

-Sadie Hawkins hooplah—An annual party held Friday at GDHS



READY FOR STEPPING OUT are Muriel King and Cathy deHueck with their old drinking buddy, the A & W Rootbear. The group enjoyed the lunch hour activities last Friday at the high school in preparation for the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance.



MOUTH-TO-MOUTH. Kathy Calder (left) and Tom Gale, both students at Georgetown District High School, competed in the root beer guzzling, apple-bobbing and apple passing contest held at the school on Friday as part of Sadie Hawkins Day celebrations.



HILLBILLIES UNITE. It was Sadie-Hawkins Day last Friday at Georgetown and District High School and many of the students dressed for the occasion. Back row left to right are Bill Fournler and Rick Somerville and front left to right are, Ruth Aggias and Wanda Rodgers.

The ARC workshop is certainly..

A special place

By Doris Lindauer
Staff Reporter

ARC Industries also houses a gift shop which stocks ceramics the trainees themselves have produced. The workshop is working with over 50 different moulds which are



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS. Gail Martin (left) and Gayle Caves, two trainees at ARC Industries in Hornby, work busily at the craft shop at the workshop.



LOVE FOR CERAMICS. Carol DeForest, a trainee at ARC Industries in Hornby, enjoys putting the final touches on the ceramics which are sold at the workshop. Ceramics are just one of the many aspects of work at the training centre.

It is not a home, nor is it a playground, nor is it a school in the literal sense. It is a sheltered workshop giving the mentally retarded adult some of the basic rights and responsibilities of human beings, often neglected by today's world.

This is the ARC Industries workshop located in Hornby and operated by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

ARC Industries was the creation of Mrs. Winifred Isham and her late husband, who both felt that the mentally retarded needed a chance to prove to society that they are capable of leading useful, meaningful lives.

It all began ten years ago when the Ishams brought mentally retarded adults into their home for a few hours a day and instructed them in the basic concepts of work. At that time lawn chairs were being taken in from the community and repaired by the trainees.

It was a short time after this operation began that the Ishams realized that a larger centre was needed to enlarge the scope of the workshop.

ARC Industries has grown and developed to the point where the sheltered workshop is a type of multi-purpose providing useful employment and training for handicapped persons.

At present there are 19 trainees at the Hornby Workshop who punch the time clock each morning at 9 a.m. and busily get to work. Along with the re-webbing of lawnmowers, which is ARC's private service, a large amount of their work is completing contracts for various firms, including the packaging of bolts, small auto parts, nuts, screws and nails etc. As well as servicing promotion offers, stamping, addressing envelopes, and mimeographing to name but a few of the employment possibilities of the training centre.

Painted and turned into beautiful pieces of pottery, coffee mugs, pitchers, soap dishes and many other unique gift ideas.

Special Christmas creations this year include a combination of pottery and floral arrangements resulting in attractive centre pieces. Also are the silk-screened Christmas cards made by the trainees.

Mrs. Isham, who has been the workshop manager since its creation, explained that in previous years many of the trainees reached a point where they were capable of outside employment and in a number of cases the trainees did find employment. During the past couple of years their success in finding outside employment for the trainees has narrowed greatly.

However, it was Mrs. Isham's belief that it was the job situation in the entire country, not society in itself, which is too blame for the employment problem. She also pointed out that, although there are 19 trainees at the workshop, ARC is capable of holding up to 30 trainees.

"We strive to develop the maximum of the trainee's capabilities. Many of the trainees have much more potential than we credit them. The workshop gives the trainees a feeling of belonging. It gives them more responsibility which, in turn makes them more responsible. They get on the bus, come here, punch in, socialize, work, and bring home a pay packet each week. It gives them a feeling of normalization which they indeed deserve," explained Mrs. Isham.

ARC Industries will be holding an open house during a portion of the regular working hours on Thursday Nov. 20, from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m.

As it was once said, "A civilization is judged by the manner in which it cares for its handicapped member," and there is no better way than such a workshop to prove that a mentally retarded adult can become a responsible self-respecting member of society.

Starting third year Contact Centre answering 3 calls a day

Going into their third year of operation, the North Halton Contact Centre, has grown from its original 60 volunteers to the present 80-plus volunteers handling an increase of two to three calls a day to nine to ten calls a day.

The establishment of the Contact Centre was the result of a deep concern of certain members of the Red Cross, Public Health Service, the YM-YWCA and the Georgetown Ministerial Association. Through their experiences,

they had learned that there was a great need in the community for lonely, discouraged and troubled people to have someone to turn to in their times of despair. It was decided that an anonymous telephone answering service would be the best solution. These concerned people dedicated their time and efforts and on November 15, 1973 the North Halton Contact Centre was opened. Since then it has been open 24 hours a day, every day, offering a confidential, befriending and referral telephone answering service.

Often the caller's problem or request is solved by a simple referral to the right person or agency, but the lonely or troubled person needs an understanding, listening ear, so this is where the Centre's volunteers' own maturity and sensitivity are extremely important. To further the growth and understanding of the volunteers, monthly meetings are held where additional training is provided.

It was predicted from the beginning that the centre would find areas or problems which could not be solved over the phone, a prediction which indeed did come true. A large number of teenagers contacted the centre in hopes of obtaining help in finding, for one reason or another, another place to live. In August of 1974 the Centre founded the Youth Housing Committee which has given assistance and found homes for several young people in the community.

The community was in need of such a charitable service as the statistics prove. From Nov. 15, 1973 to Nov. 15, 1974 the centre received 1,067 calls. From Nov. 15, 1974 to Nov. 15, 1975 the centre received 2,134 calls from people in distress. The Contact Centre is always in search of volunteers to help their cause. If you need a friend, contact the Contact Centre at 877-1211 and "Tel-a-Friend."

News from Ashgrove

By Mrs. John Bellbuddy
Halloween is over and all the spooks, goblins and witches had a nice night for their fun. What pleasure the children different costumes with their eyes twinkling behind their

masks as we tried to guess them. Now it's November, supposed to be the saddest month of the year with the nights closing early into darkness and nature getting everything ready for its long winter sleep.

A miscellaneous shower was held Wednesday evening, Nov. 5, for Joyce Wilson, a bride-to-be, in Hillcrest Church with pretty decorations of yellow streamers and flowers. Mrs. Francis Thompson led in a singsong after some contests and readings. Mrs. John Wallace introduced the bride and invited her to the platform to a decorated table. Along with her assistants, she opened the lovely gifts for which she expressed her thanks. She will be making her future home in Jarvis.

We were all sorry to hear that Beverly Wickson had a nasty tumble in their barn one evening recently hurting the back of her head. She was kept in the hospital for a few days for observation, but we're glad she is home and improving.

Zeta Phi meet in Oct.

The model meeting for prospective members of Zeta Phi, of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, was held at Wendy Warren's home on October seventh. Guests were welcomed and were given a brief resume by each executive member of her respective duties, to further inform new girls of the sorority program. A Ritual of Welcome was performed by the president, Beverly Wheatcroft to confirm Marlene Steckley's transfer from Mississauga to our chapter. Co-hostesses for the evening were Cheryl Beaton and Diane Ails.

The program theme for the evening, "What Women are Heir to" was presented by Rosemarie Gill and Donna Reid. The girls showed a film, "Anything You Want to be", which met with enjoyment by the members. Donna and Rosemarie performed a short skit to entertain the girls; then the girls broke into four groups to discuss four topics: Marriage partners of equal earning power to alternate years of staying at home, open marriage concept, are stay at home wives of importance? and day care centers.

The lucky draw of a fresh fruit basket donated by Wendy Warren was won by Marlene Steckley.

October 21st was the second meeting of the month when the chapter sisters met at Sigrid Robson's home. Our new pledges, Claudia Rintoul, Elita Mills and Eileen Pantling were welcomed by the vice president, and chapter hostess, Rosemarie Gill.

Also welcomed was Judy Davison, a Transferee from Sault Ste. Marie, and a guest Pat Soper. Co-hostesses for the evening were Jeanne-Marie Resney and Eileen Quackenbush.

Carol O'Byrne provided an interesting program which evolved around children's literature. Examples of typical children's books from the town library were circulated, and

the girls asked to discover if, amongst them, or in nursery rhymes, there were illustrations of sexism, negative portrayal of women, or true to life situations. The girls looked for examples of single parent homes, working mothers, male domination, and stereotyped roles. Generally speaking the girls were quite satisfied with the examples examined.

Beverly Wheatcroft provided the lucky draw gift, a basket of homemade delicacies, which was won by Diane Tappin.

George and Rosemarie Gill hosted a Halloween party on Nov. 1st for sisters and their husbands. The masqueraded couples danced and played games and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The prize for best dressed of the evening went to Jeanne-Marie Resney, a devil. She and Jim will enjoy dinner for two at the Hunter's Inn. Second prize of a fresh fruit arrangement went to Indian brave George Gill. Adding to the evening's fun was an exciting decor planned by the hostess and Eileen Quackenbush.

Want more funds

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