



**Pride:** Halton 4-H Club member Chris Edwards shows off her piece of work, a macrame owl. The 13-year-old Georgetown girl was one of many taking part in the annual display of 4-H Homemaking Club projects Wednesday evening.

## Achievement night draws 12 4-H clubs, 116 members

By Karen Campbell  
The 4-H Achievement Program was held for the Region of Halton at E.C. Drury School, Milton, to conclude the fall project, "Your Corner of the World".

Twelve clubs involving 116 members completed the project.

Miss Joyce Canning, Regional Supervisor of the Home Economics Branch, presented the awards.

Award recipients in the program were: Cheryl Howard, Campbellville; Leah Pocock, Palermio; Darlene Ross, Ashgrove; Lynda Speck, Hornby South, who received County Honors for completion of six projects; Susan Bousfield, Scotch Block; Wendy Chaplin, Georgetown; Lydia Koperdraad, Ballinafad, who received Provincial Honours for completion of 12 projects; and Donna Ste-

wart, Hornby South who was presented with her Advanced Honors Certificate and pie server for successfully completing eighteen clubs. Mrs. Donald Lindsay, District President, brought greetings on behalf of the Women's Institute, and congratulated members on their achievements.

Mrs. Lindsay also presented Anna Edwards, Georgetown, with the Halton Women's Institute

Bursary; and Madeline Austen, Campbellville, with the Dr. Ethel Chapman Scholarship.

A report of the Provincial Homemaking Club Conference was given by Barb Treviranus, Ashgrove. Later Kathy Lozinski of Ballinafad, gave a report on the CNE Program.

Certificates of achievement and silver spoons were presented to club members.



**4-H achievers:** Recognition was paid to members of the Halton 4-H Homemaking Clubs Wednesday evening for their work over the past year. Awards were presented, from left to right, Lynda Speck, Wendy Chaplin, Darlene Ross, Lydia Koperdraad, Susan Bousfield, Leah Pocock, Marion Patterson, Donna Stewart and Cheryl Howard.

## Milton member wanted

Anyone from Milton who wants to be a member of a Halton Regional environmental advisory committee will be made more than welcome, according to the committee chairman Dave McKay.

The Halton Environmental and Ecological Committee is composed of 20 volunteers who examine all planning decisions from an environmental point of view.

With the resignation of one member, Councillor Bill Johnson had called for the committee to accept someone from Milton as the committee does not now have a Milton representative.

Mr. McKay said this week the position is still open and "if someone comes forward we'll put them right in."

## Low grant may close youth home

By John Challiner  
Although highly regarded by the Province, a regional detention and observation centre serving Halton and Peel may close because of a lack of provincial funding.

Sheridan Youth Home, established two years ago in the abandoned nurses residence of Milton's Halton Centennial Manor to assess juvenile offenders brought before family court judges faces a \$24,000 cut in its proposed \$303,000 1981 budget.

Sheridan Youth Home Executive Director John Cox says the Ministry of Community and Social Services will only provide a grant of \$279,000 in 1981 towards the operation of the home.

Last year the ministry, which completely subsidizes Sheridan Youth Home, provided an operating grant of \$254,000.

Mr. Cox argues the \$25,000 increase in the grant does not allow for current staffing requirements needed to meet the demands put on the home by the Children's Aid Society and the judicial system.

Faced with possibly having to reduce the number of counsellors at the home to 10 from 12 in order to maintain salary levels, Mr. Cox says Sheridan's board of directors will probably terminate operations in March because a staff cut will "jeopardize its quality and level of service."

Mr. Cox contends that his staff are currently underpaid by "at least \$3,000" in comparison to other workers in their field.

"The whole emphasis of the program will shift to a role of caretaker or benign jailer and will reduce the degree of security to the neighboring community," he says.

Sheridan staff are required to make daily court appearances, prepare reports, cook, do laundry, clean and maintain the building, school, guard and transport the juveniles.

The 100 children Sheridan Youth Home

has handed this year range in age from 12 to 16 years and have stayed at the centre for about 10 days, on average.

Mr. Cox estimates that

about 70 per cent of them come from Peel.

Sheridan Youth Home directors and ministry officials are at a standstill in budget negotia-

tions and recent communications from the home to the ministry have yet to be acknowledged.

Mr. Cox says the impasse between the ministry and his board of directors is curious, in

light of a recent ministry report prepared by Funston, Murphy and Associates which states that "this program is probably the best behaviour management for children in observation and detention in the province."

## Bird blasts ex-director

When Halton Region picks another Business Development Officer, he won't "be like the last one," according to Burlington Mayor Roly Bird.

Since the resignation of Bill Marshall Oct. 20, regional senior staff have been discussing how to find a replacement. To date, 43 people have responded to an announcement that the position is now open.

But Mr. Bird said he was dissatisfied with the work of Mr. Marshall, who he said "was only effective in the last few months."

Mr. Bird said he wanted to be personally

involved in picking the next business development officer and volunteered to be one of two council members on a selection committee.

He added he didn't want the new man to interfere in Burlington's bids to attract new industry.

The selection would also be done with the Regional Chairman and the Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

The management consulting firm which is currently reviewing staff effectiveness at Halton Region has advised that there be no advertising for the post between now and Christmas.

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