

# Open Door a friendly refuge

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald staff

St. George's Anglican Church at 60 Guelph St. is in a good position to have a drop in centre for Georgetown District High School students.

That was the thinking of members of the congregation two years ago and now Open Door is about to begin its second year starting September 14.

Students can visit Open Door Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There they will find a ping pong table, a pool table, a record player for their records and much more.

Bob Tadman directs

Open Door, but he stresses the participants are responsible for success of the service and the programs featured.

"We opened up doors in a real way. We didn't put up any restrictions. We accept whoever came the way they were. We built an open door for them," Bob Tadman said.

Because of that policy Open Door is often recognized as a New Wave and Punk rock music hang out. More than any other group students interested in new wave music visit Open Door on their lunch hours and during spare periods.

Music is one of the most popular activities

at Open Door, said Mr. Tadman. On May 26 at the 9 a.m. St. George's Anglican Church morning service 23 appreciative students from Open

"Kids trust us (Bob and the other volunteers). We're here every day", he said.

And so are the kids. "There was not one day at Open Door when there was not at least one new person," he said. The number of daily visitors is between 60 and 100 a day.

The Christian message is a vital part of Open Door although it is not preached. "The message is in the people who work there," Mr. Tadman said. "Our tool is friendship not evangelizing," he said. Most of the students visiting Open Door are not Christian. Open Door conducted a survey before the end of

the year to assess and improve the project. "The person who opened the door, helped everyone who walked through the door," wrote G.D.H.S. student Debbie Smart. That was a typical assessment.

"They really wanted to see more done to create a sense of community," Mr. Tadman said. Planners for next year are optimistic.

"Because there is a good group of kids involved and things have jelled, we'll start right away," Mr. Tadman said.

Dances and coffee houses were two popular events last year. There

were also ping pong tournaments, barbecues, a parents night, sleep overs, a simulated refugee camp and guest speakers.

Among those who spoke before Open Door were G.D.H.S. principal Don Baker, Father Dave Cote from Holy Cross, MP John McDermid, Pastor Peter Ralph from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, an Ontario Correctional Institute former inmate and more.

Open Door has a budget of \$60,000 for two years.

"I hope they'll look back and see Open Door as a positive thing in their lives," he said.



Door sang for the congregation.

A big part of Bob Tadman's job is "listening", to more than the singing. About 70 percent of his time spent with students is on a one to one level, he said. Students frequently talk out their problems with Bob.

Jack Cunningham

## Last volunteer fire chief was brave, strong-willed

Herald Staff

Jack Cunningham, the last volunteer chief of the Georgetown fire department, died Sunday in Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. He was 70 years old and a victim of cancer.

He was the husband to Jean Hill and leaves three children and five grandchildren. His son Bill and daughter Mrs. Jill Pignatelli live in Georgetown, and Paul lives in Edmonton.

In 1941 Jack Cunningham joined Georgetown's volunteer fire department. He served until 1973. The last four years of that service were as the fire chief. Ken Buikema, the first full-time paid chief, succeeded him.

"He was one of the best chiefs we had. I've been under quite a few," said Charles Valentine who first volunteered in 1938 and remained a volunteer until 1981.

"He was a good firefighter. He wasn't scared to go into a burning building and he

wouldn't send anyone into a building he wouldn't go into himself," Charles Valentine said.

Deputy Chief Bob Hyde worked with Mr. Cunningham for four years. "He was a very strong-willed individual. I think that's what people liked in him," he said.

Firefighter Bruce Lewis believed that Jack Cunningham was popular enough with the men to remain chief until he was 65. Many firefighters were unhappy with the appointment of a full-time chief, Charles Valentine said.

In addition to his work fighting fires for the community Jack Cunningham was a respected carpenter who was a perfectionist, said Charles Valentine.

Funeral services for Jack Cunningham were held at J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home on Edith Street in Georgetown. He was buried yesterday at Greenwood Cemetery.



JACK CUNNINGHAM



Don't tell them it will never work. Tell them it might work if they wait a few years. Wesley Blight, the frog, and Alana Innes, the princess, were two of many children in costume for the Georgetown Library's July 31 Halloween in July.

(Herald photo)



## 2nd honeymoon after 25 year marriage

Herald Special  
It was a special moment for an Acton couple July 30.

Leo and Charlotte Marchment celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on that date.

They were treated to a surprise dinner at the Millcroft Inn in Alton by their family.

Gifts included silver coffee and tea set, silver champagne glass and

dinner goblets along with a silver tray.

The family gave their parents an inscribed tea set while Mrs. Marchment's employer in Bramalea gave them a silver tray.

The couple honeymooned in South Carolina. Mrs. Marchment is the host of Halton Cable television's Pentecost Presents.

The Marchment family consists of Chris, 24; Rob, 22; Nancy, 19; her husband Craig, 24; Mark, 17 and Joe, 15.

## Volkswagon hits deer

A Georgetown man's 1980 Volkswagen received \$1,000 damage last Tuesday (July 30) when he struck a deer that ran in front of his car. He was travelling about 90 km per hour on the 8th Line at the 10th Sideroad at 8 a.m. when he hit the deer.

## Farm safety challenge

Aug. 10 Junior Farmers from across Ontario will get a chance to test their safety know-how at a Junior Farmers' Farm Equipment Safety Competition.

The competitions will be held in conjunction with the Junior Farmers' Summer Games at

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Herald Special

Warriors Day Parade: The bus will leave the Branch at 7:30 a.m. sharp August 17 for those participating in the parade.

There will be another steak shoot Aug. 31. Anyone wishing to participate contact Joan Brown or Harry Allen.

CAR CLUB WINNERS: July 25 - 22 D. Harcastle, 361 J. Carpenter, 116 D. Wilson, 199 N. Bell, 167 M. and M. Walker, 27 J. Cummins.

CAR CLUB WINNERS: Aug. 1 - 84 Mrs. L. Marchment, 138 Woody Hamilton, 212 Blake Baxter, 64 Ben Larsen, 300 Geo. Wagner, 25

## Legion ladies

By MID BRUNSKI  
Herald Special

The summer has seen visitors at the Branch and we welcome all who have taken the trouble to drop in at the Branch.

If you have visitors let me know so I can write it up for the paper.

The next big event is the Americans coming to us for a visit from Post 40 Plymouth.

They honour us each year by coming all this way to march in our

Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition.

We will be holding a dinner for them Aug. 16, and the tickets are on sale at \$7 each. All are welcome to attend. There will be entertainment after the dinner.

Also, if any of you, could help us in the kitchen or to serve on that evening we would appreciate hearing from you.

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