



Success drive

Returnable pop bottles were the order of the day as 16 members of the Seventh Milton Cubs sought community support Saturday morning. The fund-raising drive netted about \$250 for the boys who deposited the collected bottles in the garage of their leader John Rossiter. Among those who participated in the bottle drive were Darrin Kinsey, 8, (front) and Steven Rupert, 9.

Promotion boosts Big Brothers here

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

The ranks of Big Brothers in Milton are growing as a result of a recent promotional campaign which reached each household here.

There have already been four replies to the mailing from men interested in the program, according to Carol Ann Swartz, a social worker for the agency. If accepted these Big Brothers will reduce the length of the waiting list which contains the names of 10 local boys.

An informal survey conducted by Mrs. Swartz gave her the impression there should be many more boys on her list. Boys from father-absent homes are eligible for the program as well as those who see their fathers no more than once a month.

"We have to draw the line somewhere," she explained.

Since becoming a resident of Milton last May, Mrs. Swartz has had a chance to further spread the word about the agency. She has found some have misconceptions about the role of a Big Brother especially in the area of time commitment.

"About four hours a week is the guideline although it is not so much the hours but the consistency," the social worker said.

A minimum two-year commitment must be made by men who apply for a Little Brother. Applications are screened by the police and the applicants are interviewed by Mrs. Swartz. Once the match is made, she acts as a counsellor or liaison between mothers and Big Brothers.

A new dimension has been added to the organization in reaction to concern about child sexual abuse. Boys coming into the program are being "defenced", a concept which will be fortified. A meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15 will introduce mothers and Big Brothers to a new program to include videos for older children, colouring books for younger Little Brothers and other teaching aids.

A film geared to parents will outline the problem and a panel of professionals will be available to answer questions.

Increased awareness of child sexual abuse at the national level of the organization, based on American statistics, prompted the move toward educating mothers and their

male children. According to Mrs. Swartz, those who believe young females are the only victims are wrong. Incidents involving boys are just as prevalent.

She said "street proofing" will also be part of the preventative program which has many mothers enthused. After the program is in place for several months it will be reviewed and evaluated.

Coupled with the recent promotion in town, a telephone book listing for Milton Big Brothers as opposed to Oakville and Milton Big Brothers has Mrs. Swartz hopeful for future expansion of the service here.

Local business owners will be reminded of Big Brothers in the next few days as the annual Bowl for Millions fund-raising event approaches. Last year \$35,000 was raised and according to Mrs. Swartz that total should be exceeded this year if expectations are met.

The event runs from Saturday, Feb. 2 to Saturday, Feb. 9.

The money bowlers collect through sponsors helps send boys to summer camp and provides for numerous group activities during the year.

Those interested in entering a team should contact Carol Ann Swartz at Milton Human Service Centre by calling 876-4756.

Big Brothers is one of the newer tenants of The Centre at 310 Main St. It houses many agencies on a part-time or full-time basis. In some cases The Centre has provided the first Milton office for agencies serving this town. This is not the case for Big Brothers as the organization had an office at St. Paul's United Church.

As part of Milton Human Service Centre, Mrs. Swartz feels Big Brothers will further increase its profile here.

Hood is new Chamber president

Murray Hood, well known for his many years of community work in Milton, has been elected the 1985 president of the Milton Chamber of Commerce. Joining him will be executive vice-president, Doug Shenton; treasurer, Bob Lawrence; first vice-president, John Dunstall; and immediate past-president, Ron Clarke.

Although the new year is only nine days old, the chamber is already making plans for Milton Showcase '85 which will be held in Milton Memorial Arena May 23-25.

Application forms for booth space at the show will be available starting tomorrow (Thursday) at the chamber offices in Unity Park.

Organizers say they are expecting a rush of applicants as interest in the showcase presentation is high based on the number of inquiries at the chamber offices.

The '85 indoor booth spaces plus outdoor exhibit spaces are being rented on a "first come, first served" basis. A professional boothing firm will furnish the indoor booths, carpeting, stage areas and lounge areas. This same firm will also provide tents for the outdoor displays.

An opening reception, daily entertainment and a Saturday morning pancake breakfast, hosted by Milton Council are among the activities scheduled.

Exhibitors are being urged to distribute gifts and samples from their booths in addition to the daily lucky draws for the public.

Tom Richardson, chairman of the Showcase '85 Committee, said the event is intended to show the selection, quality, availability and price of goods and services which can be obtained in the community.

"We want to keep Milton residents shopping at home as well as attracting new business from adjoining communities," he said.

Volunteers working on the committee include Tom Chittleigh; Ron Clarke; Chuck Copeland; Jim Coulson; Roy Downs; Rose Harrison; Murray Hood; Bob Lawrence; Bob Lee; Paul Lonergan; and Doug Shenton. From the staff side, John Lawrence, administrator, and Anne Eadie, Showcase coordinator are participating.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning 878-0581.

New Canadian group is back at The Centre

Moving to a new neighbourhood or city can be an unsettling experience and one which is amplified for those moving to a new country.

Women in this situation can find help through a program at The Centre aimed at helping them adjust to Canadian society. Called the Support Group for New Canadian Women, the program begins Thursday, Jan. 10 and continues Thursday evenings at 7:30 for 20 weeks.

The previous 10-week program which began last September included 10 women who wish to continue in the program. There is room for more however, according to Lucy Hannant, the group leader.

"We had a great time," she said of the group members.

Demonstrations of ethnic food preparation and several guests speakers added to the program and will be part of the 1985 version. The first meeting will feature a film deal-

ing with depression as it affects women. Topics for future meetings will be based on suggestions by past participants. One session will include a participant who came to Canada from India and will tell of her experience in adjusting to life here.

Weekly meetings give women a chance to get out of the house as well as share their ideas and experiences, according to Mrs. Hannant who is an immigrant herself.

Showcase Milton '85

A Consumer Show scheduled for Thur.-Sat. May 23, 24, 25, 1985 at Milton Memorial Arena, Thompson Rd., Milton. Indoor & Outdoor exhibit spaces available. Applications for exhibitor booth space will be available at the Milton Chamber of Commerce offices beginning Thursday, January 10th, 1985 at 9 a.m.

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For further information call John Lawrence or Anne Eadie at 878-0581
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Meat loaf won't stick to the dish or pan if you place a strip of bacon underneath before baking. Adds flavor, too.

Keep a roll of paper towels in the bathroom. They're handy for quick wipe-ups of sink or floor, and better than fabric towels when the kids wash.

Lunchbox treat: freeze a little individual-serving can of juice, use it to keep sandwiches cold. It'll be thawed in time for lunch.

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