



IT'S A GREAT sport and good to learn young. Under the direction of Ron Dodds (top) youngsters get basic instructions at Milton Tennis Club at Roters Park. Below, Nick Hector and Steven Graham get into the swing of things, practicing what they've been taught while Debbie Hector gives special attention to 10-year old Kim Colling. Milton Tennis Club offers lessons for beginners of all ages each season. The sport is becoming more popular each year.

(Photos by B. Burt)

Ottawa Report

by
Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



have written to me praising the program. All letters have been sent to Robert Andras, the Minister responsible. If you wish to help in this fight, write me and I will pass on your remarks to him.

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If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, phone 844-0222.

The Local Initiatives Program, or L.I.P. has produced many worthwhile, socially beneficial projects which have enjoyed general acceptance and praise in communities across the country. Thus the Department of Manpower and Immigration has wisely made the decision to renew a substantial number of them when their present funds are exhausted on May 31.

One of the best run programs, producing some of the most beneficial social results in Canada, has to be "Halton Helping Hands" right here in our area. It employs 26 people in Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown who provide housekeeping, house repair, delivery and other personal services to approximately 400 shut-ins, handicapped and elderly persons who cannot perform these functions for themselves.

Naturally such a meritorious project will be renewed. Right? Wrong.

Less unemployment
You see, L.I.P. is an employment program and the only factor the Ottawa mandarins will consider in renewals is the unemployment situation in the area. Unemployment percentages in Oakville in March were less than 6.8 per cent, the national average, and the cut-off figure for renewals.

I have been fighting a frustrating battle to obtain an exception for Halton Helping Hands. I thought there might be a way around the obstinacy. The unemployment figures in Burlington and Georgetown are high enough to qualify these areas for renewal. And the project may well be renewed in these towns. Thus, I reasoned with the Minister's officials, we should be able to serve the needs of the handicapped in Oakville with people hired in Burlington and Georgetown. After all, Oakville is situated between these two towns and one must actually pass through it to get from one to

the other. This suggestion would satisfy the employment regulations and also, more importantly, continue the valuable services to the handicapped and elderly beneficiaries.

But no, said the mandarins, it has never been done that way. The people should work in the town where they live, they said. This is a piece of reasoning that escapes me entirely.

Look at Montreal
The ridiculousness of adhering to a strict unemployment pre-

condition is evident in the Montreal situation. There are about 10,000 people employed in L.I.P. programs in that city. Because the unemployment rate there in March was 6.7 per cent, a mere .1 per cent under the national average, all programs are to be terminated, putting 10,000 out of work. The result? You guessed it. The unemployment rate for Montreal will rise about the 6.8 per cent.

About 70 people benefitting under Halton Helping Hands

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Honor past president of Holy Rosary CWL

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Rosary Parish assembled for their last monthly meeting of the 1972-73 term on Wednesday evening, May 16.

Mrs. J. Sanford, who presided over the meeting and members discussed many of the important forthcoming events, including the annual evening retreat, which took place Tuesday evening, Fr. H. Bedford of the Jesuit Order was the retreat master and delivered a beneficial retreat. Two weddings scheduled for Saturday, May 26 and Saturday, June 2 will be convened by Mesdames Sanford, McCarron, Haslam, Scisizzi, Serafini, Sosnowski and O'Connor.

The 53rd annual convention of Hamilton Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada will be held at the Valhalla Inn, Kitchener, June 1, 2, 3. This year's theme is "Serve—In Living Faith and Love." A letter of appreciation was received from the Missionary Sisters of St. Joseph in Guatemala for the generous donation given by the Holy Rosary League. This will help

carry on the work of the Church among the poor.

Mrs. J. McCarron, who has completed her two year term of office as president, received a past president's pin from Mrs. J. Sanford. Mrs. McCarron was also thanked for her work as president. Lunch was served and the group adjourned until Sept. 12.

—May is clean-up month in Oakville and the town's sanitary landfill site was open extra hours on the holiday weekend so residents could get rid of junk.

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Residents gain voice at Centennial Manor

Residents at Halton Centennial Manor will have an opportunity to practice participatory democracy. Administrator Stan Allen reports a move is underway to establish a residents' council. The council would consist of residents at the Manor and members of the executive would meet regularly to discuss problems, complaints and possibly to arrange enter-

tainment for Manor residents. The administrator would meet on a regular basis with the council executive and he would act as a liaison between the residents' council and the Manor Committee of Management.

Set up committees
Mr. Allen said a pro-tem secretary and president had been appointed and at future meetings other council members

would be recruited. Hopefully committees would be formed to act as welcoming committees for new residents, for the sick members and for a variety of other purposes.

Mr. Allen said some residents are reluctant to take a problem to the management because they don't feel it is important enough, but they may discuss it with fellow residents on the council.

—Deadline for submitting wedding reports to The Champion is one month after the wedding.

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