

# Calvinette Girls Contribute To Community, Fine Program

The theme for Georgetown in the Georgetown senior citizens building. They also visited various shut-ins.

The current meeting season started in October.

Besides bible lessons, crafts, gaining ranks and merit badges, they have completed many outside projects. From the proceeds of a bake sale, \$50 was a scavenger hunt for needy families. At Christmas a program was put on at the Milton and their spring rally in Toronto for the senior citizens. Christmas centrepieces were made and delivered to all units.

of Georgetown won second trophy.

The Calvinettes will also have a booth at the spring festival which is going to be held right here in Georgetown in March.

Then to wrap up the whole 1971 season, a mother and daughter banquet will be held for the Calvinettes and their mothers.

### IN TOUCH

Sometimes your happy laughter bubbling out. Sometimes I see an anger at injustice in your darkened eyes. And know a girl — In Touch with life. I heard them laughing.

# Unemployment Helps Boost Social Assistance Cost

Halton County's 1971 social and family assistance costs will run close to \$1 million, James Gray, director of social and family service revealed last week.

He said this budget figure, is about 30 per cent higher than the budgeted figure for 1970.

Last year's budget, which was approved at \$690,000, was exceeded by some \$100,000.

### EXTRA HELP

Gray is hopeful deliberations will succeed in obtaining for him much needed extra help to ease the workload of existing staff.

"At present we are running at about 160 cases per counsellor," he said. "This puts counsellors in a position they can do little more than process applications."

### COSTS MORE

"People are just not getting needed counselling," he said. "As a result, they are remain-

ing on assistance rolls longer than need be in a good many cases, which is costing us more money in the long run."

He said extra help he hopes to obtain as soon as he gets tentative approval of the budget will actually help save money by getting people off welfare rolls.

### CUT DEAD TREES

He blames, to a great degree the present unemployment situation for the increased number receiving social and family assistance.

"The department of highways, came up with 50 jobs helping cut down dead trees," Gray said, "which prevented the situation getting even worse than it is."

### NO JOBS

But he said the number of employables who are receiving assistance is high.

"We refer people to Canada Manpower," he said, "and they

to get word from federal officials that a better liaison service will be established between Halton residents and the Hamilton office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

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## Consult GDHS On Sale of Town Ambulance

The high school will be consulted before council makes any decision on the sale of the '54 Cadillac ambulance.

At a committee meeting last Thursday night, Cr. Donna Denison said she was intrigued by the high school band's offer on the ambulance as a vehicle to carry their instruments.

### NO FAVOUR

The mayor wondered if the offer was from the school, or from a group of students themselves.

Deputy-reve Art Speight suggested they wouldn't be doing the school any favour by selling the ambulance, but Cr. Ernie Sykes contended the auto machine shop could overhaul it and learn something at the same time.

The school will be consulted.

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The youngest Georgetown Calvinette, Gerda Borg, age 10, and the eldest, Rita Van Helden, age 14, represent the local group as they turn over a cheque for \$25 to Mrs. Diane Collins, R.N., of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital's pediatric ward. Calvinettes raised the amount by carolling. They have since heard from F. Whitaker, the hospital administrator that a portable humidifier was bought with the money.

## Now Company Veep For Standard Fruit

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