

CHAMBER, NEW KIN GREETED



Local Kinsmen were busy last Wednesday night at their special "Chamber of Commerce Night" meeting, fielding questions to Chamber vice-president Doug Peatrice (of Beaumont Knitting Mills in Glen Williams) and honoring new Kins member Don Mashinter. Here (from left to right) Doug and Don join Kins president Don Pearson following the presentation of Kinsmen pins and a membership certificate to the new member. (Herald photo)

Acton centre could handle 50 kids

Father, son would open daycare

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special
This community could have its own daycare centre in operation in the not too distant future if plans materialize for George and David Cromb.

The father and son have almost finalized a lease on a building close to schools, the park, the library and Highway 7 and are interviewing staff to open a centre capable of handling up to 50 youngsters. They have already discussed their plans with the ministry of community and social services who would license them and are working on regional approval so that a municipal subsidy would be available to families who need it in order to use the centre.

The centre would not be subsidized itself, the elder Mr. Cromb stressed. The region would subsidize individual families unable to meet their proposed \$11 per child per day fee.

George Cromb was superintendent of secondary schools for the ministry of education of Halton until 1969 and has also served as director of education for the department of defense and for Canadian Indians and Eskimos.

His son David, a Georgetown resident, has studied at the University of Guelph and is married to a high school teacher now employed by the Peel board of education. His interest in the welfare of children developed from his wife's stories of problems she has seen with students as well as horror stories told by his contemporaries of experience in daycare and babysitting arrangements.

Their centre, which will be called The Village School will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week and will accept youngsters up to 10 years of age. They will provide hot, nutritious lunches and snacks and have a staff with specialized knowledge and experience who are sympathetic to the needs of children in this age group, Mr. Cromb said.

They aren't sure whether they really want to tackle care of children under 18 months of age but they won't rule it out until they find out where the need for daycare lies. If a lot of mothers have babies needing care as well as older preschoolers then they may include the service.

They also intend to offer half-day programs as well as noon-hour and before and after school programs for the six-to-10-year-olds.

Mr. Cromb said they aren't sure what the need is in Acton since they have only distributed pamphlets on their plans late last week. Once people start calling them at 877-7310 or sending in replies to The Village School, Box 206, Georgetown, they will have a better idea what services Acton people need.

The Acton school won't be their only location, Mr. Cromb said, since they are busy completing arrangements for a similar 50-child centre in Georgetown.

They have had good response to the advertisements and pamphlets they distributed there a couple of weeks ago and are sure that centre will be filled.

Mr. Cromb said they also looked at north Oakville because of a need that was expressed for more space there and they have also looked at Brampton. They may even look at whether Guelph has need of more daycare space.

Since Halton Hills seems to have gotten short-changed as far as daycare is concerned, it seemed a logical place to set up a private facility, he said.

The plan is to have their facilities at an easily accessible location so parents who commute can drop off their youngsters easily and have the peace of mind of knowing what kind of care their children get while they are at work.

Mr. Cromb pointed out that it is illegal for any babysitter to keep more than four youngsters on a regular basis unless she is registered as a daycare centre and has met government standards.

Mr. Cromb said he looked at the old stone school as a potential site for the facility in Acton but had to reject it because of mechanical problems. It is also a bit too large for their needs.

He also looked at various schools with vacant rooms

with a view to setting it up in one of them but couldn't find one with sufficient space in one building to meet his needs this year.

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Founder's Day celebrated

Beta Sigma Phi marks 50th birthday

This April 30, Beta Sigma Phi, the women's social, service and cultural organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary all over the world with Founder's Day activities ranging from small gatherings to huge banquets for thousands of members.

Beta Sigma Phi is the largest Greek letter sorority and has grown in its 50-year history from one chapter of seven women to a sorority of 250,000 women active in chapters in 32 countries throughout the world.

Across the United States and Canada, local and state government officials are signing proclamations that recognize April 30, 1980, to April 30, 1981, as "Beta Sigma Phi Year" in their cities and provinces.

Life, learning and friendship are the bywords of Beta Sigma Phi. Begun in the midst of the Depression by Walter Ross, Beta Sigma Phi was originally designed to provide an outlet for women who, in those hard financial times, could not attend college and were obliged to remain home and support their families. Walter Ross provided these women with a program of cultural study so they could have a chance at intellectual and social growth.

From the first chapter formed in Abilene, Kansas, Beta Sigma Phi has grown from a small social and cultural group into an international sorority that devotes much time to service efforts as well. Hardly a charitable, health or cultural group exists today that has not been helped in some way by Beta Sigma Phi.

Some local Beta Sigma Phi projects: Theta Phi chapter in Acton has donated supplies to the Women's Hostel in Milton and donated money to the Activan bus. Xi Delta Beta in Georgetown supports the Cancer Society and donate to the Georgetown Little Theatre. Xi Epsilon Chi of Acton helped a needy family at Christmas and will be holding a breast self-examination clinic in the near future. Zeta Phi in Georgetown has donated a

plaque to the Georgetown Cultural Centre and has donated money to Meals on Wheels in the past. Of course, cultural and social activities still continue among the chapters. Each year, members are provided with a different outline of study in the liberal arts. Members also plan socials throughout the year, including traditional events like Founder's Day.

This year's Founder's Day celebration was held yesterday (Tuesday) at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The anniversary was observed by the four chapters here in Georgetown and Acton, and by all other chapters around the world. Betty Christie, President of Xi Delta Beta and President of Halton Hills City Council chaired the Founder's Day

activities. Other members taking part in the program were Shelagh Wirth, Theta Phi; Maggie Hall, Theta Phi; Lorrie Ryan, Xi Delta Beta; Susan Johnson, Xi Epsilon Chi; Cheryl Robinson, Theta Phi; Susan Worton, Zeta Phi; Iuba Marshall, Zeta Phi; and Sharon Caswell, Xi Epsilon Chi.

Awards will be presented to local members by Marjorie Nazer, our honored guest.

Tonight's the night!

Girl meets teen idol; girl falls in love. The classic story of a fan's adulation is what "Bye Bye Birdie" is all about, and the ever-popular Broadway hit is coming to Stewart-Town Senior Public School tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

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