

Play therapy helps disturbed children

"After a year he moved the

two houses together," Mrs.

Syer said, "and he said he

didn't have to worry about

visiting back and forth from

that time on because there was

Another dramatic instance

where play therapy helped a

child was a little girl who lost

her father and mother in a car

The child was brought into

the care of the Society while

arrangements were being

made to return her to relatives

The little girl had been angry

at her parents the week before

the accident, and in the car.

After the accident she not only

refused to believe they were

dead, but felt she had killed

"Play therapy sorted out for

her the fact that she wasn't the

one who killed her parents. It

made her come to terms with

the reality that they were dead

In play therapy she played

out the accident scene: Going

for a drive, crashing the car,

the ambulance arriving and

Her play stopped at this

point because she wouldn't

accept her parents' death. The

therapist encouraged her to

play out the scene further and

enabled her to accept the real

Mrs. Syer said that play

therapy is undirected and

often this is difficult for a child

because he is accustomed to

being led in his activities by an

"Another value of play

therapy is that a child has an

adult's complete attention for

a full hour in which he can do

or say anything he likes ... and

"The children love it and

they are resentful if anyone

interrupts or the therapist goes

A close bond develops bet-

ween the child and therapist

and Mrs. Syer often receives

notes reading "I love you, Mrs.

life situation.

on a hollday."

being taken to the hospital.

and wouldn't return."

in another province.

only one home."

accident.

them.

When a child comes into the care of the Children's Aid Society he usually arrives with a mixture of fear and guilt. If his parents have died, or separated, he may feel that the

circumstances are all his fault. If a child is being moved from a temporary foster home into a permanent adoptive. home, the change may seem like a chasm that he can never bridge.

Play therapy is used by the Halton Children's Aid Society as one of the tools which help a troubled child comes to terms with himself and his life ex-

periences. It is used to help a child build up his idea about himself and sort out how he feels about what has happened to him in his life. It can identify his compulsive behaviour, his fears, interests, ability to relate to people and often helps

him to verbalize his emotional problems. Mrs. Fran Syer, one of the agency's play therapists said the process is not a fast one and first requires the therapist to gain the trust of a child and form a relationship with him. Because play is the natural language of children, the therapist uses play as the medium of assessment.

communication and treat-Through the uses of playhouses, dolls, cars, trucks, fire engines, police cars, puzzles and card games, the therapist is able to determine problems the child finds dif-

ficult to talk about. Play therapy sessions last an hour and are held in a toy

laden room in the agency's office at 1160 Blair Road in Burlington.

At first a child is apprehensive because he doesn't know what play therapy. means.

Before the sessions start some rules are put down. The child is told that he can do or say anything he wants, as long as he doesn't hurt himself or the therapist or destroy the

"It takes a child a while and he will test a bit," Mrs. Syer said. "They may try to break the toys or kick me, depending on how badly they are disturbed. One boy rocked so hard on the rocking horse that he fell off and didn't really believe that I wouldn't let him

hurt himself." Play therapy proved to be helpful to a 4-year-old who was being moved into an adoptive home, Mrs. Syer.

"The adoptive home seemed to him to be many miles from the only home he knew, the foster home. And it was alarming and scarry to him to

lose his foster parents." In his hour-long therapy sessions with Mrs. Syer he played taking the car and driving from one playhouse to

the other. Each time he encountered all sorts of accidents and problems while en route between the houses.

Fashion show entertaining

..BY LYNN RHODES

Herald Staff Writer The room was dim except for the twinkling spotlights circling the red broadloomed stage; lively music was echoing; a slim model chiely garbed in a tube-top styled red satin jumpsuit danced onto the platform to welcome Georgetown residents to the Touch of Class fashion show.

Jennifer Montieth, fashion commentator and co-ordinator for Barbara Shuttleworth's first showing of the outfits featured at her Main Street store, had a casual manner which helped the audience feel relaxed for what was more like an evening of entertaining than a winter wardrobe preview.

The 60 women gathered at North Hallon Golf and Country salad dinner prior to the show. defence techniques to music supplied by Gary Sullivan. 'The music made the show."

leotard outfit decorated with the fashion show. chains of multi-colored beads romantically soft.

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constitute a hazard, com-

mittee members said the

solution is "too expensive."

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Cross this month celebrated

the 37th anniversary of the

branch charter founding.

Georgetown and district

A wide range of the latest looks were displayed by both local and professional New York and Toronto models. against a back-drop bamboo screen, hanging bamboo basket and wide-backed bamboo chair supplied by the Bamboo Loft on Guelph Street, Georgetown, for the occasion. Models Eve English,

Simpson, Sandra Greig, Marcia Figueroa, Michelle Ridley, Denlese Jones, and Maggle Haines solicited gasps and applause from the audience with the posed manner they showed off stylish

Three main categories of garments were viewed: daywear dresses, formal gowns and casual pantsuits.

Response from the Club Wednesday leisurely attendants indicated some of enjoyed drinks and a cold-cut the favorites, were a alinky black jersey evening dress It opened with an act by with an oval-shaped black slit Lincoln, who has a black belt to wear for a Christmas dance; in karate, demonstrating a grey turtle neck and boots

Two Georgetown ladies were said Miss Shuttleworth. When lucky winners of \$50 vouchers Miss Montleth wearing a black for Touch of Class clothing at

Volunteers from the exploded into a creative dance audience chose tickets from a routine on stage, the music box held by fashion was funky. When the models commentator Miss Montieth, appeared in elegant formal revealing Eleanor Ingles and wear, the music was Shirley Beaumont as door prize winners. *



CONTEMPORARY TUNIC TOP

Provincial honors for 4-H member

By MRS. A. W. BENTON Herald correspondent

The W.M.S. held the Nov. meeting at the home of Mrs. John Leferink on Wed, evening. Mrs. Roughley was in the chair and Mrs. Patterson read Scripture and led in Prayer. Roll Call and text word "Grace were answered in verse of. Scripture. Each lady read current events, Remembrance and Thanksgiving items or poems. A number purchased their Presbyterian Calendars for 1977. The Mirpah was repeated in unison in closing. Mrs. Roughley invited the group to her home for the December meeting, Mrs. Albert Leferink and Mrs. John Leferink served a nice lunch after-

FROM LAST WEEK

wards.

The Womens Institute met at the home of Mrs. Roughley on Thursday evening with 12 members and four visitors attending. Have Thine Own Way Lord and the Collect in unison were used in opening and the president read Remembrance verse followed by Prayer and two minutes allence were observed. Mrs. Moulden delegate to the area convention gave her report, saying she found it surprising entertaining and hopeful. The next competition will be house logs. An appeal was received from the Red Cross for craft items for a sale.

The roll call was A resolution Cost of the improvements sustained that is or will be affecting our present day living brought many opinions Staff members argued that several other areas within the and led up the guest speaker. Mrs. John Bird's discussion region have a higher priority program.

4-H leader Mrs. Anderson invited us to Achievement Day Dec. 4, when Gwen Kirkwood will receive her Prov. Honours. Mrs. Kirkpatrick read current events, and Mrs. Bert Benton read an explaination of part of the Collect, acting out a short skit assisted by Mrs. Roughley and Miss Brigham at the end.

Convenors present gave short up to date reports. Mrs. F.T.C. Brown convened the program and Mrs. Dinereaux extended courtesies. A lovely hot lunch was enjoyed after

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By DOROTHY McLEAN Herald Correspondent Units 1 and 2 of Norval United Church met at the home of Mrs. Dan Wey on Wednesday evening, Nov. 10 with Mrs. Gordon Miller presiding

Mrs. Jean Rounding, president of the Presbytorial UCW, guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on "Always" Open - Especially on Sunday.' She quoted several verses of scripture and remarked on our

lives of to-day. She ended her talk by mentioning how we are bombarded by advertising and suggested that perhaps the church should advertise too. One slogan she suggested was "Always Open -

Especially on Sundays." Mrs. Murray Laird gave the devotional on St. Andrew. Mrs. Ann Wilson gave the financial statement.

It was decided to pay our allocation fee for the year and to give a donation to the Preshyterial Scholarship Fund for students from the presbytery going through for a minister. There are 14 students from this presbytery this year.

Mrs. Rounding explained the special "Count your Blessings" donations.

This is a special conferencewide commitment to raise money to help supply clean water in Africa. To decide on how much to give each member is to counter her blessings and give accordingly such as keeping track for one day on how many times the top is turned on and donate a penny for each time.

A few other suggestions were 10 cents for each grandchild, 25 for 2 telephones, 25 for 2 cars, 25 for a swimming pool, 10 for each bathroom, three cents for a vacuum cleaner.

The donations are to be in before the annual Presbyterial meeting in March.

A Presbyterial meeting will be held in St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown on Wed. Nov. 24.

Unit one served lunch and the evening ended with a social

Pat Patterson a Norval farmer, has tossed his hat in. the political ring again.

Peter Pomeroy of Norval, a Georgetown business man, also has his hat in the ring.

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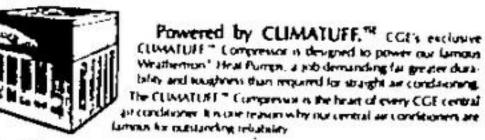
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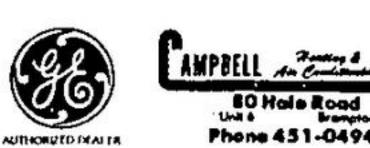




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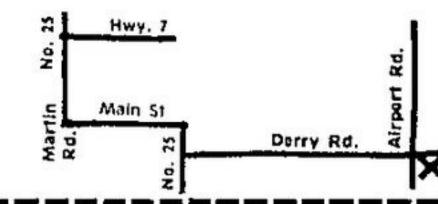
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