

Turn hobbies into businesses



ELINORE SHANNON reports business is booming at her new Milton Hobbies and Crafts shop on Main St. Elinore, who has tried several hobbies herself, feels there is a need for such a shop in town and her business has been warmly received by the public.

(Photos by R. Downs)

She hopes to promote more hobbies in town

Elinore Shannon discovered very early in life that she could turn a hobby into a profitable business venture. She bought her first

pair of skates as a child with the proceeds from her hand crocheted work. Recently she opened her own shop on Main St. in

Milton so that people who are interested in crafts and hobbies will have somewhere local to purchase their supplies. "I realized the need for such a shop when we had to go out of town to buy supplies to make our Christmas candles, and also when my son, who makes model airplanes, couldn't buy replacement parts."

"It has just been in the past few years that people have really taken a keen interest in crafts," Elinore says. "We hope to promote further interest and at the same time constantly respond to the needs of the community."

Expert help

As Elinore points out, the nice thing about having a local hobby shop is that if you buy a model and don't know how to assemble it, there will be someone in the shop who can give you a hand. Her son Jim is presently working with a young lad who bought a model airplane. When they have it assembled Jim will take the boy into a field for a flying lesson.

This is an example of the personal touch most people miss when shopping in larger centres and the very thing that could mean success for Elinore.

Coons wants day centres remain local

Day care centres should remain the responsibility of the local municipalities under regional government, chairman of the Community Services Committee of Halton County Council Dave Coons told the committee.

As of Jan. 1 when regional government takes effect, the region will assume responsibility for day care nurseries rather than the municipality as is the case now.

There is only one municipally owned day care centre in the county now. That one is located in Oakville and operated by the Town of Oakville. The change in jurisdiction was brought to the committee's attention by administrator Rennie Vivian. In the past the county has absorbed the cost of day care for working mothers who couldn't pay for the service themselves. In most cases aid has been given in cases where it would take someone off the welfare rolls or prevent someone from going on.

Mr. Vivian noted the Oakville centre's budget for staff is approximately \$36,484. The county will also assume the costs of maintenance, capital expenses, etc. Mr. Vivian was asked to investigate with the province and ask it to justify making it a regional responsibility.

Coon said Oakville was the only town which had a municipal day care centre commended that town for having one, but suggested the residents of Oakville were the only ones who enjoyed the service and they should pick up the tab.

Pay own freight "We each have to pay our own freight and not expect others to pick up the tab. Before you know it, we'll have to have people to supervise the operation," Coons said.

Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannell suggested the responsibility should remain local. He suggested it would make it very easy for citizens to demand municipal day care centres in their areas if it were to be paid out of the regional coffers.

Mannell suggested that nursery schools and day care centres would be better handled by the Halton Board of Education, rather than the county. He noted it was more than a babysitting service. He pointed out there was space in the schools caused by the declining number of students.

Milton Deputy Reeve Marjory Powys took a different point of view and said municipalities are behind the times and backward, because

By Joyce Beaton

Two local women recently turned their hobbies into what they hope will be a service to the community as well as a profitable business for themselves.

Both Elinore Shannon (Milton Hobbies & Crafts) and Barbara Haines (The Pine Tree) practised their special interests while at home taking care of their young families. Now that the children are in their teens they have ventured out into the business world, bringing with them many years of practical experience in crafts.

Elinore went from hobby to hobby, first perfecting one skill, then going on to the next. With experience in everything from candle making to crocheting, she is now anxious to encourage and assist others with their particular hobby or craft.

Makes dolls, animals

Barbara began her married life as a travel agent but soon realized she couldn't successfully combine the long hours expected of her with raising small children. Six years ago she decided to stay home and concentrate on an interest she had held for many years, dolls and stuffed animals.

In order to afford her hobby she realized she needed a market for her toys to pay for materials. One thing led to another and now she is the owner of a shop which displays not only her work, but that of many local artisans and craftspeople.

Promotes artists for community

"We hope to establish a centre for arts and crafts in Milton where people will be free to come and go and meet other artists. Perhaps in time we'll have someone on the premises demonstrating their craft," says Barbara Haines. She has plenty of ideas for the promotion of artists in the community and her shop The Pine Tree on Main St. attractively displays many examples of their work.

"With hand crafted items the person puts a part of themselves in everything they make. It is really a gift of love," says Barbara as she shows pieces of pottery by Joan Howatson, Niagara Falls and Roma Middleton, Washington, Ont. Local artists such as Bruce Millar of Campbellville who makes beeswax candles and Betty Brooks of Milton who specializes in bubble glass find an outlet for their talents at The Pine Tree.

Weaving, carving

Local weavers Sue Greer, Janet Beck and Betty Groat have their items on display as do Arthur Harwood, Burlington, sailor carvings; Carol Knapton, Orangeville, hand painted "Worry Birds"; and knitting by Viola Slade of Milton.

"People today want some quality for their money," Barbara says. "They are looking for well-made quality items at a reasonable price. I think people are sick of machine-made items, mass produced and all the same". Barbara's interest in crafts was kindled more brightly when, while planning her present shop, she made a visit to the craft shops of England. There she found the Fine Pine Tableware by Robin and Mary Ellis of Cambridge; the Corn Dollies made by Elizabeth Smith of Norfolk; the pottery from Holjam Hall in Norfolk and the beautiful colors in the weaving from Wales. Samples of this work as well as a display of wooden toys from Exmoor, England are intermingled with the work of local craftsmen to make an impressive display.

Ahead of Canada "The women of Great Britain were into crafts when we in Canada were still churning the butter," Barbara notes, "consequently they are years ahead of us. Many of my patterns for stuffed animals were 'borrowed' from them".

Barbara is currently working with Prof. Kirk Harward of Lambton College in Sarnia to develop dolls of famous Canadian women similar to the Original Peg Dolls made by a group of women in England. The English dolls depicting British royalty and nursery rhyme characters can also be seen at The Pine Tree.

—DST ends and standard time returns Sunday at 2 a.m. when clocks go back an hour.



BARBARA HAINES' specialty is stuffed animals but she offers a wide variety of items for sale at her Main St. arts and crafts shop, The Pine Tree.

McGinnis president of Milton Optimists

Executive members of the Optimist Club of Milton recently assumed office for 1973-74. They were inducted by Optimist Ken Loach of West Toronto Club.

President is Bill McGinnis with Ken Blyth and Don Morley as vice-presidents. Barry Everly is secretary and Tom Brown treasurer.

Directors include Ron Arpa, Alex Tonelli, Ron Hudd, Joe Podwinski, Bob Dyck and John Wrigglesworth while past president

Marvin Sine is the 12th executive member. There are 15 committees at work.

The club recently presented trophies to the Bantam A team which won the Halton County baseball championship, at a banquet in the UAW centre. Optimists John Wrigglesworth and Ron Arpa coached the club. President McGinnis presented the trophies.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS

CORRECTIONS FOR THE 1974 SCHOOL SUPPORT LIST

The Assessment Office for the Province of Ontario has submitted the Annual School Support List and it has been posted on October 17th, 1973, in the Office of the Clerk at the Municipal Offices, 251 Main Street, East, Milton, Ontario, for inspection.

Residents and property owners are requested to examine this list to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown therein.

Attention is drawn to the necessity to complete the required form, available at the Office of the Clerk, respecting an Application for Alteration of School Support Entry.

All requests for additions, corrections or deletions from the List will be received by the Clerk at the Municipal Offices, above mentioned,

COMMENCING ON

Wednesday, October 17th through to Friday, November 2nd, 1973,

from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

The last day for filing forms requesting additions or corrections to or deletions from the List will be Friday, November 2nd, 1973 at 5:00 p.m.

J. McGEACHIE,
CLERK ADMINISTRATOR,
Town of Milton.