

by E. Lorraine Orr
The proposed senior citizens' complex for Coldwater is coming closer to reality as interested citizens who form the Coldwater Non-Profit Housing Committee (CNHC) work diligently towards its inception. At present there is a possible starting date of Spring, 1981, with completion by the end of the year.

Mrs. Gladys Dale of Coldwater, is the chairperson of this organization, working with the committee comprised of Dr. Robert Brown, Al Brand, Ross Clarke and George Devitt. The consultants are Gibson, Bahrynowski and Associates, Limited. Two properties are being considered with proximity to the shopping area one of the important factors. One location is the Godfrey property at the corner of Mill and Bush Streets, and the other is on Rose Street, off Lynch Street.

Operating expenses indicate a two storey building to be most practical. It is hoped an elevator will be installed, if not immediately, then later when more funding is available.

The one and two bedroom units will be self-contained with the proposed rent being \$230 to \$240 per single and \$250 to \$265 per double. Some units will be rented to persons who can only afford to pay rent based on 25 percent of their income. The units will have refrigerators and stoves, balconies or patios, as well as a common lounge.

The rental cost will include hydro and water. Tenants will have to be self-sufficient as there is not enough available money in the government program to provide nursing care. However, there are home care and other

services available in the area.

Although the board of directors will have the final say on who occupies the suites, Coldwater residents will receive priority.

Local citizens attending the recent information meeting were greatly enthused and offered several suggestions to be considered. They would like to have electrical outlets in the apartments placed above baseboard level, for easier access. Outlets were also suggested outside for car plug-ins during the winter months.

Several seniors were interested in having an area available for them to have their own garden plots.

The perennial garden lily has been grown by horticulturists since the 16th century - not only for its magnificent beauty, but for its medicinal uses and food value. The newly developed strains are the easiest to grow of all bulbous plants, and are adaptable to sun and partial shade.

These facts and many more were explained to the audience at the Coldwater Horticultural Society meeting by guest speaker, Carl Caldwell of Longford Mills.

Following Mr. Caldwell's presentation and question period, he proceeded to show slides of his personal gardens, as well as a recent lily show in Hamilton. Some of the giant blooms were over 10 inches in diameter, with as many as 20 blooms to a spike. The Coldwater Society's flower emblem is the Regal lily, which white with a yellow throat and a dark reverse. It is better known as the Easter lily.

Special visitors at the meeting were Mrs. Lorraine Waters, president of the Midland Horticultural Society,

and Mrs. Madeline Hobson of Midland, the area director for District 16. Mrs. Hobson conducted the annual election proceedings. The 1981 executive will be made up of incumbents, President - Lorraine Orr; 1st vice-president - Lorraine Piggott; 2nd vice-president - Kay Brand; Directors - Helen Booth, Marv Lou Billington, Grace Chambers, Victor Connor, Lillian Gill, Catherine Hill, Ruth Jensen, June Lolk, Lee Wassell and Irene Wells. New directors are Pauline Attridge, Christine Hoffer and Noreen Borrow. Re-appointed as secretary - Marg Jennings and treasurer, Gerda Lahr.

Parents will be pleased to learn the Family Allowance cheques have been increased. Effective in the January cheque the amount paid monthly for children under 18 has risen to \$23.96 from \$21.80 in most provinces and territories. In addition, the refundable Child Tax Credit will provide up to \$238 per child per year, based on family income.

Each month of 1980 the Federal government paid more than \$151 million in Family Allowances to 3.6 million families for 6.9 million children.

Betty Langley enjoyed a weekend visit recently from her daughter, Leona Willison of Toronto.

At a recent Community Centre Board meeting, Mrs. Lorraine Brown was unanimously returned as chairperson. Gord Godwin was welcomed as a new board member. Other members include Reeve Herb Stevens and Councillor Garfield Dunlop. There is still one vacancy to be filled, and anyone wishing to serve on this committee is asked to contact the Village clerk Nancy Barron, at 686-3606.

There will be two teen dances at the Community Centre, one on Saturday, March 21, and one on April 18. The money cleared at previous dances has been given to the Community Centre board to help pay for the installation of auxiliary lighting. The teenagers are to receive a letter thanking them for their generosity.

Figure Skating representative, Ella Reid, approached the board regarding the planned skating carnival on Feb. 28, and March 1. Because the ice is to be vacant for approximately five and a half hours on the morning of March 1, the skating executive wondered if the hourly ice rental of \$32 could be reduced. The Centre board decided no reduction would be given as the ice could not be made available to anyone else at this time, thus creating a loss of revenue for the Community Centre.

Persons renting the arena and using the dressing rooms are

required to forfeit their car keys as security. Because the dressing rooms are being left untidy and some theft is occurring, the committee has advised the arena manager, Mr. Morley, to retain the keys until a check has been made of the rooms when the renters are ready to leave.

Consideration is being given to keeping the village garbage truck inside the rear of the arena during cold weather. To do this it is necessary to install a roll-up door. Council is to be approached for financial assistance on this project.

Suzie Maurer entertained several girl friends at her home last week on the occasion of her eleventh birthday.

Water flowing over the sidewalk near the home of Alfred Bidmead on Main Street south caused some concern last week. Upon investigation by the village workmen it was discovered that the bolts holding the couplings for the past 72 years had rusted away, permitting the couplings to separate. Despite the cold weather the workmen have repaired the damage.

Lambs are arriving at Jack Teskey's farm in Medonte. Twins were the first to appear last week. Can Spring be far behind?

The second annual Mortgage Drive Bowlathon by the Coldwater Lions is to be held at the Coldwater Lanes the week of Feb. 28 to March 7. Participants will be looking for sponsors to support their bowling skills. Bobby Baun, former NHL hockey player, will be participating again on Celebrity Night, Feb. 28.

It is hoped this event will be as successful as last year in alleviating the mortgage expense of the Lions in their purchase of the Riverside Centre.

A new book-purchasing system is to be implemented at the Coldwater Memorial Library in conjunction with the County of Simcoe Library Board, whereas certain books may be obtained through the CSL rather than the Coldwater committee going to individual book stores.

The purchasing of a large quantity of books from the publisher by CSL will provide a savings for the smaller libraries. This is to be a free service with no obligation to request a certain quantity of books. At the regular meeting of the Coldwater board, a motion was passed to give a 10 per cent wage increase to the library employees.

Circulation for December, 1980, was Fiction - 416; non-fiction - 58; juvenile - 82; "Women and Stress" will be the topic when guest speaker Dr. M.L. McTavish of Midland addresses the first meeting of the women's Christian Fellowship Group in Coldwater on

Wednesday, Feb. 4.

This newly-formed group is non-denominational and welcomes all interested

young women to attend at the Coldwater United Church (downstairs hall) at 8 p.m. It is the intention of the

organizers to have a guest speaker each month with similar topics concerning young women of today.

GUIDE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN ONTARIO



Ontario Senior Citizens now have their own guide to services and programs.

Ontario's Senior Citizens have contributed a great deal to our province, and to help ensure that they can enjoy healthier and more active lives, the Ontario Government has published a new booklet called "Guide for Senior Citizens". This handy reference guide describes the wide range of services and programs available for seniors in Ontario.

The Guide includes information on health care programs, housing assistance, tax grants, community clubs and centres, and many other subjects of interest to seniors in Ontario. By the end of February, all Ontario Senior Citizens who receive the Old Age pension will receive a copy of the Guide in the mail.

Others who would like a copy can write to: Ontario Government Publications Centre, 5th Floor, 880 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1N8



Margaret Birch, Provincial Secretary for Social Development
William Davis, Premier

Hillsdale news

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Congratulations to Jim and Mabel Davenport who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter at Bond Head Jan. 18. Four generations attended this happy reunion and there are four Jim Davenports.

Mrs. Linda Woods of Midland put on a baby shower at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnston, Mill Street on Jan. 10 in honour of her sister (Lola) Mrs. Keven Salisbury.

Many beautiful baby gifts were received. Two nieces of Mrs. Salisbury, Sherry and Lisa Woods did the decorations.

The January meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Lea on Wednesday evening Jan. 21.

The president, Mrs.

Marion Drennan, opened the meeting in the usual way.

Mrs. Maureen Welch acted as Secretary in the absence of Mrs. Bailey.

Motto - a priceless possession is a heritage was explained by Mrs. Lea, reading the history of the first W.I. meeting on Feb. 19, 1897.

Today there are more than eight and a half million members in the world.

Roll Call - a vanished landmark in our area was answered by seven members and one visitor.

Program was on history and Mrs. Lea read an article composed by Mrs. M. Dunlop of her Eastern Europe trip. "Walls around the World" for protection from the enemy.

The meeting closed with the Sister Dora Prayer. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Mary Morrison.