

Leave children at Playtime Centre, enjoy a new shopping adventure

No longer will mothers have to take their small fry on exhaustive shopping trips. They can now shop at their leisure for up to 2½ hours at Hillcrest Mall happy in the knowledge their children are not only under professional supervision, but thoroughly at home, meeting other children and taking part in the many fun activities at the Children's Playtime Centre, a new shopper's service sponsored by the Hillcrest Mall Merchants' Association.

Supervisor of the Playtime Centre is a charming Toronto grandmother, Mrs. Rosalind Spencer, a certified preschool teacher. She has had a great deal of experience starting as a teacher at Greenbelt Nursery School, the first co-operative nursery school in the Don Mills area.

Mrs. Spencer then became an assistant for two years and supervisor for seven years at the Donway Co-operative Nursery. This was followed by five years as supervisor at Manor Road Nursery School.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Spencer has been associated with Canadian Mothercraft Society for a number of years. She was one of the original planners of the Day Care Centre for Infants and is presently on the board of directors. Her principal function is as chairman of the training committee for students.

These students will be given an opportunity at the Hillcrest Mall Playtime Centre to engage in an innovative program, a new concept for care of children of parents who are shopping in the Mall.

Mrs. Spencer had the idea for the Playtime Centre 20 years ago when she left her three-year-old son in a similar one on a shopping spree to Buffalo. The thought other stores should adopt the idea stuck in her mind.

The centre has been very attractively designed with free-flowing concept so children can cheerfully wander from one interest to another and also see what



(Staff photo by Draper)

The Playtime Centre sponsored by the Hillcrest Mall Merchants' Association provides professional supervision for children while parents are shopping at the more than 100

stores of southern York Region's biggest shopping centre. Here Mrs. Rosalind Spencer, founder and director of the new service at Hillcrest, lends a hand to Ian and Tina Muncie.

going to be a terrific boon for young mothers — shopping can now be a joy, not a burden. The Playtime Centre is situated in the Hillcrest Auditorium, on the second floor, and is open to children 2½ to 6 years of age with a very nominal charge of 75 cents an hour, 50 cents a half hour. Further information may be obtained by calling 883-1400.

Happy Christmas shopping!

one of Mrs. Spencer's assistants, Mrs. June Hodder or Miss Linda Leggett, a graduate of the Canadian Mothercraft Society. In fact it looked like one big happy family!

When a mother registers her child she is given a numbered disc. A corresponding disc is pinned to the child's back, and a third is attached to the child's coat or snowsuit. It's absolutely foolproof!

With Christmas only three weeks away, the centre is

Hospital benefit to be held Friday

The Buttonville Branch of York Central Hospital Auxiliary plans a benefit for the hospital Friday. There will be a bake sale, gifts, and euchre for everyone at 8 pm at Buttonville Hall. Plan to attend.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES
Deputy Chief Robert Hood of York Regional Police is home again after a six week's course at Ottawa in special administrative police work.

Mrs. Earla Brammer of Newmarket was grand prize winner when the final game of the autumn euchre series sponsored by Buttonville W.I. was played at Buttonville Hall on Nov. 22.

There were 17 tables of players present, and game winners were Mrs. Reba Brillinger, Mrs. Brammer, Mrs. Jim Eddington, Mrs. James Rodick, Russell Boyington, Harvey Swain, Matt Davie and Russell Burr.

Lucky draws went to Sandra Mills and Kay Prentice. The freezeout was won by John Anderson and Myrtle Brillinger-Len Mallaby and Mrs. Edythe Elliott.

Congratulations to 17-year-old Regina Allen who last week was Markham's Teen Pick of the Week.

Gina, daughter of Reginald Allen and the late Mrs. Allen (Rene), is a grade 12 student at Markham District High School who also teaches music to a number of pupils between the ages of 5-14. She accompanies the Junior Choir at Brown's Corners United and on occasion assists Mrs. Don Reesor as organist. In her spare time this busy young lady makes her own clothes. After high school she hopes to study for her music degree at University.

Walter Craig, who recently had the distinction of being one of the first

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patients to enter the new wing of York Central Hospital, expected to be home again this week following a series of tests. Also, the Craigs are looking forward to a visit from Fraser who now lives at Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. He will be in Toronto for a four-day convention beginning December 6.

Much of the corn crop was harvested in this area by the end of November and farmers are plowing now. Crops were very wet this year, and almost all grain had to be processed through dryers.

Congratulations to Richard and Joann Tribbling on the birth of their son, Steven Andrew, at York Central Hospital November 14.

Thornhill driver is charged

Maybe he felt he wouldn't be noticed that way.

Whatever the reason, a man sped down May Avenue in Richmond Hill last week at 10 pm on the wrong side of the street with his lights off. When stopped he was also found to be driving while under suspension.

Facing charges of driving while under suspension and careless driving is Paul Demarco, 20, of Dovercourt Drive, Thornhill.

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