

# Helping kids back on the straight and narrow

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Few things in life can be more puzzling than our legal system. Glancing at it from the outside can be a little unnerving; getting entangled in its toothy mechanisms can be a downright harrowing experience.

The Peel-Halton chapter of the Elizabeth Fry Society, a national charity has until recently, been mostly concerned with getting women back into productive life after falling out with the law.

But as the province's corrections ministry farms out some of its rehabilitative services to private agencies, the Society has broadened its mandate, administering "community service orders" in the

area (working off sentences) and in Peel, starting a program to help shoplifting offenders. Now there's an urgent need for voluntary probation counsellors in the Georgetown area, highlighting yet another branch of the post-offence system into which the Society has become involved.

The program, which has been operating in north Halton for about four months, already has one volunteer in Acton and three in Georgetown. But, the Society's community services co-ordinator, Cathy "Shane," told The Herald Monday that more volunteers are needed for "Probationers" living in the Georgetown area.

Local volunteers are particularly attractive prospects for the program, Ms. Shane

explained, because usually they know what kind of activities are going on in the community that may be "therapeutic" for the offender on his or her way toward healthy rehabilitation.

"Most probationers are extremely bored," Ms. Shane said. They don't know what is available in the community in terms of things to do or even jobs.

While the volunteers may not be actively finding work for their probationers, they at least "help them in that direction," Ms. Shane added.

During the once or twice a month meetings which may only last an hour and a half to two hours, the offender and the counsellor meet to assess how the probation is going and to

set new goals for the next meeting or even the long-term future.

Starting in September, volunteers will meet once a week for four weeks to learn about their new duties. Training sessions will include a basic understanding of the court procedure and this is adult court not the juvenile system since counsellors will be dealing with probationers 18 years of age and older.

Hopefully, Ms. Shane said, other volunteers who have had experience counselling offenders will join the sessions, describing their involvement with the new program.

"But it is also important to be able to listen to a person," she stressed. "That's what the Elizabeth Fry Society is all

about: listening to these people and making them feel comfortable."

Every six months the volunteers will get together to share their experiences. The Society is looking for candidates who can commit themselves to the program for at least a year, the length of most probationers.

And, Ms. Shane pointed out, there are other areas into which the counsellor can branch as part of the rehabilitative process.

"We're looking for mature people, at least 25 years of age, who have a real interest in the work and have a good knowledge of the community," she said. "Someone who is punitive or authoritarian probably wouldn't work out. The idea is to help and not to punish."

The first couple of sessions between the volunteer and the offender will likely take place in the office of Georgetown probation officer Dennis Kunze. But after that, it will be up to the probationer and his counsellor to decide on how future meetings will be conducted.

Most offenders will probably prefer the privacy of an office, Ms. Shane said. However, there is nothing wrong with going out for a coffee and a chat or taking in a baseball, football or hockey game together.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kunze is working with business and industry, convincing them that people on probation are generally trying to straighten out and deserve a second chance

with good jobs to back them up. Here's where a lot of the counsellor's work will lie, Ms. Shane maintains, building up the probationer's self-esteem so that he can approach life as a welcomed member of society rather than being a criminal element working against it.

Although probationer-counsellor teams are urged to overcome initial differences, some pairs simply don't work out. That doesn't mean this unique rehabilitative process grinds to a halt though.

New pairings are tried until a team finally fits. While counsellors and probationers work on their own, they must stay in close touch with the probation office, reporting progress they've made.

The volunteer probation

counsellor scheme means that the corrections ministry is making the community more responsible for the rehabilitation of its residents who depart from the course of the law, Ms. Shane explained. Volunteers taking on between one and five probationers can devote more time to them than the probation officer with a caseload of as many as 70 people.

Most of the offenders need-

ing help from the counsellors are male but volunteers will be carefully matched to probationers.

Once the Elizabeth Fry Society has a sizeable number of volunteers, the final details regarding dates for training sessions will be looked after. If you are interested in the program, contact Ms. Shane at the Society's Milton office by calling 878-8750.

## Funding help

The region's ADAPT program and Halton Recovery House are going to get some program funding from the provincial health ministry. ADAPT will receive \$65,000 for its 1981-82 budget and the Recovery House \$20,000. Both services help rehabilitate alcoholics.

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## Neighbors petition, charges laid

# Council clamps down on Yugoslav parties

Organizers of picnics and other events on the 97-acre tract of farmland south of Speyside known as the Canadian-Yugoslav centre can expect increased liquor board inspections and stepped up police patrols to ensure that the town's noise bylaw is not being contravened.

Council's move Monday night to crack down on infractions of the bylaw follows complaints by Equeusing residents two weeks ago that noise levels during recent weekend celebrations at the centre on Highway 25 invaded their right to privacy and peace and quiet.

About 18 homeowners near the centre signed a petition

protesting the noise, and one charge has been laid against the centre's owners for breaking the bylaw; another four are pending.

In a letter to council, bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty said the president of the Yugoslavian Canadian brotherhood which owns the land, Nick Cajic, had cancelled picnics planned for last Sunday and this coming weekend. However, there will be another picnic Aug. 30.

In addition to advising the provincial liquor licensing board of its concerns about noise in the area, council also asked town staff to contact the Centre's owners to remind them of the bylaw before the final festivity is held. The

centre is covered by an "occasional" liquor permit, legalizing liquored events only on specified dates.

Mr. Lusty reported that he visited the Centre Aug. 9 at approximately 2 p.m. and, with Mr. Cajic lowered the volume on the amplifiers playing music. Although he said he was assured that the new settings would not be changed for the balance of the event, residents later complained that the noise level increased after 4:30 p.m., becoming progressively louder until 9:30 that night.

Meanwhile, Coun. Russ Miller noted that residents were not only angered at the noise but also at the traffic to and from the Centre during the picnic days. There will be meetings with the Centre's organizers to discuss this

problem as well, he said.

Coun. Dave Whiting suggested that the fact the Centre was able to get access onto the highway when it is usually a difficult bureaucratic process for the owners of single family homes, should be taken up with the province's transportation ministry.

When council endorsed the Canadian-Yugoslav Centre's bid for the occasional liquor license, Mr. Cajic said the recreational facility would be used by a variety of Yugoslavian groups from the Toronto-Golden Horseshoe area, reflecting the East European country's varied ethnic composition.

A first court appearance on charges stemming from noise bylaw infractions July 5 is expected Sept. 3, Mr. Lusty said in his letter.



TERRY'S TYKES

Four enterprising Georgetown girls contributed over \$20 to the Canadian Cancer Society Monday morning after organizing a raffle for Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. The four girls planned the raffle three months ago when they decided they should help the Cancer Society in their quest for funds. They sold the tickets at 50 cents each in their neighborhood and held a draw. The adult holding the winning ticket received a glass dish filled with candies.

while the child with the winning ticket got a mini-camera. The four organizers (left to right) Sherri McIntyre, Inger Jackson, Kim Usher and Becky Boulton presented Halton Hills Cancer Society campaign chairman Wheldon "Steamer" Emmerman with a cheque for \$29.50 at Becky's Harold Street home Monday morning.

(Herald photo by Astra Page)

**About the Hills**

## Irwin-Dorsey awaits decision

Georgetown publishing firm Irwin-Dorsey Limited is still battling with Ottawa over the Foreign Investment Review Agency's (FIRA) decision that the American-based Dow Jones and Company cannot take over the firm's parent, Richard D. Irwin Inc., since it wouldn't provide significant benefit to Canada. Dow Jones has been contesting the FIRA's jurisdiction in the matter since it first acquired Richard D. Irwin five years ago, noting that both companies are American. The federal government outlined proposals for compromise to Dow Jones lawyers at a meeting in early June. President of the firm Dick Willis said that Dow Jones had a month to come up with their counterproposals which it will present to the government Aug. 21. Mr. Willis expressed more optimism regarding the firm's future in Georgetown which had been in doubt earlier since officials said the only option left open to them would be to shut down the firm and dismiss its 26 employees.

## Downtowns, phase 2

A special public meeting during the Sept. 1 planning board session has been called to present the second phase of downtown business improvement areas study. The 20-week study conducted by Walker Wright and Young Associates of Toronto is looking at ways in which the Acton and Georgetown downtown cores (BIAs) can remain viable shopping areas and will propose policy changes or additions to the town's official plan to ensure their survival. One public meeting unveiling the consultant's initial findings was held July 21. Members from the Acton and Georgetown BIAs praised the study for its "realistic" approach.

## Teenager charged

A 16-year old Georgetown youth charged in connection with various break-ins in Georgetown over the past five months will reappear in Milton Provincial Court Aug. 31 to set a date for a trial. Halton regional police laid a total of 43 charges two weeks ago against Danny Potter and 13 juveniles in connection with 14 break-ins of several Georgetown businesses. The juveniles appeared in family court Monday also.

## Here's a treat!

Seriously, now: how many people do you know who have had corn on the cob cooked to perfection by a chugging steam engine? The Ontario Agricultural Museum is planning just such an event this Sunday in Milton. The "Family Corn Festival" will run from 1 to 5 p.m. and, besides sinking teeth into succulent ears of corn, participants can also enjoy hay rides, learn how to make corn husk dolls and watch the Museum's crew make butter and grind corn. And there is a variety of other harvest activities planned as well. Each cob costs 25 cents or you can get five for \$1. Admission varies from \$6 for the entire family (or \$2.50 for each adult) to \$1 for children. There are also discounts for students and senior citizens. To get to the museum, take Steeles Avenue west out of Milton and turn right at Tremaine Road. The museum is located near the Highway 401-Tremaine Road junction.

## Lining up for GLT auditions

A fun-filled and exciting 1981-82 season is planned by Georgetown Little Theatre, with their first play, *Not Now, Darling*, scheduled for mid-October. This will be the first play to be presented in the new theatre, and will open Oct. 15 with GLT's annual benefit show.

Auditions for *Not Now, Darling* - a hilarious farce which set box office records in London and Paris - will be held Aug. 25 and 26 at 73 Delrex Blvd. at 8 p.m.

Georgetown Little Theatre welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining, please call membership secretary Joyce Holland at 877-6309 or play director Ron Hill at 877-6217.

## 'Terry's Marathon not over' - fund-raising runs planned

"Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope is not over - it's just beginning," the Canadian Cancer Society contends. Hoping Canadians of all ages will endorse those words, the Society is staging "Terry Fox Runs" in communities across the country.

The Halton Hills unit and its Acton branch are planning separate fund-raising runs in the two communities Sept. 13. Final details are still being arranged, so watch next week's Herald for

further information, including times for the runs and pick-up points for pledge sheets.

Georgetown area residents can join the run at Fairgrounds Park, where a ten-kilometre course offers plenty of room to earn pledged money for cancer research, the cause which carried Terry Fox halfway across Canada last year. The 22-year old amputee university student died in June at his Port Coquitlam, B.C.,

home. Halton Hills was one of hundreds of communities he visited during his Marathon of Hope.

The local Cancer Society unit is looking for volunteers to help organize and operate the Georgetown Terry Fox Run. In addition, any local businesses which would like to donate refreshments for the participants are invited to contact the unit office at 877-1124 or volunteer Claudette Smith at 877-7878.

In Acton, Jon Hurst, Gordon Auly and several other individuals who answered the Society's appeal for help in staging the event there will invite runners out to the Acton High School track Sept. 13 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Posters are being set up in various Acton stores and businesses announcing further details. Again, check The Herald for the four soon-to-be-announced locations for picking up pledge sheets.

**TERRY FOX MARATHON OF HOPE**



MEDAL OF MERIT FOR NEWCOMER

Recently arrived in Georgetown after serving the Scouting movement in Calgary, Vancouver and Montreal for 21 years, Aubrey "Sandy" Booth (centre) of Raylaw Crescent received a medal of merit award Saturday from Mike Ormsby and Ken Bowers of the Second Trinity Sea Scouts in Acton. The award - one of Scouting's highest honours - was forwarded by Lieutenant General A.C. Hull on behalf of Canada's Chief Scout, Governor-General Ed Schreyer. Mr. Booth will serve on the North Halton District Service Team next year. See story, page A5. (Photo by Jean Layman)

# Local architect wins contract to design our Saudi embassy

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Lloyd Sankey, of Sankey Consultants Ltd., is part of a firm which has just been awarded a contract to design the new Canadian embassy in Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Sankey, who jokes about being better known locally as a Speyside area sheep farmer, is both an architect and a planner. He first began his practise with designs for Expo '67, then moved on to do designs for Mercedes-Benz Canada and on to design computer security buildings for the Bank of Montreal.

Most recently he is negotiating with businessmen and government to get a \$250 million redevelopment project off the ground in Ottawa.

Mr. Sankey said his firm joined with Project Planners

Associates Ltd. to design the embassy. While his own firm has done work involving security, Project Planners has worked in Saudi Arabia for 20 years, Mr. Sankey said.

Mr. Sankey said he has already been to Riyadh, Saudi's capital, twice since the beginning of the year and expects to be going again before September. He envisions making many more trips before the embassy is ready for occupation in 1983.

The embassy will be one of 85 new embassies which will all be built at Riyadh in something akin to a satellite city for ambassadors, embassy staff and native Saudis working in the embassies.

The present Canadian embassy is at Jeddah, a Saudi seaport about 600 miles from Riyadh, he said. However the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wants all embassies centred at the capital to be near the seat of government. As a result, a new complex is being built to house these embassies and Canada commissioned the designing of its new embassy last year.

The tremendous climate extremes were a very important factor in the finished design, Mr. Sankey said. Temperatures vary from near freezing at night to as high as 120 to 125 degrees F. at midday. There is also a need to make the structure as airtight as possible to keep out fine sand from sandstorms.

Designing for the intense heat is just like designing for the extreme cold of the Canadian Arctic, he said, only in reverse. While in Canada you want to keep the heat in, in

Saudi you try to keep it out.

Mr. Sankey said the tradition for Saudi buildings is exactly opposite to Canadian styles too.

In Saudi there are as few as possible outside openings to buildings. One door will give access to the main building but windows and inner doors will open from an enclosed courtyard so that they will be protected from the storms and the elements.

Life in Saudi is very different and Canadians going there will need to do a lot of adjusting, he warned.

In his own dealings with government officials, for example, he has discovered that his appointments may be kept on time or shifted without warning because someone more important came along.

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