

HI Volunteers Meet Needs

If any confirmation was needed for the demand for and effectiveness of services provided to the community by Helpmate Information it was amply provided in reports presented to the recent annual meeting of HI in Richmond Hill Library.

During the year 1973 the office received 2,385 calls were received compared to 684 calls for the previous year — an increase of 35 percent.

In her chairman's report Mrs. Pat Fraser told the meeting that in its two years of service Helpmate Information has grown steadily and is continuing to do so with its central office in Richmond Hill Library in space donated by the library board and with a branch office which opened in St. Paul's United Church, Lake

Wilcox, on January 7 of this year.

FREE CLOTHING CENTRE

In addition to providing information and referral HI has, during the past year, provided emergency drives on a referral basis, helped to establish a free clothing centre for emergencies, provided volunteer visitors for shut-ins, completed a survey on emergency housing as requested by the Richmond Hill Social Planning Council, provided information and volunteer help to the task force on BAIF, brought volunteer training programs to different parts of the region, and is now working with 3-C Council on a conference on information services in the Region of York to be held in May, said Mrs. Fraser.

During 1973 funding consisted of a LIP grant from

January to August, Mrs. Fraser reported, and the co-ordinator's salary was paid by the Town of Richmond Hill from August to the beginning of January.

"We are again receiving a LIP grant and have received a small grant from the Department of the Secretary of State. We again asked the Richmond Hill Council to pay salaries for two staff members from the 1st of July to the end of the year and have received a letter stating that the finance committee will make a recommendation to the council supporting this."

NORTH BRANCH

The north branch, said Mrs. Fraser, is being operated in co-operation with a committee from the Lake Wilcox-Oak Ridges area. Under the LIP grant the co-ordinator for HI works out of the Richmond Hill Library office with two field workers part-time and one office worker are responsible for the north branch.

Concluding her report, Mrs. Fraser said, "Helpmate Information board of directors is always aware that we are supported by public funds and invites all citizens of the area to drop in or phone either of our offices." The Richmond Hill number is 884-2727 and the Oak Ridges number is 773-5341.

In her report, office Co-ordinator Helen Monk said that calls received during the first two months of 1974 again show the service is being well used by the community.

"As an example of the general breakdown of calls — in November we received 205 calls consisting of 169 for information, five referrals and 31 calls for services such as drives (on referral basis only) to therapy, doctors, lawyers, requests for

clothing from our clothing centre, drives for shut-ins," reported Mrs. Monk.

CALLS FOR INFORMATION

In general the majority of calls are for information about services offered by the various agencies in the area and information on federal and provincial government programs.

"We receive calls from many new residents of the community requesting information on facilities and services available to them," said Mrs. Monk. "There is a definite need for more day care facilities and there are an insufficient number of homemakers available," she added.

Mrs. Monk paid tribute to the more than 20 faithful volunteers for the many hours of time donated in the past year. "Without their strong support we cannot function effectively," she said.

PLAN TRAINING COURSE

She announced that a training course is planned for the near future and anyone interested in serving as a volunteer in any capacity is invited to get in touch with staff for particulars.

A slate of directors for the current year was approved and later elected officers to head up the board. Officers are: Chairman Ray Gemmill, Vice-Chairman Rev. William Wallace, Treasurer Miss Hope Holmsted and Secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Yule.

Other directors are Mrs. Patricia Fraser, Dr. Bernard LaCombe, Mrs. Dorothy McElhinney, David Porter, Mrs. Mina Tamblin, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Frank Mount, Mrs. Karen Rose, Miss Gena Stinson, Miss Beryl Hart and Dr. Michael McAteer. Representatives to the board will be appointed from Oak Ridges, serving on a rotating basis.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Hobbies Encouraged In Program At Ross Doan School

A very successful elective program has just completed its third year of operation at Ross Doan Public School on Weldrick Road in Richvale. The program was initiated in the 1971-72 school year by Principal William Caldwell and staff. Its purpose is to permit pupils to pursue present interests and hobbies as well as to develop new ones.

The program operates from January until the March break for one afternoon a week. Electives offered over the past year have been cooking, arts and crafts, puppetry,

drama, gymnastics, folk dancing, skating and skiing. Children at all grade levels mingle in the groups of their choice. The program is planned by staff, and during the past few years they have been fortunate in having the assistance of many willing parents who have helped in making it the success it has been each year.

Pictured above children from grade 1 to 5 join enthusiastically in the square dancing program.

Mother's Day Also Church Day For York Regional Police Force

Mother's Day will also be church day for some 700 to 800 York Region Policemen this May 12.

That's because Mother's Day also signifies the start of Police Week in Ontario, May 12 to 18, at which time the province will take as its theme, "We need our cops."

Last year, York Police paraded to a church in Newmarket, but this year they plan to go to some other town in the region.

"We want to spread it around a bit," said the chief. Site of this year's church parade has not been chosen as yet, however.

During the week, police officers will be visiting schools to discuss various aspects of law enforcement and traffic safety.

Also, open house will be held with the public being invited to tour stations and inspect facilities. Explanations of the crime investigation services provided by the Centre of Forensic Sciences, will be offered by a number of police forces.

POLICE AND PUBLIC

During Police Week, Justice Secretary George Kerr, Solicitor General John Yaremko, Deputy Solicitor General Carl Brannan and other law enforcement officials will travel through the province visiting various

police headquarters and community groups.

"Police Week focuses on bringing law enforcement agencies and the public closer together," Elmer Bell, chairman of the Ontario Police Commission said.

"Although only a week is set aside, it's our hope that better understanding between the two will ultimately result in an increased awareness of the need to maintain our traditionally high standards of law enforcement throughout the year," Mr. Bell said.

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All persons having claims against the Estate of Rose Mary McMamee late of the Village of Kirkfield, in the County of Victoria, who died on or about the 30th day of January, 1974, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of April, 1974, after which date the Estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

DATED at Richmond Hill, this 3rd day of April, 1974. John Willis and Mabel Willis, Executors of the Estate of Rose Mary McMamee, by their solicitor, Robert H. Blackburn, c/o Lawlor, LeClaire, Stong and Nevins, Barristers and Solicitors, 10265 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

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HOURS OF SERVICE:

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Weekday Off-peak — Hourly service to and from subway from 9:25 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. to 12:25 a.m.

Saturdays — Hourly service from 7:25 a.m. to 12:20 a.m.

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Richmond Hill - Highway 7:	25c	15c
Highway 7 - Finch Subway:	25c	15c

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CHILDREN'S FARES: 5 years of age and under 12

SENIOR CITIZENS: 65 years and over. Proof of age may be required. Please note that senior citizens fares do not apply during rush-hours Monday through Friday (6:30 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.). No restrictions on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The GO-Travelways express bus between Richmond Hill and Toronto's Union Station via the Don Valley Parkway will continue to operate Monday through Friday only. Departure time from Richmond Hill: 7:00 a.m.

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