

### KENNEDY ART SHOW

John Cruise, right, shows a piece of art he has done to his friends Sarah Geh, and Blake McGowan at the kindergarten art show at George Kennedy Public School last week. The

school gymnasium was converted into an art gallery, and the kindergarten students were able to show their talents to their parents and fellow students. (Herald photo)

ended up being over one-third

because the site was eventual-

ly chosen for the centre was

The final cost of the Burling-

ton Cultural Centre was \$1.6

million. Because the commit-

tee received two objections to

the cultural centre, an Ontario

Municipal Board hearing was

held on the project. When the

approval was given to proceed.

the tenders which, had been

closed, had expired, and the

committee had to re-tender,

Mrs. Dawson said. As a result,

the hearing cost them, in inc-

cultural centre break down as

being funded 25 per cent by

federal-provincial grants 23.5

per cent by municipal grants

23.5 per cent by fund-raising

activities and 28 per cent by

ience questioned the necessity

for extensive feasibility stud-

ies before embarking on such a

project, Mrs. Dawson said the

participants in the project

must ask themselves if a cult-

ANSWER YES

group must do research to

back up their proposal when

they present it to council,

"because if there's a hole in it,

"The more groups come un-

council will find it," she said.

der the one roof, the cheaper it

is, and the more favorable the

government is," Mrs. Dawson

Mrs. Dawson noted the avai-

lability of funds for sports

facilities, as opposed to the

relative unavailability of funds

"When you talk about sports,

it's different - when you talk

about culture, you're talking

Mrs. Dawson pointed out

that a number of indirect

grants, in the form of tax

rebates, are available from the

federal government. One such

rebate is worth \$40,000 but to

qualify, the centre would have

to teach credit courses. That is

one of the decisions the centre

"Don't be afraid to do what

you want to do," Mrs. Dawson

will be faced with, she said.

for cultural facilities.

about a frill," she said.

If the answer is yes, then the

ural centre is warranted.

While members of the aud-

earned revenue.

The operating costs of the

reased prices, about \$36,000.

valued at\$200,000.

## Local arts group gets outside help

By LORI TAYLOR Herald staff writer

Local advocates of a cultural centre in Halton Hills have turned to a Burlington group who have succeeded in having such a facility built for some pointers on how it is done.

Getting a cultural centre built requires people who will stick their necks out, and who will remain committed to the project until the building is finished.

That is the assessment of Betty Dawson, who was on the first board of directors of the Burlington Cultural Centres, and was involved with the project almost from the begin-

Mrs. Dawson was addressing people interested in getting a cultural centre built in Halton Hills, at the request of the Credit Valley Artisans. As the artisan's president, Gretchen Day, put it, "We felt it was

time to talk to somebody who had been where we're going". Mrs. Dawson was involved with the Burlington Cultural Centre from the very early stages of the feasibility study, which in their case was an on-again, off-again project that lasted about seven years. The original group behind the centre in Burlington were arts and crafts people, but it expanded to include photographers, weavers, sculptors and

rug-hookers. THROWNOUT

The first recommendation to council suggested a building with a price tag of \$477,000 which council requested be reduced to \$277,000. When this was accomplished, council threw the proposal out, Mrs. Dawson sald.

Following that setback, the arts groups banded together and formed a group called Arts Burlington, and they held an arts show called Kalcidoscope. Kaleldoscope was an overwhelming success, with 300 artists participating in the show, and over 3,000 people in attendance. Mrs. Dawson said the success of the show, which is now an annual event in Burlington, proved that there was support in the community for the arts.

The group working on the next stage of the feasibility study decided to look into schools and talk to gallery

#### Award presented

Denny W.C. Andrews of Acton, was presented with the Star of Courage in Ottawa Friday by Canada's new governor-general Edward Schrey-

Mr. Andrews, who has resided in Acton for the past year, is a native of Newfoundland, where on Dec. 28, 1977, he saved two cousins from drowning when they fell through thin ice while skating near their

The decoration ceremony was held in the ballroom of Government House starting at 11:30 a.m. In total the governor-general presented one Cross of Valour, nine Stars of Courage and 18 Medals of Bravery.

owners. Other groups getting involved in the project at that time were the garden club and the choral society. The Joseph Brant museum was also involved in the early stages, but

later pulled out. "If you're going to go big. you have to have the people behind you," Mrs. Dawson said, "You can't just have the 700 people involved in crafts".

"My advice would be to bring all the groups under one umbrella," she continued. "You should have everybody in the Halton Hills Arts Council, with every group having representation on it".

PAID HALF In 1973, the city paid half of the fee for the architect to conduct a feasibility study, Mrs. Dawson said. But as the costs began to get higher and the project began to expand, some of the groups involved began to get nervous about the project.

"You have to have a group of people who will stick their neeks out and who will be committed to the project for the duration," she said. "The museum and the little theatre group both became afraid of the dollars inclved and pulled out. We figured later that we should have had them involved at an earlier stage to make them more enthusiastic about

In another gallery, the sculpture section was on the second floor, but the decorative staircase to the second floor was such that most pieces couldn't be carried up on the staircase. As a result, the gallery had to install an expensive elevator, rather than tear out the staircase, Mrs. Dawson

The key people in any organizing committee on this type of project are the site committee, the administration and operation people and the fund-raising committee, she said.

"Just because the town is giving you the land doesn't mean you have to take the first site they offer you", Mrs. Dawson said. "Your site committee has to be firm".

Among the sites which the city of Burlington offered the cultural centre committee were an old house which the city was trying to preserve for its historical value, but which was out in the middle of nowhere and a golf course building which was also inaccessible, and not designed to allow the handicapped access to the entire building.

"If you have to drive more than thirty minutes to get to a gallery or a theatre, then you're culturally deprived,'

Mrs. Dawson said. APPROACHED GROUPS In designing the building, the committee approached the different craft groups and artists who might make use of such a centre, and asked them what their requirements would be. Meeting rooms which could be rented out for revenue were

also included in the design. The actual financing for the project came from three areas - one -third from the city of Burlington, one-third from Wintario grants and one-third from private and corporate donations, Mrs. Dawson said. The city's financing actually

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## Local Federal campaign begins before PM Trudeau's election call

By PETER WEST Herald special

Even though Prime Minister Piecre Trudeau has not called the candidates to the poll, the race down the campaign trail has begun in George - n

"I've been on it for a year and a half," says Progressive Conservative candida e John McDermid, "I'm anxious for the writ to be issued. We've been ready for an election call twice. We geared up for an election in June (1978) and again in theober and we've started gearing up again."

New Democratic Party candidate David Moulton says he had been out canvassin. throughout the riding for the last four weeks.

"I was out in the 10-below weather," he says, "I've talked with about 300 people so far and I would like to talk with



DAVID MOULTON

Ross Milne, meumbent Peel-Dutterm-Simcoe MP and Liberal candidate for the new riding of Brampton-Georgetown, says he really hasn't started his campaign for the riding seat. For now, he says he is too busy being the memher of Parliament for his present riding. The riding change is a result of changes in the ruling boundaries brought into effect by Parliament for the upcoming election).

RIDING CHANGE "I've tried to do the same work since July 8, 1974." (the last federal election) says Milne, "I'm not actively campagging yet, since I am extremely busy, just being the member of Parliament. For the last three or four Satur-

days I started work at 8 a.m. in the riding office and I am hardly through before 3 p.m." The riding also has a fourth candidate, Communist Gordon

All three major candidates say they believe the election will be called in June. Each named June 18th as the most likely choice for an election

"I'd say in June," said Moulton. "I don't see a May electun. But I'm quite pleased with the way things have developed. We have a good organization. Even friends from my high school days have called and offered their help. We don't have everything in place, but I'm very happy with the organization so far."

SIXTY DAYS Milne says the election will be called in June and suggested the 18th. He said once the election is called the campaign will run for 60 days after that and that's long enough.

"Our eampaign team has hern busy organizing for the campaign," he says.

Nevertheless, Milne says he has little time to campaign personally since he is seeing almost 25 people Saturdays at his riding office.

"It's one thing to see that number of people," says Milne, "Then I go to Ottawa" and by the next weekend I've got to have done something for

hese people, Often the problents they bring in are mapple cared matters?

We should be bearing about he election in early- to mid-April for a mid-June election, says McDermid.

"I've gone so far as to say June 18," he says, "but Trudean will call it when he wants

Before that time, McDermid says, he or one of his representaines will knock on every door in the riding twice. There are more than 2,000 members in the PC association for Brampton-Georgetown and McDerund saxs he is still delivering memberships as he campaigus.

"Realistically, I'll knock on the doors of a quarter of the ribing myself," be says, "On a Sahaday I'll try and do a couple of polls. I'm trying to hir the newer areas. Old Georgetown know of me and my family, and old Brampton is the same."

ONE ISSUE The number one issue people are talking about is the economy in all its various facets, says McDermud. People are concerned about inflation and the falling dollar and the unemployment situation, even hough Georgetown has not suffered as much as some

areas." Capital punishment is another major issue with Mc-

Dermid "I'm a retentionist," he says, "I've always supported capital punishment for firstdegree murder, for killing of police officers, prison guards, bremen on duty, and any death resulting from high jackings.

"We owe pato our policemen. If they think this helps them in their job, let's give it to them," he says.

Summing up his stand, Me-Dermid said, "the national



JOHN McDERMID

issues are the Georgetown is-

Saturday, Moulton was canvassing in the Heart Lake area in Brampton, Having Just started campaigning in earnest, Moulton says it was diffienly to peg down specific is-

"I would say there's been real disappointment with the Liberal government. This is especially true of people in the middle income bracket where the anti-inflation bureau has let them behind the eight ball," 'he said. "Yet people are being reasonable about wages. They don't want more than a piece of the pie."

\*INTERESTING PARTS

"People are warried about the size of government," he said. "How do you contend with a government that spends \$54 billion? What to do about it is one of the more interesting parts of campaigning. Our

street is we want better 2 "mbact"

make a shulton said it's me good to cur down the size of the government suddenly since such action would put more people on to the unemployment insurance or welfare rolls.

"We've got to stop having haplayard planning," he said. to his brochure, Moulton reverates his party's program to create new pobs. It says there should be unmediate tax cir's for low-income people. A nousing and public transit program to create construction jobs and meet important needs

is necessary. A program to aid

ROSS MILNE

smail businesses and help them have more workers, especially in smaller communiites, and a capital works program for sewers, roads and other public construction will promore more jobs.

One of the NDP slogans Moubon uses on his literature is "A nation out of work can't work as a nation".

There are four major issues right now, said Milne; ec-

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ENERGY ISSUES "Energy will be a substan-

"tal issue," he said. "There are a lot of pressures on now with the political situation in Iran. "There are problems with the position taken by the Conservative leader where he says he'll leave energy to private industry. Also, the NDP are very strong on public ownership of the industry. We are being middle of the road,' he said. "As was shown recently by Exxon, the national oil companies don't always represent the best interests of the country. In future deals on energy will be between government and government."

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