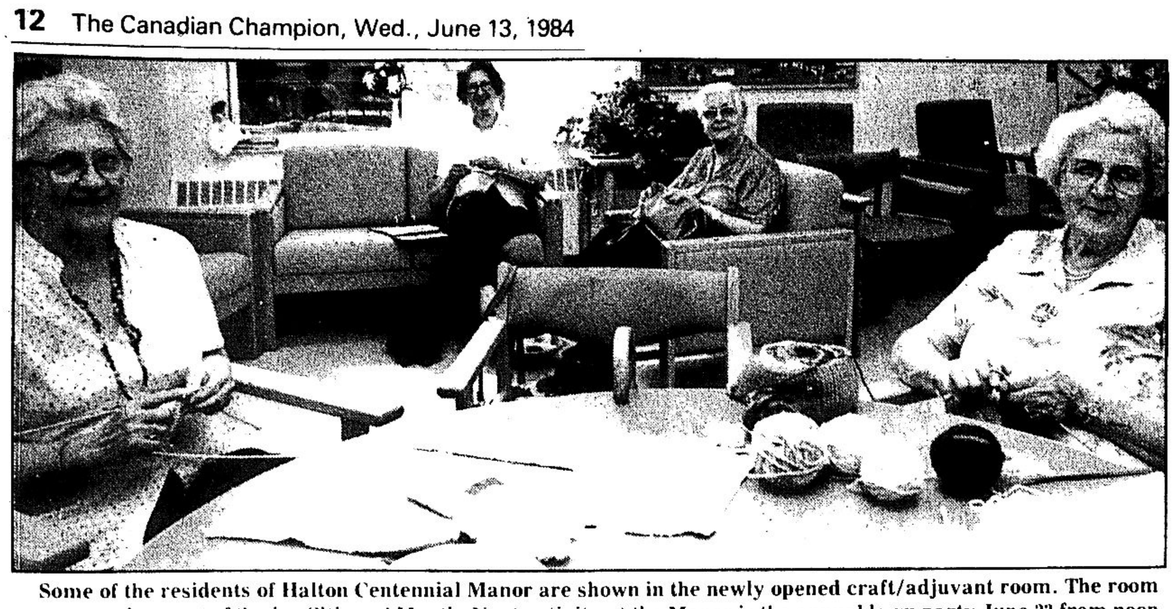

Some of the residents of Halton Centennial Manor are shown in the newly opened craft/adjuvant room. The room was opened as part of Senior Citizens' Month. Next activity at the Manor is the annual lawn party June 23 from noon to 4 p.m.

Manor craft room is opened

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

After a nine-year wait the craft and adjuvant programs at Halton Centennial Manor have a permanent home.

Residents of the home for the aged were rewarded for their patience three weeks ago when the five-month construction period ended. The $160,000 facility is housed in what was the laundry room until 1975.

The combination craft and adjuvant room was officially opened Sunday when representatives of Halton Region were among participants in the ceremonies. Those who gave financial support to the new room at the regionally operated home received recognition at the afternoon event.

The Manor Auxiliary, the group credited with starting the craft program, handed over a cheque for $10,000 to administrator Garth Johns Sunday. That amount is just one of many contributions auxilians have made in this area, which include providing most of the craft supplies.

The Lions Club of Milton equalled the auxiliary's most recent donation and also was recognized along with Halton Sportsmen's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 136.

Along with funding provided by Halton Region and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, bursaries from the estates of Elsie Whilsmith and Hazel Leslie made construction of the room possible.

The large rectangular room located in Pettit House provides space for 48 chairs, seven tables, physiotherapy equipment and two sets of chairs and loveseats. A large display window allows for viewing of residents' work from the hall.

The new furnishings arrived just last week and included some outdoor chairs and tables complete with umbrellas.

Since residents began using the new facility, situated across the hall from the former craft room, their numbers have increased somewhat, according to craft co-ordinator Joan Spencely.

Although some residents prefer to work on crafts in their rooms, receiving some guidance from Mrs. Spencely, many come to the special room.

Among them is Marj Dyer who said, "I've been looking forward to this for five years," as she worked on a lamb she was knitting Friday.

She heard about plans for a new craft and adjwant room when she first moved into the Manor.

In addition to providing a place for residents to knit, crochet, quilt, sew and create ceramics, the room is also a physiotherapy centre. The adjuvant program headed by former craft co-ordinator Carol Fendly, combines crafts with physical exercise.

The room is partially divided into sections by a counter and overhanging cupboards and a portable partition. Most of the approximately 40 residents in the room each day are involved in the adjuvant program, according to Mrs. Spencely.

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