

Town buys trucks

Halton Hills has tendered for four work vehicles and the costs are over \$20,000 under budget.

Terrace Lincoln Mercury Sales in Burlington was the successful bidder for two of the vehicles and Capital Ford Sales in Georgetown won the other two tenders.

The total price for the four vehicles is \$131,872.17 while \$153,000 had been budgeted for the vehicles.

To print names...

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but it's still not fair. People are acquitted every day because they are innocent of a charge, because police make an evidence recording error, on technicalities, etc. Their name has been cleared in court and should be cleared in the paper too.

It's just not fair to print a name without covering the case in court and that means keeping a lot of staff in a lot of courts, for a lot of time and devoting a lot of space to crime.

And in my view (and that of a lot of other journalists) blanket court coverage will produce dubious results at best. Parents will be embarrassed, but in few cases will it result in a change of behavior on the part of a child. Knowing who the culprits are may satisfy a reader's curiosity, they may be able to make some remarks to the parents, but I doubt it will cut down on break-ins.

But, since this is so complex a topic, with so many considerations, I'll deal with my opinions of why printing names or photos won't reduce crime next week. Also, the third part of this series will deal with some of my personal experiences with crime and court reporting and the issue of printing names.



Eden House Nursing Home in Eden Mills is among the first homes of its kind to receive accreditation from the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation, a standard which will be required of all nursing homes by 1984. Left to right are Eden House Activity Director Betty Marshall, Nursing Co-ordinator Mary Dadd, resident Florence Lasby, Administrator John Bouwmeester, Housekeeping staffer Dorothy Chadder and nurse Germaine Hanneston.

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Eden House accredited by the Canadian Council of Hospital Accreditation

by Anne Redfean

"Small is better" is not necessarily a slogan Eden House Nursing Home lives by, but owner-administrator John Bouwmeester believes it has its advantages.

"If I were running a 300-bed nursing home, I couldn't possibly be familiar with every resident and every staff member," he claims.

As it is, he knows all the people involved in the operation of his 33-bed nursing home just outside Eden Mills, and he feels keeping his business small and personal has contributed to its becoming the first nursing home in this area to be accredited by the Canadian Council of Hospital Accreditation.

The accreditation, means the institution has met certain standards of care and administration for nursing homes, by the council, which also accredits hospitals and other health care centres.

"It's a judging by our peers which says we're meeting the standards," Bouwmeester claimed. The accreditation, received in January following an inspection made in November doesn't change the operation from the routine it has developed over its 15 years of existence. "It does mean, however, that we'll all have to work hard to stay up there," Bouwmeester added cheerfully.

Recently Ontario Health Minister Larry Grossman stated he wants all nursing homes in Ontario to be accredited by the Canadian Council by 1984. "We decided last fall to go for it, and see how we do."

Instead of hiring a consultant to draw up a policy which would enable the home to meet accreditation standards, administration and staff of the nursing home decided to figure it out for themselves. They were pleasantly surprised to discover they hadn't far to go. Most requirements set by the council are standard procedure at Eden House.

Last fall a nursing director from Saskatchewan made a day-long survey of the operation. His report commended the home on nearly all aspects of its operation; making only two recommendations for improvement, one for pastoral services and one for a signing procedure which would ensure that each member of staff has read the home's policy manuals.

The council issues one, two, and three-year accreditation certificates; Eden House received a two-year accreditation on its first inspection. Nursing co-ordinator Mary Dadd said with pride.

The home was built in 1968, with 20 nursing home beds. In 1971, it was expanded for a 33-bed operation, a comparatively small one and, for nursing home operators in these days, an expensive establishment to run. "A small nursing home must provide the same medical services as a large one," Bouwmeester explained. "To build a small home in 1983 would be economically unfeasible."

He feels, however, that a small operation is the only way to provide service of a more personal, more humanistic nature to the elderly. "How can you give individual care in a 300-bed institution?"

Bouwmeester, a professional social worker, feels the personal aspect of patient care is important in an institution.

"Our staff know the residents; many grew up in the neighborhood. And many of our volunteers have family connections with our residents," he added.

The home is also sort of a family business. Bouwmeester's wife Gail is director of nursing at the home.

Interest in care for the aging is on the increase, he observed. "Nursing homes have had a poor image in the past. Now all of a sudden they're cleaning up their act, and there are conferences all over on aging, caring for the aged and chronically ill. It's almost a fad."

A necessary fad. "It's part of life. We cannot hide from it," he said.

Catholic board wants pornography off TV

Halton Separate School Board wants to see pornographic material removed from television, and commends the Halton Board of Education for its strong stand on the subject.

The board has petitioned Minister of Communication Francis Fox, to discontinue the broadcast of such programming. The board also wants to see "the federal government amend the CRTC regulation to affect not less than the amount of censorship on television programming as is currently in effect for movie theatre presentations in Ontario."

A final suggestion of the board is for the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association to look into the effects of pornography on society.

In a prepared statement from the board, trustees recognized the debate as to whether school should "mirror or lead society." They feel however that school boards have a "legislated duty to make occasional societal interventions when the ideals of citizenship appear jeopardized."

The release noted the 1977 provincial inquiry into violence on television, headed by the late Judy LaMarsh.

The board contends that "pornography: is an industry with a widespread economic base with definite connections with criminal elements and indeed, organized crime; victimizes those people, adult males and females, and children, males and females, who often against their will or in the absence of the capacity to form an appropriate rational judgement, become involved in the pornography industry; denigrates and exploits all persons—viewers as well as participants."

The separate board's concern came up after the January announcement of a Playboy programming on First Choice Pay TV, effective February 1. Halton Board of Education launched a formal protest to governmental agencies after a motion was proposed by Acton trustee Arlene Bruce.

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Churchill Modern roving minstrel entertains Sunday night

by J. Turner

Churchill folk enjoyed a delightful evening of music and song last Sunday, when Rev. Emrys Jenkins brought along a colleague, Peter John Gray, from Toronto to entertain. Peter John Gray is a modern type of roving minstrel, playing the guitar and singing his old words and music, as well as songs of other writers. He has worked for the Dept. of Education in acting and mime groups that travel from school to school. He has also worked in CBC productions and in free-lance work that has brought him in contact with certain church projects. Recently the churches have been promoting religion in much the same way other products are promoted—60 second spots on TV and radio—and some of Peter's songs reflected that trend: "Start Out your Day With Jesus" and "Jesus Turns Things Around". Other pieces "Give Me the Heart of Ruth" and "This I Believe" were more reflective and thought-provoking, and still others like "Jeremiah's Flying Machine" were pure fun. Lunch was served afterwards, and everyone had an opportunity to chat with Peter, and to persuade him to sing a couple more songs.

Churchill CCW held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Lydia Kerr on Tuesday evening, April 12. Mrs. Eleanor Thompson had the devotions. The topics was "Resurrection," and she chose hymns with an Easter theme. Plans were made for a sale of baked goods, jams, plants and white elephants at next month's meeting, which will be at Mary Walsma's on May 10. Special guest, Mrs. Herb Dodds displayed a variety of interesting crafts which she makes. There were dainty framed plaques to commemorate weddings and anniversaries, quaint cornhusk dolls, and pine cone decorations. Eleanor Thompson thanked her for coming and presented her with a gift! A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her daughter, Marie Anderson.

Sympathy is extended to Jack and Jean Denny, Fourth Line, on the death, April 12, of Jean's brother Hugh Hatfield, Gaffney, South Carolina. Jack flew down to S.C. before Easter, to be with Hugh and his wife Margaret, returning home Monday.