

Family Life Centre

How YOU fit in

The Staff
Staffing at the Centre includes a full-time director and family-therapist Mario Bartoletti, M.A. who has had training in education, psychology and five years experience in a family psychiatric clinic plus other counsellors Dr. Helen Morley, William Huras and Mrs. Shirley Allen. They also have training, studies and experience in helping people cope with those routine problems of living which can become serious if not handled in time. Helen and Mario often work together as co-therapists with families and couples experiencing serious emotional difficulties, and close consultation is maintained between all the counsellors to insure the best service possible to all clients.

The Centre Itself
The Family Life Centre now operates five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open two evenings each week to better meet the needs of community residents. The Centre also works closely with the York County Board of Education, Committee for the Troubled Child, Canadian Mental Health Association, Community Public Health Nurses, Juvenile and Family Court, schools and many other local and county agencies. Much of this coordination is made possible by maintaining a daily 12 hour telephone answering service (including Saturdays and Sundays for emergency situations), and by the tremendous enthusiasm and effort of the Family Life Centre's secretary and administrative assistant, Mrs. Eleanor Lowe. It is Mrs. Lowe who keeps track of the many calls, details, mailings, appointments, etc., which mount up very quickly as public requests for information and service continue to increase.

The Financial Picture
Through careful budgeting and the cooperation of many lay and professional persons, the Family Life Centre was able to save over \$6,000.00 in its operating costs during 1970. With the continuation of such careful handling of funds, we can still maintain high levels of service within very reasonable costs. Yet, reasonable as such costs are, they must still be met. Approximately \$25,000.00 is urgently required to keep the Family Life Centre operating. Since the fee structure is pro-rated according to each client's ability to pay, from \$2.00 to \$15.00 per visit, fees generally bring in less than 15 percent of the required annual operating funds. The rest of the money has to be raised locally.

How you Can Help
This year, for the first time, we are attempting to obtain some assistance from the provincial government and as part of this effort we are presently preparing a brief to be presented in November. In the meantime we are urgently in need of funds from local sources. We feel the Centre is fulfilling a vital need in this community and we would welcome your support in our current effort to obtain the financial assistance which we need to continue.

You may be one of the lucky ones with no real problems to face. If on the other hand family living problems, marital relationships or personal worries are clouding your days, be assured we at the Centre care and are prepared to help you. Won't you call us?

Mario D. Bartoletti, M.A.
Executive Director

Lumber firm seeks site

MARKHAM — Beaver Lumber Co. has applied to town council for permission to establish a business outlet immediately south of the C.N.R. tracks. The town bylaw covering open storage of this type forbids this type of operation in close proximity to a residential area. The company was represented by Murray Henderson, former operator of the Markham Planing Mill. He suggested

to council that an additional outlet to the area might be made to Highway 48, but members frowned on this proposal.

Mayor Alma Walker commented that she could sympathize with residents who did not want to look over a lumber yard every day.

The matter was referred to the town solicitor for a report at the next meeting.

Men's Bowling Lg.

STOUFFVILLE — Bill White is the bowler of note this week, equalling Gary Donkers 328 single in the 7 o'clock division of the Monday Night Men's League.

Others over 220 are — G. Donkers, 277; L. Thompson, 229; D. Melhuish, 255; V. Blake, 245; C. Lynde, 231; G. Tarn, 221; W. Morris, 231; L. Greenwood, 274; P. Whybrew, 248; R. Willerton, 296; B. White, 328; N. Swartman, 246; D. Dennis, 242; B. Irving, 267; A. Gleave, 246.



Reeve relieved after recount

Obviously relieved, Stouffville reeve Ken Laushway leaves the committee room of the municipal building following the ballot re-count, Oct. 29. He retained the two-vote majority he held after the election, Oct. 5.

Textbook industry

Dominated by foreign interests

By Donald M. Deacon, M.P.P., York-Centre

YORK-CENTRE — At a time when our country is deeply distressed and torn by the recent kidnappings and murder by F.L.Q. terrorists, we find our nation being seriously undermined in Ontario by an insidious enemy — the foreign textbooks.

Recently a number of Thornhill, Grade 11 parents were appalled to be given American flags which their children had colored and proudly brought home from school. They had colored the Stars and Stripes at the end of the class on work pictures when the teacher had asked them to now color 'our flag' in the children's workbooks.

In a recent visit I paid to the library in Unionville Public School, approximately nine out of ten books on the shelves were U.S. publications. Mrs. Kerr, the attractive and popular librarian, told me that the selection of books was based on their 'rating' by education book critics. Apparently our education book critics do not feel Canadian authors have 'found themselves'.

Our Canadian publishing industry is rapidly becoming completely foreign dominated. One of the most aggravating, major reasons is the fact that our Ontario Department of Education requires a book to be printed before it is eligible for consideration as a

textbook. With the comparatively small market open to our Canadian publishers, compared to U.S. publishers, the former simply cannot always risk the substantial cost of printing a manuscript before an indication of the potential market. If they could sell Canadian textbooks in the U.S. market it would be possible. But that

requires a complete U.S. emphasis on all material. Unfortunately, our book critics do not consider this important. As a result of their lack of encouragement and support our Canadian authors and publishers are rapidly dwindling in influence.

The Government of Ontario should be a major factor in reviving and

building our Canadian publishing industry instead of the reverse. In doing so, it would arrest the erosion of our Canadian culture resulting from present policies of the Department of Education.

Former resident now in Thailand

UTTARADIT, THAILAND — Mrs. Alex Muir, a property owner and former resident at Chalk Lake, north-east of Claremont, has written a letter from Thailand where she is with her husband, an engineer on the Sirikit Dam power project. The town where they are located is in north eastern Thailand near the Laos border on the Nan River.

Mr. John Nolan of Stouffville who visited the Far East this summer visited the Muirs, quite by accident, and needless to say, they were quite pleased to see someone from the home area so far away.

Since his return, Mr. Nolan has received a letter from Mrs. Muir telling of the life in Thailand in some of the parts of the country the tourist rarely gets to see.

She comments as follows: "The government is not a strict military dictatorship, is usually easy-going and lax in enforcing some laws, but incredibly stupid in others. There is no muzzling of the press except where it concerns the Royal Family and the Prime Minister. The problem lies in the long chain of dull-minded civil servants, under-paid and incapable of original thought. Public enquiries, expensive Royal Commissions and foreign advice are generally not acted upon."

"In our own area an illegal logging operation has been uncovered involving the taking of 10,000 prime teak logs right under the noses of government officials."

"The people are very pleasant and friendly and the common folk of Thailand are delightful, clever and creative. This great source of talent has been scarcely tapped. Life is quite serene here despite rumours that there are

about 57,000 Thai and Pathet Lao communist guerillas concentrated just across the border. The pattern has been to allow these large projects, such as the one in which my husband is engaged, to finish and then perhaps take them over. However, the country as a whole is quite unaffected by disturbing outside in-

fluences. The King and Queen are supposed to visit the project next week."

"A great deal of the work here has been hidden from view, as the power tunnels are under-ground. The flooding has been heavy here this year due to the worst monsoons on record. This held up the work considerably."

"We had a rice-ferrying project going with two army helicopters to two stricken villages without food. The Canadian firm of Acres International are consulting engineers for the power station although my husband's concern is the dam. Two more Canadian families are booked to arrive here."

Remembrance service

MARKHAM — The annual Memorial Day parade will be held on Nov. 7. The announcement was made at the regular town council meeting and members were asked to participate.

Council meets
The regular meeting of Stouffville Council is Thursday - evening (tonight) Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

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