



"VOLUNTEERS" at Halton Centennial Manor began active duty on Monday. The group was organized by Mrs. Audrey McKee of Court St. and is sponsored by the Halton Centennial Manor Auxiliary. Here the girls help residents prepare for dinner. Left to right are Mrs. Jean Blacklock, Jane McKinnon,

Mildred McKinnon, and Mrs. Robena Garrett. At front is Jo-Ann McKinnon. The three sisters had worked at the manor during the summer before the program was organized.—(Staff Photo)

Like Candystripers

Volunteers aid staff, Manorites

Pink and white pinafores are also making a name for themselves at Halton Centennial Manor and under the candy-stripe garb are the Halton Centennial Manor Volunteers. The group, similar to the Candystripers at Milton District Hospital, volunteer their time to the staffers and aid residents and nurses with the everyday chores.

Mrs. Audrey McKee of Court St., former secretary at the Manor for 11 years, is responsible for getting the group started. Mrs. McKee took an active interest in the volunteer program and approached the Halton Centennial Manor Committee about getting the project underway.

Auxiliary help
The Auxiliary of Halton Manor was fully behind Mrs. McKee and agreed to supply uniforms and any other necessary requirements to start the program in Milton.

The first group of girls began active duty on Monday helping nurses with feeding of residents, administering snacks, reading stories and reading as well as writing letters. "As they work into the job more, nurses will find much more for them to do, and they'll also be there just to help with the lonely," said Mrs.

McKee. "Someone to talk to is always a help to everyone."

Uniforms are supplied by the Auxiliary and after a girl has completed her first 50 hours of service she is awarded a cap to go with the outfit. Upon completion of 75 hours each girl will receive a pin, and bars follow consecutively as more hours build up.

Girls alternate hours on a shift basis, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. during the week. A special Sunday shift has also been organized running from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. "This shift was specially organized so the girls could help residents get to chapel or to entertainment in the auditorium," added Mrs. McKee.

Only 10 girls are presently serving as Volunteers at the Manor and more are greatly needed. "We could almost double this number," she said. "Many girls were scared away when they found out they had to have a medical examination before being accepted. These are the type that couldn't have been too interested in the work or a little extra like a medical wouldn't have bothered them. Many of the young girls are shy, though," she laughed.

Must be 15
Application forms for any

interested girls may be picked up at Milton District High School or Halton Manor, girls must be at least 15 years of age to qualify for the position and each must be interviewed by Mrs. McKee before being accepted.

"I get a lot of ideas and help from the people who organized the hospital Candystripers," explained Mrs. McKee. "I've tried to set up this program along the same lines with only a few minor changes. Any girls interested in the program can be sure it is a rewarding experience. I hope the experience may even lead to some taking on positions either here or in a hospital," she concluded.

Sisters in program
Three sisters who are enrolled in the program are under 15 years of age. The girls were bored with no job last summer so they volunteered their help and worked at the Manor for no pay and sometimes to fill in their time. Spokesman for the three, Jo-Ann McKinnon said "it proved to be a challenge for us, working as junior nurses."

Mrs. McKee is looking forward to more applications once the holidays are over and the new year is underway.

No charge for advice - Currie

"If you ever think you might need old George's advice, it'll be free—there'll be no bill," retiring Esquering reeve George Currie told his colleagues at Monday's closing meeting of Esquering Council.

The 80-year-old reeve is stepping down after a career on council that dates back to 1927. "Everything must come to an end," the reeve told council. "It's been a pleasure to work with this council and staff and I wish the new council and reeve success."

Pay tribute
Councillors paid tribute to the amazing Mr. Currie for splendid leadership he has given council and to former clerk K. C. Lindsay, who is also retiring.

Retiring councillor Ken Marshall, who was defeated by colleague Russell Miller in the race for deputy-reeve in this year's election, said one consolation for him was the fact he'd always be able to say he retired from council in the same year as George Currie.

Motion thanks reeve
Council passed a motion thanking the reeve for his impartial manner in which he has presided over meetings during

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Offer skiing program to Milton residents

A ski program for Milton residents will be offered by the Milton Recreation Committee, members agreed at their monthly meeting. If sufficient interest is evident, instruction and skiing programs will be provided on a fee basis at Glen Eden.

The ski program for juniors will include eight hours of instruction over eight consecutive Saturdays as well as use of the tows for the balance of the afternoon. The cost of the program will be \$17.50 with applications available locally. A group of 20 is required to initiate the program, the committee was told.

A similar program scheduled for mid-week days, is being offered for the housewives.

Okay parks
The joint Parks and Recreation Board studies and approved park areas proposed in the north east development area of the town.

The parks are generally adjoining school sites.

A grant of \$75 was approved to the Milton Minor Baseball Association to overcome a deficit incurred on their 1970 operations. Financial statements of the club's operations had been submitted.

Giant tree
Erection of the community Christmas Tree at Centennial Park had been completed, member Howell Hopkin reported, with lighting to be undertaken immediately. The work has since been done.

In preliminary budget discussions members considered the possibility of engaging a full time recreation director since the work load on committee members in developing and organizing programs was beyond what could be continued. The matter was to be investigated further.

Esquering council okays payment accounts

Authorization of payment of accounts took up a good portion of the business at Monday's final 1970 meeting of Esquering Council. Accounts approved for payment included:

—\$1,585 legal fees to the firm of Helson, Baines and Langdon, township solicitors.

—\$110 to reeve George Currie for attending meetings of the Halton County Industrial Committee, during 1970.

—\$30 each to deputy-reeve Tom Hill and councillor Ken Marshall and \$40 to former clerk K. C. Lindsay for service on Acton fire area committee.

—\$50 each to councillors Wilfrid Leslie and Russell Miller for service on Georgetown fire area committee.

—\$438 to George Herrington for dog catching services during the months of October and November.

—\$95.04 to clerk-treasurer Delmar French for mileage during 1970.

—The township's municipal levy from the Halton County Board of Education in the amount of \$133,206.

—\$5,340.75 to Georgetown Fire Area for fire protection.

—\$1,811.70 to Milton Fire Area for fire protection.

—Reeve George Currie's 1970 salary in the amount of \$1,700. Council also authorized Mr. French to pay road accounts as submitted by roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow on December 31, 1970.

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