy Mochenko, Burlington Children's Aid, Gloria Hincks, Burlington social planning council; Debbie Taylor, Halton Children's Aid and Barb Weaver, Secretary of State advisor.

Twenty attended this noon-time meeting, which was encouraging to organizers. The steering committee will meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Health Unit in Milton at 12 noon.

Contact people are Terry Grubbe for Milton and Acton, 853-3310; Tudor Beattie for Georgetown, 877-0126; Gloria Hincks for Hamilton-

Burlington 639-6254; Maria and Stella Perkins for Oakville, 844-4541. Ms. Hincks is chairperson of the committee.

The hostel would be for abused wives and dependent children in Halton. This steering committee was formed following a seminar on women's issues in Halton that took place at the Oakville

campus of Sheridan college last fall. The seminar at Sheridan had been co-sponsored by Peggie Balkind of the Halton Hills community legal clinic; Barb Weaver of the Secretary of State office; Ann Allison, director of Burlington information and Pal Cook, director of the women's centre at Sheridan College.

Slides shown members

Mr. and Mrs. William Coats, 31 Young St., showed the Trinity Activity Group beautiful slides taken on their holidays last summer in England, Wales and Scotland at their home on January 19.

Diane Butler opened the meeting with readings on the New Year. Jean McLean read correspondence and minutes of December's meeting, and Gloria Coats gave the treasurer's report.

Gwen Johnson told the group of the coming meetings to be held February 10 and 17 in Trinity United Church on "Problems of the Third World". Dorothy Rognvaldson suggested they have a Flea Market and bake sale on April 22 and a bazaar November 11.

Several other items of business were discussed and voted on.

Peter Marks is holding meetings in Trinity in February so the regular meeting is withdrawn. The March meeting is to be held in the church.

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by Della Burford

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Acton Free Press, January 18, 1978.

In a red brick farmhouse on the corner of Highway 25 and Fifth Sideroad of Erin live the Seeing Eye Butterfly, Panda Bear, baby Barney and Codroy.

"Journey to Dodoland" When Della Burford, author of "Journey to Dodoland", wrote her children's story to accompany the many brilliantly coloured imaginative paintings she'd created, she placed her good friends, the Williams, in starring roles. Even the house appears as "Della's house."

Most of the paintings for the book were done in the barn floor of the huge stone barn on the Williams property. With big barn doors open wide to the summer air, tables made of straw, and paper butterflies flying from beams, Miss Burford found the inspiration to turn out the unique pictures forming the nucleus of a very special book.

"Della is a truly magical person able to look inside people and see them. She lives in a simple happy world and wants to share it with others," Joanne Williams describes her friend.

The book features a fold out map of Dodoland and a cut out Bird Helmet, without which the reader cannot travel to the mythical country.

As well as the paintings, the tenth chapter is written around some magnificent photographs of the inside of flowers done by Dale Bertrand.

"Journey to Dodoland" has been published in California and is now available in Canada. Tom Williams is Eastern Canadian distributor and will also handle mail orders for the beautiful book that will soon become a collector's item.

"It's one of our dreams come true," says Joanne.

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