

Countryside residents taste 'urban' life

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There are 16 new residents in downtown Georgetown. Nine of them are living at 75 Mill St. and seven of them at 45 Market St. Who are they?

They're the mentally retarded adults who were formerly living at Hornby's Countryside Residence for the Mentally Retarded.

The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded sold that home on Trafalgar Road and Steeles Avenue last month and bought two century-old homes in town.

"We made the decision three or four years ago to try and relocate from Countryside," Association director David Williams told The Herald. "It was big, and extremely isolated."

The downtown move gives the residents easier access to the community and its resources. They no longer have to be bused up for banking or shopping needs.

The move improves the ratio of

Mentally handicapped find a home

staff to client, as well. Mr. Williams said. In the past, if a resident needed to go to the dentist, it meant a staff person had to drive him into town, leaving the other 15 residents with only one staff person.

This way, residents can go on their own, and more staff at the homes are more available to the residents. There are five staff members between the two homes.

Instead of one home for 16 people, there are now two, which makes for smaller settings and a nicer atmosphere, residential councillor Tom Maczmaraki said. He works full time at the Mill Street home.

He said it makes it easier for staff to teach and do programs with residents, when the group is smaller.

All the mentally retarded adults who live at the two homes are involved in a day program either at ARC Industries or in an adult development program which teaches life skills and pre-vocational work. Both full-day programs are held in Hornby, five days a week.

"The major difficulty with the other place was the number of people. It's really hard to have a decent home life when you've got 16 people around and staff on top of that," Mr. Maczmaraki said.

"By splitting them up, there's lots of room for them, less commotion and less of us on per shift. We get as much accomplished as at the other place, but it's less intrusive."

With oak flooring and trim in the Mill Street home, and a fireplace, there's more of a "homey" atmosphere than there was in the Hornby residence, Mr. Maczmaraki said.

Already neighbors have been over to welcome the new residents.

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The North Halton Association paid \$110,000 for the Mill Street home and \$125,000 for the Market Street home. Together with renovations and upgrading of both homes to provincial standards, the cost was \$338,000 to the Association. Seen here lounging at the Mill St. home are clients (left to right) Carolyn Bradford, Karen Muir, Albert Taylor, Jacob Petric and John Rlichele. (Herald photo)

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Winter at Mountsberg

Cross-country skiing, skating, tobogganing and snowshoeing are among the activities you're invited to enjoy at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre presents their 'Winter Experience' program.

Toboggans, snowshoes and cross-country skis may be rented from the centre which offers ten kilometers of groomed ski trails.

Special events are held every Sunday afternoon and include bird feeder building, snow snake competitions and winter camping workshops.

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is open weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 28 (il Feb. 24. Admission is \$4.50 per car and further information may be obtained by calling 878-4131 (weekdays) or 854-2276 (weekends).

Super Sunday series

Tickets are still available for the Whiteley Brothers and the Junior Jug Band at the John Elliott Theatre Sunday, Jan. 13 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. before the performances.

Part of the 'Super Sunday Series' the University Women's Club, who are presenting the show, label the production 'family entertainment.'

Street dispute

A 16 year old Campbell Street, Acton, resident was charged with assault, possession of a narcotic and being intoxicated in a public place Friday night.

The charges were laid by Halton regional police after the young man punched a 41 year old man at the Mill Street taxi stand in the face and kicked him.

Pot shots

Taking a pot shot out the window of an apartment at 112 Mill St. in Georgetown with a .22 rifle Dec. 20 earned a Georgetown man a court date on the charge of dangerous use of a firearm.

The 20-year old Victoria Street man was charged by Halton regional police at 2:45 a.m.

Police responded to a call about a shot being fired. Nobody was hurt. The man was visiting friends at the apartment.

Young carollers

By KAY WILSON
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NORVAL - Norval village people were treated to a group of young carollers last Wednesday evening.

Members of the group were from the Norval Beavers and Brownies, Cubs and Guides, along with family members. They numbered around 30.

Susan Perrin, Dona Appleby, Jim Dodd and Luc Bertrand were in charge of the evening which finished off at the Norval Community Centre where a Christmas party was held.

Special service

By KAY WILSON
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NORVAL - Norval United Church had a special service for Christmas: Sunday School concert on Friday Dec. 21 had all the pupils taking part.

Sunday Dec. 23 was the annual carol service with the Senior, Forever One and Junior Choir, all singing numbers interspersed with the scriptures under the theme "Jesus the Light of the World."

The Christmas Eve Service at 10 p.m. was in charge of the 'Forever One' choir with Rev. Ridley serving communion.

Get well wishes to Don Cleave, RR2 Norval, who is recuperating at home following a short stay in Peel Memorial Hospital.

Volunteers wanted

Halton Centennial Manor in Milton is looking for volunteers who are interested in working with the elderly.

Volunteer positions available include clerical, friendly visiting, recreational assistants, adjunct aides, mom and dad visiting and craft room volunteers.

Halton Centennial Manor now offers transportation to and from the manor for volunteers. If interested or for more details call Mrs. Lorena Smith at 878-4141.

Survival shop

At Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Milton there will be a wilderness survival workshop Jan. 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Richard Elop from the 'Scout House' in Hamilton will explain how to survive in the wilderness the scouting way.

It's a great opportunity to discover shelter buildings, edible plants, snaring animals and much more.

For more information call 878-4131 (weekdays).



SAUCER FOR TWO

Enjoying the icy slopes of a hill behind Georgetown District High School are daredevil saucer experts Shawn Eddy, 8, and his friend Keri Penfold, 7. Ice created around town when a thaw turned cold provided a mecca of skating rinks and toboggan runs. However, pedestrians and motorists were less than happy with the icy conditions. (Herald photo)

Video tape classification met with general approval

By ROBIN BAKWELL
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"Approval and classification" for video cassettes sold or rented in video retail outlets will become law in the new year.

The Ontario Legislature gave final approval to a revised Theatre Act on Dec. 14 which will have the same standards used in the classification of theatrical films being applied to home videos.

The changes, which include the Ontario Censor Board now being called the Ontario Film Review Board, will be phased in with licensing and video approval requirements proclaimed by early spring, 1985.

Local video retailers in Halton Hills reacted to the Ontario Theatres Amendment Act with mixed feelings.

"If they just classify them (videos), that's great but if they censor

and cut parts out I feel negative about it and feel it infringes on peoples' rights," said Vince Patcheson, manager of The Video Station in Georgetown.

"Censorship of anything is crazy. If you don't want to watch something, turn it off and if you don't want to read something, don't," he said.

Mr. Patcheson referred to the December issue of Penthouse which was banned because of a picture layout of woman in bondage and said in the same issue there was a 12 page section on lesbians.

"No-one complained about the lesbian pictures but to me that was more offensive than the bondage. My morals are different from yours and yours are different than others thank god or we'd all be going out with

blonds or some such thing," he said.

Mr. Patcheson said all the adult movies in his store are marked as such and the policy in the video shops is that if a person is not 18 or over they cannot rent movies.

Kathy Harley, manager of Videoflicks in Georgetown, agrees with the Ontario Film Review Board on the classification aspect "but that's about it. Once they start cutting them it interferes with peoples' rights," she said.

Mrs. Harley said the rating would help customers choose videos but can see no harm in adult films being shown in the privacy of a home without censorship.

Both managers from The Video Station and Videoflicks made reference to the phrase, "It's a free country."

Other video outlets contacted by The Herald felt the revisions would be beneficial to them and their customers.

Gail Rutherford, from Citizens Against Violent Pornography, feels the revised Theatres Act is great.

"It has been one of our objectives over the past two years to have the act changed. Now the retailers will be happy because they'll know what is legal and illegal which has been a problem in the past and it will be easier for them to keep within the law," she said.

The areas which Mrs. Rutherford said will probably not pass the board's approval are scenes which show prolonged violence, children under 18 involved in explicit sex, and scenes of penetration or ejaculation.

Rehabilitation centre opens for alcoholics

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For those trying to make good their new year's resolution to stay 50 paces from the bottle, there's now help in town.

Halton Hills gained its own rehabilitation house for alcoholics over the Christmas season.

Halton Recovery House moved into the former residence for the mentally retarded on Hornby's Trafalgar Road near Steeles Avenue.

"We took over Dec. 1 and we were pretty well moved in by the 20th," assistant director Bob Dalton told The Herald.

Already 11 men are living in the \$229,000 home which is the only residential service for alcoholics between Toronto and Hamilton.

The home serves the Peel and Halton regions. Some residents also come from Toronto and Hamilton.

Halton Recovery House is the recent expansion of a program that has been operating since 1978 in a Milton farm-house on Sideroad 5.

It's funded by the Ministry of Health, Halton region, various churches and service groups, Oakville and Milton United Ways and by private individuals.

The new home has three full-time staff and one part-timer, Mr. Dalton said. Peg Arden is the executive director for the two homes.

The program offered by the home is tailored to the individual, Mr. Dalton, a former alcoholic, said. It helps individuals recover from alcoholism, teaches life skills, and gives job training to enable residents to get a job and become an independent member of the community.

"It's up to the individual to decide what he wants. What the house actually does is provide the milieu in which he can learn, through interaction with persons in the same boat. He learns from them how to stay sober," Mr. Dalton said. "This is one disease that the individual has to want to recover from."

Residents at the Halton home, which can house 15, are referred there by hospitals, doctors, Alcoholics Anonymous and detoxification centres in Hamilton and Toronto.

The average stay for residents is about seven months, Mr. Dalton said.

"We're open-ended on the stay. It depends on how long each individual requires," he said.

While the residents are at the home, they're not supposed to drink alcoholic beverages.

"Probably better than 80 per cent of them leave without having a drink while they're here," Mr. Dalton said.

Their stay interrupts their drinking pattern, but the long term, over two years, is something else, he said.

When they come to the Recovery House, approximately 80 per cent of them are unemployed, and when they leave, that same figure will have jobs, Mr. Dalton said.

People are more inclined to come to the home now, than they were a few years ago, Mr. Dalton said. He attributed the change to a higher profile for the residential service and the media which has played up the dangers of drinking.

"It's helped those approaching a problem to reassess their drinking patterns, and it may be that it will keep them from necessarily going the entire route to alcoholism," Mr. Dalton said.

The home is only for men alcoholics, as are most homes for alcoholics. It's not because there aren't women alcoholics, but because it's much more difficult to get women to go to a recovery house.

"The woman alcoholic is hidden, protected and feels she should not be away from her home," Mr. Dalton explained.

He noted a detoxification and recovery home for women is to open shortly in Hamilton.

There are over 100 Recovery Houses in the province, but only about 50 offer residential facilities. Some are active treatment centres.

Taxis kept hopping

Halton Hills Taxi dispatcher Barb Wilkinson said her company does most of its business between September and March but said New Year's is the busiest.

"Around this time of year we are handling about 2,500 calls a week while in the summer it may be only 3-500 a week," she said.

Mrs. Wilkinson said every car available (8) will be working 24 hours around the new year.

Currently a person may have to wait about five minutes for a cab but Mrs. Wilkinson said that during peak hours, (8-9 a.m., 3-4 p.m. and after the bars close), a wait of 20 minutes may not be uncommon.

Mrs. Wilkinson said that the RIDE program really increases the cab companies business.

"A lot of people seem to think they can take more chances in town from one house to another rather than driving out of town to bigger places such as Brampton. We loose a lot of cars to out-of-town runs," she said.

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Want to pick up a new hobby? Something that will challenge the creative part of you?

The Credit Valley Artisans (CVA) are willing to share their skills with you and invite you to take part in the wide variety of courses they'll be offering this winter. Registration is Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cedarvale Cottage in Georgetown.

Clay sculpture is being taught by Dawn Connell through February and March.

The course begins with modelling in relief, and objects will be bisque fired at the end of the course. Special emphasis is on the human

anatomy. The course costs \$40 and includes materials.

Grace McKnight of Charis Pottery is conducting an adult pottery class from February through to early April. She'll teach you hand work like pinching, slabbing and coiling as well as how to use the potter's wheel. Various forms of ornamentation will be introduced including glazing from prepared glazes.

Learn how to load the kiln for bisque and glaze firings. The course costs \$56 and includes clay and CVA membership.

Miss McKnight is also teaching the imaginative use of clay to children, with the same basic hand building techniques of

pinch, slab and coil. Cost is \$30 including clay.

For those interested in folk lore painting, Rinny Gerrits is teaching how to decorate old or new objects of wood, metal or glass using the traditional Dutch motifs of flowers and birds. Cost is \$37.

Gail Spence is teaching the techniques of shadow quilting, semiole patchwork and machine applique. Learn how to apply these techniques for bags, hoops, and clothing. Cost is \$15 plus \$1 for materials.

Time to learn weaving? Jotto Van der Meiden will teach beginners how to use the four-harness loom, warping and basic techniques in weaving. All

materials will be supplied in the \$40 cost of the course. The classes begin Jan. 28.

How about a weekend workshop on oil and watercolor techniques? Paul Thrane will talk about the materials on the Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, you get to work on your own project with your own materials. Cost is \$35, and the weekend is Feb. 1.

Monoprinting consists of applying oil colors to a sheet of plane glass and impressing a sheet of paper on it. The different means of applying the paint, pressure and movement to the paper creates the unique technique which Jo Walters is teaching in a one

day workshop Feb. 9. Cost is \$18.

Ron Warnock, another local painter is giving a one day workshop in watercolor painting, including demonstration and general assistance. The course is for beginners and advanced students. Cost is \$18 and you're advised to bring your own materials and equipment, March 23.

Marquetry techniques will be taught by Ross Colter beginning Feb. 7. What's marquetry? It's an art form in which different grains of wood are carved together like a jigsaw puzzle, to make a picture. Cost is \$25.

For more information on these courses, call Albert Dewdney at 877-3977 or Marg Searle at 877-4742.

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Try a CVCA course