

Arlie White — man behind the scenes

by Jennifer Rowe
Not many people are thinking about Christmas this early in the year! Visions of sunshine and summer vacations rather than sugar plums are dancing in most people's heads. However Arlie White is planning ahead as he does every year so St. Joseph's Catholic church will be ready with its Christmas decorations. Mr. White has been looking after the Christmas display for some 48 years.

Mr. White remembers building the first Christmas crib for St. Joseph's in 1930 when Father McBride was the resident priest. Mr. White says that he and Theo Papillon Sr. worked together to build the nativity crib that would be used for about ten years until Father V. J. Morgan came to St. Joseph's. When Father Morgan came to Acton the inn needed replacing in order to accommodate larger figurines for the Christmas display. Mr. White once again constructed a new inn which was in use over 20 years when it was replaced by another White production in 1971.

The inn Mr. White made in 1971 is the present one in use but it will be replaced this year with a larger addition to house the new figurines the church has purchased. The

new Christmas figurines are larger and beautifully detailed giving Mr. White all sorts of different ideas for creating a nativity scene this year.

For the past few years he has had the help of grandsons Paul and John Tyers and

\$100 grant to Brigden memorial

If Halton Hills council accepts a finance committee recommendation, the town will donate \$100 to the All Brigden memorial in Hornby ball park.

Councillor Pat Patterson said All Brigden was the best known man in Hornby, who maintained the park almost single handed for years. He

other volunteers Peter and Gary Milton, John Tyers Sr. and Charlie Bennett. Many people admire the beauty and artistic display in the Christmas scene, however few realize the work and dedication of the man who makes it possible.

Smoking quitters invited

The Halton Lung Association is offering another Smoking Withdrawal Clinic in Georgetown. It will be held at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital in the evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

The program begins June 5 and ends June 26 and requires attendance at seven meetings. Register early, as enrolment is limited. Drop a line to Halton Lung Association, 184 Balsam Dr. Oakville, L6J 3X5, or call 845-0858 Oakville between 9 and 5. Georgetown residents call Mrs. Mary Baker, 877-5490.



FATHER SMYE, left, admires the new nativity figurines for the Christmas celebration at St. Joseph's this year. Arlie White, right, has been looking after the Christmas display since 1930 when he built the first crib.

Mountsberg plans wildlife walkway

When completed, a one-mile wildlife walkway at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is expected to be one of the most interesting features of the conservation area.

A four-phase plan for development of the walkway and landscaping at Mountsberg was presented to the Information Advisory Board of Halton Region Conservation Authority last week. The purpose of the walkway is education and demonstration.

Landscaping will be carried out not only to beautify the area but also to provide a natural setting for wildlife pens and protection. Captive wild animals will be on display along the walkway as will informational displays. An innovative inclusion will be an area demonstrating trees and shrubs which can be planted in backyards to attract birds.

The animals kept in captivity at Mountsberg are those which cannot be released. Mountsberg receives a number of injured

birds and animals. Those which can be released when treated are: Those which cannot survive in the wild even though nursed back to health are kept at the centre for captive breeding programs and for use in demonstrations.

In addition to captive wildlife kept in pens, the centre already has 22 buffalo, seven elk and four deer. The buffalo herd will be kept at its present size.

The wildlife walkway will be wide enough to accommodate horse-drawn wagons in summer and cross-country skiers in winter.

NEC describes the butterfly as a rare species of Ontario's fauna, protected by

White Butterfly habitat near Campbellville saved

Hydro towers may be casting their ugly shadows on the fields and farmlands of Halton as they traverse the region east, west, north and south, but a habitat of Virginia White Butterflies north of Campbellville will be safe from the ugly spectre.

the Endangered Species Act. Therefore a new route has been chosen and a half-mile length of hydro corridor has been altered, to avoid the butterflies.

Milton Council had heard the rumor earlier, but the official word on how the Niagara Escarpment Commission has saved the butterflies' home ground came in the form of a letter and map at last week's council meeting.

NEC has approved the construction of the 500 kV tower line in this area, however information from the Ministry of Natural Resources has since pointed out the approved route would lie within a "significant habitat area" of the butterfly, officially known as "Pieris virginienis".

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Any family can have wayward youth — sgt.

There is no set environment for runaway youths or juvenile delinquents. Any family can be faced with the problem of a troubled child, says Sergeant Al McQueen, of the Halton Regional Police Youth and Family Service.

In statistics for 1977, Sgt. McQueen stated, North Halton dealt with 617 juveniles (under 18). Of these, he said, only 28 came from what were classed as materially poor homes. Some 479 came from homes where the child is living with both blood parents.

Sgt. McQueen admitted there is a slight increase in juvenile delinquents, but in the past two or three years, he said, there has been a decrease in hard core juveniles. "There is definitely an increase in the average kid getting into trouble," he stated.

Ages range from 15 to as young as eight years old. The children find themselves in trouble for the same type of crimes as adults would.—break and enter, theft, auto theft, arson, assaults etc. The sergeant said there is also an increase in girls assaulting girls. Altogether last year, he said, 123 girls were dealt with. Most were caught shoplifting or with liquor offences, or just classed as runaways.

Some cases, Sgt. McQueen stated, are on the files, even though they have committed no crime. He says that of the 617 figure, 16 were in need of protection. As an example he stated if a young child has been left alone, or a girl has placed herself in a position where some harm could come to her, but it has not happened yet they are part of the statistics. For this, he pointed out, the young girl who is in a car with some friends, who are drinking, even though she her-

Mirror stolen from auto

A woman has reported to police that while her auto was parked at the Dominion Hotel last week, someone swiped a driving mirror and a chrome ring from the left rear wheel.

self is not drinking. The policeman would take her home before a problem developed.

The vast majority of parents co-operate with the police, the sergeant said. However, some parents are ignorant of the law in some cases, i.e. rules of the road of mini bikes, curfew, etc.

Sgt. McQueen blames society for the problems of the young. He feels there has to be a return to honesty within the system itself. There is a definite lack of respect for the system, he said. He explained there are so many laws, and if they are broken, a specific penalty can be enforced. However, he claims only a minimum of the penalty is given. "People are just laughing at the system," he said.

Sgt. McQueen compared society with learning how to ride a bike. If training wheels are on the back wheel, the rider cannot fall and get bruised. However, it takes a lot longer to learn how to ride the bicycle. If no training wheels are on the back, he falls, bruises and learns quicker.

"Children have to be allowed to make mistakes and have to be aware of the consequences," he said. "They have to learn how to accept responsibility of their actions." He went on, "It is a rough old life but that's how you learn."

Sgt. McQueen says his basic philosophy is that no one can

change anyone else. "My job is to buy the kid a little bit of time until maturity sets in or experience sets in and straightens them out. You can influence, but you can't change."

Sgt. McQueen handles most of the youth and family cases in Georgetown while Const. A. Prassard deals with most of the cases in Milton and Acton.

Buy licences or see bike at auction

On May 20 Halton Regional Police will hold its annual auction of bicycles and other unclaimed items recovered over the past year. However, police would just as soon people bought bicycle licences so they never had to hold auctions.

Officer Bill McGrath said in an interview this week that there will be more bicycles for sale this year than in the past and he thinks it's a "shame."

Throughout the year police recover bicycles, most of them just abandoned. They could be returned McGrath said if people would spend a \$1 on a licence.

Even if a licence is old or missing if one has been bought at sometime police could return the bike. When a licence is purchased at the town office or North Halton

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