

N.H.A.M.R. hope to expand in north

North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, (N.H.A.M.R.) helps to develop more programs and expand into more areas of the north Halton.

New executive director David Williams noted in an interview this week that most of the association's facilities and programs are based in the Milton-Hornby area except the office which is at 74 Market Street in Georgetown.

He said they are looking at expansion and development of new services and they hope to locate these in other areas of North Halton besides Milton and Hornby.

Currently the N.H.A.M.R. runs the Countryside residence and ARC Industries in Hornby as well as the Tinker Bell Nursery in

Milton. The Association is also involved in the Halton Developmental Centre for five to 18 year old retarded and developmentally handicapped people.

Williams, 27, who was born in England and came to Canada settling in Toronto as a boy, became executive director of the N.H.A.M.R. on September 5. He and his wife and young son are living in Toronto now but hope to relocate to north Halton soon likely settling in Georgetown.

While still a student obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree at York University he began working summers at the Queen's Street Mental Health Centre in the psychiatric ward. At Queen Street, formerly known as 999 Queen, Williams worked on special programs designed to

allow institutionalized people to get back into the community and teaching them life skills. Later he worked on a recreation and socialization program for retarded teenagers.

After graduation in 1974, he went to work for the Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded (M.T.A.M.R.) as a counsellor at a social-vocational residential training program at Lorimer Lodge in Toronto. Thirteen months later Williams became an adult retarded protective service worker.

He worked with retarded adults helping them obtain services and develop the skills they needed to live as independently as possible. Williams also set up a voluntary citizen advocacy

program to arrange people to speak on behalf of retarded adults. In October, 1976, he became director of the adult protective services department for the M.T.A.M.R., before coming here this month.

Williams sits on a number of committees and task forces dealing with the retarded and is very interested in matters related to retarded people and the law.

NSF cheque hits gas bar

A cheque with insufficient funds in the bank to cover the purchase was used at the Chateau Service Centre last week. The cheque for \$10 was used to buy gas.



NEW EXECUTIVE director of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded David Williams took up his duties September 5.

Commission finds dollars for duty

Dollars to pay the special constables for escort duties have been found by the Halton Police Commission although the search was sometime confused.

Money was found in the sick time fund of an inspector who is retiring soon, according to Commissioner Harry Barrett.

Seven men are to be hired by the commission for escort duty, though they will be classed as civilians, not policemen.

The sick time fund turned up enough funds for the specials. However, commissioners are worried about other items which they wanted this year—two cars and office repairs at Milton.

Halton Police Chief Ken Skerrett said he was sure the

accounting staff indicated for the cars and office repairs. "The only place where you may need extra money is for the Volares," Skerrett said.

Georgetown commission member Glenn Magnuson said he wants an explanation on what authorized budget items remain to be bought, and what unauthorized items

have been bought, for the next meeting.

Checking accounts, Burlington commissioner David Coons said he saw listings for a refrigerator, a paper shredder, an IBM (typewriter) and a kitchen range. "I don't know if they've been authorized or not," he said.

Police elect Reulens

The Halton Police Association re-elected Al Reulens as president of the association at the annual meeting.

The meeting also included the election of directors from the three regional districts. In District 1 (Milton and

Halton Hills) Gary Parsons and Wayne Jessop were elected. Norm Ryall and Ron Smith will represent District 2 (Oakville) and Murray Eaton and John VanderLelle were elected to serve District 3 (Burlington).

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