

Neighbors'

help out

102 families

The Good Neighbor Service delivered more than an average of \$110 of food and toys to 102 needy Halton Hills families this year, volunteer Pearce Porter said.

The number 102 is up about 20 per cent from previous years, he said. Oddly, the increase in number did not mean families received less this year. An increase in donations meant families were receiving more, Mr. Porter said.

So helpful was the community that for the first time the Good Neighbor Service has plans to make an Easter delivery with remaining donations. More people aware of the service is the reason Mr. Porter gave for increased interest.

"The high school was enormously helpful to us," Mr. Porter said. They donated \$2,000. With the help of donations to the Kinettes they bought most of the toys. Stewarttown Public School had a dance where the admission charge was a can of food. Another school charged the same fee to a concert.

Well over 1,000 cans of food were collected from schools and churches, Mr. Porter said. The Good Neighbor Service bought turkeys, small hams, carrots, turnips, potatoes, apples, oranges, butter, some candy.

Deliveries began Dec. 22 and finished the next day at noon. All but one basket got delivered, Mr. Porter said. "One man we couldn't find because he moved, but we'll find him," he said.

Speed

Kings



Just days after Christmas, these youngsters couldn't wait to hustle down to the nearest big hill and try out their new sleds and toboggans. Some-

times it's more fun to gang up, though, and go down as a threesome. Seen here are Danny Atwell, 12, Michael Shorey, 10 and David Cloutier, 8. (Herald photo)

No shortage of trails for cross-country skiers

There's no shortage of sites to lay down your new cross country skis and track into the wilds.

Here's a look at some of the facilities in our region which are run by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Hilton Falls Conservation Area is located in a heavily wooded section of the Niagara Escarpment just north of Milton on Regional Road 9. The total forest complex is over 2400 acres. There is a novice to intermediate trail that is 2 km long, a 4 km trail for novice and intermediate skiers and a 9.5 km trail for intermediates who want more of a challenge. For an update on trail conditions call 854-0262.

Mountsberg Conservation Area has a variety of winter activities, but it's still possible to find quiet seclusion.

The Lakeshore Lookout Trail is 5.6 km long and is suitable for the novice or intermediate. A 6.5 km trail is called Pioneer Creek and it leads skiers through deciduous forest and coniferous plantations. A smaller 1.6 km novice trail is called Wildlife Walkway, skiers pass through wildlife exhibits and observation areas. For trail conditions call 854-2276.

At Crawford Lake Conservation Area you will find a site rich in heritage, geological and natural features. You can also visit the site of a recently re-constructed Indian Village and the scenic lake. The area is located 12 km west of Milton at Steeles Avenue and Guelph Line.

Woodland Orientation Trail is 1.8 km long and it's suitable for the novice to intermediate. The trail passes through gently rolling forest areas and passes by the main area attractions. Iroquois Heritage Trail is 2.3 km in length and if you are an intermediate skier, you'll like the rugged, natural escarpment terrain. For trail conditions call 854-0234.

Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area is a well-known and visibly prominent landmark on the Niagara Escarpment. The area is located 8 km west of Milton on Appleby Line. Rabbit's Run Trail is 1 km in length and the trail cuts through the developed park area - perfect for novices.

Buffalo Crag Trail is 3 km long and is suitable for novice to intermediate. The trail winds through rolling, well-sheltered escarpment terrain.

For trail conditions call 878-1147. The hours of operation for all sites is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trail conditions can grooming depends on the weather. Skiers can check on the trail conditions by phoning the areas before heading out.

Regular entrance fees are charged at all of the sites. "Count the Kilometres program", sponsored by Carlsberg, is being offered to skiers at the four areas. Cards and literature about the program can be picked up at each of the skiing areas.

IN THE HILLS

Report wanted

Councillors asked town staff to prepare a report on Section 3.15 of the final proposed plan for the Niagara Escarpment. In June, the Ontario cabinet deleted this section from the plan.

Correspondence from the Township of Lindsay asks for Halton Hills' support in requesting the resubmission of Section 3.15 into the Plan, as it's the only source of protection to affected landowners.

In-house training

Membership in the Ontario Municipal Management Development Board is to be decided by the 1986 budget committee, council decided Monday night.

The Board is soliciting the town's membership for its in-house training courses.

Ski Halton

If you love skiing, you won't want to miss these dates.

Feb. 2 there will be a cross-country ski outing at Hilton Falls Conservation Area. Feb. 9 there will be a historical ski tour and slide show at Crawford Lake Conservation Area starting at 2 p.m.

Feb. 4 there will be a valentine moonlight ski at Mountsberg Conservation Area starting at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on these programs, run by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, call 878-4131.

Lake tour

Crawford Lake Conservation Area has a lot to offer families in the winter.

The Centre features displays, films, slideshows, special events, a giftshop, lunchroom and much more.

Jan. 5 there will be a lake tour starting at 2 p.m. Join the Crawford Lake staff in exploring the geology and ecology of the area. For more information call 878-4131 (weekdays).

Winter fun

Looking for a site to pass away the long winter days? Mountsberg Wildlife Centre has a variety of events planned.

Every weekend there are regular presentations at the Interpretive Centre, plus cross country trails, tobogganing, skating, bonfires, snowshoeing, horse-drawn sleigh rides and much more.

For information about Mountsberg, located near Campbellville, call 878-4131 (weekdays).

To the rescue

The Ministry of Natural Resources is pitching in towards the cost of a slope stabilization project at 45 Metcalfe Court in Georgetown.

A late December notice from Minister Vincent Kerrio announced provincial approval of the \$45,000 project to correct a sliding rear yard and foundation.

The province will be paying 55 per cent of the project costs, with the remainder still being negotiated by the town and the homeowners.

Liver transplant recovery going well

Although her tummy is still painful from the recent liver transplant operation, a 12-year-old Acton area girl is now smiling and making jokes from her hospital bed at London Ontario's University Hospital.

Carol Bridge's father said his daughter is out of the intensive care unit of the hospital and in the pediatrics ward where she's starting to eat soft foods.

"She's doing pretty well," Dick Bridge said. "Her liver functions look good...seems to be working."

Carol received a new liver Dec. 20, just before Christmas, from an unknown donor.

"Before the transplant, we didn't figure she had much longer to go. It's her chance," said her father. "This could be a rebirth for Carol."

Although it's still early to tell about whether the liver will be accepted by Carol's body, "things look very promising," Mr. Bridge said.

The youngster is expected to be in hospital for a couple of months so that

doctors can monitor the amount of anti-rejection drug given carefully.

An Ospringe Public School pupil, Carol hadn't been able to go to school this year because of poor health, but had had a home tutor. While recuperating, she'll have a tutor again so she keeps up with her school work, her father said.

"Everybody's been really supportive for us in the last while. It's amazing how many good people are out there, really. It's great," Mr. Bridge said.

As for the donor's family, he was grateful to them. "I guess they know how we feel. We're really happy they made that decision," Mr. Bridge said.

"We're really thankful for the donor." "This is the type of thing that will become more and more in demand," he said of transplant operations. "There are a lot of other people who are going to need this kind of surgery in the future and people should become aware of it."

Mr. Bridge said Carol's spirits have been up all the way.

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