

York Centre to extend services, seeking help from the community

York Centre for Learning Disabilities is ready to extend its service to adolescents and they are looking to the community for help.

In June of 1974 the centre submitted a proposal for a service to be called "The Phoenix Program", designed to meet the special needs of adolescents with learning disabilities.

"It's a program to assist young people towards becoming healthy, competent, contributing adults," said Chairman of the Board of Directors for the centre, Paul Maich.

Executive Director for the York Centre, Alice Frey, said adolescents have the same uneven development and skill as the younger children at the learning disability centre.

"Strengths and

weakness is their academic life or life experiences," said Miss Frey, "making it difficult to function well in the school system or acquire the skills needed to find a job."

Financial support for the Learning Disability Centre comes through the Ministry of Community and Social Services but because of financial constraints, since 1974, the new program for teens has not been included in the budget.

In the past three years, 65 adolescents have either been referred to or received programs at the centre, but funding has not been forthcoming from the government, said Mr. Maich.

This fall the Board of Directors felt so strongly the centre should be providing this service to adolescents they decided

to support the service through private and community contributions. York Centre needs \$25,000 to \$30,000 to cover the cost of the program, said the chairman.

So far the United Way has agreed to provide interim funding, and the

Richmond Hill Rotary Club is holding a TV Auction in December with all proceeds to the York Centre.

The Rotary Club has set a goal of \$10,000 for the centre which Mr. Maich said will allow them to go ahead with the program.

One person has been hired by the centre to develop a program and connect with those people who have called asking for such a service.

If all goes as expected the Phoenix Program will begin at the end of this month, said Miss Frey.

Hill congregation off to conference

The Richmond Hill congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses is making arrangements to attend their semi-annual conference at their Assembly Hall at Norval this weekend.

In making the announcement, John Bell, spokesman for the congregation, pointed out how family breakdown is one of today's most serious problems.

"What should a parent do when children become disrespectful?" he said.

"What program can be undertaken to prevent this problem from arising?"

Such questions will be discussed and situations demonstrated by skits to give helpful instruction, he said.


Mr. Bell stressed that the Bible would be used as the textbook for all instruction.

All sessions are open to the public and there will be a special public address on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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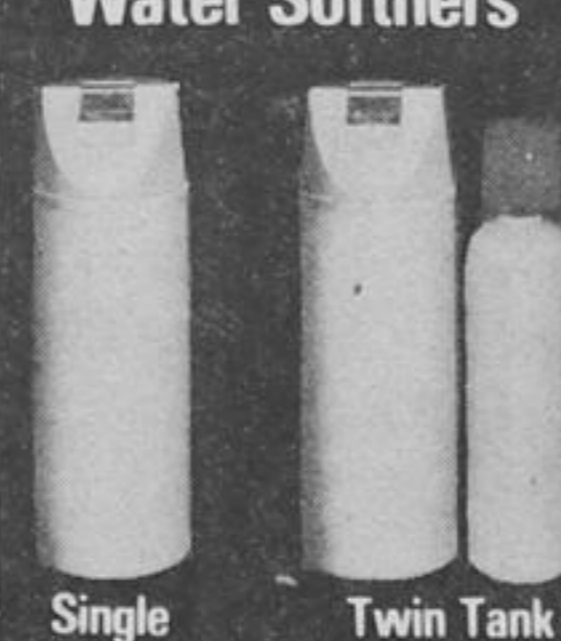
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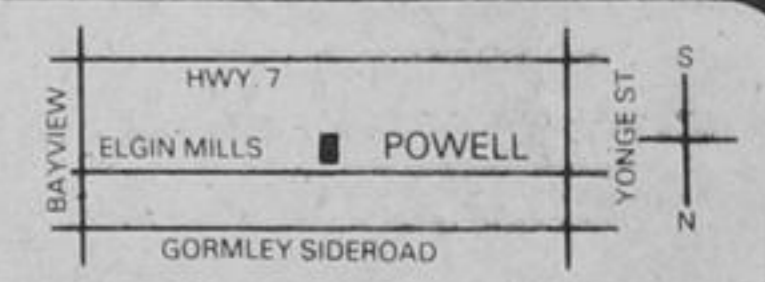
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