



INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION is paid to the children at the Tinkerbell Nursery for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped Child. Here May Haynes (left) and Maxine Hurst help Lana

Whitelock and Lisa Kean with their peanut butter sandwiches and milk. It was open house at the nursery located at E. C. Drury School in Milton Wednesday.



PLAYTIME at the Tinkerbell Nursery for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped Child includes fun at the sand table. Volunteers Margaret Barret of Acton and Pat Missurvey keep a close eye on Barbara Abray and Lise Thibeault.

Tinkerbell Nursery

Tiny footprints lead the visitor to open house

Tiny yellow, blue and red footprints directed visitors to the open house activities at Tinkerbell Nursery for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped Wednesday. The walls of Milton's E. C. Drury School hallways were lined with long posters of small feet, the toes pointing the way.

It was a morning and evening affair with the children moving through their regular, familiar routine during the morning. In the evening slides of the children's activities were shown. Visitors were treated to home-made cakes, cookies and coffee.

New home
Milton is the new home of the Tinkerbell Nursery which began four years ago in Georgetown. Director Jennifer Kuiken, herself the mother of a handicapped child, started the nursery because of the lack of facilities for mentally and physically handicapped children.

There are at present 22 children enrolled with a capacity for 45. All the children

are from Milton and Halton Hills. The staff consists of five persons with volunteer assistants.

Tinkerbell Nursery is part of the North Halton Association for Mentally Retarded. It receives an 80 per cent grant from the government to pay for operating costs. The local association pays the remaining 20 per cent of the staff salaries and transportation.

Volunteers needed
Nursery chairman Edith Hillman is anxious to enroll additional volunteers. A Parent-Teacher Association is in the process of being formed to encourage further liaison between the home and the nursery. The school has an open door policy and parents are welcome to come in regularly.

Children of volunteers intermingle in nursery activities to stimulate the handicapped child. This innovative experience will no doubt be a benefit to all children.

Chairman Edith Hillman can be reached at Acton, 519-853-2588.

Seek grants

Halton Board of Education will apply for grants to support Community education programs. The grants are available from the province to a maximum of

\$10,000. The board has applied for eight projects. Among those eight projects are community library programs at Kilbride and Limehouse schools and a com-

munity swimming program at Acton High School.

Other similar projects in Oakville and Burlington were included. The Kilbride program exists now and the Limehouse project is in the planning stages.

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Chamber publishing "Halton Story" soon

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The publication was endorsed by the Board of Directors of the Chamber last fall and Windsor Publications was asked to produce the book. Through dramatic and effective pictures and words, it will cover all the important facts of the community, highlighting history, government, schools, shopping, industry, residential areas, parks, churches, nearby recreation and plans for future development.

"This new book will give us an effective sales tool that we can use to help attract more

industry and more residents, teachers and doctors to Halton," said Ron Harris, Chamber Manager. "We will mail it out in answer to all serious inquiries we receive at the Chamber, and it will also be distributed locally for use as a retail buyer's guide. It's going to be the kind of community story we've needed for a long time and I am certainly looking forward to its publication."

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