

Crafts supervisor keeps Manorites busy making things in craft class

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 The gravest error one could make at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton is to throw out anything.

"We find a use for everything, nothing is thrown away," reports Mrs. Thelma Green, crafts supervisor at the county's home for the aged.

She proved this point by displaying a table decoration made by the elderly residents from an egg cup that had been discarded by the Manor's kitchen.

In the Manor there are 35 residents under Mrs. Green's instruction. Of those, 20 are incapable of coming to the craft room and must do the work in their own rooms, but Mrs. Green only considers six as regular workers in the craft room. She would like more participation but finds the usual answer to this request is, "Well Mrs. Green, I've worked all my life and I'm here to retire."

There is a great deal of talent at the Manor and a wide variety of articles are made. Residents make woolen accessories, mosaic dishes, cloth clowns, cotton aprons, felt roses, Christmas decorations, waste baskets from used greeting cards, wooden carvings, floor mats, small baskets, table center pieces and pot holders.

The residents are able to work five days a week, Monday to Friday, any time during the morning or afternoon.

It has also proven to be quite a profitable hobby for the residents. The Centennial Manor

Auxiliary supplies the materials needed, then sells the goods at the spring bazaar and the pre-Christmas sale. For each of their articles sold the resident receives approximately one-third of its value while the rest is given to the Auxiliary to buy more materials.

Mrs. Green is the only person employed to instruct the residents. She does, however, receive voluntary assistance from many auxiliary members.

Another artistic development at the Manor is "The Chatterbox". It is the residents' own publication about the activities going on at the Manor.

Each wing of the Manor has a representative on the staff of "The Chatterbox". The magazine consists of contributions from various residents. There is a variety of poetry and short stories, a humor page, a section on social news concerning the residents

and a "bit and pieces" column. The publication runs anywhere from 20 to 30 pages in length. It was started last July

and is presently published once a month. Each resident receives one free and many are sent to friends and relatives.

Firecrackers start blaze

Firecrackers were believed the cause of one of two fires on Monday but local firefighters confined damage to a minimum.

A fire at the John McKinnon farm at R.R. 3 Milton started in the wooden shingles after some firecrackers had been discharged. A front end loader with a step ladder on the bucket enabled the smouldering shingles of the two-storey house to be reached with water before the fire brigade arrived to control the fire. Damage was confined to the roof and some water damage.

At 11:05 p.m. an observant resident spotted a fire at Milton District High School. Mrs. Vera

Ledwith saw the flames from her Ontario St. home and alerted firemen. The fire broke out in garbage placed in a confined area. Damage was not extensive.

At 4:35 a.m. firefighters were called to a car fire on Lot 1, Con. 1 Oakville. A 1970 Plymouth owned by Bill Place was aflame. Damage was not estimated.

Milton drivers in accidents

Two Milton men were among drivers involved in collisions on North Halton roads in the past week.

On Saturday morning a one-car accident caused \$500 damage to a car driven by David Leslie Bird, 101 Miles St., Milton. It happened on 15 Sideroad in Nassagaweya.

A car driven by Larry McDougall, 399 George St., Milton received \$700 damage in a collision with a Brampton man's car on Base Line Rd. east of Bell School Line Sunday. Three persons in the Brampton man's car were injured.

Wrong date

The new Oakville Branch of the Canadian District Diabetic Association will meet to discuss regular and new business May 27 at the Lions Community Centre in Oakville, not May 22 as earlier reported.

Three errors in last week's story on the new Diabetic Association were also pointed out. Vice president Bob Brown should have been listed as Bud Brown; Harold Cheyne is treasurer, not secretary; and Mrs. James Edwards should have been Mrs. Hane Edwards.

Young visitors call on police

Approximately 150 people dropped in at the Milton police station last week for a Police Week tour of the office and equipment, reports Chief M. R. Andress.

"Most of the visitors were young people, about public school age. They got a big charge out of being fingerprinted just for fun."

"All in all I think the police week proved very successful," he said.

Man vs. machine in Halton . . .

(A guest opinion by Walden Concord, resident from Toronto Bruce Trail Club "Footnotes")

"Recently there has been much controversy concerning a jumbo jet port and a Mosport-type auto raceway planned for Halton County and a private airport planned for Omagh in northern Oakville. The great majority of residents in the areas affected are voicing strong developments.

The lovers of speed, smells and noise no doubt look upon the objectors as backward-looking individuals who are unable to cope with progress. In actual fact, the very opposite is the case; the objecting residents are on the side of the future, while the promoters of noise and smells represent an old and uninformed viewpoint.

The building of facilities for the consumption of vast quantities of non-renewable energy is indeed a retrograde step. The battles now being waged in Halton and Oakville point up the new attitude versus the old as dramatically as did the controversy over the development of the U.S. supersonic jet, which preceded one of the big mistakes made by any government in recent years.

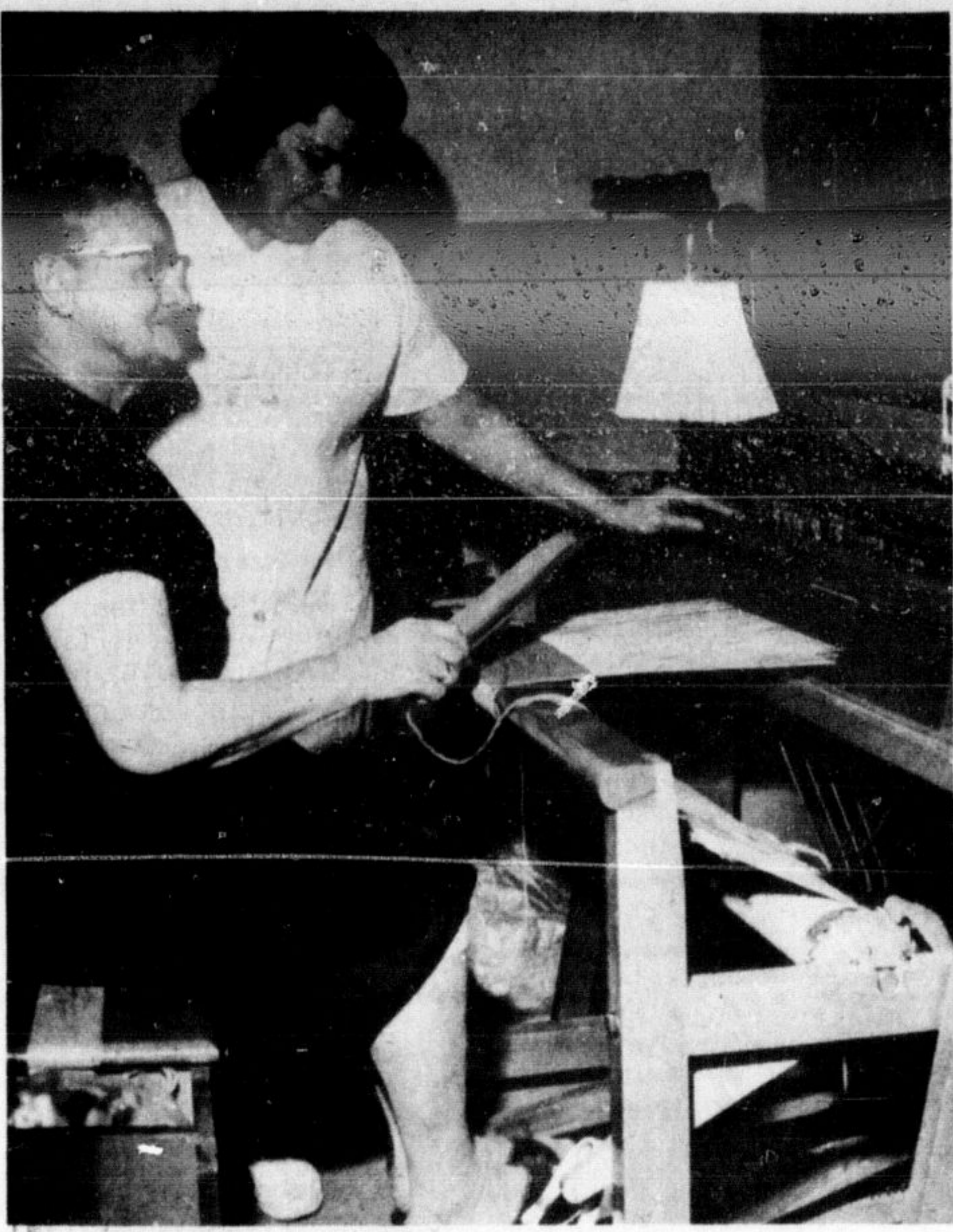
For not only does the consumption of large volumes of fossil fuels result in severe deterioration of the environment, but the known reserves of this particular fossil fuel, crude oil, are predicted to run out in 25 to 30 years. Yet the advocates of "progress" insist on building more auto raceways, airports and Spadina Expressways to accelerate the already

alarming decline in this energy resource.

Anyone who imagines that an alternate solution to the energy supply problem will soon be forthcoming is just unacquainted with the facts. Science after all is not magic; it can only operate within the unyielding laws of nature.

What is the energy source which is expected to replace our dwindling supplies of crude oil? Electricity may serve to drive small, slow-speed, slow to accelerate automobiles on city streets, but it cannot hope to propel a jumbo jet. Besides, storage batteries (which incidentally are not pollution-free) require an external source of electricity to charge them and this additional requirement can only be supplied by some non-renewable energy source now that Ontario's hydrostatic sources are used to capacity. Atomic energy? This is also a non-renewable resource and again, where do we dispose of the large quantities of radioactive wastes which are the inevitable by-product? There is just no foreseeable answer to the energy supply problem, which is looming large on the not too distant horizon.

At a time when we should be tightening our belts they continue to build auto raceways for the satisfaction of a degenerate taste, airports for the convenience of the few and the detriment of the many, and inefficient and costly expressways when there is an efficient and less costly alternative. A visitor from outer space surveying the scene would conclude that the species Homo sapiens must be very mad indeed."



FIRST-HAND INSTRUCTION is given to Mrs. F. Buist sitting at the loom by Mrs. Thelma Green, crafts supervisor at the Halton Centennial Manor. —(Staff Photo)



MANY HOURS OF HARD LABOR have gone into the construction of these mosaic dishes and according to Manor resident Vernon McArthur they are a must for everyone's home. —(Staff Photo)



CLOWN DOLLS are popular according to Mrs. M. Blinn (right) who compares her wares with co-worker Mrs. Sara Small, both residents and participants of the Manor's craft class. —(Staff Photo)



THIS DISPLAY on the craft room bulletin board exhibits the wide range of articles made by the residents of the Manor. Mrs. V. Couling shows Mrs. Thelma Green one of the more recent crafts. —(Staff Photo)

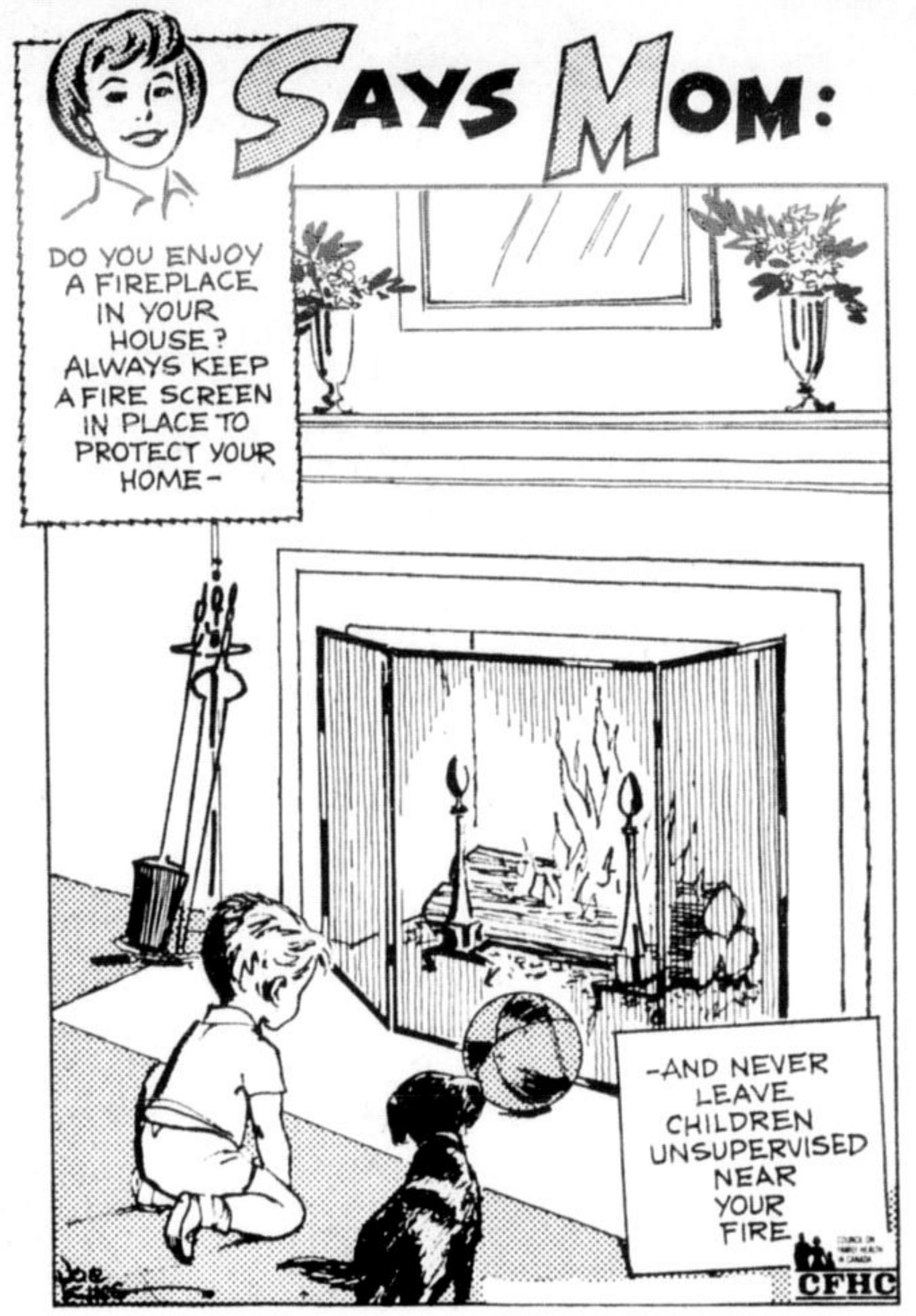
Dance funds improve hall

Thanks to the efforts of the Irish Canadian Club in Milton and the dances they have held recently, Holy Rosary Hall has a stage and other improvements to the kitchen area.

Frank Lee, spokesman for the club said the club will hold one dance a month bringing in a variety of Irish show bands and the proceeds from the dances in the immediate future will go to help sponsor projects with the parish.

Showbands like the Tara Show Band, the Maple Leaf Band and the Kevin Malloy Showband are booked for future dances. Kevin Malloy who has travelled extensively through the country and has played in other parts of the world will be here September 25.

May is Hearing and Speech Month in Canada, sponsored by the Canadian Hearing Society. Guard against possible hearing loss. See your ear specialist.



Despite the name, refrigerator cookie dough can be stored in the freezer for up to six months.

—Support the walkathon for the Deaf Mission Farm this weekend.

New frost-free refrigerator freezers eliminate ice chipping and messy water trays because frost-free models need no defrosting.

—Milton OPP report a "fairly normal" stream of holiday weekend traffic on roads in the North Halton area.

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