

'Countryside' visit leaves guests impressed

# Retarded can cope

Visitors to Countryside, the residential centre for the mentally retarded near Hornby last Wednesday were amazed at the activities its residents were demonstrating.

The North Halton Association

tion for the Mentally Retarded held open houses last Wednesday at its area facilities.

"This is for mildly or moderately retarded people," said director Patti Wilson, "and many of them

graduate to live independently in the community.

"Countryside focuses on life skill training and counselling to enable individuals to reach their optimum level of independence. Graduates from here move into apartments, still under the supervision

of trained staff, and hopefully from there, they are able to live on their own in the community."

Some of the skills learned at the centre include banking, grocery shopping and housekeeping skills.

"They don't necessarily have to be able to read and write to do these things," said Ms. Wilson. "There are other ways to train them."

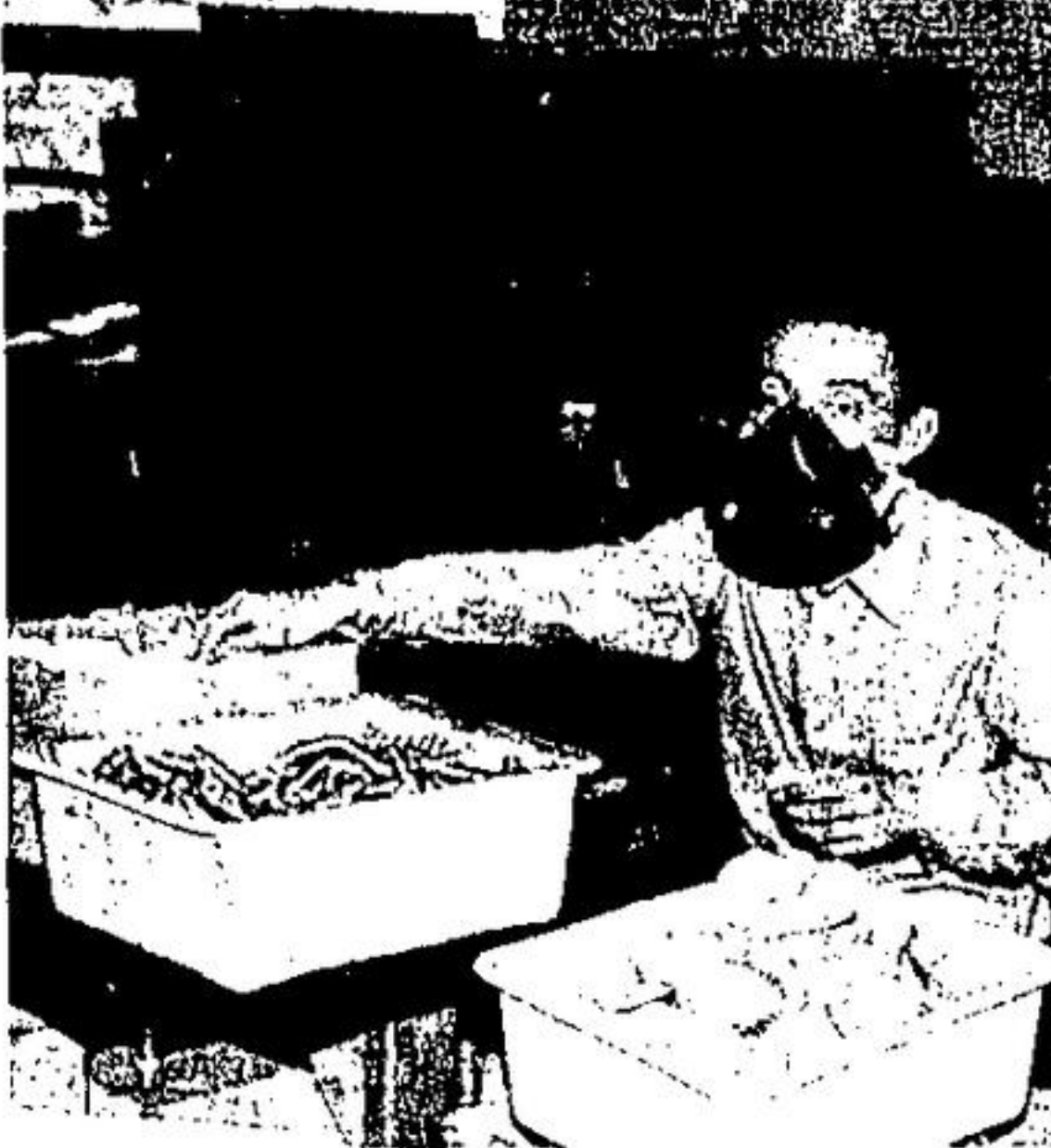
Countryside is looking for volunteers to help with its many programs and to befriend the residents.

"Residents need to be able to talk to people other than the staff and their families," she said.

Also on Wednesday, ARC Industries, NHAMR's work facility for handicapped employees, held its open house. Workers demonstrated rewebbing lawn chairs, packaging, labeling and using accounting machines.



Patti Wilson, director of Countryside residential centre for the mentally retarded, stopped for tea during the centre's open house last Wednesday. Countryside's 16 residents study life skill training in preparation for living independently in the community.



The handicapped employees of ARC Industries near Hornby reweb lawn chairs, package, label and assemble parts and learn to use accounting machines. Members of the public saw how these two trainees employed their trade at the open house last Wednesday. Also on hand was a special cake and baked goods to celebrate the occasion.

(Herald photo)

## On the police beat

There have been eight break and enter or vandalism cases in Georgetown since Thursday.

Georgetown District High School was spray-painted with graffiti, resulting in \$1,000 damage to the exterior Thursday night.

The Baskin and Robbins store on Guelph Street in Georgetown lost \$130 from a cash box and received \$220 damage when thieves smashed the glass in the side door Friday night.

Vandals entering Home Hardware in Acton set off an alarm Saturday morning and were quick to leave the scene. Also Saturday morning, Hi Neighbour Mini Mart on Main Street was broken into, although nothing was taken.

A 1977 Ford Van valued at \$8,000 was stolen from the driveway of Lot 11, Concession 11 Sunday.

Sometime over the weekend \$700 worth of fireworks intended for the Bang-o-Rama celebrations were taken from the Optimist Club agricultural shed on Park Street.

The glass was kicked out of the side door of the Georgetown Bowl, Sunday, causing \$300 damage.

Vandals used a glass cutter to enter the front window of Games People Play on Guelph Street and stole \$500 cash, and did \$180 damage, Monday morning.

## Rotary hosts casino night

The advantage to bettors is that, regardless of what kind of prior experience they may have had at gambling, they can be assured that the dealer will gladly give an explanation of the game and information on the betting.

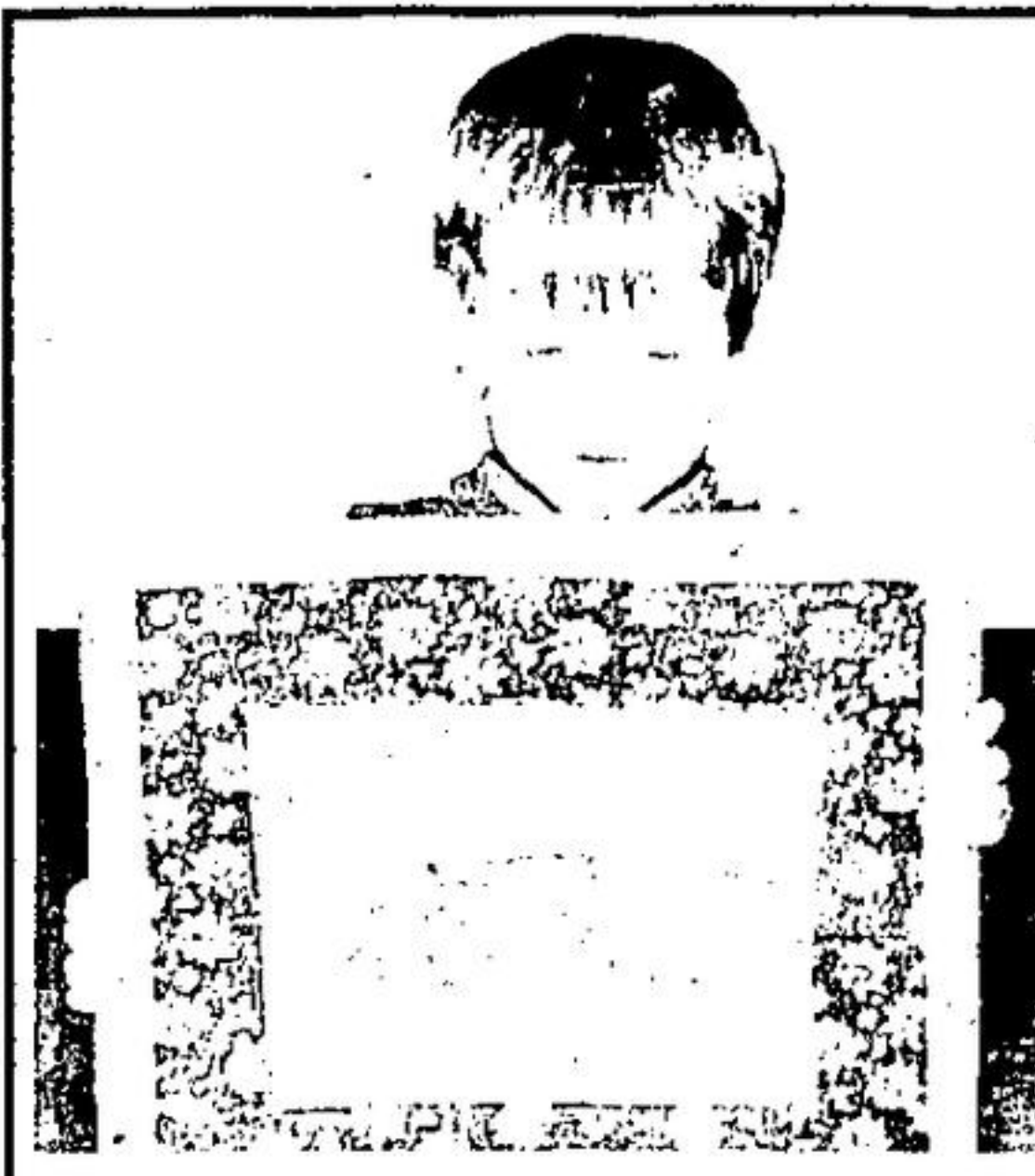
Mr. Irwin's dealers have about 540 hours of training, divided between blackjack, baccarat, roulette and dice. Eventually, he'd like to see them work in large Las Vegas-style casinos in Canada.

Plans to put in a casino at Toronto's Exhibition Place have, at least for the time being, been temporarily shelved, however. Like beer in ball parks, there's something about organized gambling that's taboo in Ontario.

Anyway, sometime Saturday night one lucky couple will have picked up a trip to Las Vegas, just by being at the Rotary's Monte Carlo Night. The event, chaired by Ross Travel president Arend Ross, will feature 20 blackjack tables and 10 wheels of fortune.

It will be held in the Georgetown Memorial Arena beginning at 8 p.m. and the tickets (\$10 single, \$15 couple) are available from Ross Travel agency or any Rotarian. There will be food and musical entertainment as well, and as usual, the Club says it will commit funds raised during Monte Carlo night to the library-theatre centre.

Place your bet!



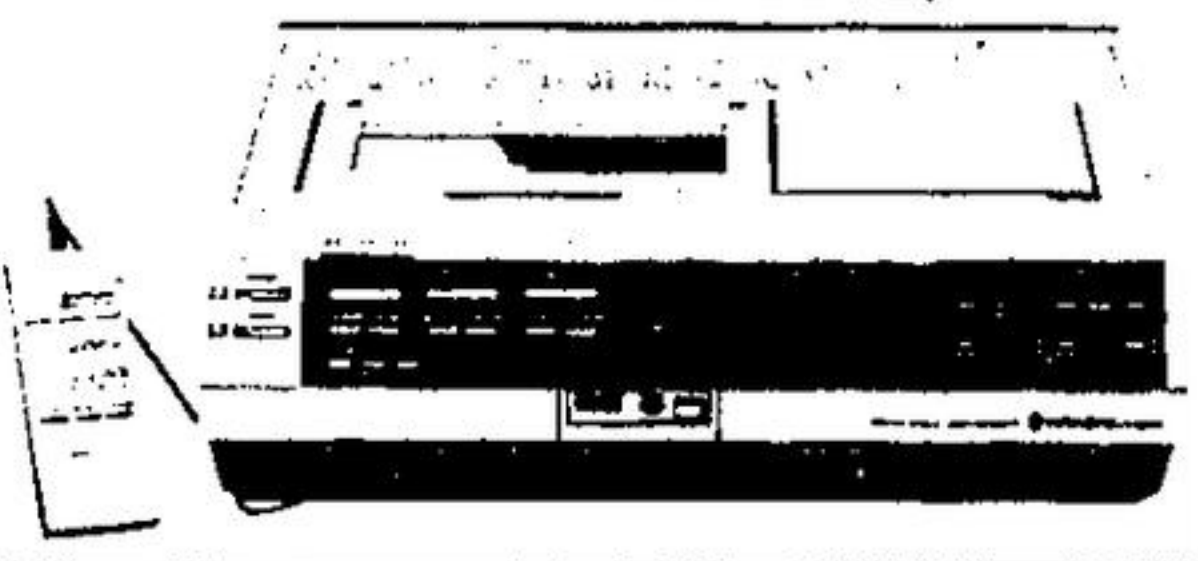
### ART COLLECTOR

Andrew Elnesky won this colorful picture at the Maple Nursery School's tea Friday. Other draws included a \$50 gift certificate and a rag doll. Proceeds went to the nursery. (Herald photo)

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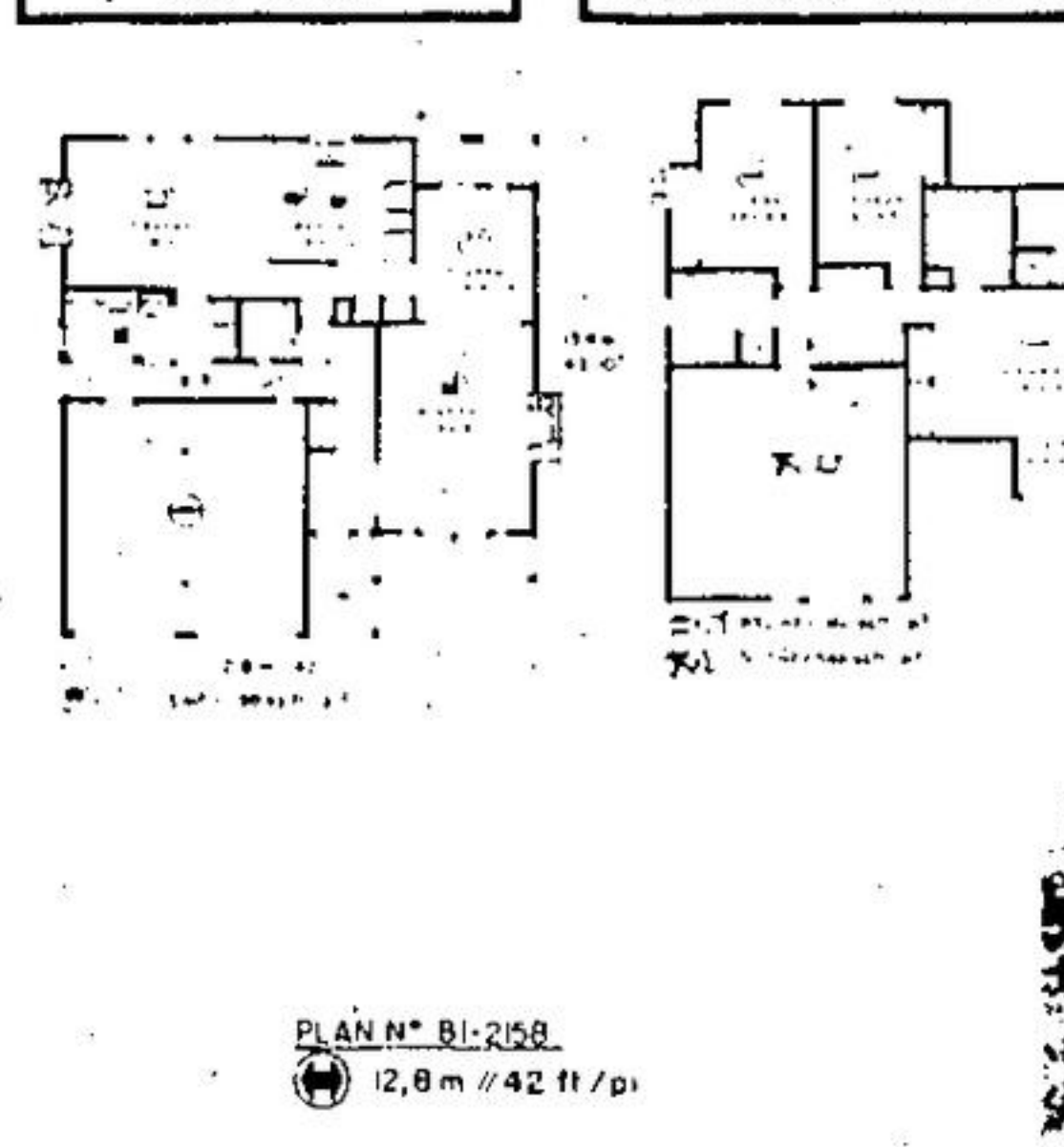
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A well-planned L-shape kitchen-dinette and family room combination occupies almost the entire rear half of the lower level floor plan, providing abundant lounge and recreational area for the active family. The kitchen area boasts a step-saving work triangle, generous cupboard storage and abundant countertop work surfaces.

A two-piece vanity bathroom is conveniently located to all lower level areas. All three bedrooms are positioned on the upper level, as is the four-piece master bathroom and the large un-finished lounge area. Each of the bedrooms provides generous closet storage and excellent natural light and view. The large master bedroom boasts a live-piece ensuite bathroom, with both tub and shower and twin vanity sinks, and a full walk-in closet.

The sunken un-finished area could be completed as an upper-level family room/TV lounge, or as a studio-office for the business-oriented family, or as a fourth bedroom, in accordance with individual family preferences and space requirements.

The weather-protected porch-style main entry leads into a spacious entrance foyer and outerwear storage area, from which traffic moves naturally to the right and into the long rectangular living dining room combination. The living room features a raised-hearth masonry fireplace and front-

facing French doors which open onto the wide verandah. The dining area has a sliding glass walk-through which provides access to the elevated rear balcony. The dining area separates from the kitchen via convenient pocket door, for privacy and easy separation of formal and informal dining styles.

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