

Singles do share

To share the problems and joys of a life alone, is the aim and objective of a newly formed group in Georgetown.

On October 8, several interested people, widowed, divorced, separated and single parents gathered at the Y office on Mountainview Rd. to discuss how they could help each other make their lonely lives more enjoyable and rewarding.

After a lively discussion the group decided to have future rap sessions, and social events with special speakers for themselves and their children.

Want to attend the next session? Call 877-9943 or 877-8325.

Arts, crafts exhibit Saturday

Oil painting, batik, bubble glass, weaving - whatever your interest, you can see it done Saturday at the Credit Valley Club in Norval.

Arts and Crafts of Georgetown is presenting its 32nd annual exhibition and sale from 10 until 4.

The 50 members sponsor the annual event to further the interests of the group and to show its latest craft taught.

The organization has 12 teacher-members who teach their craft in schools, shops or private classes.

It started as a social group and members still meet every second month in members' homes. For this reason membership is kept to a minimum.

Several women will demonstrate their craft during the sale and the Ashgrove Women's Institute is serving homemade lunches.

Erin fair wet, but not rained out

ERIN—Great bucketsful of rain were not enough to keep them away, as thousands of visitors attended the Erin Fall Fair on the weekend.

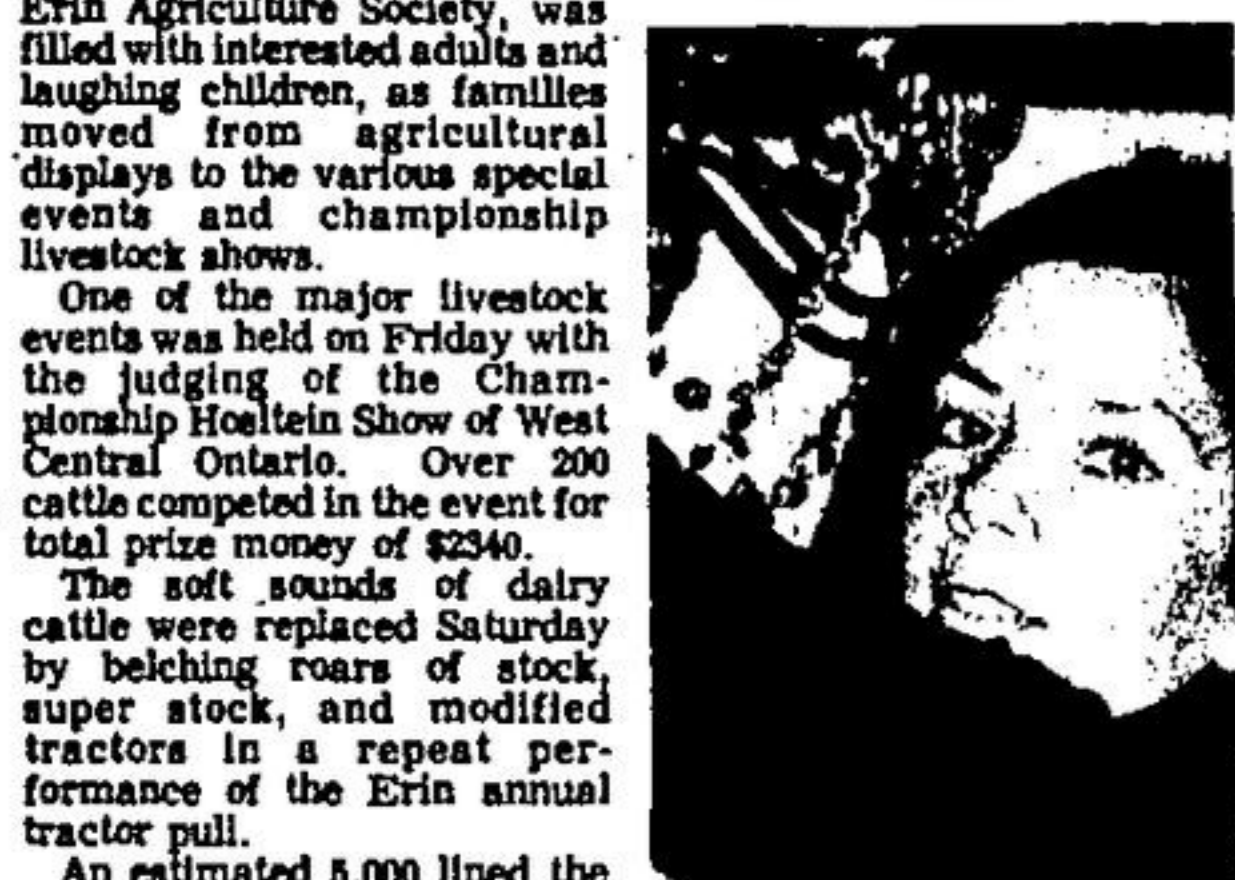
The fair, sponsored by the Erin Agriculture Society, was filled with interested adults and laughing children, as families moved from agricultural displays to the various special events and championship livestock shows.

One of the major livestock events was held on Friday with the judging of the Championship Hoolstein Show of West Central Ontario. Over 200 cattle competed in the event for total prize money of \$2340.

The soft sounds of dairy cattle were replaced Saturday by belching roars of stock, super stock, and modified tractors in a repeat performance of the Erin annual tractor pull.

An estimated 5,000 lined the dirt track in the fairgrounds to watch the tractors and drivers compete in the competition.

A 20-year-old pharmacist's assistant was crowned "Miss Erin Fair." Brooke Miller of Main Street accepted the honor along side runners-up Penny Todd of Ballinacra, and Gail Flaherty, from Alton.



Warns of Sudbury in the south

I was heartened to see the impressive turnout at the Speyside School last Friday evening. With 1, I think, one exception, those present agreed that no rezoning for extraction purposes, must take place on the Niagara Escarpment. The Niagara Escarpment, a very beautiful and natural phenomenon, has been, and is being shamelessly abused by the Extraction Industries.

Further rezoning and subsequent desecration will result in North Halton becoming a moonscape, or the Sudbury of the South.

I could dwell upon the various environmental implications, but the very thought sickens me.

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BACKSTAGE production staff add the finishing touches to the set for Georgetown Little Theatre's Boeing Boeing. Dianne Brunette installs the light bulbs in the chandelier in the entrance way to Bernard's flat.



FOR WHOM the bell tolls? Peter Pew, next door neighbor to the recently boarded-up Norval School, and owner of Greenwood Monuments compares the lonely bell cairn to one of his tombstones. Another local resident, dissatisfied with the results of Regional Government, Mr. Pew says he misses the voices of the children at play. The future of the bell cairn started discussion on the future of the school building and lands. The Norval ratepayers will meet at Queen's Park Friday to discuss with Premier Davis, the possibility of reopening the school. In the meantime, the bell has been welded to the framework to avoid possible theft.

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Coin check your clothes

Halton Hills residents will pay extra to check their clothes while swimming in the two new indoor swimming pools.

Coin operated lockers will be installed in the change rooms of the pools because of an architectural mistake which does not leave enough room for other arrangements.

The cost of the lockers varies between \$7,000 and \$7,500 to install, but Recreation Director Doug Colison told council that the money will be recovered in a year because of the revenue from the lockers and the decrease in staff requirements.

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School board buys some of Renaissance ideas

The Halton Renaissance Committee, formed to bring about some fundamental changes in education, is seeing some fruits of its labors.

A few of its major recommendations are being implemented by the Board of Education.

The Halton Board of Education last week agreed to four proposals by the Halton Renaissance Committee in their brief to the board presented earlier this year.

The Board's ad hoc committee set up to study the brief's 27 recommendations reported that a number of these could not be dealt by the board, and were referred to other government agencies, or already being used by the present board.

"We noted that 15 recommendations are already implemented," said Edna Robinson, committee chairman. "In our opinion, eight recommendations were directed to other agencies and only four were completely unacceptable to the committee."

The committee recommended the board implement a survey of practices for evaluation of students in mathematics and the languages and make provisions for adequate testing in these areas as requested by the Renaissance Committee.

"As a committee, we commend the Renaissance Com-

mittee for presenting us with a stimulating challenge," said Mrs. Robinson. "In essence we were compelled to examine and review critically a wide range of the board's operations."

Other recommendations include a study of communications between the school and home co-operation by the board with the Renaissance committee in developing apprenticeship training; and improving communications from the board to the students and parents concerning course materials.

However, the committee did not support a recommendation from the Renaissance group to reconsider the stand taken on closing the Norval school, because they felt the board had dealt with the matter.

Also in regard to sex education, the Renaissance Committee asked that parents be continually informed concerning course material and the names of instructors, and their moral and educational credentials.

Miss Robinson noted in her report that the board operates within the Ontario Human Rights Code in regard to its employees and the committee could not support the recommendation regarding moral credentials.

The Committee also did agree that a recommendation to have a complete list of books, films and related materials used in the sex education course prepared for the parents.

The report said this information could be obtained by any parent by phoning the school and talking to the principals.

"The Renaissance Committee appeared to have a restricted view of the total educational process in the region," Miss Robinson said. "A good job is being done; we know we can do a better job."

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