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Information centres across the country have sprung up due to an obvious need for people to know where to find assistance of all kinds. These services by and large are extremely varied since all have started with varying purposes and have developed around the particular needs of the area in which they exist.

Most centres up to now have struggled completely alone for their existence. Recently, the provincial government recognized the value of such services and agreed to fund information centres on a permanent basis, one third of their annual budget. They hope the federal government will match this, leaving one third of our annual budget to raise locally.

March 13 through 16, the provincial government, under the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, offered further support by completely funding our first conference for information centres across Ontario. Months of planning has gone into the substance and purpose of this conference, which will be very much appreciated by all centres who have struggled alone for so long.

Many seminars pertaining to specific areas of our work will be soaked up like a sponge by those attending. Sharing ideas and concerns will be invaluable. The contribution from the Georgian Bay area is an Interagency Relationship seminar. On the panel are Joe McReynolds, director of Community and Social Services for the Georgian Bay district; Gordon Winch, Metro Toronto Distress Centre Director; and myself as co-ordinator of an information centre.

Three members of Contact's staff will attend the conference.

All this is by way of letting you know that we are constantly anxious to learn and grow in order to give the best possible service to those who trust Contact and its sincere desire to assist anyone who has a need large or small.

St. Marie accommodation

Summer is fast approaching and St. Marie Among the Hurons is systematically organizing the details of reopening Huronia's popular Historical site for the thousands of visitors this summer.

Accommodation for the university students who act as guides and craftsmen is needed. If you would like to accommodate a student, please call Doug Cole or Heather Butchers at 526-7838.

Volunteers

Contact always needs volunteers for transportation, Meals-on-Wheels, visiting assistance of all kinds - please call us if you have time to give.

At-Non - St. Margaret's Church, Tuesday 8:00 p.m. - for the family of the problem drinker.

Youth A.A. - St. Margaret's Church, side entrance, Hugel and Third Streets, Midland, 8:30 p.m. every Monday.

PGH annual meeting: "optimal care is a challenge"



Raymond Lesperance

Penetanguishene General Hospital's Board of Directors held its annual meeting last Thursday evening and all present shared the conviction that the past year had been a good year.

The members of the board were told that trends within the hospital were moving in the directions the Ministry of Health has advocated in order to keep costs down. The length of the average length of a patient's stay was down by three and a half per cent in 1974 to 9.03 days. At the same time the number of outpatients had risen dramatically. The number of outpatient visits in the emergency department had risen by 40 per cent while those in the radiology increased by 19 per cent; the laboratory by five per cent, and by 31 per cent in the physiotherapy department.

Elected for a second term as chairman of the board was Raymond J. L'Esperance of Midland. Jack Whitfield was elected as vice-chairman of the Board.

Financially, it was a good year for the Penetanguishene General Hospital. Despite an operating deficit of \$28,675 for the year, through grants and donations and various

adjustments the picture changed to a net income of \$33,493. This was compared to a net deficit of \$3,328 in 1973. In her report to the meeting, hospital administrator Sister Joan Whalen, expressed her

gratitude to the various segments of the hospital's operations, especially the board of directors and said, "the vital factors involved in

the continued growth of a hospital's progress, and the complete task of administering it cannot be done alone."

She concluded, "optimal care is an ideal and thus a challenge! In 1974 we moved closer to it, and may we continue this thrust in 1975."



Cheque donation to PGH

Mrs. Louise Leclair, past-president of the Penetanguishene Ladies Auxiliary presented Sister Joan Whalen, Administrator of the hospital with a cheque for \$600 at the annual meeting of the board of directors held last Thursday evening. The money was raised by the Ladies Auxiliary and goes to help pay for those parts of the hospital's operations not covered by provincial funding.

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Handicraft display at library

Library hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There is a display of handicrafts in the Library this week, including rugs, macrame, stuffed toys, leather work etc. made by residents of Georgian Manor. Beginning March 24, there will be an exhibit of black and white photography by the Reverend Harvey Markle.

The Weekly Library Report on CKMP at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday continues to bring you interesting news about the Library, books, authors etc. Be sure to listen.

Secretariat. Woolfe. 798.4 WOO. The story of one of the greatest horses in racing history, told in pictures as well as words.

Margaret Powell's Common Market. Powell. 914 POW. The author of Below Stairs and other best-sellers travels through Europe. The Arctic. Bruemmer. 919.8 BRU. Fred Bruemmer has spent the last thirteen years of his life perfecting this record of the Arctic, and presents "the most comprehensive book on its subject," with its superb photographs and sensitive prose.

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World War II, the subject of this book is the battle of Arnhem, the greatest airborne operation of the war. The author, Cornelius Ryan, also wrote The Longest Day and The Last Battle.

Canada's Sporting Heroes. Wise and Fisher. 796 WIS. strated with hundreds of photographs, this book is at once an encyclopedia, a history, and a vivid journalistic account of this country's sports scene.

With the Victors. G Gallo. Europe 1914-45, with the panorama of the two world wars as its background, this novel tells the story of Marco Naldi, a young Italian who is involved with Mussolini, in a blend of fact and fiction, adventure and romance.

Camera club news

The Midland Camera Club met at the Wildlife Centre on Monday, March 10th. Due to the absence of the president, High Blair, the meeting was conducted by Fred Hamore.

The nature and pictorial slide competitions were judged and the results were as follows. First prize winner in the nature slide competition was Mr. Maurice, second was Mr. Wenckler and third, J. Ehmcke.

The first prize winner in the pictorial slide competition was R. Coulson, second J. Helmer and third, Mr. Wenckler.

The meeting was concluded when several members presented slides for evaluation and Fred Hamore was very helpful with constructive criticism. I am sure the participating members gained valuable information on how to improve their future pictures.

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