

What Miriam Racinsky, 17, likes most about her volunteer work with the mentally retarded is the affectionate nature of the Park Public School students in the program. John Crawford, 7, cheerily gave her a hug and kiss last week after completing a colorful police car during art class. There are two trainable mentally retarded classes (TMR) in the north at Park Public School in Georgetown, Now coming from Acton, Georgetown and Milton areas, the 16 students will continue their education at Milton's E.C. Drury School when they reach 14 years of age. E.C.Drury currently has 12 trainable mentally retarded senior students, In all of Halton, there are 134 children in TMR programs.

(Herald photo)

Park Public School

#### Satisfaction with special children

BY ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff Writer

It takes patience to work with the mentally retarded, say two Georgetown District High School (GDHS) volunteers at Park Public School in Georgetown.

Working with two special education teachers and 16 children ranging in age from 5 to 14, Mirlam Racinsky and Debbie Mostaard are getting experience toward their career goals.

"I've always wanted to work with children, and I took this on to see if I'd like it, and I do," Miriam, 17, sald.

Planning to become a mental retardation counsellor, she's applied to Humber College to take

their two-year program. She said it was easy to help the mentally retarded too much, but it doesn't benefit the children if everything is done for them. They have to

learn to do things for themselves. Every day from 8:30 to9 12:30 p.m., Miriam is at Park school collecting 360 hours towards two Grade 12 credits in the GDHS co-operative education

program. She said she enjoys the one-to-one nature of the work and said the children are very affectionate, running to give her a kiss and a hug when they see

Alternating mornings and afternoons, Debbie, 17, also enjoys her time with the children.

"I just love working with them," she said. "They're special. They're taught differently and they react differently.

Debble laugh ed as she recalled how one little girl had fun taking off the other children's shoes once during recess. "I just made her put them back on for them," she said, smiling.

"I thought at first I wouldn't be able to handle it, but there's never a duli moment with the kids. It's a lot of fun," Debbie said.

She plans to be a teacher for the mentally retarded, either at a day care centre or school, she

'You have to constantly repeat what you want them to do, about 15 times before they get it," Debbie said.

The program for North Halton's mentally retarded youngsters has been running for more than five years at Park School. This is the first year the school has had GDHS volunteers helping out. . "The preparatory work these girls do for us is

just fantastic," special education teacher Carole Robinson said. "Our students need a lot of one-to-one assistance and this is where the students are very helpful." All the students in the program are bussed to

Park School where academic and living skills are taught. Many of the students can read, Mrs. Robinson said. With the children at different levels, teachers

strive to develop each to their potential in a personal program, she said.

From Park school, the children continue their education at Milton's E.C. Drury School.



Getting a beining hand pasting together a paper project last week from Debble Mostaard, 17, was Nicole Adams, 13. Debble is a Georgetown District High School student working as a volunteer with the strainable mentally handlespped program at Park Public School. Nicole is a student in the program. (Herald photo)

## theHERALD Community

Norval news

### ARC Angels in Thunder Bay action

By KAY WILSON

Herald Correspondent Unit one of Norval United Church held their May 19 meeting at the home of Catherine Laldlaw, President Kay Wilson opened the meeting with a poem by Edna Jaques "Spring Comes" followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The devotional was taken by Dorothy McLean, and the roll call was answered by naming a mother in the Bible and the role she played.

Business included arranging the making of potato salad for the church barbeque June 4 at Huttonville School, arranging the lunch for the church anniversary June 12, when Rev. Robt. Rumble will be guest speaker.

accepted from Grace Church unit to meet with them June 14; and the annual bus trip is scheduled for June 16. Kate Laidlaw thanked the ladies for the Easter lily she received while in hospi-

A study was prepared by Marlon Laird on the Thomas Crosbie fifth mission boat which is suppor-

ted by the United Church missions. The boat plies the waters along the British Colombia coastline from Vancouver north to Prince Rupert. Bella Bella and Kitimat are two of 50 different calls. Agnes Miller, Ethel Webb, Muriel Wey, and Eunice Wilson read the

The meeting closed with all members repeating the benediction followed by lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Mae Shaw and her daughter Marjorie Lager-

Congratulations are in order for the Hornby A.R.C. Angels Floor Hockey team, and their coaches Terry and Wayne Laidlaw. After winning the tri-

An invitation was region hockey tournament, they were scheduled to play in Thunder Bay! Eighteen players along with their coaches flew to the Lakehead May 13, played Saturday, coming out a close second in a 10 to 9 decision.

They stayed at the Hollday Inn and were given the royal treatment, flying back home Sunday, tired and disappointed

but still a happy group. They were sponsored by the Special Olympics Hockey Club.

Pinegrove Community Club had six tables in play Monday. Winners were Peggy Early, John Hunter, Spencer Wilson, Ron McGawon; Lucky draw - Edna Wilson. Norval Community

Church Service for the Victoria Day weekend was held Sunday evening last in the Anglican Church with a good crowd attending. A hymn sing led by

Terry Laidlaw preceded the worship service, and the "Forever One" choir offered a couple of numbers during the ser-Hugh McFarlane gave

a few introductory remarks on behalf of the Norval Community Association. Messages were given

by the three Norval ministers Rev. MacPherson, Rev. Ruggle and the Rev. Ridley.

A joint choir from all three churches was led by Jerry Murphy. They presented a lovely medley from the C.B.C. program Continued on page A11



FEAT REWARDED

Prizes from the Georgetown YM-YWCA made up for weary feet following the Y's recent Walk-a-Jog-athon. Among those picking up honors from the Y's Cheryl Lightowiers (centre) are (clockwise from left) Ryan Vincent, top pledge-getter for participants seven years and under; the Broughton family, Sarah, Jim, Cheryl and Adam (lower right) the top participating family entry and Mike Dobbins and his father, Fred - Mike collected \$150 in pledges.

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Ashgrove

# Reporter has broken hip

Mrs. Isla Allison, RR2 Georgetown is having two visitors from Perth, Scotland slay with her. Miss Cathy Thomson and Mrs. Beth Lochhead will have a chance to experience for a short time the rural beauty of Ashgrove resi-

Our reporter, Mrs. J. Bellbody, had the misfortune to break her hip and is now recovering in Georgetown and District Hospital,

Ashgrove Women's Insillute met at the home of Mrs. Fred Nurse on Tues. May 17 with 30 members and seven guests present. Two visitors were from Scotland and one from England.

President Ismey Bird set the mood for the meeting by reading, a poem. Ingredients of a good meeting. Roll call on energy saving equipment in the home ran from heatpumps to men preparing wood for fireplaces with both insets and outsets.

The main program pre-pared by Mrs. G. Bird and Mrs. F.M. Wilson was on the production of electriclty. A film from Ontario Hydro reviewed the history of developing power from acquiring small hydro plants such as Eugenia Falls through Sir Adam Beck No. 1 to the present Pickering Nuclear Station. An excellent film. Booklets -- Electriclty, Past, Present, and Future were distributed and may be obtained from Ont. Hydro.

Summary Day for Advanced Quilting includes a display of completed projects and people working on their projects. You're invited. This is being held at St. Paul's Church, Milton, June 21 to Kortright Centre, the Electric Rallway Museum and Doodle's Restaurant.

Report by Mrs. Clifford Hunter, delegate to Officer's Conference at Waterloo University stressed that among many objectives that two were of great importance; quelling the rampant business in pornography, and striving for control of acid rain. Women should become better acquainted with family finances.

Themes for Women's Institutes at the fairs are:

Milton, Let's Show at the Fair; Georgetown, A

Child's Birthday Party. Mrs. Norma Alexander thanked everyone for their part in planning her retirement party as Board Director. She stressed our ACWW project for clean, fresh drinking water around the world and a motion was passed to send \$120 lmm-

ediately to buy pump. Marion McPhail presented Ismey Bird and NOrma Alexander, quilting course leaders, with roses and gift certificates. By the way have you noticed the Ashgrove sign presented by Women's Insti-

Interspersed with business was a period of humor by Carol Davison

and two fun activity songs by Mrs. G. Bird and By Mrs. W. Knapp. Courtesies were expressed by Mrs. C. Wilson. Bountiful lunch provided by Mrs. W. Allison, Mrs. G. Sterr-Itt, Mrs. H. Bird and Mrs. W. Knapp was enjoyed during the social hour.

- Respectfully submitted for Mrs. J. Bellbody by Mrs. Egerton Wilkinson.





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