

Service work a positive force for inmates

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An alternative which may be available to offenders who break the law in Halton Hills is the Community Service Order program.

The Elizabeth Fry Society in Milton, said that participants will do "anything that a volunteer can do that doesn't take away from paid employment."

Examples of the work assigned to offenders are such jobs as maintenance with conservation areas, painting and gardening at senior citizens' homes or nursery schools, individual help, and a variety of activities through placement with local community

agencies requiring volunteer assistance. Offenders who are 16 years of age and older are eligible for the CSO program provided they are willing to take part in the program and the courts see them fit to participate.

SUITABILITY
A judge may ask for an assessment of the suitability of the offender for a CSO or a lawyer may ask for the program for his client. Although the recom-

mendation process is "not etched in stone," according to Mrs. James, the final decision comes from a judge with the amount of volunteer hours to be completed.

A minimum of 30 hours is usually handed down to offenders with an approximate maximum of 450 hours over three years for offenders who may have committed such crimes as possession of stolen goods over \$200, use of a

firearm, criminal negligence or obstructing police.

Mrs. James said the usual rate of volunteer work is 10 hours a month with an office report to the CSO twice a month. A CSO is part of a probation order and failure to comply with the order could result in a breach of probation leading to a possible fine or imprisonment.

BREACH
Out of the approximate 100 clients Mrs.

James has dealt with, over the past year, only a couple have breached their probation.

Mrs. James thinks this type of program is on the increase and believes that there are definitely some of the offenders who are glad they had the chance to participate after going through the court system.

The "Why should I work for free?" attitude is apparent in some of

the referrals and Mrs. James believes they are not mature enough for the program or simply, "not ready for the straight and narrow."

Mrs. James became involved with the program after graduating from social work in Sudbury and having an interest in the court system.

"I like to meet with them at the end to see what they get out of it," she said.



Community Service Order coordinator Sandy James states that only a couple of people have breached their probation out of the approximate 100 she has dealt with.

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ABOUT THE HILLS

Kingfisher Klub

The Terra Cotta Conservation Area's Kingfisher Klub is a naturalists program presented by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for children aged 7-12 years old, and 5-7 year olds, if accompanied by a parent.

The Kingfisher Klub meets every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 - 3 p.m. throughout the summer at Terra Cotta's Conservation Area's interpretive centre.

The Klub's activities will include nature crafts, environmental games, pond studies, hikes, insect collecting and observing will be explored.

The Kingfisher Klub activities are designed to prompt the child's interest in nature, conservation and leisure. Young people will learn appreciation for all aspects of nature, land, water, mammals, birds and amphibians.

Activities will vary each week so that children attending regularly will experience something new every Thursday.

The Terra Cotta Conservation Area is located just north of the Village of Terra Cotta on Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Free car wash

Local Canada Summer Employment staff want to thank the town for the support they've received over the past months in helping find jobs for students.

In saying their 'thanks' to the community, staff from Orangeville, Brampton and Georgetown will be holding a free car wash July 27 from 1-4 p.m.

The location is at the south side of Zellers.

Federal contract

OTTAWA—Varian Canada Inc. has won another federal research contract with the defence department, the department of supply and services has announced.

The company will be paid \$224,449 to develop an expendable wave tube amplifier.

It was among the unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the supply and services department to Canadians during the week ended June 15.

Slide show

Terra Cotta Conservation Area is presenting a program about the Niagara Escarpment.

The film presentation will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Interpretive Centre.

There will be slides of the different species of Flora, fauna and wildlife habitats found throughout this unique geological formation which passes through Terra Cotta.

The program is free and open to everyone. Admission to the area is \$4 per vehicle. For more information call 877-9650.

Synchro clinic

Synchro Ontario is offering the residents of Halton Hills the opportunity to become involved in Synchronized Swimming this summer.

A mobile clinic will be visiting the Acton and Georgetown Swimming Pools for a special 2 1/2 hour clinic.

This clinic includes a slide show, video presentation, water practice and a demonstration by Jan Adamson who swam nationally for seven years and Karen Zeigler who swam provincially for five years.

This is an excellent introduction to Canada's newest Olympic sport, and will be available on one day only - Tuesday, July 31. Register now at the Acton Swimming Pool or the Georgetown Pool. For more information call 853-3140 or 877-7721.

Seniors needed

Are you an active senior citizen and interested in becoming a qualified fitness program instructor? Call the Recreation Department, 877-5185, ext. 281 to discuss the possibilities.

Closer ties?

In efforts to forge closer links with Hamilton-Wentworth, Halton Region agreed to spend \$2,500 to promote 10 ships that will visit Hamilton Harbor this month.

Halton councillors are hoping the expenditure will help attract tourism to the area and assist them in persuading Hamilton to accept some of Halton's garbage in the near future.

Hydro failure

Firefighters were called to Queen and McNabb Streets on July 12 after an old tree on Queen Street fell into hydro lines.

There was some arcing caused by the problem which also caused power to be disrupted in the area temporarily.

Car stereo stolen

Approximately \$750 worth of car stereo equipment was taken from a car which was parked on Maple Avenue in Georgetown last Friday evening.



Joanne Bethune demonstrates how to churn cream into butter.



This wood fired boiler produced the power to run three separate machines used in the shingle manufacturing trade at the turn of the century. Paul Kelly looks on as the shingle mill boiler lets off a little steam.



Addison Woodley sits behind an old shaving bench which he called "very versatile". It could be used for a variety of woodwork including shingling and chair production.



This wheat grinder was used for animal feed with its 1912 engine and 1925 grinder. Dave Hooton oversees the system and makes sure everything runs smoothly.



This big harvester was used for collecting the feed for the farm animals. Made by the Lobsinger Brothers it was the only thresher with a double top deck, delivery in its day.

Acton snubbed in VIA fight

After being rejected in a first effort to re-establish train service to Acton, town officials will start looking for other ways to accomplish the goal.

Mayor Russ Miller said a recent meeting with officials of VIA Rail only produced the same old arguments against re-introducing of stops in town.

Mr. Ray Borden, vice-president of the Great Lakes region of VIA Rail, said Acton residents wanting to use VIA simply have to go

to Guelph to catch the train.

He also pointed to the GO bus service through Acton and the GO train service from Georgetown as offering fine transportation for commuters.

Mr. Miller said people using GO buses must transfer if they want to reach downtown Toronto and this confuses some people, especially the elderly. At the very least it is inconvenient and time consuming.

While the train service is excellent in both

Government help lacking for Canadian artists: Hawkins

By DAN RALPH

The Canadian government could make millions if it got behind its music veteran of over 30 years.

Ronnie Hawkins, who left his native Arkansas in 1952 to pursue a career in music, said in an interview the government could stand to make a lot of money if it did chip in and help performers.

"It's foolish that they are not helping them," he said. "Look at what it did for England.

"They are making billions."

Mr. Hawkins was in Acton Thursday at a press conference to promote a concert in the town August 4. The proceeds of that concert will go toward paying the expenses for two Acton minor hockey teams' trip to Norway to play exhibition games there this winter.

Mr. Hawkins said he has seen a lot of talented people in Canada who flounder because of a lack of money. Quite often the results are predictable.

"The reason for the British explosion is because there they have people who back musicians. It's no secret that it takes money to make it.

ence any more. A sour business deal has left him heavily in debt.

But Hawkins does retain a sense of humor above it all.

"The only thing as hot as rock and roll today is the fighting in Iran and Iraq.

LEAVING

"I'm going to be leaving Canada and head to the U.S. so I can make more money. How long will I stay? I don't know.

"If I get what I want, I'll only have to play once," he chuckles.

"But what I want and what I get are two different things."

Back in the early '50s, Hawkins had a road crew member by the name of Peter Pocklington. That's the same Pocklington who owns the Edmonton Oilers of the National Hockey League.

"He called me when he got into the NHL and said he would win the Stanley Cup in five years. He did."

As for what the future holds, Hawkins will be starring in a movie later this summer. He will be writing the soundtrack for it too.

Also, he has a new album coming out and one-hour television special slated for early 1985.

Hawkins does not enjoy financial independ-

IN YOUR OPINION:

Are you disappointed that the Queen's visit will be postponed due to the federal election? Asked at Milton.



Mildred Noble: "No. I wasn't planning on seeing her and wouldn't get to see her quilt if she was here."



Wayne Roberts: "No. I don't regard the Queen as a big importance to Canada."



Phyllis McMaster: "No, I'm not disappointed. Other arrangements have been made for a visit and we'll still have a chance to see the Queen."



Dorothy Cox: "No. I've seen her before in Brampton. You can see her much better on TV."