



**JUST CHECKING THE TIME**

Michael Teed, 7, (left) and Brian Franks, 7, check their Ronald McDonald wrist-watches against the french fry timer at McDonald's restaurant. Michael was presented with a watch after having his name drawn as one who had opened a new account at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Georgetown Market Plaza. Brian was the October winner of the Kids Corner coloring feature in The Herald. In the background is Finley Arnold, a manager of the restaurant.

# Health council draws flak over nursing home delay

By LORI J. TAYLOR  
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Haltom district health council came under fire over Haltom Hills' need for extended care facilities at a public meeting Wednesday.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital applied to the ministry of health to be allowed to build an addition to help serve extended care patients. The ministry refused permission, saying the Haltom Region already had enough nursing homes to serve its population.

Judge Ken Langdon, a member of the GDMH board, said that because of the way the district health council handled the request for extended care beds, the board was left with the impression that the council is merely an alter-ego of the ministry.

"We have the attitude that the health council said 'Yes, there is a need, we've identified the need, but the ministry says you can't build, so-so long, boys,'" Judge Langdon said.

Terry Baines, chairman of the health council, said there is an extended care committee, which is presently trying to resolve the discrepancy between the figures from the ministry and the figures from the hospital.

"You keep drawing the line at Steeles Ave.," Mr. Baines said. "I find it strange that within a stone's throw south of Steeles is the largest extended care facility in Haltom."

George Gray, chairman of the Haltom board of health said there is currently a three-to-four month waiting period at the centre south of Steeles Avenue. He condemned the ministry for refusing additional extended care and nursing home facilities, and at the same time calling for budget cutbacks, which would affect the home care program.

"If we can't look after people one way, we have to do it the other," he said.

Mr. Baines said that if patients presently receiving extended care in bed intended for active treatment patients at a cost of \$100 per day are placed in a nursing home at a cost of \$30 per day, the active treat-

ment bed would be filled immediately. The ministry would end up paying \$130 per day instead of the present \$100.

Norm Smith and Ernie Forgrave, who said they represent a large number of senior citizens in the area, wanted to know why an increase of \$3.38 in the monthly pensions was matched by a decrease of \$6 per month in the nursing home allowance provided by the province.

"It's to cover the cost of living," David Corder, a representative of the ministry of health said.

"You get so concerned with the system you can't see the guy in the gutter," Mr. Forgrave said. "You can't see him because your eyes are up here."

Mr. Smith said, "There are five names on the council from this end of the county and one of them tells me that he isn't on it any more. Is that why they have all the beds down at that end?"

"They have the beds down

there because they built them years ago," Mr. Baines said.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Forgrave said they had got put together a petition with 3,700 names, asking for a nursing home.

"I have to answer to 3,710 names on that petition and 148 people from United Senior Cit-

zens, of which there are over 200,000 in Ontario and tell them not to wait for a nursing home—you'll be dead before you get one. You're not doing anything for us," Mr. Forgrave said.

He and Mr. Smith walked out of the meeting.

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## Ashgrove social notes

By MRS. JOHN BELLBODDY  
Herald correspondent

Well, Halloween is over and it was a grand night for the witches and ghosts to be out knocking on doors with their bags for trick or treat.

It's a wonderful night for them and they enjoy dressing in various costumes as we try to guess who they are.

Now it is November, a dark and dreary time when everything outside has gone to sleep ready for the snow that is bound to come sometime.

Oct. 29 the 4-H awards night was held in Milton when Marilyn Bird was the most outstanding first year 4-H member and received the Claude Bain Trophy.

Bill Robinson won the Champion Horse Judge trophy winner, Glen McClure - Haltom 4-H Field Crop Club first place, winner of Haltom Soil and Crop Improvement trophy, also small seeds trophy for seed judging, Marilyn McNabb won the Norington Showmanship trophy for best pair of Jersey and Guernsey heifers.

Our genial Mr. Vince Panetta, owner of the Gulf service station at the corner has made such an improvement by building a nice new store and a garage and demolished the old ones that stood out on the highway. It has been a very busy summer for the family, but it has made a wonderful and likeable appearance for the public.

## New Hillsburgh business

G.T. Knitcraft in Hillsburgh is open for business, supplying a wide selection of wool and craft needs.

The store is owned and managed by Georgina Taylor, who has returned to Hillsburgh after living in Toronto for a number of years. For three years, she operated a Toronto dry cleaning business. She lived at Lake Roman before moving to Toronto.

G.T. Knitcraft will offer a wide selection of craft supplies. Mrs. Taylor plans to sell such items as yard, crewel embroidery kits, rug hooking and needlepoint kits and supplies for knitting and crocheting.

Mrs. Taylor has also just received her own dealership for the "Knitting" knitting machines. She will give free demonstrations on how to use the machines.

## Letter drive for unity

Hamilton newspaper and commentator Tom Cherington is leading a national unity drive in the form of a "Letters-to-Levesque" campaign.

Mr. Cherington hopes the campaign will result in five million letters supporting a unified Canada, and he plans to deliver the letters personally to Premier Rene Levesque in Quebec City.

The campaign started Sept. 27 on radio station CHML's Action Line program, a nightly phone-in show hosted by Mr. Cherington.

Over 33,000 letters have been received, and the total is growing. The campaign was originally a local one, but a number of radio stations across Canada have joined in.

"This thing is starting to grow and I don't know how far it will go," Mr. Cherington said. "I just hope that when the people of Quebec see this gesture from the rest of Canada, they'll realize they're not alone."

Anyone wishing to be a part of the campaign can write a personal letter in support of Canadian unity and address it to: The Honorable Rene Levesque, Premier, The Province of Quebec, c/o Tom Cherington CHML Radio, 848 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, L8M 1M1.

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Plan for more "adult time", just the two of you and don't allow yourself to become a slave of your children's activities. Always take the long look to learn about each other for when the kids are gone on their own, he suggested.

The positive ways to develop your children, he said, were to listen to them, praise them, spend "quality time" with them and give them meaningful responses.

Rev. Irwin said the permissive society to today has resulted in an openness and acceptance as never before of sexuality. It used to be that divorce just happened as did adultery but not as wide open as now, when one of two marriages in every 100 will end in divorce, he said.

The Christian home is not free of the problems brought about by permissiveness but needs to be strong to withstand them, he said.

## A mature person profits by mistakes, suggestions

Do you know your spouse's favorite color? How about his or her pet peeve, most enjoyable activity or impossible dream? Can you list five positive assets of your mate?

These and other questions were put to about 35 persons attending a family life seminar Friday at Maple Avenue Baptist Church. Leader of the seminar was Rev. Robert Irwin, dean of students at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

The 47-year-old minister, married for 20 years and with four children, began his seminar with the statement that God is working in the person, the partner and the parent so that each one becomes mature. How this comes about is

by "speaking the truth in love," he said.

A mature person accepts himself as God made him, Rev. Irwin said. A mature person profits by his mistakes and the suggestions of others.

"He accepts the decision he made even if it's wrong."

As well, a mature person adjusts to things he can't change and accepts unpleasantness, disappointment, or distress with calmness and stability, Rev. Irwin said. "They don't get thrown for a loop."

Besides accepting and fulfilling his responsibilities, a mature person finds his greatest satisfaction in making others happy, Dr. Irwin said, noting however that "We live in a me first society... a self-centred world."

Rev. Irwin put to the audience the differences between being a giver and a taker. A taker always demands but never gives, is a perpetual griper, thinks only of his own want or needs, tries to change his mate (instead of himself), views married life as you versus me, does not stand beside the mate in disciplining the children and sees not the best but the worst in his mate.

A giver, on the other hand, always tries to give, asks How can I help you?, considers the needs of others, wants to change and improve himself, stands beside the mate whatever the situation and sees the best in the partner, Rev. Irwin said.

An accomplished seminar leader, Rev. Irwin showed a number of cartoons which seemed to pinpoint his argument and cause a good round of merriment among his listeners. He reached into his own personal life for anecdotes and examples to illustrate his theme and his wife seemed as amused as the audience.

Intimacy in marriage is achieved through shared lives, through the two becoming one, Rev. Irwin said. He listed six methods of increasing intimacy in marriage, by confiding in your partner, by sharing the day's trivialities, by intimate behaviour, by verbal communication, by sexual expression and by other contacts.

But increasing the level of intimacy involves a degree of risk because it means making yourself more vulnerable, he added.

One question often asked in marriages is why don't married couples talk to each other, he said. A roundup of common answers includes:

You don't give me a chance; You don't listen; You come through as not really caring what I say; You become defensive; I'm afraid you will think less of me; You make me feel stupid; I just don't trust you; And, I'm afraid you won't accept me.

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