Church ladies return from 'country in crisis'

Nicaraguans committed to peace says minister

By MARY-LIZ SHAW Herald Staff

Two Georgetown residents have returned from a two-week goodwill mission to Nicaragua telling a story of a hopeful and generous people in a country ravaged by civil war.

Reverend Nancy Knox, minister of St. Johns United Church and Kathryn Latimer were members of a five-person team who travelled to Nicaragua to live and work in a tiny village near Tonala, on the Pacific

"We were anticipating hostlity," said Rev. Knax, "But the people

were gracious and welcoming." The group worked through the Canadian network Habitat for Humanity and the United Church of Canada Once in Nicaragua, they contacted CEPAD, an umbrella organization made up of all the Protestant churches in the country. They also worked with AMLAE, a Nicaraguan women's group of which

interpreters," Ms. Knox said.

"It is a mystery to me why a country like that remains a threat to the

Rev Knox and Ms. Latimer, and

pex and medical supplies. home was have a nice hot bath."

Ms. Latimer added the Nicaraguans continue to suffer from different from optimism because decimated the capital city of people are committed to peace." Managua, and wiped out close to Rev. Knox and Ms. Latin, er woke one third of the country's three up every morning at five and by 7 munor perspie



Church minister Nancy Knox (top) all females in that country are and Kathryn Latimer returned last week from a two-week goodwill mis-"Everyone speaks Spanish, so we sion to Nicaragua. The pair were worked with at least two American part of a team of five Canadians who worked in a farming co-operative on M's Knox said the Americans she the country's pacific coast. Another worked with through CEPAD told Georgetown resident, Cheryl ber they were embarrassed by the Lightowlers, has stayed in United States' policies towards Nicaragua for two more weeks.

"The country then went through USA." Rev. Knox said. "The people the Triumph or revolution in 1979," are trying to improve their way of Ms. Latimer said. "Now it really is a country in crisis."

Despite their hardships, the peothe rest of their party felt the effects ple maintain hope that peace will of those policies during their two- soon replace bloodshed, Ms. Knox week stay in May. The US imposed said. All the people in the farming an embargo on Nicaragua in 1982, cooperative had either fought stopping the flow of needed supplies themselves or had relatives and such as paper products, soap, sham- friends who had faught in the war, including women. The Nicaraguan "The first thing I did when I got army integrates both sexes and there are some divisions made up entirely of women, she said. "They have hopefulness, which is

me effects of a devastating earth- they have a long, hard road ahead of quake in 1972, which almost them," said Rev. Knox. "But the

a.m. they were working with the

HELPING HAND - A Nicaraguan Tonala, Nicaragua. Fifty per cent of

thquake tone outside the village of

villagers building small houses, in they noticed was the treatment of temperatures ranging from 90 to 100 degrees daily. They worked primarily on steel reinforcement pillars which are built into the foundation to protect the house from earthquakes. "Bedtime seemed ridiculously

early," Ms. Latimer said "But when you work all day and you're not used to the heat, you're ready to sleep by Both women said they were surprised by the openness and generosi-

large families and 50 per cent, or close to 1.5 million of the nation's population, are under 15-years-old They are poor but friendly." Rev. Knox said. "There is a strong emphasis on family and the extended family; brothers and sisters

The greatest cultural difference

never fight or yell at each other.

boy helps to reinforce the founda- Nicaragua's three million people are tions of a house being built in an ear- under 15 years old. (Photo by Cheryl

> privacy; the worst thing to do to a Nicaraguan is to leave him alone. "If any of the children saw you sitting by yourself, they would flock to sit with you," she said. "Sometimes we really wanted to be alone for a bit, but we never turned them

North American is to remove his

Rev. Knox and Ms. Latimer are ty of the children. Nicaraguans have waiting for their colleague Cheryl Lightowiers who stayed in Nicaragua for two more weeks. Ms. Lightowlers is travelling closer to the country's interior, nearer the fighting. Rev. Knox is certain, however, her friend is in little danger since the authorities will

allow few visitors near any bat-

Blue box bins

Public Works Director.

success in Milton

The "blue box" recycling bin pro-

gram is necessary to keep people

separating their newsprint, tins and

glass bottles, says the Region's

In a report to council, Bob Moore says Halton municipalities are ex-

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will purchase recycling vehicles for

the curbside pickups, and establish a recyclable materials facility.

With aluminum to be on the

market this September, and PET

plastic buttles already being recycl-

ed in many municipalities, it is feasi-

ble that in 1988, five materials could

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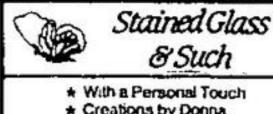
recycling bins to \$170,000. That's

be collected in the recycling bins.

one-third of the cost.



WORK NEVER STOPS -- A Nicaraguan and his Canadian helper cut wire reinforcements for houses in a small farming co-operative near the village of Tonals. Tonals is in an earthquake zone. (Photo by Cheryl Lightowlers)



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Dangerous weapon

Rev. Knox said.

A 33-year-old Elora man faces charges of possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace following a domestic dispute at 300 Main St North in Acton at 6 a.m. May 27 Halton Regional Police say the man threatend a foreman at his work with a knife. A bail bearing was held May 28.

Assaults police

A 3-year-old Toronto man was arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer and causing a disturbance on a parking iot at 236 Guelph St. May 25. Police say they found the man sleeping on the parking lot at 6:40 p.m. When the officer woke the man he got up and urinated on the police cruiser. Attempts by the officer to remove rum were met with stiff resistance. The man will appear in court June

Hubcaps stolen

Four hubcaps were stolen from a camere parked at 68 Kingham Rd. in Actor between 7:30 p.m. May 29 and 5.35 a.m May 30. Value of the traticage is \$150.

Boat motor gone

An outdrive unit was stolen from boat at the Credit Valley Boat Company on Adam Street in Norval between May 20-27. Value of the unit is estimated at \$4,000.

Wallet theft

A wallet containing \$450 and identification was stolen from the glove box of an unlocked car parked at 65 Prince Charles Dr. in Georgetown between 5 p.m. and 9 pm May 22

Careless driving

A 23-year-old Georgetown man faces charges of failing to report an accident and careless driving after his car encountered a wast:board effect of the start of a pavement and went out of control on the Sixth Line south of Sideroad 15 at 12:30 a.m. May 26. The man said a deer ran in front of his car. His 1982 Chevrolet suffered \$3,000 damage

Car rolls

A 19-year-old Oakville woman was charged with failing to report an accident after her car missed a curve and rolled over on Trail Falbrook and Clayhill Road in Halton Hills at 1 p.m. May 25. Damage to her 1984 Pontiac is listed at \$5,000. The women said a big black dog ran in front of her

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Window smashed

A glass door was smashed at 24 Ransom Street in Acton at 11:30 p.m. May 30. Two youths were seen running away from the apartment building at the time. Damage is estimated at \$150.

Police beat

Vehicle vandals

There were two incidents of damage at the GO station parking lot at King and Queen Streets in Georgetown between 7:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. May 25. The rear tail lights were kicked out of a 1984 Toyota causing \$100 damage and a 1986 Toyota suffered a similar fate causing \$50.

\$100 damage

Someone inflicted \$100 damage to the front door of the Acorn Restaurant at 14 Main St. South in Acton at 9:30 p.m. May 25.

Found drunk

A 47-year-old Acton man was arrested and charged with being drunk in a public place twice last weekend. On May 28 at 9.35 p.m. the man was found sitting on the sidewalk on Main Street in Acton and charged Two days later the man was found sleeping in the Skillet Restaurant at 1150 pm and charged again

Intoxicated

A 27 year-old Georgetown man was charged with being intoxicated in a public place when he refused to leave a restaurant at 10 Mountainview Road on May 27 at 9:30 p.m.

Careless driver

Charges of careless driving have been laid following an accident at Sideroad 32 at the Eighth Line at 9:50 p.m May 27 Police say a 1982 Dodge, driven by a 39-year-old Georgetown women, was eastbound on Sideroad 32 when it en countered a washboard effect and left the road. The car rolled over into a field causing \$4,000 damage



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CORRECTION

Appearing in today's paper, Page B8, a quart of Strawberries for \$1.99 is incorrect. It should read:

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What is EEAC?

EEAC is a voluntary group of individuals appointed to provide technical advice and assistance to Regional Council on current matters affecting Halton's natural environmet EEAC promotes and monitors Halton's natural environmental sensitive areas through field work, document review and public awareness programs and formally meets ever second Wednesday each month.

Who may apply?

Anyone with community or practical experience in dealing with environmental issues and who is prepared to devote several hours per week for meetings, field work and the reviewing of documents is encouraged to apply. There is a current need for individuals with technical expertise and field experience in botany, ecology, fish and wildlife biology, aquatic ecology, and hydrogeology, among other environmental science areas.

How to apply?

Application forms are available from the Halton Planning and Development Department at the address below. A letter and resume outlining the applicant's environmental background, activities and interests should also be attached. All applications should be submitted by June 12, 1987 to

Mr. Scott Dingwall Planning and Development Department Regional Municipality of Halton 1151 Bronte Road, P.O. Box 7000

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