

Rotary presents broadway musical



Dr. Peter Scholefield is flanked by Halton Hills Cancer Society unit president Eleanor Scarth and Joan Gibb, the campaign chairman for the Central Counties District. The Cancer Society kick-off breakfast was held April 6 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Dr. Scholefield talked about the broads made in fighting cancer over the last decade. (Herald photo)

Speakers buoyant at kick-off event for cancer society

Canadian Cancer Society supporters filled the banquet hall at the North Halton Golf and Country Club April 6 for the annual kick-off breakfast.

Those in attendance were given many reasons to feel buoyant by the remarks of the guest speakers.

The campaign chairman for the Central Counties District said the Halton Hills unit raised \$3.69 per capita for cancer needs last year. That's the third highest rate of 119 other districts in Ontario, said Chairman Joan Gibb.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy reminded people that 1988 Georgetown Citizen of the Year Ted Gorth is the treasurer of the unit and a valued member of the cancer society team.

Unit President Eleanor Scarth told the supporters about a Strawberries and Symphony festival to be held June 18 at the Dominion Seed House. All the proceeds will go towards the Canadian Cancer Society. She said people can exhibit at the event and that vans and signs are required by the unit for transporting band members and publicity.

Organizer of an antique car show, Neil Young, talked to the crowd about the 300 autos lined up for the June 19 event at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

Former mayor Bill Smith was in a positive-thinking mood when he asked the Cancer Society District office to let the goal for the Georgetown

area be doubled to \$120,000. Last year the Halton Hills unit set as a target \$55,000 but actually raised \$97,319.

Mr. Smith is the organizer of the annual fund-raising golf tournament at the North Halton Golf and Country Club which benefits the Cancer Society.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Peter Scholefield who is the executive director of the National Cancer Institute. He talked about the advances research has made in the disease in his presentation, "Cancer research: past, present and future."

People can help to ward off cancer by doing a number of things, he said. If everyone stopped smoking cancer could be cut by about 30 per cent. Avoid excessive radiation and don't get sunburnt, he cautioned.

Women should have a regular pap test and everyone should strive to eat a well-balanced diet, Dr. Scholefield said.

Joan Gibb offered some positive statistics at the breakfast to encourage campaign workers and supporters. Today, 85 per cent of breast cancer is curable, she said, and thousands of people are given renewed hope as the survival rate increases, she said.

There are those in the audience who can now say they know someone who had cancer and they've made it, she said.

OUR HOUSING CRISIS

Violence causes homeless family

This is the third in a series of five articles focussing on the need for emergency shelter and affordable housing in North Halton. The cases presented are true cases but the names have been changed. The articles have been prepared by the North Halton Housing Committee of the Halton Social Planning Council. The Halton Social Planning Council is a non-profit organization involved in research, planning and community development activities in North Halton. For more information, call Elaine Eastman at 632-1975 or 877-3219.

Herald Special
Recently on a fiercely cold mid-winter evening - a young woman in the latter stages of pregnancy, and her two children arrived at the door of Halton Women's Place in Milton. The light shining from the front porch bore a promise of warmth, safety and shelter to the children whose fingers and faces were pinched with cold and the mother whose voice quavered with fear and anxiety. This was a homeless family and the situation was one of domestic violence.

A hot cup of tea, kindly reassurance and questioning elicited a heartrending story of cruelty and rejection.

Her name was Sally. She was 26 years old, her small son was aged 2 and her daughter was 5. Hers was an ill prepared marriage contracted to escape a father who drank to excess and terrorized his family. Lack of experience and a low self-image found her ironically courting the same character defects in her intended husband. Although older by a few years he proved totally irresponsible and their married life was dogged by financial insecurity and instability. Her husband's employment was sporadic but early pregnancy, lack of education and few work skills kept Sally reliant on someone who was unreliable.

Violence erupted early in the marriage increasing in severity and intensity combined with a daily barrage of verbal abuse. Sally felt her world closing in. Her husband's suspicious nature and controlling aspect had gradually turned her friends away. She felt increasingly lonely, frightened, and worst of all completely isolated. Sally became a regular visitor to the out-patients' emergency department of her local hospital for a variety of injuries ranging from a concussion and broken wrist to the emotional and physical trauma of being thrown down the basement steps while struggling up with a basketful of laundry. This time he threatened "to break her neck and cripple her for life." She was pregnant at the time. She feared for the life and safety of herself and her unborn child. The police were notified, her husband was charged with assault, and subsequently incarcerated for a period of time.

Although pregnant, Sally has

separated from her husband and the courts have granted her custody of the children. Sally's main concern is for the emotional wellbeing of her children. She wants desperately to break the cycle of violence that has served to undermine her own and her children's happiness and security.

Through counselling at the shelter and through ongoing counselling with an outside agency Sally is finally taking the first tentative steps toward gaining the self-esteem and strength necessary to provide her family with a responsible, stable and nurturing environment in which they may hopefully reach their full potential.

Life will not be easy for Sally - she will join the legion of single parent families, primarily headed by women, who struggle to exist on a subsistence far below any recognized poverty level. The inadequate supply of subsidized housing means

that for many women like Sally, doubling-up or sharing accommodation with others will be a necessity. As Sally's stay at Halton Women's Place can rarely extend past the six week period, she may have to move to another shelter until she can find suitable accommodation. Despite the fact that Sally's roots are firmly embedded in Halton, her family may have to be torn away from all that is familiar to them.

If our community is to respond adequately to the housing needs of women like Sally, we need to ensure that more housing options are made available. We need to promote the type of growth in the housing industry that will see more low cost and affordable housing come available in our community. In the last article in this series, we look at what measures are necessary to improve the housing situation and what we in the community can do to help with the acute problem.

Celebrates 80th birthday

NORVAL - Congratulations and best wishes to Elsie Grimwood, formerly of Norval, who celebrated her 80th birthday at her 6 Richmond Street home in Brampton.

Daughter Janice and husband George Johnston welcomed over 80 guests and Elsie's granddaughters Kathleen and Amanda assisted in serving lunch. Also serving were Ina Shepherd and Molly Gordon. Pouring tea were Ethel (Bignell) Haines and Anne Brownjohn. Elsie opened a hair dressing

parlor in Norval back in the '30s for 10-15 years as well as delivering the RR1 mail for three years. Later she moved to Milton and continued with her hair business for seven years. Following this she moved to Brampton and opened Grimwood Jewellers on Main Street where she operated a successful business for 20 years. Former friends and neighbors came from as far away as Saul Ste. Marie, Buffalo, Orillia, Toronto, Milton, Georgetown and Norval.

Notice of Meeting

PROPOSED ACTON QUARRY LANDFILL STUDY GROUP

The Study Group formed by Eco Logic Inc. of Rockwood to examine the proposal by Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) of Milton to develop a solid waste landfill in the Acton Quarry will hold its introductory meeting on:

Date: Thursday, April 21, 1988

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197
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Meetings are open to public observation. Questions, comments and requests for further information should be directed to:

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Obituary

Norval resident had fruit stand

By KAY WILSON
Herald Special

NORVAL - Lifetime resident of RR2 Norval, Eleanor (Judy) Burton, passed away suddenly at her home April 5. She is the daughter of the late Charlie and Florence Burton and loved sister of (Flossie) Mrs. Herbert Kinsley of Brampton, Arthur (Buck) Burton of Norval RR2 and predeceased by Tom Burton. She is also survived by nine nieces and nephews.

Judy, in her 76th year, was born and raised at the corner of Winston Churchill and Emberton Roads. Oldtimers used to call it Centreville. Judy looked forward to visiting with people while she operated a fruit and vegetable stand from early spring till late fall.

The many floral arrangements were a last, goodwill gesture by

friends and neighbors who Judy had remembered with flowers when they were sick or hospitalized.

The funeral service was from the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home in Georgetown April 9 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Rick Ruggie officiated. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval. The Pallbearers were Roy Abrams, Claude McLaughlin, Garnet Laidlaw, Quinto Ferri, John Farri-mond and Rick Martin.

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Men's dinner club started

A senior men's dinner club has been operating for the past six months and is gaining membership as the months go by. Starting with 40 in attendance, the number is up to over 60 gentlemen.

The club is the idea of Irwin Noble who thought the retirees of town should meet in a social way over a luncheon and get to know one another better.

Ladies of various churches and the golf club have catered the lunches and a speaker is generally arranged. There is no membership fee and the club is open to all senior men in the community.

The cost of the luncheon is moderate and if you would like to join this group which meets the second Thursday of the month, call 877-2804 or 877-3407. April 14 is the next get together at Holy Cross Hall.

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