

# Home care set for mentally handicapped

**Herald Special**  
Home care for mentally handicapped children is a new program developed by the Halton Children's Aid Society to provide foster care for mentally handicapped children. The program is being co-sponsored by Oaklands Regional Centre, and was developed in response to a backlog of requests for alternative community accommodation for mentally handicapped children who would otherwise have been institutionalized.

Under this program, one multi-placement home will be opened for three mentally handicapped children, and three other foster homes will be available for the placement of one mentally handicapped child in each. The foster parents in this program will receive special training in dealing with mentally handicapped children, and also special support services. In addition, Oaklands will provide a therapist to design individual programs for each of the children. The Program Co-ordinator will work closely with the Behavioral Therapist in the on-going monitoring of the individual programs for the children, and the on-going training of the foster parents and natural parents.

The children with the highest priority for this program are mentally handicapped children who are now in their homes, but for whom institutional care is being sought. The second priority will be children now in institutions who need repatriation into the community. This program receives 100 per cent funding from the ministry of community and social services under the Developmental Services Act.

# Child abuse is topic for seminar

Halton's Early Childhood Educators will present a seminar on child abuse Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Mountain Gardens School in Burlington, 2054 Mountaineer Dr., in Room 125. It will be a "Four Star" Production put on by and for Early Childhood Educators. Harriet Becken and Pat Hilsman, who work with the Pearson Community Co-Op, and Mary Bourke and Karen Sheremeta, who work with Halton region's Children Services Division, will present an overview in dealing with the subject of child abuse. They've just completed a six-week workshop training program put on by the Children's Aid Society, with

Dr. Donna Lero from the University of Guelph organizing the material presented. Dr. Lero has done a great deal of research in the field of child abuse and the role of the Early Childhood Educator in dealing with child abuse. A film will be shown and the areas of indicators, reporting procedures, treatment and how the Early Childhood Educator fits into the process and what role she or he can play, will be covered. This evening is open to anyone in the community working with children. For further information contact Marlen McNevin during the day at 827-6264.

# Services and information office crowded

# New quarters needed

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The Action social services and information centre is being stretched to capacity and may soon need larger quarters. Board president Rob Kruger said the crowding and potential need for new quarters was discussed but not resolved at the centre's annual meeting. Basically the centre provides space for case workers interviewing residents and the centre's space is also shared by the Murray Memorial director.

Some days things aren't bad and others the place is badly crowded. "We're operating at 100 per cent capacity," Mr. Kruger said. "We reviewed the whole situation and it's obvious we may need more space so we're keeping an eye open to see what may become available in the rest of the town." At the same time negotiations are underway with the Y board to see if some juggling can be done in their present location to provide them with more space. Mr. Kruger said so far the centre isn't so badly crowded it

has to cut back on the service it offers. That isn't beyond the realm of possibility for the future, however, he warned. Board members elected at the meeting are president Rob Kruger, vice-president John

Kavanagh, past president Peter Marks, secretary Lorna Harkins, treasurer Brenda Aberne and members Lorne Doberthien, Erin Calkin, Sally Smith, Jean Stairs and Irene Barton.

# Time to invest?

James Gellman and Elaine Paris, account executives from Merrill Lynch Royal Securities, will discuss the differences in stocks and bonds, the stock market, and how it works, tax shelters and dividend and interest income, etc. at the Georgetown Public Library tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

# Health promotion

The Halton District Health Council hosted a seminar on health promotion techniques Jan. 16 which provided encouragement as well as ideas for area agencies in boosting public awareness of and appreciation for health care. Dr. Jerry Conway of the ministry of health's promotion and information branch, Dr. Rhonda Love from the University of Toronto's department of behavioral sciences and Dr. William Shannon from Toronto's department of health advocacy unit all shared their ideas with interested guests.

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