



Technical aids for independence

Although we are all dependent on each other, most people aspire to live an independent life. The disabled are no different, however, they are presented with physical impediments which can limit their capacity to function and contribute fully to society.

On Nov. 1, 1983, the Ministry of Community and Social Services sponsored a public hands on exhibition of the latest technical aids available.

An Improved Mobility Package offered on some Ford cars provides a padded adjustable bridge between car seat and wheelchair, a power operated lift to store and retrieve the wheelchair inside the car plus a host of other features. Elna demonstrated a simplified sewing machine with many large and easy to use features.

Lifts, hoists and elevators were part of the latest transfer aids on display. Simple lens magnification to electronic enhancement 60 times size would interest those with poor vision. Personal mobility aids ranged from canes to a wheelchair that electrically raises and lowers the seat enabling the user to reach any counter, most cupboards, and transfer at the most convenient height.

I have only touched on a small part of this exhibition and am still struggling through the mountains of information I gathered. Judging by the crowds, many of whom were handicapped, this show was a huge success. If it returns next year, I urge you to attend if at all possible.

Orval's weekend weather report



Saturday, Mainly sunny with an 90 percent chance of light snow fall.

Sunday, sunny with a 5 percent chance rain temperatures cooler than Saturday.

Guelph man charged

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