



'WE WANT BENJI!'

The Maple Nursery School youngsters have already toured The Herald, but once they'd heard about Hollywood, the print and the pressroom just weren't enough. Classes Three in the Hilton Hills Shopping Plaza welcomed a small crowd of pre-schoolers Thursday afternoon for a private look-see at the premises, including the projection room, where theatre manager Tom Cleaver explained some of the equipment.

(Herald photo)

McDonald House: caring and sharing

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if they can afford it and nothing if they cannot.

If parents want to bring some of their other children to the house while the sick child is being treated, they can do so.

"We hope the house will give the parents the mental strength the doctors cannot," says Jeanne Grierson, one of the house's spokespersons.

"Then the parents can give more strength to the kids," she says. "The mental attitude to this is so important."

The hospital diagnoses approximately 200 cases of leukemia each year. Over 60 per cent of the children are from out of town.

Ms. Grierson predicts that the house will be 90 to 100 per cent full at all times.

If there is any extra space, parents of children with other disorders who need a place to stay can use the house.

The home away from home is the first Ronald McDonald House to open in Canada, but plans are underway for more in Montreal and Vancouver.

It cost approximately \$1.5 million to get the house operating, but McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited has

pledged \$400,000 over the next three years to help with the costs.

The house is named after the company's clown as a result. COCO is trying hard to raise the rest of the money and is counting heavily on pledges from other organizations.

Kinmen Clubs have already agreed to sell a double record album of 50's and 60's hits, called "Lookin' Back". It is now being sold in Toronto by radio station CKFM.

Of the \$10 price, \$5.23 goes directly to the house.

Numerous Toronto designers and furniture wholesalers have contributed by voluntarily designing each of the 21 bedrooms, the office, lounges, washrooms and kitchen.

The rooms are beautiful, elegant and cozy designer showcases.

To show them off, thank the designers and raise more money for "the house that love built", as it is called, the house will open as a showhouse next Friday, April 10.

Visitors can tour the splendid home for the next month. Admission, which includes a souvenir program is \$4 for adults and \$3 for groups

of 10 or more, seniors and juniors.

Ronald McDonald Houses began in 1974 in Philadelphia and have spread across the United States.

A year-and-a-half ago, COCO decided to start a house in Toronto.

It now stands complete with toys donated by Fisher Price and note paper in the bedrooms.

All members of the house's board of directors have children with leukemia or have lost children from the disease.

Toronto Maple Leaf Captain Darryl Sittler is honorary chairman of COCO and among the house patrons are Premier Bill Davis; Maple Leaf Gardens president Harold Ballard; Johnny Wayne; Frank Shuster; Senator Keith Davey; provincial coroner Dr. Elie Cass and Metro Toronto chairman Paul Godfrey.

Ms. Grierson says the people who are running the house will have to be "enormously strong" to deal with the high emotions and unavoidable tragedies that will be occurring within the families using the house.

However, she says: "They will all get strength from one another. Everyone who is staying at the house will be going through something."

While many of the children will be treated for a period of a few weeks at a time at the hospital, many of them will die.

The house and those connected with it will help the parents to cope with their grief.

"We have to get over our desire to put it in the closet," Ms. Grierson says. "We have to say 'cancer'. We have to say 'death'."

"The look in the parents' eyes over at the hospital says it all. If this house can help them, then building it is all worthwhile."



With golden arches rising in the background, Holly Hulme (left) and Helen Russell (centre) joined McDonald's marketing manager Jo Lister to pose with a plaque honoring their Georgetown outlet's efforts to sell Ronald McDonald coloring calendars. The calendars, which sold for 50 cents a piece, helped raise money for Ronald McDonald House in Toronto, a residence for parents with children being treated for leukemia. About 5,000 calendars were sold by the local crew. The Georgetown restaurant sold more calendars than any other for the second year running.

(Herald photo)

ENGAGEMENTS

LAROSE — GIRARDI
Mr. & Mrs. M. Girardi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Silvana, to Mr. Richard LaRosa, son of Mr. & Mrs. John LaRosa of Georgetown, Ont. 141855

MARRIAGES

PATRICK — BETTES
Lois Bettes and Edward (Ted) Patrick, both of Georgetown wish to announce their marriage, which took place quietly on April 4th. Rev. Alan Bennett of First United Church, St. Catharines, cousin of the groom, performed the ceremony. 154515awwl

BIRTHS

EVERS: Tony and Bonnie are happy to announce the safe arrival of Tanya's sister, Courtney Christine Patricia, on March 29, 1981. Weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. Born 8:07 a.m. at Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to Drs. Ford and Landry and the O.B. Staff. 156215bnf

CARDS OF THANKS

PRESTON — I wish to thank my friends & relatives, Ladies Auxiliary Branch 120, Tour Blue Lodge, Senior Citizens & Blue Triangle Clubs, Rev. Barrow, Rev. Mitchell, Dr. Kennedy & the Nurses on Ward B.H.P. For their kindness during my stay in hospital. — Hazel Preston

MEMORIALS

MORRIS — In loving memory of our dear son, Arthur, who passed away suddenly April 15, 1981.

When all is still and silent, And sleep forsakes my eyes, My thoughts are in the silent grave.

Where my dear son Arthur lies. Time speeds on, thirteen years have passed, Since death, its gloomy shadow cast. Those whom we love Go out of sight, But never out of mind. They are cherished in the heart Of those they leave behind. We love you and sadly miss you. As it dawns another year, In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are very near. — Sadly missed and lovingly remembered, Mom and step-father Ron.

MORRIS — In loving memory of Arthur who passed away April 16, 1981.

In the lives of those who loved you, Precious memories of days that are gone. — Ever remembered by sisters, Pearl, Doreen, Lillian and their families. 158315m

DEATHS

YOUNG, John Leslie — On Saturday, April 4, 1981 at Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital. Leola Young of Terra Colla in his 75th year. Beloved husband of Marion "Belle" Raines and dear father of George of Vancouver, John of Leduc, Alberta, Dr. Alan of Terra Colla, Marion (Mrs. G. Lockman) of Glen Williams, Charlotte (Mrs. John Zych) of Calgary, Alberta. Foster father of Bill Shank of Toronto. Also lovingly remembered by eight grandchildren. Rested at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street, Georgetown. Funeral service was held Monday afternoon from Union Presbyterian Church, Interment Union Cemetery. In memory contributions to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. 158315m

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