Oaklands centre: meeting a need

and most important, a warm

and friendly atmosphere in

which training and learning

It was a proud day as members of the board of governors, parliamentary ministers, administrators and concerned citizens gathered for the opening ceremonies at Oaklands Regional Centre for the Mentally Retarded.

in education and training for D. H. W. Bath, executive the retarded that was until now administrator for the Oakville unavailable in this area. "Its project.

The centre is a new concept mentally retarded," explained

whole existence reflects the The project which cost seven growing interest in our area in million dollars will provide a social services and par- residence, gym, swimming

can take place. The project began a few years ago as a number of local associations for the mentally ticularly the care of the pool, lounges education areas retarded approached the Provincial Government for the purchase of the site, which was formerly the Ortona Armed Forces barracks in the centre

of Oakville.

Design for the complete facility was done by architect Donald Blenkhorne to incorporate modern functional design with the existing building on the site.

The operations principle of Oaklands is the theory of normalization. This means bringing retarded people back into their home communities and creating a daily routine for them which is as close as possible to that of everyone

Some of Oaklands new residents will travel to local schools for the trainable retarded, operated by the boards of education. Others will go to workshops, or sheltered industry situations

Thr residence will encourage a family situation with room mates, common recreation areas, and small kitchens where residents can make snacks or do laundry.

Each housing aree is complete

with a stove fridge and dishwasher for use by the 'families' that will live there. Hot meals will be prepared in a large central kitchen and distributed to each of the cottage style houses on the site

Some of the residents may be able to visit neighborhood stores, parks and other community affairs with or without supervision. The public is also encouraged to share in the programs offered in Oaklands and to visit regularly and mix with the

of the former barracks.

Volunteer programs have been established to foster further visitation and participation by the outside

Invitations will be issued for area residents to make use of the complete facility including the pools and gyms, "We want to be a part of the community and to be associated as fully as possible with all it's activities," furthered the executive administrator.

Anyone wishing to help further in implementation of any aspect of the normalization program can contact the centre to arrange meetings with the program directors and social workers of the centre.

The 20 acre site is a complete community in itself with offices, teaching facilities, assessment and medical areas, gym, swimming pool,

auditorium with projection booth for movies and a canteen serving light refreshments.

The residences can accommodate up to eight persons each, with large nearby playing field, paved tennis courts and many trees and shrubs to provide even more of

a home atmosphere. Oakland residents will help as much as they can with the internal operations of the centre in the kitchen and working with the gardeners in keeping the grounds at-

The centre will serve the area of Halton and Peel with a new approach for the mentally retarded. Working for the centre from the Georgetown area will be Reverend Peter Barrow who was selected to serve on the Board of Governors after he became aware of the needs of the mentally retarded in this area and organized similar training and education programs in Glasgow before coming to

Len Griffiths also serves with the centre. He brings as further qualification experience for the Halton Board of Friday.

George Maltby, now local councillor of Ward two serves as treasurer of the Oaklands Regional Centre. Sunshine

Education.

School pioneer and Hope Workshop promoter, Ruth Mitchell as vice chairman will be working with the centre in establishing effective programing for the residents. The centre will also be coordinating its activity with

that of the other training facilities such as the Tinkerbell Nursery School and ARC Industries of Hornby to expand its educational role.

Elva Telfer, planning committee chairman opened the official dedication ceremony before full house. Invocation was made by the Reverend Peter Barrow followed by a brief message from Administrator Bath.

Also in attendance was Frank Philbrook, M.P. and Oakville doctor and resident. The Honorable James Snow, M.L.A. Minister of Government Services, who financed An active member of the the provincial project was North Halton Association for assisted by Dorothea Critthe Mentally Retarded, Mr. tenden of Community and Social Services to unveil the bronze plagues for the centre.

A reception and tours of the gained on the Advisory regional facility followed the Committee on the Retardation brief ceremonies of last



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Store number 5242 of the

Radio Shack chain, opened last

week with manager Bill

Pazaratz of Hamilton busy

every minute answering

questions on the Realistic line

of Radio Shack products and

just meeting people that would

normally be driving to

Brampton for the same goods.

According to regional

manager Jack Hunt "We have

been considering Georgetown

for quite some time. It is an

area of growth and we hope

that the new store will do

Radio Shack is an American

based company owned by

Canadian head office and

Hewitt.

Frederickson.

Larry Hornby.

at B o'clock.

C.F.C.F. Provincial in May,

hosting their own campout

open to guests and other

C.F.C.F. clubs, the C.F.C.F. National Rally in September, a

UNVEILING THE OFFICIAL PLAQUES at the new Oaklands Regional Centre were Jim Snow, minister of Government services and

Dorothea Crittended who represented Rene Brunelle, Minister of Community and Social

explained Mr. Hunt.

Ballinafad news

WARM, BUNNY INTERIORS are characteristic of the

new regional centre for the mentally retarded.

By Winifred Smith

If integrated circuits, pany caters to the do-it- would normally be ordered translators, resistors, stereos yourselfer and the hobbyists in from the large supply houses," The complete 2,500 items in good chance you have already blister pack system, hundreds the Radio Shack Realistic line are represented in catalogues, nual turkey supper in May, number attending. A very nice The company also features which will be available this with final plans to be made at gesture was when twenty or month with the current prices.

"In the electronics business, prices vary often, sometimes up, sometimes down," explained Mr. Pazaratz. "Manyitems in the citizens band radio line have come down in price explained the new manager. due to their popularity which work in Africa. makes the catalogue price

making plant and our own invalid." In 1970 the firm opened its Radio Shack does not sell first Canadian store in Toronto television sets but does offer a and now has 250 stores across complete line of antennas and the country, with over 3,000 antennae systems for both stores in the world wide chain home and industrial use plus, which covers Germany,

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necessary to modify any Australia. "It will take two and one-"One unique thing about marter million catalogues to Tandy Electronics with Radio Shack stores is peg cover Ontario," explained the board system of mer- regional manager. "We are service centre in Barrie On- chandising the small elec- the hardware store for the

all the wire and cable Holland England and

Community market We noticed several

the UCW was held at the home Several members told of inwere about 19 members their school days with many present with the roll call being humorous stories bringing answered with a verse on back memories of the one "Learning." The devotion was room country school house. given by Mrs. Jill Jessup. The Yemen family reunion Various items of business were was held at the Community discussed, including the an- Centre on Sunday with a large

the October meeting. Instead of the usual form of tended the Church service topics given a most interesting previous to the gathering in the letter was read which one of hall. the members received from Rev. Styles welcomed the Rev. James Kirkwood who is visitors whom many were not presently doing missionary total strangers to the com-

It had a special interest for the Ballinafad group as Jimmy was a Ballinafad boy -

The committee reports in-The September meeting of cluded a talk on citzenship. of Mrs. Don Brown. There cidents which happened in

more of the participants at-

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the Acton Fall were shocked to hear of the

names of local people including one gentleman who had some appetizing loaves of bread on display. Friends of John Loughlan

will be sorry to hear of the painful accident which happened to him recently while putting up a fence on his property. He stumbled over some rocks and severely injured his ankle in the fall. He is home from hospital but has to keep the leg suspended for a few weeks.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery who celebrated a wedding anniversary on September 27th. Friends and acquaintences

bad accident near Orangeville early Sunday morning which took the lives of former Ballinafad resident. Ken McCloud and his daughter Whenda were instantly killed when their car collided with another vehicle. We extend sympathy to the bereaved

The Community Centre Board met one night last week. Variety and future activities were discussed. It was decided to put on a community market this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of crafts, preserves, garden vegetables or baking would be gratefully received. Proceeds from the sale will be used for improving the basement of the

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