

Buoys oh buoys

The channel marker buoys will soon be taking to water again. With the ice on the bay about to break up and preparations underway for another summer on the water, most area residents are heralding the approach of spring with glee.

MHC seeking homes for discharged

Do you have spare room in your home for anywhere from one to a dozen people? Do you like people, and have you a compassion for those less fortunate than yourself? With some direction and assistance from professional persons would you like to become involved with people of that sort and at the same time earn some extra income?

If your answer to these questions is yes, or even maybe, then probably you are one of the persons being sought by the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene. John McDonald, social worker at MHC, is seeking accommodation in selected homes for patients who will be discharged in the future. Back in 1964, the Ontario government passed the Homes for Special Care Act which included provision for nursing home care as well as homes for ambulatory patients who are able to be up and about and care for their own physical needs. It is this latter classification which is presently of particular interest to the Mental Health Centre.

Besides placing the patients back in the community, where it is found many progress more favourably than in an institution, there is the matter

of a saving of taxpayers' dollars. Present levels of payment provide for \$7.50 daily for each patient accommodated. This compares with a cost of approximately \$40 per patient day to keep them in hospital.

In the main, the ambulant patients for whom homes are being sought, are those who have been in mental hospital for years and either no longer have a family, or whose family is no longer in a position to care for them.

These patients have overcome their mental illness, and in general are able to look after their own physical needs. They require no treatment program, but are simply unable to be completely self-sufficient or self-supporting. They require a family home situation where they can be with other people and receive some supervision in a family home setting.

Special care homes of this type are inspected and licensed by a special branch of the Department of Health. This branch also provides an on-going service of supervision and consultation, plus care for the patient when anything unusual occurs, such as developing physical illness.

A few homes of this type have already been

established in the area served by the Mental Health Centre and are operating quite successfully. However, there is still a shortage throughout the hospital's catchment area which includes the Country of Simcoe, the southerly portion of the District of Parry Sound, and the District of Muskoka to a point between Cambridge and Huntsville.

Interested persons are asked to contact John McDonald, Mental Health Centre, Penetanguishene, by mail, or telephone (705) 549-7431, extension 287.

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Accountant tells Board

Separate School Board books are "excellent"

The 1974 financial books of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board are in "excellent shape", according to a spokesman for Greer, Flemming and Roland company, chartered accountants.

Mark Roland told the board meeting last week that

he could find no weaknesses in board procedures and complimented the administration on its efficient control of expenditures.

Policy committee
 The separate board has set up an ad hoc committee to look at policy and procedures, as it has in previous years. Committee

chairman Mary Jo Quilty of Midland, and committee members Mary Munnoch and Bill Hodgins of Collingwood will be meeting later this month and reporting back to the board after several meetings.

OSTC/OISE conference
 Trustees M. Munnoch and

M. Woolner recently attended an OSTC/OISE conference in Toronto. The theme of the two day workshop for newly elected trustees dealt with trustees' roles as members of a corporate body.

Reporting to the board meeting, Munnoch noted that trustees, as corporate body members, had power together, but had no power individually, a fact brought up at the conference. There was considerable discussion on the fact that newly elected trustees had little conception of the formal nature of school board meetings. It was the general consensus at the conference, she said, that persons seeking election to school boards should attempt to sit in at board meetings prior to seeking election.

To Coldwater and Balm Beach

Grants of \$17,274 given

New Horizons grants totalling \$17,274 have been awarded to senior citizens groups in Coldwater and

Balm Beach, according to a press release issued last week by the office of Health and Welfare Marc Lalonde.

The Coldwater Senior Citizens Club will receive the largest grant, of \$10,590 to establish, furnish and equip a centre for crafts, recreation and social functions.

And the Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors of Balm Beach will pick up \$6,684 to establish a drop-in centre. The Swinging Seniors have been using the Surf restaurant as their headquarters.

New Horizons is a program set up by the federal government to encourage retired people to take an active part in their communities. Since it started in 1972, a total of \$20,472,492 has been awarded in grants to 3,656 projects across Canada involving 749,742 people.

Achievement Days for homemaking clubs

by Susan M. Stanbury
 A number of 4-H homemaking club programs are presently underway in North Simcoe. In January, the project "A Touch of Stitchery" began. Members have gained insight into the world of colour and design and how to establish your own designs for embroidery. They have learned a variety of stitches to complete their embroidered articles. Achievement days for this club will be coming up in April and early May.

clubs in the county will be participating in a summer garden club. Members must be 12 by May 1 to be eligible to belong. If you have a daughter interested in a summer garden project, then contact the Elmvalle agricultural office for the location of the nearest club to you. In addition, to growing their own garden, the girls will be learning about canning, pickling, and freezing summer produce.

The morning session is for the club members and leaders but the afternoon is open to anyone wishing to attend. It begins at 1 p.m. with the program to include displays of the many articles the girls have made, their record books and exhibits, demonstrations and skits which the club members prepare themselves.

Mark these dates and locations on your calendar: April 5, Elmvalle, Huronia Centennial Elementary School; April 12, Wyebridge, Wyebridge Community Hall; April 19, Orillia, Twin Lakes Secondary School; April 26, Minesing, Minesing Central School; May 3, Barrie, Trinity Parish Hall.

As this present project concludes a new one for summer begins. Various

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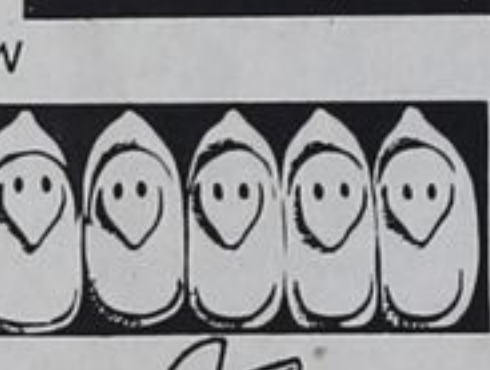
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