

Milton meeting

Women's Place cash discussed

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Finances were the main topic of discussion at the annual meeting for the corporation of

Haltos Women's Place, the proposed hostel for abused wives and their dependants. Approximately 30 members of the corporation heard fundraising committee chairman Stella Perkins outline a list of

projects which the committee will undertake during the coming months in an effort to raise money to establish and operate the hostel as soon as a suitable building can be found to house it.

Among these projects will be a concert May 30 in the Oakville Centre featuring the Hamilton Orpheus Male Choir and a plant sale in the Hope Dale Mall, Oakville on May 31, June 1 and 2. The group is also selling membership cards for \$3 and small buttons bearing the hostel logo and name for \$1 each. These buttons will raise revenue and help to publicize the hostel.

FUND RAISING

Mrs. Perkins said that a group of board members are preparing to address such service clubs and other groups as ask for guest speaker to explain the hostel. Letters are also being drafted to be sent to local corporations and service clubs asking for financial support. The committee is also preparing to approach the Oakville and Hamilton United Way for help with start-up funds once a location has been found for the hostel. The group has been invited to bid for the cost of printed materials it may need from the May Court Club of Oakville. The Oakville Multicultural Council has offered its services for future fundraising events as the committee plans them.

Mrs. Perkins said that at this point the group's biggest need is for volunteers in the fund raising area. Anyone interested in helping out can contact Peggy Balkind at the Halton Hills Legal Clinic (877-5250) or Terry Grubbe at the Acton Community Centre (854-3310) for further information.

EXPECTED COST

Although the fund raising campaign was only kicked off officially at last Wednesday's meeting in Milton the corporation has already received almost \$1,600 in donations from various groups and individuals including \$500 from Xerox Corporation of Canada with a pledge of equal support in 1980, and \$250 from the Halton Women Teacher's Federation. This is only a drop in the bucket, however, since it is expected to cost \$130,000 to make the hostel operational depending on its size and its staffing.

Properly committee chairman Louise Hebb said that her committee is still looking at building in the Milton area since this is the geographical centre of Halton and thus the most easily accessible to all Halton's communities. Nothing suitable has been found so far but she pointed out that donations of household articles would be accepted gratefully at any time since these will be needed to furnish and equip the building when the hostel is established.

Among the dignitaries attending the meeting were Halton MPP Julian Reed, regional council representative Ron Planché, Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook and Halton NDP candidate Doug Black.

New Chamber executive

Bill Crawford, manager of Union Gas, was elected president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce at the annual dinner April 24.

Mr. Crawford takes over the position from George Gray, who has been president for several years.

Also elected to the executive were Jim Gordon as first vice-president, and Brenda Sissett as second vice-president. Nominated as directors were Rick West, George Howie, Bill Manderson, Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Dick Willis, Al Rice, Al Fraser, Murray Lawton and Doug Penrice.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Crawford said Georgetown is a fast-growing community, and "with the Chamb-



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er, we feel confident we can assist and add to anything which council recommends for our business community."

Members of the chamber should be a community among themselves as businessmen, and work together to serve the community. Mr. Crawford said.

"We've got a good mayor, we've got a good council, we've got a good community and good businessmen — let's all work together," he said.

Halton candidates

Two new candidates have entered the race for the Halton constituency in the May 22 federal election.

Karen Seick, 26, a lawyer for a "major chartered bank" and a Toronto resident will represent the Libertarian party while Robert Ritchie, 41, a self-employed public accountant from Oakville will run as an independent.

Ms. Seick doesn't expect to win the riding but explained that the party's main goal is to make people aware that there is an alternative party. The Libertarian Party hopes to run 60 candidates in this election.

"We believe that people are intelligent enough and responsible enough to make their own decisions. We'd like to see the freedom of choice transferred back to the individual," she said.



NEW SORORITY PLEDGES

The Beta Sigma Phi sorority welcomed eighteen new pledges Thursday evening. The new members are, front row, left to right, Val Rule-Cassie, Janet McLean, Elaine Large, and Mary Wild. Middle row, left to right, Marie Gilliss, Dianne Bailey,

Donna Waller, Peggy Pankuch, Sue Schmeier, and Andrea Van de Valk. Back row, left to right, Joann Luck, Bev Owen, Frieda Alonzi, Linda Piukkala, Tina Yaremy, Jaqui Gillespie and Donna Patterson.

Clergy Comment

Why we are not one

By PETER RALPH
Georgetown Alliance Church

"Why can't we all be one?"

The lady who originated this question paused, after discovering I was a minister, only long enough to say that she was a member of a large Canadian denomination before landing this question on me.

I surmised that she wanted no answer as I said no more. But here is the answer I'd give today.

i. We are not one because we listen to one another only long enough to hear our own principles affirmed or denied. Beyond this we do not care to hear.

ii. We are not one because we will not admit that our way is incomplete, and that we need what others have to offer.

iii. We are not one because we can only think of what we want to say instead of what we need to hear.

iv. We are not one because we are satisfied simply to listen for what others SAY, instead of hearing what they MEAN.

In areas of unity among christian churches there are at least two hyperperisies. One says that there are no differences between us. The other says that all differences are matters of life and death. Neither is true.

I suspect that if a union such as my questioner suggested were actually to come to pass we would discover that the real differences between us are

distinctions which we want at all costs to keep because they represent the things that give us our individual reasons for being.

But, should we begin to really listen, long and hard, in our local churches to what other churches are saying we would find that the list of things separating us would shrink dramatically.

And as we uncover the "irreducible minimum" that makes each of us what we are, we would discover the differences between union and unity.



Lara Blate (left) knew that Mrs. J. Runham and the women of the St. John's United church Women would be serving up great goodies at their Saturday bake sale at

Zeller's. And why shouldn't she, Mrs. Runham is her grandmother.

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