

# Community Services Must Unite To Serve Mentally Ill Says Speaker

(Continued from Page 1) served by service clubs, church groups, etc., that already exist. He cited an example of one relatively small community that had 67 such services.

Groups with common interests should get together to provide for rehabilitation of the 20 percent of the population which is responsible for 80 percent of the problems.

Social service and mental health agencies should also collaborate to avoid overlapping of services to families with multiple problems.

The 67 services mentioned were unearthed by an en-

thusiastic anthropologist who volunteered to spend time in the community to find out whether or not community services were available (residents maintained they were not).

He spent about three months contacting the local pharmacist, drug store, the mayor, police chief, people at the fire house, ambulance services, etc., and came up with a list of ready, willing and able volunteers that surrounded the community.

Overlapping of services and agencies is a tremendous waste of resources, the speaker declared. Often peo-

ple in agencies are so busy with their own case load, and are working extremely hard, but do not have the time to continue to check back to make sure their service is still appropriate to the needs of the people they serve.

"There is often much duplication of effort, and it is to everybody's benefit to check on this periodically and to rearrange assignments and responsibilities and to discuss together whether there are not more efficient ways of doing the same thing."

If the resources in a community are pooled, he said,

services can often be considerably extended without having to add to staff. Agencies can support each other, said the speaker, with service agencies and their personnel meeting and co-ordinating their efforts.

The over-all purpose is to build up for all age groups a series of interlocking, varied and valid services, and establishing emergency services available on call — such as suicide prevention — as their first arm of defence.

"Relatively unskilled individuals are trained to deal with calls from people who are in acute need, to listen to

what their requests are, to provide an immediate band-aid, if possible, and to steer them to definitive sources of aid.

"The second line are agencies that receive acute cases and provide relatively brief crisis-oriented treatment. These are a combination of out-patient services and also the back-up to operating agencies from more specialized organizations."

These may be followed by day care treatment on an out-patient basis or on a 24-hour round the clock service. In many instances, day treatment has been as effective, even for the most seriously

ill, as full-time treatment, and for one-third to one-sixth the cost.

He suggested group homes and foster homes for the aged as alternatives to nursing homes and residences which often cut the elderly off from their families and their community.

The resources are usually available in the community, but they must be found, coordinated and linked together.

"This is the challenge. This is the task," concluded Dr. Rae-Grant. "The people who can address it are in the community. 'Sock it to whom? What

I have suggested is that the answer is not sock it to them out there, over there, elsewhere in the metropolitan area, in the government, in the university, in the central city."

"Not sock it to them, but sock it to you — and you — and you! And good luck in this major but very gratifying endeavor!"

Geoffrey Pierpoint, chairman of the education committee for the York County Branch, thanked the speaker. "He has given us a very good perspective for recognizing the services in our community and interlocking of services."

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## Guides, Brownies Observe 60th Anniversary

Guides and Brownies of 1st Lake Wilcox Guide Company and Brownie Pack celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Guiding with a hobby show recently when many of the girls demonstrated badge winning skills.

The girls and their leaders are pictured above surveying the variety of collections, crafts and other entries which are being examined by Tester Barbara Mount, (extreme left).

Mrs. Mary Ensor, commissioner for Jefferson and Lake Wilcox (rear centre) shows a keen interest in the display, as Guiders Mrs. Carol Daines, (left) and Mrs. Mary Clews, (extreme right) view the entries with pride.

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### Neighborhood Notes

Birthday greetings are extended to Janet Haldane and Peter Ruston both on April 3 and to Patricia Bell and Cory Knipe on April 4.

Ann Lomas entered the coloring contest at the GEM store and won third prize. The father and son banquet of 1st Jefferson Scouts and Cubs will be held in the lower hall at St. John's Anglican Church on April 9.

Jefferson Community and Recreation Association is holding its Caribbean Dance at Richmond Hill Lions Hall, Centre Street East on Friday at 8:30 pm. Tickets will be available at the door or from Mrs.

Bonnie Thompson at \$6 per couple and proceeds will go to the fund for student exchange with August Town School, Jamaica.

**Church News**  
St. John's Anglican was beautifully decorated for the Easter services Sunday. Flowers on the altar were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Legge by their daughter, Mrs. Percy Hill.

On Sunday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 am, Holy Baptism at 11 am and fireside at St. Mark's, Oak Ridges at 7:30 pm. The married couples will hold their next meeting April 10 at the parish hall when there will be a film night.

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**778 Squadron Air Cadets**  
By Flt. Sgt. Frank Jedlicsek

During the swim meet March 15 at Canadian Forces Base Toronto, Downsview, 778 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets put up a very fine show. This success was due to the excellent turnout of the cadets.

LAC Jim Flancie and Sgt. Wayne Good, who wrote flying scholarship tests, have received their results. They were quite good and the squadron congratulates them on their efforts.

Last Sunday, seven cadets went flying at Maple Airport. They were Flt. Sgt. Frank Jedlicsek, LAC John Cameron, LAC Brian Dament, LAC Dan Rivart, LAC Paul Harrison, LAC Tim Palmer and LAC Robin Creasy.

Lieut. Stan Bendle, who taught the flying scholarship course and helped out in many instructional classes, has been transferred to Kingston. Every member of the squadron wishes him the best of luck in the future.

Telephone book covers are still being sold by the cadets at \$1.

The squadron is divided into three flights — seniors, juniors and recruits, with a different program for each flight. Last Thursday evening, the seniors had a lecture on airmanship under the instruction of Lieut. Bendle, the juniors studied rifles, their parts and purpose and the recruits had a drill period.

If any lads would like to see how the squadron operates, they are welcomed to drop in any Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the Legion Hall.

**REPORT**

**Two Local People Among 6 Injured Provincial Highways Last Week**

Dierdre Whelan of 118 Ruggles Avenue, Richmond Hill, received head injuries March 28 when the car she was driving was in collision with a car driven by Lerritt Robinson of 160 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto.

The accident occurred on Yonge Street south of the town at 6:15 pm. Damage was estimated at \$2,000 and the investigating officer was Provincial Constable Jim Roy.

Gormley Sideroad and Yonge Street March 26 at 9 pm.

Driver of the other car involved was Edward Leary of RRI Gormley. The Bahen car struck a hydro pole.

Damage was estimated at \$2,300 and the accident was investigated by Provincial Constable Terry Fox.

Four persons were injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of Highways 27 and 9 at 2:15 pm March 27. The injured included Marilyn Harwood of 55 Cornwall Road, Brampton and Karen and Susan Jones of 99 Kennedy Road, Brampton. The latter two were passengers in the car driven by Miss Harwood. All received minor injuries.

Norma Moore of RR5, Cookstown, driver of the other car also suffered minor injuries. Damage was estimated at \$1,200. The accident was investigated by Provincial Constable Terry Hogan.

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