

OPERATION EDITH

Jamie Rutherford, 5, shows a floor plan of his house that he made as part of Operation EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home). About 35 children participated in the program offered by the Halton Hills Fire Department at the libraries in Georgetown and Acton. The

program has been so successful, says fire safety officer Larry Brassard, that it likely will become an annual event. Each child who made a floor plan and escape route received a card and a badge.

Terra Cotta Roundabout -

By ANDRL
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877-9782 The Villagers Club meeting last week was a definite event. Two talented ladies, Mrs. Leo Wolf and her daughter Fern Middaugh weaved some special magic and turned Cinderella Macrame into royalty, in a stage presentation that thoroughly deserved the heartfelt oohs and aahs of a most

appreciative audience. There was a time when I thought about Macrame (if I ever thought about it at all) in terms of tatty string or four feet of scrubby rope supporting a half-hearted plant that forever listed to one port or another. Wrong. . .wrong. wrong. These were works of art, cunningly designed costume jewellery, fluffy-eyed owls, hanging shelves, exotic swag lamps, wall hangings for kitchen mugs, fring window shades and a spectacular doorway with a high arch containing golden bells, called, approprintely enough, Arabian

Nights. Some of the planters reached from ceiling to floor with bird cages above and smoked glass trays placed at just the right height for relaxed evening coffee . . . all in colours ranging from palest wheat to burnt orange and black.

Planter is such an unevocative word. How could it possibly conjure up for the reader those white lacy towers, triumphs of beauty and strength, hanging so ethereally (and washably). Everyone who came to see

the work of the two local artists and teachers of their craft were enthutiastic. Did-I say two? I meant three, for

Mr. Wolf's chic lampshade and

sen and Annie Vandervoort. Don't forget the bottle drive on Saturday. Next week I hope to introduce you to several new

golden belt were "something The evening was hostessed by Mesdames Verna Jesper-

members of the community. Have a nice week everyone.

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Crime a form of social maladjustment says first police social worker

By LORL J. TAYLOR Herald staff writer

"Police and social workers are essentially aiming towards the same goal," social worker John Rabeau says.

Mr. Rabeau was the first social worker in Canada tobe hired by a police force when be joined the Burlington force in 1972. Since the Implementation of regional government in 1974, he has been working for the Halton Regional Police, where he remains the only social worker on the force.

"Police and social workers both try to help people adjust to society. Crime is a form of social maladjustment, just as the problems social workers deal with are," Mr. Rabeau said, "Some officers may not consider themselves to be social workers, but I think they're very similar."

from home, or who walk into a police station saying the situa-

of child abuse.

possible to define."

Golden wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Thompson, Edith Street entertained relatives at a luncheon at St. George's Church on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Guesta were present from Aylmer, Barrie, Bracebridge, Limehouse, Brampton. Rockwood, Woodstock and London.

Mr. Rabeau spent his first four years on the force as a tion at home is intolerable and they want out are a part of the part of the Youth Bureau, and Youth Bureau's function. The describes his present job as "a child may be sent home, and real mix which is almost imcounselling recommended for the family, or the child can be turned over to such agencies

In the Youth Bureau, Mr. Rabeau worked with a number as the Children's Aid Society. of officers, dealing with child-Much of Mr. Rabeau's job, ren under the age of 18. The job and of general police work, of the Youth Bureau is to involves domestic problems. It is up to Mr. Rabeau to make decide how a specific violation, committed by a child, is to be people with marital problems dealt with. The child may be or family problems aware of charged, the officer can delthe agencies which are there to iver a police caution, or the help them. child can be referred for coun-

Mr. Rabeau emphasized that although his job is dealing Physical child abuse is not a major part of Mr. Rabeau's increasingly with personnel job. More of his work is dealing matters on the force, his prime with emotional deprivation, purpose is "not to deal with which is an often-ignored kind upset or disturbed officers." That is part of television's Children who have run away distorted view of police work, and is extremely rare. If he does talk to an officer about a

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Part of Mr. Rabeau's function is to represent the force on various socially-oriented community groups, such as the

This is part of a system of mutual aid between police and community organizations.

"Generally speaking, 80 per cent of police work has nothing to do with law-breaking," Mr. Rabeau sald. "It's dealing with juveniles, settling disputes between family members and neighbors and assisting the public in many ways. If the police are dealing in these areas, it's better to have somebody with social expertise to bring what they have to the

Mr. Rabeau studied at the School of Social Work in Toronto before joining the Cath-olic Children's Ald Society in Hamilton in 1965. His training in police work came as "onthe job training in what the police department can do." Because of his work with the CAS, which maintains close ties, and his contact with the problem "then it's more as a friend than as a social workpolice, he had some understanding of police work before joining the force.

"From a personal point of view, I think the force can benefit from my kind of in-Burlington Youth Residence. put," Mr. Rabeau said.

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The department probably won't hire any additional social workers in the near future. The emphasis is now to make

up for the shortage in police "I'm really only a support

service," Mr. Rabeau said.

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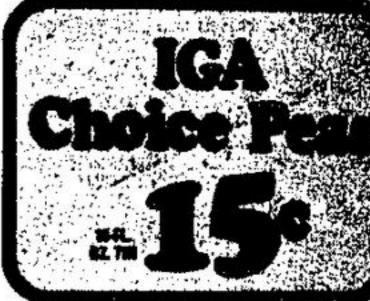
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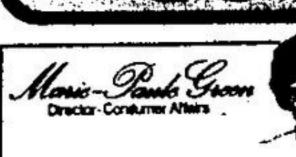
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