



Ellen Williamson, daughter of Greta and Gerry van Vleet, of Ballinafad, was admitted to the Bar at a ceremony in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, April 9. She is employed by Campbell, Godfrey and Lentas, Barristers and Solicitors, Toronto.

Teachers told

Lack of meaning in life triggers crime

by Randy Kay
In order to find meaning, purpose, or status in life, people must find a relationship where they are heard, taken seriously, and genuinely needed, says Dr. H. Stephen Glenn, director of the Family Development Institute.

These needs should be met because they become critical by 13 or 14 years of age for most human beings, said Glenn.

Glenn spoke to the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School professional development day, recently at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Theme of the PD day was "Teaching Is A Glass House Profession." Lectures and workshops focused on the positive processes of mutual support and affirmation.

Glenn dealt with the topic of Affirmation—The Risk and The Reward. He said dialogue and interaction are important when dealing with children.

Teachers should take the time to ask a student what their understanding of a particular subject is, he said.

"Adults have a tendency to explain or lecture, rather than explore ideas with a child," said Glenn.

He said teachers should develop the child's human abilities to enquire, develop, explain, and explore through dialogue.

Glenn defined dialogue as a meaningful exchange of perceptions in a non-threatening situation through which a more mature individual encourages one less mature to embrace, comprehend and understand principles and concepts not previously understood.

Without dialogue, Glenn said, children learn through rote and memorization. This prepares children to compete with computers which will always be better at memory tasks.

Rote and memorization work well in grade 2 said Glenn, but when the student reaches grade 12, it becomes too difficult for the students to just memorize material.

Glenn said that 49 per cent of students can be taught a concept through explanation, but the other 51 per cent need to learn the concept through dialogue, practice, and by applying the concept.

Ninety per cent of chronic drop-outs come from the 51 per cent because normal teaching methods often don't allow time for a teacher to listen to a student's personal in-

sight, said Glenn.

The key to a rise in violent crime, suicide and drug and alcohol abuse is that people perceive a lack of meaning of purpose in life, Glenn suggested.

When this is dealt with, he said, the problems will drop off.

Glenn has been critical of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's approach to educational quality.

A nationwide program aired in two parts during November called "Chemical People" dealt with the drug issue, but Glenn said the program was hostile toward children.

He said the program caused a decline in active support of the issue because it didn't deal with healthy children, just children who were involved with drugs.

People want to know how to keep their children from getting involved with drugs, he pointed out.

The show lacked closure and direction, said Glenn. Shows dealing with a negative issue such as drug use need to stop throughout the program to summarize and provide guidelines for viewers.

Glenn feels that the Reagan administra-

tion is exploiting the issue by coming out with 4,000 billboards featuring Nancy Reagan declaring against drug abuse.

By waiting until April to put up the billboards, Glenn said his personal perception is that Reagan is exploiting the issue. He said he doesn't want to impugn Nancy Reagan's motives, but with an election just around the corner, he thinks the billboards may be too timely.

Glenn is director of the Family Development Institute, which provides over 100,000 people a year with training and materials to help strengthen individual, family, and educational potentials.

He has written over 50 papers, articles, and booklets, and has produced an award-winning TV series on the family called "Involved".

Topics of the other workshops included Job Satisfaction, Enhancing Self-Concept in the Classroom, and Self-Motivation.

One workshop featured Director of Education for the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Cliff Byrnes. Two representatives from each school were invited to discuss views, concerns, and questions with Byrnes.

VON course on Aging

A five week course of Healthy Aging, developed and taught by the Victorian Order of Nurses, will be held in the board room of Georgetown Public Library from Thursday, May 3 to Thursday, May 31.

Developed by Mary Gibbon and Mary Buzzell gerontological specialists with the VON, it is being presented by two experienced nurses with the VON who will share their knowledge and expertise in the field of aging.

The course will convey ways of staying as healthy as possible, how to take advantage of current knowledge and research, what helps and what doesn't. Good nutrition and exercise and preventive health care will also be emphasized.

Discussed will be some of the illnesses that occur more frequently as people get older—arthritis, circulatory problems and stress related diseases.

Participants will share experiences on how to care for elderly relatives, how to provide support without promoting dependence and loss of dignity, how to plan for the caregiver.

The VON will also tell participants about the services and resources available in the community and where to go to get things done.

Cost of the course which runs from 7:30 till 9 p.m. each evening, is \$10 per person or family, but the VON emphasize that no one will be turned away.



Formerly of Eden Mills and now of Georgetown, Verna Linney's lithograph was chosen for exhibition.

Verna Linney's work chosen for exhibition

The work of long time Georgetown resident, teacher-artist Verna Linney, is on display in the prestigious 111th Annual Open Juried Exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists in Toronto. Mrs. Linney's lithograph, "Winter Gold," was one of 125 works selected by the OSA's panel of artist-judges from the almost 1,000 works submitted by artists from all over Canada. It was also among those selected for Collector's Choice purchase at the show preview on March 7.

Opening at the OSA Gallery on Lombard St. in Toronto March 8, the show will travel over the next several months to various locations around the province, starting with the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in Owen Sound, May 11.

Verna and her husband Russ, both teachers at Georgetown High School, have been busy for the past year setting up Birchline Studios in their new home in Palgrave, north of Bolton.

A Fine Arts graduate of the University of Guelph, Verna's future plans for Birchline include the establishment of both teaching and gallery facilities.

Regions join forces in search for water

Where will Halton Hills' future water supply come from? Halton Region's efforts to find out continue.

Attention is currently focused on a dismantled well in Huttonville formerly used by Peel region. The region is now trying to determine whether the well can be tapped to meet Georgetown's demands and whether Peel's landfilling proposals will have any adverse effect on the Huttonville supply.

The region's planning and public works committee learned last week that one of two nearby sites being considered by Peel for landfilling could have some effect. Staff in both regions are keeping in touch about the situation.

Peel staff have identified three locations in their region's waterworks system where

an extension into Halton "may be feasible". Engineers now conducting a computer analysis of the south Peel waterworks will examine the three locations—Steeles at McLaughlin, Queen at McLaughlin and Highway 7 at Van Kirk Drive—and use figures supplied by Halton to determine whether capacity is available to serve Georgetown and Acton.

One other source may turn out to be the proposed North Streetsville Reservoir and Pumping Station, the committee learned. The station is due for completion in five years.

Halton is also consulting Peel about the possibility of using Peel's sanitary sewer system for servicing Halton Hills. Spare capacity exists in the Fletchers Creek trunk sewer at Queen Street and in the West Credit trunk at Highway 401.

University courses start in Acton

The University of Waterloo is offering two courses in Acton this spring.

A course on social research is being given Tuesday evenings starting April 10 and continuing through June 26; a course in social work will be given Wednesday evenings, starting April 11.

Both will be given in St. Joseph's separate school on Mill St. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. The research course will explain how social scientists design their research and the methodology used.

It is being taught by Prof. Bob Lahue, of Renison College, the Anglican church college on the UW campus. Prof. Lahue is a psychologist.

The Wednesday course is on "child abuse issues and principles of mental health" and will be taught by Dale Payne, social worker.

The courses may be taken for credit towards a degree; fees are waived for persons 60 and over taking a course for credit. The courses may also be attended as series of free evening lectures.

Freeze

Remove chewing gum stuck on fabric by freezing garment in a plastic bag. Gum can then be flicked off, says Margaret Loewen, clothing and textiles specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food's rural organizations and services branch.

Remove

Remove wooden buttons from a garment before washing to prevent the buttons from swelling and cracking.

Liberals to hold mini-convention

Liberals in the Halton-Burlington riding may not all be able to go to the Ottawa Leadership Convention, but they aren't going to miss it entirely.

They are holding their own rally and leadership festivities in the Agricultural Hall in Milton Fairgrounds, June 15, 16 and 17.

Large screen TV will carry the proceedings in Ottawa and video tapes of the candidates and the elected delegates will be shown.

Not to be outdone by the official delegates in Ottawa, the local Liberals intend to have their own election, which may or may not coincide with the official outcome.

A hot-line hook up from Ottawa to Milton will keep everyone up on the news and gossip and give the feeling of participation.

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