

Halton Women's Place board chairman Terry Grubbe holds one end of a quilt made by the Maple Grove United Church Women and donated to the fund raising committee. The quilt is a collectors item depicting the International Year of the Child and raffle tickets are available from committee members.

(Herald photo)

Women's hostel needs money to ensure March 1 opening

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Halton Women's Place fund-raisers put out an urgent call for cash Thursday evening at the first meeting in the building which has been rented as a proposed hostel for battered wives and their children.

The hostel needs \$25,000 by the end of the year, according to funding chairman Stella Perkins, to ensure that its doors can open on the March 1 deadline tentatively set by the board of directors. The present bank balance stands at \$20,000.

Halton Women's Place will be a two and a half storey red brick building on Hugh Street in Milton beside the police station. The house will have five bedrooms, a dining-kitchen area, living room, playroom in the basement, laundry room, two bathrooms, two offices and an enclosed yard for a playground.

The house must be renovated, however, and at present the board doesn't know if the hostel will qualify for a grant from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) or whether renovation costs must come out of the hostel's

own funds.

Finance committee chairman Peggy Balkind said that the board is facing a "catch-22 situation" in trying to get funding for the hostel.

CMHC is willing to insure a mortgage for the board in such a way that the interest rate will be subsidized from the regular rate down to two per cent when the board buys the building, but would prefer to see it operate for six months to a year before backing such a move.

AGREED TO RENT

The region has agreed to rent the building to the hostel through 1980 for \$1. At the end of that time, the board may purchase it, but no accurate appraisal has yet been made to establish the price of the house.

In order to get a renovation grant from CMHC, however, the board must own the building and the building must comply to a maintenance and occupancy bylaw. Milton council has approved the bylaw, but some doubt remains as to the area of coverage.

An operating budget of approximately \$96,000 has been

set for the hostel for 1980. The region has granted the hostel a per diem rate of \$15 per head, the highest rate available, and will supply \$63,000 of the annual funds. The remaining \$33,000 must be raised through the funding committee.

After the hostel has been in operation for a couple of years, an application can be made to the United Way for support funds, Mrs. Balkind said.

Building committee chairman Louise Hebbe said that furnishing the building will cost about \$40,000. However individuals, service clubs and community organizations can help by donating furniture as well as money.

An Oakville service club has promised a dishwasher, stove and fridge to the hostel, while a Dundas firm has offered a free-standing hammock and children's backyard gym set and a Milton club has offered to furnish the children's playroom, Mrs. Hebbe said.

Mrs. Hebbe also said that while the board must hire a contractor in order to meet region standards, it will look for one willing to accept help: so that service clubs or individuals willing to donate time or skills can pitch in.

Mrs. Perkins said that the committee has three projects underway at this time. Members are selling pens, hockey books with space to record a young player's personal statistics for a year, and tickets on a Year of the Child quilt to be raffled off.

SEEK FUNDS

Funding committees in each of the region's four towns will be contacting minister, lawyers, doctors and businesses during the next couple of weeks asking for donations. Although service clubs have

already been contacted, reminders will be sent out to them as well.

"While you sit here looking at me, women are bleeding and being beaten," Mrs. Perkins said. "I don't know where we'll get the money, but we'll get it. This place has to open. I can't do it alone. We're asking you to do something, anything to help."

The following items can be donated to help furnish the

hostel: bunk beds, lamps, mirrors, bedding for bunk size beds, baby cribs and bedding, dressers, bedside mats, bedside tables, electric clocks, dishes (preferably dishwasher and ovenproof), hairdryers, towels, kitchen linens, canisters, glasses, working televisions, tablecloths, cutlery, ironing board, electric iron, coffee mugs.

Janice Kron, chairman of the Halton Hills funding committee, could also use volunteers to help with her campaign. At present, Mrs. Kron has only two other members on her committee. She can be reached at 877-0031 for offers of help on the committee or donations to the hostel.

Shoppers complain about BIA proposals

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youngsters from tossing the bark chip much around, as is now the case. The alternative to bark chip, he pointed out, would be more dangerous gravel and rocks or unsightly chickenwire or bare earth.

Proposed improvements to the traffic flow situation in the main parking lot east of Main Street would involve well-defined directional indicators

at two of the lot's three entrances, adjacent to the McGibbon Hotel and the Georgetown Hydro property.

Existing walkways leading onto Main Street could be beautified with colourful but inexpensive murals and several decorative, vandal-proof lamps, Mr. Martel suggested.

The architect showed several photographic slides of Vancouver's attempt to beautify downtown streets by suspend-

ing double banners from either side of streetlight standards. The banners featured uniform emblems or special municipal designs in bright colours.

"I think things are healthy in downtown Georgetown," Mr. Martel said when asked to comment on ongoing BIA efforts, "at least, judging from what I've seen in the past couple of years here, we've come a long way from what it was ten years ago."

Residents to be told of new lagoon sites

Having been chastised for attempting to relocate a sludge lagoon without informing area residents, Halton region's public works committee has recommended that the region should notify, in writing, all property owners within 400 feet of any newly proposed sites.

The region had previously attempted to build a sludge lagoon at the Seventh Line and 10 Sideroad, opposite an existing lagoon on the Eighth Line.

When local residents got wind of the proposal, however, they made their objections known to the region.

It was then decided the existing lagoon would simply be expanded.



Chairman Jack Raftis and Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeewich made a special presentation on behalf of the region to Dr. Joseph Chamberlain. The painting they presented, "Autumn Leaves" by Dr. Hal Newman, is a favorite scene of Dr. Chamberlain's some 500 yards from the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

(Herald photo by Richard Petrashek)



Mayor Pete Pomeroy presents retiring Medical Officer of Health for Halton Dr. J. H. Chamberlain with a pen and pencil set on behalf of the people of Georgetown, in recognition of the work Chamberlain has done for them.

(Herald photo)

Region honors Chamberlain

Dr. Joseph Chamberlain, the retiring Halton Medical Officer of Health, was showered with gifts and praise at a special reception held in his honor in the regional council chambers last week.

Coun. Mike Armstrong, who has known Dr. Chamberlain literally from birth (the doctor brought Mike and brother Paul into the world) spoke with great affection about the contributions the doctor has made to the region and more particularly about his long association with Halton Hills. Dr. Chamberlain has worked in the region for 32 years.

After serving as a captain in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps during World War II, Dr. Chamberlain set up practice in Georgetown.

He was chief of staff at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and also the Halton

County coroner during his years of practice.

Dr. Chamberlain accepted the post of Medical Officer of Health for the county and director of the Halton Health Unit, when he retired from practice in 1970.

Dr. Chamberlain's affinity for Georgetown was acknowledged with the presentation of painting "Autumn Leaves" by Dr. Hal Newman, from the region. It depicts a woodsey scene some 500 yards from Georgetown hospital, where Dr. Chamberlain would often take afternoon strolls.

Each of the four mayors in the region presented Dr. Chamberlain with gifts on behalf of their citizens.

Dr. Gordon Inglis has been appointed the interim Medical Officer of Health until a permanent replacement is named.

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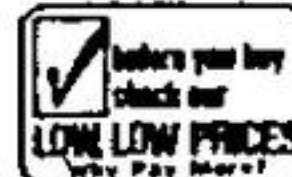
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