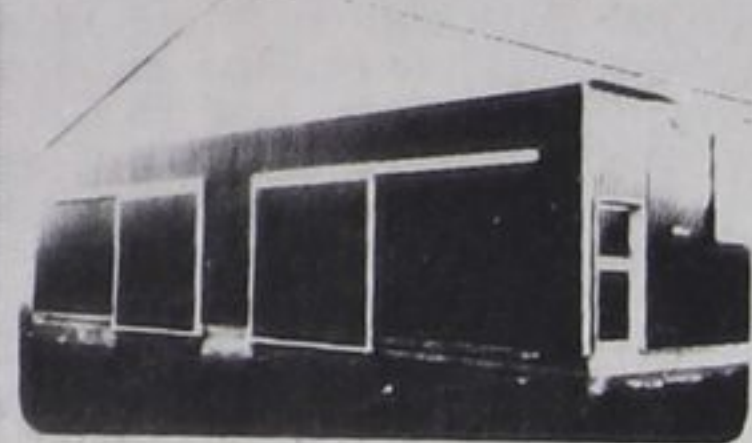


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Midland's ARC industries

The main goal is independence

The goal is independence. And that's what the workers at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland are aiming for, through a combined avocational and work program.

In the basement of St. Margaret's Church, the ARC workers are being taught to balance bank books, to solve mathematical problems, to cook and sew, how to shop for groceries and clothes, and how to cope with living situations in the community. They are learning to live independently in the community.

Teacher Helen Carstairs uses the classroom situation to instruct the students in the practical application of things they will need while living on their own in the community. Filling out forms, writing cheques, counting change, doing cost comparisons, shopping from a catalogue, and answering a phone are a few skills many people take for granted.

The ARC workers enjoy periodic field trips and a three-day field trip an-

nually, and the excursions help in the learning process. The aim is for the students to learn how to prepare for an excursion. They study where they are going, and the history of the area. They consult maps, and they learn to budget for the trip. Reading menus, eating in restaurants, and how to buy gifts and souvenirs are only a few of the skills learned or developed on these trips.

Several of the workers participated in Penetanguishene's recent Winterama festivities —



Glazing ceramic tiles

Joan, an ARC industries worker, applies one of the many glazes to a ceramic tile in ARC's ceramic workshop on Midland's William Street. The Adult Rehabilitation Centre has been contracted by the Ceramic Colours Company of Victoria Harbour to manufacture 100 sample charts. The workers take the process from the bottling of the glazes to the application of the glazes to the tiles, which are also made in the workshop, to the final shipping of the complete charts.

Staff photo

but they were left more or less on their own. Transportation home from the events was provided, but if anyone was interested in attending, he/she had to find means of getting there.

Evening activities are planned regularly and the ARC workers enjoy swimming at the Y pool, going to the movies, playing bingo, and bowling in a group. An occasional birthday party, or small dance is organized at someone's home or in St. Margaret's basement.

"We try to touch on all phases of the living and working situation", says Mrs. Carstairs, and the centre acts as an intermediate step in the socialization process.

Of the 47 enrolled in the program, 12 work at the ARC ceramic shop in the Midland industrial mall on William Street. Here the workers produce sample charts for the Ceramic Colours Company based in Victoria Harbour. The workers take the process from the very beginning — from the actual manufacturing of the tiles, to the bottling of the glaze, the firing, the application of the glazes to the tiles, and the labelling, sealing, and casing. ARC was contracted to complete 100 sets of six tiles by the company.

There's a certain amount of "artistic flair involved" in completing a tile, notes ceramic instructor Helen Gibson. And the workers develop a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment in seeing the final product. They do everything themselves, although Helen is the only one who turns on the kiln for firing.

ARC workers rotate between the avocational program and the workshops. Everyone is

involved in all aspects of the program.

In the ARC building on upper William Street, the workers perform a variety of jobs for local industries. The workers manufacture traffic signs, snowmobile licence plates, surveyors' stakes, package material for different companies, and do the laundry for the local Pillsbury plant.

But what the centre is really interested in doing, says local director Joyce Hamelin, is to teach the workers good social and work habits, rather than to do a particular job.

When the workers acquire a reasonable amount of skill and basic knowledge, the centre assists in placing them in work situations in the larger community. Others grow and can continue to learn in the centre.

When a worker is placed in a job, the centre continues to act in a supportive role. All the ARC workers live in the community — at home or independently in a room and board situation. The centre works closely with both the landlords and the parents. The families are made aware of the goals of the centre and the progress that is being made.

Working with Joyce Hamelin is Tony Vipond, a counsellor with an educational background in rehabilitation work. Ed Knapp supervises work at the plant on upper William.

Helen Carstairs works with supervisor Bonnie Shalof and instructor Gail Brock in the avocational program.

ARC funding The ARC centre is funded by its own earnings and by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, with any deficit being picked up by the



In ARC workshop

Ceramic instructor Helen Gibson looks over Trudy's shoulder as she applies the glue to the back of the ceramic tiles that are produced at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland. The

Ceramic Colours Company of Victoria Harbour has contracted the services of the centre to complete 100 sample charts of the glazes it manufactures. Staff photo

Huronian Association for the Mentally Retarded.

The centre is presently conducting negotiations with the town of Midland to acquire a piece of property on which to construct an enlarged building. The ARC program presently operates out of the two William Street buildings, one of which is rented space, and from the

basement of St. Margaret's Church.

The original ARC building was meant to accommodate approximately 20 workers, a figure which has more than doubled.

"We want to be under one roof", says Hamelin, in order to avoid transportation problems and to better coordinate the program.

Eighty per cent of the total cost of the new structure will be borne by the ministry, with the Huronia association picking up the remaining cost. HAMR will soon be launching a campaign to provide the additional funds.

The need for the new building, considering the increased enrollment, is acute by any standards.

Council moves to sell land parcel to ARC industries

A move to sell town land to ARC industries was made at Midland council Monday night.

The land will be \$15,000. The association intends to erect an Adult Rehabilitation Centre workshop on the site.

Sale will be made on the condition the Town of Midland gets first chance to purchase the former ARC site for no more than \$25,000.

Lynn noted Imperial Oil was also considering the Olive St. land but added

there are two other sites in Midland they are interested in. Because of the urgency of the ARC program, he was willing to make a motion to council to accept the bid.

Councillor Bill Orr felt it might be best to wait until after a meeting with Imperial Oil representatives Tuesday morning. A decision was expected following a committee meeting Tuesday night.

Manpower reports an increase in placements

A total of 92 regular and nine casual vacancies were filled in the job market by the Midland Canada Manpower Centre during the month of February, an increase over the month of

January and a considerable improvement over February 1975.

At the end of February, 1,363 male and 846 females were registered with the centre. Manager Don McNeen stated that the number of registrations should be peaking fairly soon and the numbers should reduce as the weather starts to improve.

Over 180 local clients are attending courses under the Canada Manpower Training program, with the commercial refresher and the dining room service skill courses ending in March. Graduates from these courses will be available to take immediate employment, according to McNeen.

Plans for the student summer operation are well under way. The office, located on the second floor will hopefully open to students around mid-March. In the interim, students may register at the main centre on Dominion Avenue.

During the month of February, six new Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program contracts were approved and an additional six new applications were received.

Local PC's schedule public meeting

The Midland and District Progressive Conservative Association will hold an open meeting on Thursday evening at the Highland Motel on King Street.

Fred Hacker, a delegate to the recent Conservative Leadership Convention in Ottawa will speak about the Convention and show a slide presentation of the highlights of the historic weekend.

Terry Butler, President of the Association extends an open invitation to all to participate in the meeting, which will commence at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

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The Amendment will re-zone Holding land east of Church Street to Residential Second Density (R2), Residential Third Density (R3), Residential Multiple Density (RM), Institutional (G), Open Space (O), and Neighbourhood Commercial (CN). The re-zoning will allow for the eventual development of the "Town Subdivision".

A public meeting to discuss this Amendment will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 17th, 1976 in the Council Chambers, 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene.

P. Hodgins, Secretary,
Penetanguishene Planning Board.

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