

**Eye building in Milton**



Conrad the magician alias Jay Sankey of Speyside, entertained at the Dublin Women's Institute's family night Saturday evening in St. Alban's Parish Hall.



Amy Kranendonk was quickly spotted by Santa at the Dublin Women's Institute family night Saturday evening. Santa couldn't resist picking Amy up to hear what she wanted for Christmas—a Barbie doll.

**Dublin W.I. family night**

Every year "Family Night" is an anticipated event in the annals of Dublin Women's Institute and Saturday evening it was observed in Luxton Hall.

Members, their husbands and grandparents and children all gathered there. Almost a full hall of people sat down at long tables to enjoy a fine buffet dinner.

Usually the children entertain the adults with a well-prepared Christmas program, but this year it was different. Conrad, the Magician entertained everyone with his magic and hair-raising sleight-of-tricks to the amazement of all.

A big happy Santa arrived with gifts for the children. Not only the children were remembered but all the men attending received gifts.

The committee arranging this event were Mrs. D. Hunter, Mrs. C. Armstrong, Mrs. J. Kranendonk and Mrs. D. Appleyard.

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**Hostel is vital concern for Halton Women**

Halton Manor staff house in Milton could be the future site for Halton's first women's hostel if the Halton Women's Place has its wish.

The regional organization comprised of community and professional women held its first general meeting Tuesday, Dec. 19 in the Milton Health Unit building to hear suggestions on possible locations for a hostel for abused women and their dependent children.

Formed in late 1977, the group represents a range of concerned women interested in establishing a women's hostel in Halton.

Milton is considered a prime location, according to

Steering Committee members, because of its central location and Accessibility to schools, shopping and court facilities.

A feasibility study sponsored by the Secretary of State and Young Canada Works Program was recently completed and outlines the need for a hostel, makes recommendations on the most suitable type of hostel and gauges community support for the development of a hostel.

According to its findings, a small hostel with a short term residential program is recommended. The report says overall response from social agencies, professionals

and the general public to the development of a hostel is favorable.

Acting on those recommendations, the membership is now securing the necessary funding to finance a hostel within the coming year.

A two-storey duplex formerly used as a staff residence at Halton Manor is considered as the number one choice.

"It would be absolutely ideal," Louise Hebb, building committee member told the group.

The 15-bedroom residence has the required zoning to allow it to be used for the group's intentions and has numerous site advantages,

said Mrs. Hebb. She suggested the hostel could involve senior citizens for babysitting purposes. The building also includes laundry facilities.

A submission to lease the complex has been presented to the Manor's administrator Jack Charlton, said Mrs. Hebb, but she pointed out several other organizations have made a bid for the facility.

"We really need a hostel in the south and north, but we are willing to compromise," she said.

"All we have right now are motel facilities."

According to Mrs. Hebb, long term services available in the Region to meet the problem of the abused woman.

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hope of procuring the necessary funding.

In addition to money, members agreed the group will welcome bedding and furniture.

Current situations involving abused women in Halton usually result in the woman being taken to either a hotel/motel, or to stay with friends or relatives, or to Inasmuch House in Hamilton.

While these represent immediate short term solutions to the problem, none of the options are satisfactory, the report emphasized.

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The list of individuals included doctors, hospitals, social service agencies and a number of distress centres. "Professionals in the field of social work in Halton are convinced that the incidence of wife abuse is high enough to warrant the establishment of a hostel..." stated the report.

According to statistics recorded for the study, Halton Regional Police were called out to 279 marital disputes in south Halton and 102

cases in the northern district.

The feasibility study for a hostel for abused women in Halton was prompted by a Sheridan College workshop in November of 1977. One of the key issues discussed in "Issues Affecting Women in Halton" was the lack of facilities available to abused women and their dependent children.

The Halton Hostel Steering Committee was then established with the aim of rectifying the situation.

**Seventh Line**

**Seek transfer station to compress garbage**

A garbage transfer station has been proposed for a site off Trafalgar Road which could serve not only Leferink Disposal but also the town and other private garbage contractors.

Speaking on behalf of John Gillissen, a director of Leferink Disposals, lawyer Dick Howitt told Halton Hills planning board last Tuesday the site of the station is diagonally across from the Halton Hills administration offices.

He said Leferink operates four or five trucks in rural Halton Hills and hopes to expand but with the life of the Georgetown dump rapidly coming to an end everyone involved in garbage disposal, including the town, must start making plans for the day when all of the refuse must be trucked to dumps in Oakville and Burlington.

Howitt explained trucks would back up into an enclosure, dump the garbage in a hopper from where it would end up in a compression container which will hold eight trucks of garbage. The machine holds two containers of compressed garbage, or the equivalent of 16 trucks, so one trip to the south will take care of 16 loads of garbage, Howitt explained.

He said blowing debris won't be a problem because the system is enclosed and the single electric motor running the machine should cause little noise.

Howitt explained since Gillissen intends to continue living in his home adjacent to

the proposed transfer station his client has an interest in making sure the property is kept neat and tidy.

Howitt said it would be impossible for the town and private contractors to be shipping garbage in regular trucks to the south all day so the transfer station was the only logical solution.

Councillor Harry Levy expressed concern about odor but was assured all moisture from the garbage remains in the compression container and it is enclosed so smells won't be a problem.

Mr. Leferink explained it would only be a matter of minutes before a truck arrived and was in the enclosure. He said the machine will compress 50,000 tons of garbage a year, with his firm accounting for 15,000 tons. The rest of the capacity could be used by the town and other contractors.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy said he thought a transfer station was the only answer but thought it might be better located at the existing dump

when it's closed, or the old dump.

Planning board decided the entire matter will be examined by planning department.

**Board calls for uniformity**

Halton Board of Education is calling upon other boards in Ontario to back its proposal to standardize the Block Parent signs which appear on the roads leading to towns and cities.

The motion, authored by Milton trustee Bill Lawson, asks the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications to approve a uniform road sign and also that the motion be circulated to all other boards in the province.

The Block Parent motion was passed during Thursday's meeting at Burlington.

A red and white sign, about the same size as the speed sign, was suggested in the rationale of the motion.

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