

Artist in focus

The photographic works of local resident Burkhard Nowak will be displayed for sale and show this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Milton Mall. The subjects of greeting cards and

calendars Mr. Nowak's photographs depict beauty in its most natural sense through his interpretations of nature through the lens.

Students visit Halton Manor

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

A wave of enthusiasm has swept over Grade 6, 7 and 8 students at W.I. Dick School, spawned by the residents of Halton Centennial Manor.

The reaction to what will become an exchange program has been "terrific" during its first three weeks, according to teacher Herb Pillies, who is overseeing the program devised by student council.

A group of five or six students have been visiting the Manor for two hours, three mornings a week.

"We have about 90 children waiting to go over and are getting more all the time," Mr. Pillies said.

"We are hoping to get the residents to reciprocate the visits," he added.

Lorena Smith, volunteer co-ordinator at the Manor, said several residents are interested in visiting the school and the exchange program is in the works.

Mr. Pillies explained the children involved are getting nothing out of the visits but their own satisfaction as the program is not part of any academic curriculum. For most of the children, the program visits are their first to the Regionally-operated home for the elderly.

The students are involved in various Manor activities including adjuvant programs like grooming, the games room, greenhouse and transporting residents confined to wheelchairs.

Edward Lawrence learned to play the floor version of shuffle board and admitted he was willing to learn as his fellow players were to teach him.

For Jill Tracey, a Grade 8 student, her visit gave her some insight into the elderly as she "never had a grandfather."

John Milton IODE

Preparing for spring

The April meeting of the John Milton Chapter of the IODE was held at the home of Mrs. Doris Clark with Regent, Mrs. Marie Clements, presiding, a two minute silence was observed in honor of the late Mrs. Laura Bartleman, a member, whose funeral was held April 20th.

Mrs. Lillian Gowland gave a report on knitted items donated to Halton Women's Place and a cash contribution was also gratefully accepted.

The end of season evening Bridge Party was held at the Curling Club on April 26th. The prize winners were 1st prize Mrs. Gladys Merritt, 2nd prize, Mrs. Gladys Richardson and the lucky draw was won by Mrs. Jean Hardy.

The highlight of the evening was a slide presentation tour given by Mr. Leonard McNeil showing his and Helen's travels to Edmonton, then crossing the 60th parallel arriving in Yellowknife where the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre was of special interest to the John Milton Chapter of the IODE because of their share in the Silver Jubilee Donation of Eskimo paintings made by the National President on behalf of the Canadian members of the IODE at the time of its opening in 1979.

The next stop was beyond the Arctic Circle at Inuvik in the Mackenzie River Delta and at Tuktoyaktuk on the Beaufort Sea in the land of the midnight sun. The pingos caused by the buckling of the permafrost was a fascinating characteristic of "Tuk" while the modern features of the fast growing commercial centre of Inuvik due chiefly to oil explorations, were amazing.

The trip by bus to Dawson City in the Yukon over the new 500 mile Dempster Highway through the Richardson and Ogilvie Mountains was most interesting since the road was built like a gravel-based dike over the underlying permafrost. Dawson, "the Paris of the north with 30,000 inhabitants in the gold rush days" is now a ghost town of 800 people located at the juncture of the Klondike and Yukon Rivers.

While following the gold rush trail from Dawson along the Yukon River to the bustling modern Metropolis of Whitehorse, thence by train on the White Pass Yukon Railway to Skagway in Alaska, the Horizon tour guide tried to relate to them the incidents of the memorable gold rush years of 1896 to 1898 thereby making them mindful of the many lives lost and the hardships suffered as the prospectors made their way through mountain passes on foot and through the rapids of the Yukon River

system in home made boats.

The most relaxing period of the journey was the four days spent on the ship, "The Sun Princess" while the Captain piloted her among the icebergs and past the glaciers of the inside passage on the way to Vancouver where they boarded the plane for home.

The enjoyment of Len's slide presentation was enhanced greatly by the well chosen piano numbers played by Helen and spotted throughout the travel essay.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Helen McGeachie, Mrs. Mary Carbert, and Mrs. Eileen Martin.

Mrs. Jessie Syer will be the hostess for our next meeting on May 25th.

Halton Health Day

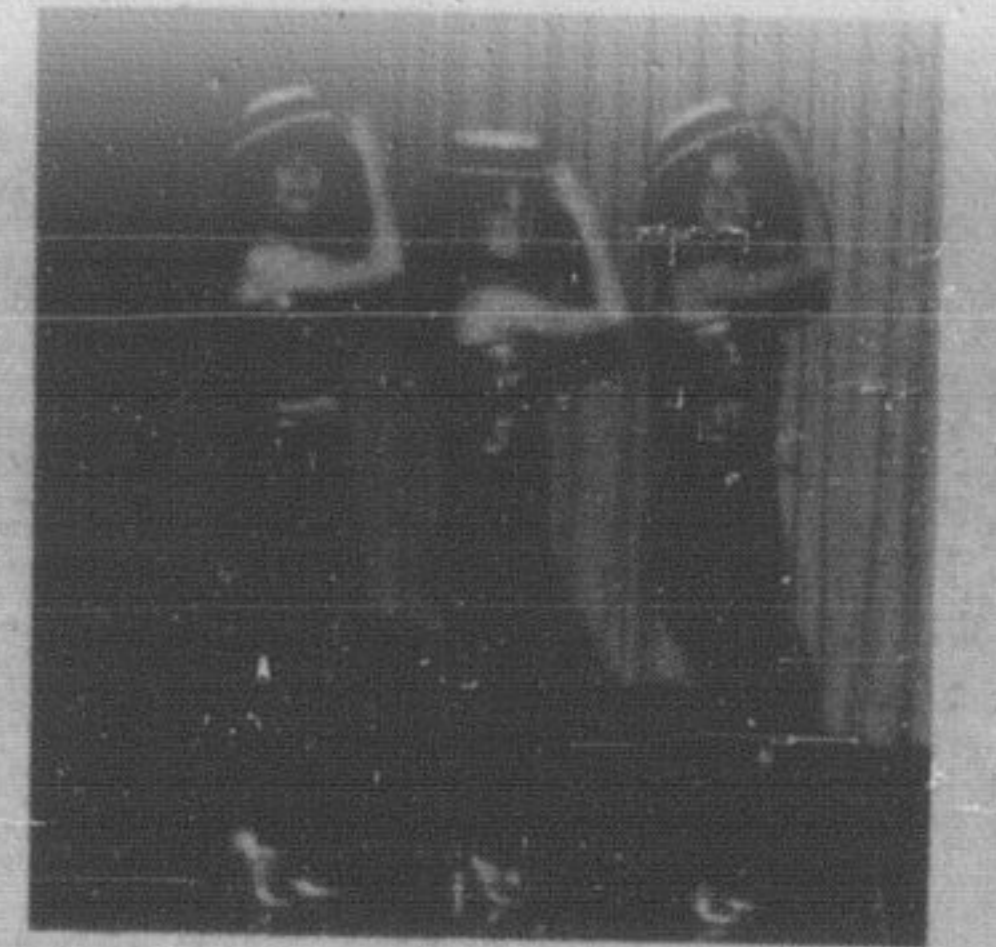
May 12 has been designated as Halton Health Day by the Region's health and social services committee.

That day falls on Canada Health Day, a federal government project designed to promote healthy lifestyles.

Manor birthday

Plans are proceeding well at Halton Centennial Manor in celebration of The Manor's 30th anniversary and the Town's 125th anniversary. Residents, staff and Miltonians will be celebrating with a barbeque, refreshments, souvenirs, and lots of entertainment. The celebrations will start at 11.30 a.m., and remember, it's a good place to be to have a front seat view of the parade.

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