

Diane Woods

# MS victim feels "a miracle" allowed her to walk again

By Linda Kirby  
Only a "miracle" can describe her recovery from multiple sclerosis, according to Diane Woods, who walked for the first time recently, following a period of two and a half years in a wheelchair. "Doctors are very clever men, but then can only go so far and then they must cooperate with God," Mrs. Wood said in an interview. A member of the Pentecostal Church, Mrs. Wood attributed her partial recovery to faith and "a belief that there is a Lord who is able to heal." The "miracle" took place in her church, Highway Gospel on Ontario St., according to Mrs. Wood, when she requested to be anointed by her minister, Rev. M. C. Christensen, on Sunday Nov. 19. "On that particular Sunday, I was so depressed and had very little patience left. Somehow, I still cannot believe it actually happened—and yet it did." All board members of the Church laid their hands on her, following the anointment and prayed. "It started with my hands, suddenly I got a tingling in my hand. My husband had his hand on my shoulder and all

of a sudden I felt I could stand and I pushed him away. 'I don't need you, I can walk', she remembers telling him. It was a giddy moment when she stood for the first time after almost three years in a wheelchair. "One of the greatest things was visiting my grandchildren and being able to pick them up and carry them," she said. Mrs. Wood first contracted the incurable disease in 1975, but symptoms were evident in 1972, according to her physician Dr. Donald H. Aikenhead, of Milton. Dr. Aikenhead is reluctant, however, to describe the recovery as a miracle. "What has happened now is part of the disease," he said, adding that relapses interspersed with remissions were not uncommon. "I was very pleased for her, but not surprised," he said. Described by Dr. Aikenhead as a severe case, Mrs. Wood had lost all movement in her body, her hearing and speech. "I was a vegetable, and my husband told me there was no hope," she recalls of the time spent at Sunnybrook hospital, totally bedridden almost

three years ago. "Mentally, I was still very much alive, but I had no movement and could only make funny sounds in place of speech." While her condition improved to the point where she could move out of hospital into a wheelchair, Mrs. Wood recalls the feeling of frustration that she was still unable to accomplish very much. "Common chores like dishing up dinner was impossible, it went all over the place." Although restricted in physical movements, Mrs. Wood continued her Bible study sessions teaching at Halton Manor. But days were still long and being home alone was hard. "I was so glad when somebody visited me." "Now, for the first time she is able to walk across to her neighbor's home for coffee. For the first time, she is able to tackle her housework with a keenness unmatched by the normal housewife. "How I love to be able to walk to the door and greet people and walk out without using that wheelchair," she states with satisfaction. While gaining a great deal of support from her faith,

Mrs. Wood also credits her husband with immeasurable support. "He has been so good to me, when I recall all

the emotional support and all the lifting in and out of the wheelchair and the car to take me around."

While in her wheelchair, Mrs. Wood attended regular physiotherapy sessions in Milton District Hospital to strengthen arm and leg muscles. "It is to the hospital's credit that these exercises made it possible for me to walk." Where once she did her routine from a wheelchair or chair, Mrs. Wood now

proudly does all her exercises standing up. Although the disease is characterized by relapses, Mrs. Wood is confident her recovery of movement in the hands and legs is only part of an entire recovery. "I still have M.S. in my hands and my eyes, but the Lord will heal me, in time."



ACCUSTOMED to doing her exercises from a wheelchair, Diane Wood is now very proud to stand on her own during her trips to the physiotherapy sessions at Milton District Hospital.

## Bell rate reduction for Brookville area

Some 32 Bell Canada subscribers in the Brookville area of the Campbellville "854" exchange who already have individual or two-party telephone service will have their rates reduced to \$9.15 and \$6.35 a month respectively, beginning Dec. 7, Bill Barnes, local Bell Canada manager, said today. This is a reduction from their present rates, which vary because they are based on a charge for every quarter mile from the built-up area of the exchange, Mr. Barnes said.

one and two-party service will be 35 cents and 25 cents respectively higher monthly than in the built-up or base rate area of the Campbellville exchange. The business office will be contacting all customers to determine the type of service they want. The Non-Urban Service Improvement (NUSI) program for the Campbellville exchange will also be completed by Dec. 7, Mr. Barnes said. This upgrading of non-urban telephone service is costing Bell Canada \$600 million over a four-year period in Ontario and Quebec. It brings about the reduction of the numbers of customers on one multi-party line to a maximum of four and adequate facilities to provide one or two-party service for customers who would like such service at an additional charge.

## Suspect arson try

Attempted arson is suspected in a weekend incident involving a book of matches, according to Halton Regional Police. A Milton resident reported to police he parked his car in front of 75 First Line, Milton over the weekend.

When he returned, he found a book of cigarettes tucked in it, in the opening of the gas tank. Police suspect two juveniles are and are continuing their investigation.



HOUSEWORK is a joy for Diane Wood, who now walks after suffering almost three years in a wheelchair suffering from multiple sclerosis. Mrs. Wood has not regained full control of her hands but it is only a matter of time, she says with great confidence.

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