



PLAYING IS LEARNING. Ruth Walton (left) plays with Sherry Dunnett at the new Day Care Centre in Georgetown. Learning skills through playing is an important aspect stressed at the centre.

New Day Care Centre promotes learning through play

Learning to socialize with other children through sharing, learning and playing, resulting in the development of responsibility and self-reliance are the main achievements derived when a child attends a day care centre explained Pat Wood, supervisor of Halton Region's newest day care centre located at 65 Maple Avenue in Georgetown.

Pat, who's past history is centred around working with children, strongly believes that one of the most important learning experiences of a young child is learning how to socialize.

"From my past experiences I've noticed that a child who has attended either a nursery school or a day care centre is usually one step ahead of other children who go right from home into school.

"Children who have attended a programme before entering elementary school have already learned how to relate to other children and have already gone through the process of learning how to play and share with others," said Pat.

each child to live his young life to the fullest with programmes permitting the child to select his or her particular activities of interest.

Pat elaborated on this point and explained that each week a theme is chosen at the centre and the programmes and activities are primarily based on the week's theme.

"Programming on a theme basis allows a greater amount of expansion on the topic if dealt with for a week rather than switching topics every day. Depending on the age level and the attention span a child can learn more when he or she becomes totally involved in the subject."

The day care centre which is open from 7:30 a.m. through to 6 p.m. is geared towards a home atmosphere with each child having his own bed, cupboard, towel, facecloth and brush.

An outdoor playground which is still in construction stages will allow the children plenty of outdoor activities once again involving creative play in conjunction with learning.

until parents are aware and confident of the programming of the centre.

Pat invites interested parents to contact her at 877-5231 and arrangements can be made for the parents to visit the centre and see what is involved. Pat anticipates that the centre will be holding an open house within the next three to four weeks.

Copies of songs which the children learn will be attached in hopes that parents will share the children's new knowledge at home.

At the present time only a handful of children are enrolled in the centre, which is capable of handling up to 34 children, however, Pat feels that it will take some time yet

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The full-time staff of four teachers, plus the full-time cook who prepares a hot lunch daily, are always there to lend guidance and to relate honestly to the children. Pat stressed that the teachers do not hover over the children. Rather they encourage the children to seek their own answers and achieve their own goals.

Pat pointed out that it is the philosophy of the centre that a child's whole world is play and from this world he draws knowledge. The centre recognizes this and allows

A day at the centre consists of playroom time, art activities, outdoor activities, nap time, group discussions and whatever the children may express a desire to do.

Pat anticipates a high parental involvement within the centre and in hopes of creating this type of involvement a monthly news bulletin will be sent to the parents who have children enrolled in the day care centre.

Included in the bulletin are up-to-the-minute reports of the activities of the centre as well as a basic rundown of what the children are doing and learning at the centre.

8 Stitches minus one

by Anna Edwards

The Georgetown Area 2 4-H Club has had to change its name from the "8 Knotty Stitches" to the "7 Knotty Stitches" because one of the girls has left the group.

At their second meeting, Mrs. Thomas, the club leader, demonstrated the correct way to do the back stitch. Mrs. Rodenburgh, the assistant leader, demonstrated how to transfer a design. All the club members cut out their fabric for their "Learning Stitches" article.

The girls were to use the back stitch on their sampler and article for the home assignment.

At their third meeting the group opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Rodenburgh showed the girls how to create and enlarge a design. Mrs. Thomas demonstrated the proper way to do the twisted chain stitch. The girls are to place this stitch on their sampler and article. The girls are to make several designs for the next meeting.

A new, old business



"THE KNOT HOLE", one of Georgetown's newest shops, opened its door just last week. "The Knot Hole", owned by Dave Tarzwell of Georgetown, is located at 130 Guelph St. and specializes in pine furniture and antique reproductions.

The well known saying "something old, something new" could very well be applied to one of Georgetown's newest stores "The Knot Hole", 130 Guelph St., owned and operated by Dave Tarzwell.

The "Knot Hole" which opens its doors just last week features pine furniture handmade by local craftsmen and antique reproduction.

Dave explained that the "Knot Hole" will craft any piece of furniture which a customer may request.

Local handicrafts such as pottery, quilts, aprons and macramé pieces highlight the tiny shop accenting the "something old, something new" theme.

Also following right in line with this applied theme are the antique reproductions which include gingerbread clocks, brass beds, lamps, saloon mirrors, glass works and other unusual gifts.

Dave, who for a short period of time owned an antique shop, explained that the pieces of furniture in "The Knot Hole" are solid, carefully crafted pieces of pine and that his pieces of furniture are "antiques of the future".

When asked why reproduction antiques, Dave explained that there are too many antique shops in business and that customers are paying for too high prices for antique pieces. "Most of



NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 1976. The new executive for the Halton County and Acton Junior Farmers were introduced last Friday evening at the annual banquet held by the Acton Junior Farmers. The new executive include back row, left to right, Ed Bird, vice-pres., Halton County Norm Anderson, Secretary-treasurer, Halton County; Wally

Acton Junior Farmers honor Bev Leitch

Bev Leitch was presented the "Outstanding Member Award" by the Acton Junior Farmers at their annual banquet held Friday evening in the Acton Legion. Rick Britton, last year's Acton Junior Farmer's outstanding member presented Bev with her trophy and plaque.

Janet Swackhamer, president for 1976 presented Earl McLean with his past president's pin for his devoted service as the Acton Junior Farmer's 1975 president.

The new executive elected for the club were introduced at the banquet which include: Janet Swackhamer, president; Wally Ella, vice-president; Earl McLean, past-president; Beryl McEnery, treasurer and Roberta Thompson, secretary.

Guest speaker for the evening was Bill Emmott, provincial director of the Brant County Junior Farmers. Mr. Emmott entertained the audience of over 175 with his slide presentation and talk on his recent trip to Australia. The Ontario Junior Farmers Association sponsored Mr. Emmott on his six-month stay in Australia and New Zealand during which he learned and experienced the life styles, customs and personalities of the Australian and New Zealand people.

Following the award presentations and Mr. Emmott's talk a dance was held.

Ballinafad wishes Mrs. McEnery 'Happy 90th'

by Winifred Smith

The newly elected Hall Board met at the Community Centre last week. Events for the future, including the monthly dances and a bake sale and spring bazaar, were discussed.

Ballinafad, Group 1, of the 4-H Homemaking girls are halfway through the course of "Creative Stitchery". They had their fourth meeting on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Dan O'Connor. This group of girls call themselves the "Needle Painters".

Congratulations are in order this week for one of our life-long residents and esteemed citizen in the person of Mrs. Robert McEnery. Mrs. McEnery celebrates her 90th birthday on Thursday, March 4. She and her late husband farmed for many years on the outskirts of the village and always took a very active part in all community affairs. At present Mrs. McEnery is making her home at Mapleview Lodge, RR2, Acton. Her many friends and relatives wish her continued good health and happiness.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Given and family on the loss of Tom's sister, Mrs. Mary J. idley, whose death occurred over the weekend in the Milton Hospital.

The local boys belonging to the "Different Hockey Groups" are busy in the playoffs now. Most of the teams are playing in the Erin Arena as the Hillsburgh Arena has been condemned due to unsafe conditions.

Visitors at the Smith farm on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs.

Dot that i!

What's in a signature?

Have you ever stopped to take a close look at the letter or job application you have just written? There in pen, staring boldly from those pages, is your true identity.

After careful analysis, measuring the direction of the letters, the distance between individual letters and words, the pressure applied to the pen and the exact formation of each letter, a handwriting analyst such as Linda Pitney can reveal one's most inner thoughts, beliefs and emotions.

Each Wednesday afternoon, Rita Cutler of RR1 Limehouse welcomes into her home Linda, who took a three-year course with the International Grapho-Analysis Society in Chicago. Three other Georgetown women are also presently studying under Linda's direction. It was through the Georgetown YMCA that Linda channelled her efforts in arranging a course in handwriting analysis and it was by this means that Rita Cutler, Margaret Pope, Connie Nieuwhof and Marilyn Oldham began studying the new science.

Linda is presently employed by a number of large companies in Toronto which request handwritten resumes and job applications so that Linda may thoroughly study the handwriting and determine the personality traits of the applicant.

"A signature of a person is only a front, it really does not reveal anything. However, a written piece does tell of the true person and this is why so

many large firms are turning to handwriting analysis to accurately sift through the applications and resumes. You can not be conned by handwriting," explained Linda.

The use of handwriting analysis by companies is only a minor benefit which can be derived from the analysis said Linda. Qualified teachers in the science can be warned of emotional problems within a student by means of handwriting. Learning disabilities can be detected early in a child's life, not through handwriting, by the way a child doodles.

Parents, teachers, social workers, doctors, police etc., can detect drug abuse, extreme hostility, depression or other such harmful and serious emotional traits, she said.

Linda explained that a health problem can also be detected. The form of illness cannot be evaluated however if for example writing is extremely shaky, uneven, and irregular this can show signs of illness.

Linda stressed that the present ten-week course the Georgetown women are taking will only introduce the field of study and give them a limited, workable knowledge of the science but this type of course will help introduce this form of analysis to Canada.

She noted that Canada is just, very slowly, opening its eyes to this field and that, in fact, the school for handwriting analysis which Linda plans to open in the very near future will be the only school of

its kind in Canada. She also proudly noted that Rita Cutler will be one of her first students in this school.

Linda then began to explain some of the signs she looks for when analysing handwriting but she stressed that these signs can, and often do, vary in their significance depending on the entire piece of writing.

When a dot is applied to a letter "i" and the dot is a quick swift movement this depicts irritability where a strong dot signifies loyalty.

If letters fluctuate within a written piece - if the letter "s" is written three or four different ways in a paragraph - this shows versatility. A wide written "e" illustrates a broadmindedness.

A soft, flowing handwriting shows tolerance where writing, slanted to the left, shows withdrawal. Perpendicular handwriting reveals an objective person and writing slanted to the right illustrates a very emotional person.

Linda explained that there are many, many things to account for when reviewing one's handwriting and that it takes a matter of hours to correctly analyze a piece of work.

"It is hard to understand why this science is not more accepted in Canada. Perhaps too many people believe that it is linked to the occult but I swear there is no connection between the two. There is an absolute process of one's self in handwriting which takes place everytime you pick up a pen," concluded Linda.

Simple test for physical conditioning shown by 'Y'

Carol McMurray of Georgetown, working hand-in-hand with the Georgetown and District YMCA-YWCA, is helping the federal government's health and welfare branch introduce the Canadian Home and Fitness Testing programme in Halton Hills.

When Carol attended the National 'Y' workshop in June of last year this program was introduced. She took an immediate interest in the possibility of offering such a program in Halton Hills. The 'Y' is encouraging Halton Hills residents to take the fitness tests which will hopefully motivate people to get into better physical condition.

The Canadian Association of Physical Health, Education and Recreation is distributing the tests in communities across Canada and is working with the 'Y' in Georgetown. Clinics are planned by the 'Y' at which time people can take the fitness test. Qualified persons will be on hand to advise what exercise programs are best to fit the individual needs.

Test instructions are contained on a long-playing record which will soon be available to the public. Test instructions can be done in groups or individually at home.

Persons being tested do steps on two stairs for three or six minutes and then count their own pulse rate. Step-ups are done to music on the record - the cadence is faster for younger people.

The higher a person's pulse rate after the exercise, the lower his fitness level. Recreation Canada estimates 20 percent of Canadians have an "undesirable personal fitness level", 60 percent have a "minimum" level, and 20 percent are at "recommended" level.

The 'Y', which is receiving help from Jack Richardson, co-ordinator of physical and health education for the Halton Board of Education. The Georgetown 'Y' is planning to hold a public clinic in the very near future and the programme will be fully explained then and testing procedures will be carried out.



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