Talks under way to expand ARC

By MAGGIE HANNAH ilerald staff writer

North Association for the Mentally Retarded is in the process of working out an agreement with government agencies which will give the Adult Rehabilitation Centre (ARC) workshop in Hornby increased

Association executive director David Williams says the original proposal was to add 6,000 square feet to the existing 3,800 square feet but the finished plan may vary depending on what the government agrees to spend on

the project. "We must justify every penny we ask for," Mr. Williams says. "We never know what we'll end up with. Even if we get what we're after we probably won't get any money until the beginning of the next fiscal year in

If the association had a firm government commitment to the project the members might be prepared to float the \$150,000 to \$200,000 needed and start building before that date, he says.

crease in the number of trainees the centre can handle. more than double the number employ the trainces.

of trainees in the next five

"It wouldn't be very sensible put up the building and expand addition annually.

The workshop has been pretty close to saturation point for some time, he says, and they hope to be able to add 30 to 50 more trainces as a result of

"You know the way you find all sorts of things on cards sealed in a plastic bubble," Mr. Clifford says. "Right now we're just looking for an industry to work with that uses

They have other projects in mind too. Mr. Charles says, janitorial services training, but these would be ideas for the future depending on many Mr. Williams says they hope to things including people to

Ballinafad news

By WINIFRED SMITH

Herald correspondent Ministers and delegates from Wellington-Peel Presbytery met for their fall conference at Ballinafad United Church on Wednesday morning of last week. The U.C.W. catered to the noon luncheon. There were about 60 present to enjoy the hot casserole dishes, salads and dessert.

The community was saddened over the weekend when they learned of the death of a long time resident of Ballinafad in the person of Mrs. Margaret McEnery. Mrs. McEnery was In her 93rd year. We extend sympathy to her sister and brother, grandson, his wife and family, as well as many other relatives living in our mlæt.

The youngsters report a fantastic time on their bus trip down to Toronto to see the Blue Jays play the New York Yankees. They cheered for the Toronto Blue Jays and of course they won. Many thanks are due to the adults that accompanied them.

Many church goers were pleased to meet a former friend and resident of the village, Mrs. Himes. She was walting to greet her friend Mary Lawr as she came out of church. She spent some time visiting with the Lawr family before returning to her home

in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simpson and daughter, Trena, of Garson were recent visitors at the Smith farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Miller, of Toronto spent Sunday with the Marshalls.

Those attending church on Sunday enjoyed hearing the second sermon on the Beatitudes. The story Mr. Stiles told the children was quite unique, as he had a tape recorder and gave the youngsters an opportunity to hear their voice. They

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to incur capital expense every year for the next five years in order to give us growing room," he says, "so we're asking for a facility that will hold the people for a few years to come. Even if we just get the space and can't equip it all in the beginning we're better to into it gradually each year rather than having to put on an

the addition.

Association vice-president Charles Clifford says that plastic packaging would be one of the skills taught to the trainces in the expanded

this process."

The increase in space at the such as woodworking and

were a bit shy about going up, excepting two little girls, Jen-

nifer Munro and Patty Brown. The title of the story was "The Voice of Jesus." World wide communion Sunday will be observed next Sunday. A bale for overseas is being packed

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Mr. Williams says the workshop would be most pleased to talk to businessmen interested in using trainces in their work force. They alm to get the trainces into the

community and out of the

sheltered environment as

much as possible and putting

trainees into regular jobs is

"Our primary concern is to get top quality service out of our trainees so we'd give a staff person to supervise him until he was thoroughly also favor other accommoda-

familiar with his job," Mr. part of the approach they see Williams says. "We're out to do ourselves out of a job," As the workshop expands it

is probable that the residence, Countryside, would also have businessman a trainee and a to expand, Mr. Williams says, although the association would

tion facilities for trainees capable of living more independently than those at Country-

The expanded population at the workshop is aimed they may not be living here at

present, he says. "There are a few people living in institutions that we'd like to bring back," Mr. Williams says, "and there are always some living at home primarily at people who are who would like to move out and native to the area although be more independent if we had

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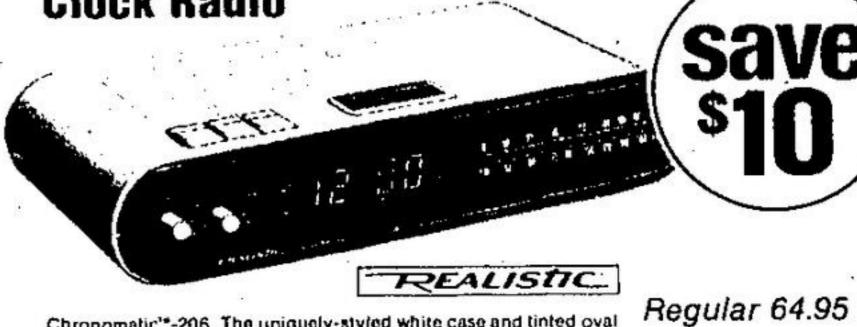
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