



HALTON REGION representatives at a recent meeting of the Ontario Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association in Toronto take time out for a photo during a break in the discussions. About 155 delegates attended the two-day meeting at the Royal York Hotel to discuss publicly and fund-raising strategy for the campaigns and

programs the organization sponsors each year. The annual Christmas Seal campaign is the association's largest fund-raising venture. Shown examining the association's symbol are from the left: J. M. Ledwith, Joyce Armour, association president Ed Mighton with the symbol, Phyllis McKim and John Ostler

Christmas Seals sales increase

If you noticed an increase in the number of Christmas cards arriving in your home last year carrying Christmas Seals there were good reasons. The Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association's 1974 Christmas Seal Campaign received

\$70,259.73 through last year's campaign which was 16.6 percent higher than last year's receipts. Per capita return was 34.7 cents, a substantial gain over 1973's 30.6. These figures were released at a recent board meeting held in Milton. According to cam-

aign chairman, C. L. McFadden, the high results ensure that the association's many programs will be able to continue stronger than ever. "Halton community's generous donations permit the continuing assistance to those suffering from RD, education

for all ages on RD to prevent them from becoming victims of crippling lung disease and research on these diseases." Full details of the campaign will be discussed at the Halton association's annual meeting tentatively planned for April 29 in Oakville.

Local Plowmen attend convention

By Henry J. Stanley
A large delegation from the Halton International Plowing Match Local Committee attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18. Slides were shown and a report presented for the 22 Halton committees working on the 1974 match. Thus, the efforts of the many people from Halton involved in this Match for the past five years are drawing to a

close. The 1974 International Plowing Match was a success. One of the guest speakers at the OPA Annual was Mr. Alfred Hall of Great Britain, secretary of the World Plowing Organization. He discussed the many World Matches held since the first one was held here in Ontario in 1953. Mr. Hall has been the secretary since that time and welcomed everyone to the World Match this year, September 27 and 28, at the time of the International Plowing Match near Oshawa. Mr. Hall commented that

unless we do something about it, a lot of people are going to go hungry in the not too distant future. Soil is the most precious asset. It can be lost in just a few weeks by planners - put under houses or pavement. He concluded that what soil we do have left is going to be very important. It must be plowed and used wisely. Bob Eaton, MPP for Middlesex, and executive assistant to our Ontario ministry of agriculture and food was guest speaker at the Tuesday banquet. He told of the first Plowing Match held at the corner of Yonge and St. Clair Streets in 1848. Ontario has had

World Champion Plowmen; Jim Eccles of Peel in 1953 at the first world competition, and Bill Dixon of Peel in 1961. Mr. Eaton pointed out that agriculture was the one industry which is increasing the energy supply as crops are able to harness the energy from the sun. He also stated that it was the policy of the ministry of agriculture and food to preserve food producing land wherever possible. Jack Taylor, Burlington, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association for 15 years and president of this organization in 1971 retired. His place on the board was taken by Dwight May, Hornby.

Ontario's snowshoe promoter

Charles Hildebrandt's love of snowshoeing was well recognized in a recent feature article in the Toronto Star's **Two possible sites for Little Theatre**

"It's nice to have so many avenues open to us," said Pat Joyces, publicity director of Georgetown Little Theatre regarding council's latest announcement of the possible availability of either Chapel Street School or Stewarttown Hall as a new home for the group. "We have been cautioned by council not to rush into renovations at Stewarttown as Chapel Street School might prove to be a better location," explained Mrs. Joyces. Georgetown Little Theatre has been searching for a permanent home since renovations at the high school removed the old stage and forced the group to share the stage at Howard Wrigglesworth. Members of GLT favor the Stewarttown location as opposed to Chapel Street school because of the atmosphere and intimacy that could be created with the proper renovations. "Stewarttown is similar to the building used by the Guelph Little Theatre. It only holds about 120 people which is just right for our types of per-

Family Section. Mr. Hildebrandt, a well known Georgetown resident, naturalist and former town councillor, is one of the prime promoters of the sport, which is rapidly growing in popularity. The story, titled "Hikers hope to revive the pioneer skill of snowshoeing," described a recent outing of snowshoers organized by the Toronto Bruce Trail Club in the Almquin Highlands. "That Metro Toronto now has its own corps of rangers (snowshoers) is almost entirely due to the messianic zeal of 50-year-old Charles Hildebrandt. He sees himself as delivering nature lovers from the roaring intrusion of the snowmobile," the article states. "The concept of the Bruce Trail later drew his enthusiastic support and as a Georgetown councillor (1963-64) he lent his official support to this historic project. "Last year he approached the Bruce Trail Association executive and suggested its members could hike throughout the winter with the aid of snowshoes. "I'd started snowshoeing over 10 years ago when I bought property 12 miles outside of

Georgetown. I found it perfectly feasible to walk on any depth of snow and started using them for recreational purposes in the vicinity of my home. "Later I went snowshoeing in Algonquin Park and arranged hikes for my fellow naturalists of the Georgetown district. It has opened up a new world for us. "Beginning with three introductory hikes for Bruce Trail Association members last winter and continuing with four more this year, Charles Hildebrandt finds snowshoeing much more exhilarating than hiking in any other season. "There is the immense satisfaction in being able to challenge severe wintry con-

ditions and still remain physically comfortable and warm throughout a full day's hike. "I would not advise taking anyone younger than 12 on a snowshoe hike. After that there is no age limit. Physical fitness is the determining factor. "A final word of warning from Charles Hildebrandt to anyone who might be rash enough to snowshoe into the bush, unorganized and ill-prepared: "You could get lost and die. All our hikes have built-in safety features. In a sudden snow storm, your very survival could depend on a compass reading. A compass is the invisible rope you hang on."

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Kinettes honor past presidents

The Georgetown Kinettes will honor past presidents and past members at a special dinner next Tuesday in St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams. The dinner will be prepared and served by the ladies of the church.

Warm days arrive

By Mrs. John Bellbody
Well here we are into March. The winter has nearly gone. One can notice the sun getting warmer and the days getting longer. To those who were lucky enough to go to the sunny south it has meant a happy winter. To those who lost their loved ones it has been the saddest winter. But, glad or sad, life goes on. With the coming of spring the warmer days and new green life shooting up from the earth help to make things brighter for everyone. The Ashgrove's Women's Institute held a successful euchre Friday, Feb. 21 with 21 tables in play. The winners were: men, first, Cliff Wrigglesworth, second, Eileen Jackson; ladies, first, Mrs. Gear Lambert, second, Annie Lambert. Travel prizes, Cliff



GODSPELL, the current GDHS musical is in the final stages of production. The play which will run March 13 to the 15 features Jack Langedyk, Rob Mills, Edgar Thatcher, Kim Poyntz, Tom Van Sicker, Karen Van Sicker, Wendy Smith, Sue Glover, Jeff Jobb, Bryan McCormick and Debbie Eyre as the cast.

4-Her's tour college

On Tuesday, February 11 the Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club visited the Veterinary College at Guelph. The club was divided into two groups to tour the college. Carl Middlebrook, who was the leader for the club last year, and another veterinary student, acted as guides for the tour. The members were shown through a museum where there was a display of life-size skeleton models of different animals and a collection of various body organs. The members also toured through the hospital which included the hospital theatres and the wards where the animals were kept. As well as treating animals large and small, the college also has some animals which are used for their own research purposes. The members all enjoyed the one and-a-half hour tour at the conclusion of the evening.

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