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Betty Aldred (centre) of Mill Street, Uxbridge recently won one of ten \$500 prizes to be donated to her chosen amateur sports association. The province-wide contest was held by Nabisco in A & P grocery stores, and Ms. Aldred made her entry at the Main St. store in Stouffville. Here, Richard Hannah (centre left) of the

Uxbridge Youth Hockey Association accepts a cheque from Nabisco sales representative Alan McDonald, while A & P store manager Ed Graham (far left) and Nabisco District Sales Manager Neil Putnam (far right) look on.

— Chris Garbutt

Home Support director still has that twinkle in his eye

By KATE GILDERDALE

Claude Kerr, an active director of Home Support Services, has a twinkle in his eye and a boundless enthusiasm for life.

Born in 1907, he married in 1930, and he and his wife Maude have three children; Ruth, and twins Robert and John. Claude always had farming in his blood. "I started reading farm magazines when I was in public school," he recalls. "I thought I knew all about farming. Then I bought a farm and found I didn't know anything."

The Kerrs owned property on the site of Farmer Jack's in Ringwood. "We were dairy farmers," he explains. They also grew tomatoes for Campbells Soup. They started farming in 1950 when they moved to Stouffville from Toronto. Before that Claude was a salesman for 10 years, travelling all round the countryside.

"I was really successful at the job because I liked the country, the people and the small towns," he observes. The pull of farming was strong, however, and convinced him to take the plunge.

They farmed until 1962 and shortly after they quit they lost their barn in a fire. Claude hoped to make a farmer out of his son John, but it wasn't in his blood. Claude's involvement with

Home Support Services started in 1980. "I was in it from day one," he recalls. The idea originated with Helen Batts, a staff member at Parkview Home.

She and Claude happened to meet up and they worked together to start with. "She wasn't with us for long," he remembers. "She and her husband went to Winnipeg after a few months."

While Helen was still involved, she and Claude interviewed Betty Courage who subsequently joined the program for five years, until she had to leave for health reasons.

Jean Anderson, who is a retired nurse, came in on a volunteer basis. "Claude states. "When Betty left we had no problem appointing her successor." Jean took on the position and has been with Home Support for the last three years.

"Betty and Jean are the two most dedicated people you would ever find in this program," suggests Claude. Jim Rehill, from Stouffville District Secondary School, is also an active participant in Home Support.

"Jim started the Hand-In-Hand program four or five years ago," Claude says. The program involves Grade 12 students, who assist seniors during and after school hours through Home Sup-

port Services. "It has fostered a great relationship between seniors and high school kids," he asserts.

Claude is a director and founding life member of Home Support Services. His main function is to provide transport for seniors.

"I take people for lunch appointments, take them to the bank or shopping," he explains. "You build up such a relationship with the people you meet."

The directors meet once a month at the Silver Jubilee Club. "We have about eight people, but we need more," Claude declares.

With the Hand-In-Hand program supplying more drivers, he doesn't do quite as much driving himself, but he still gets his share of calls. "People will call me in an emergency," he notes. "They know they can get me any time of the day." He is also responsible for co-ordinating the program.

Although Claude occasionally feels he would like to give up his role at Home Support, he knows he won't. He is a loving and proud family man, who became a great grandfather for the first time recently. His philosophy is simple but heartfelt: "My wife, my family, my home life, that's what makes life worth living," he concludes.

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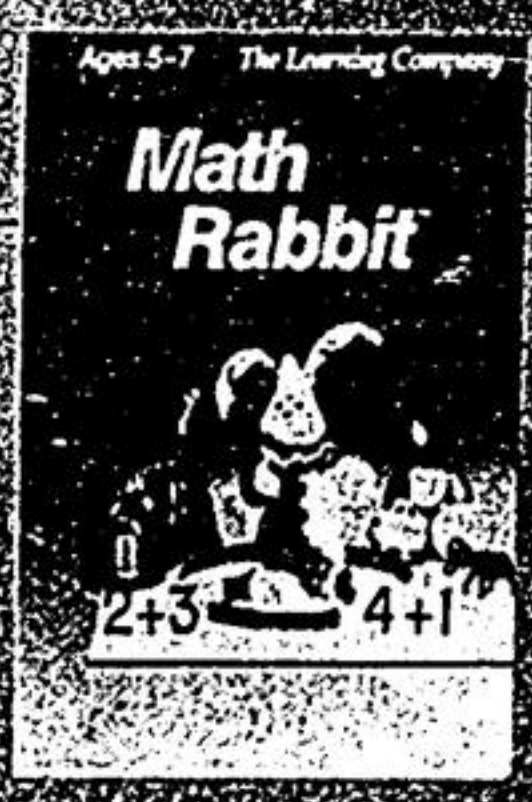
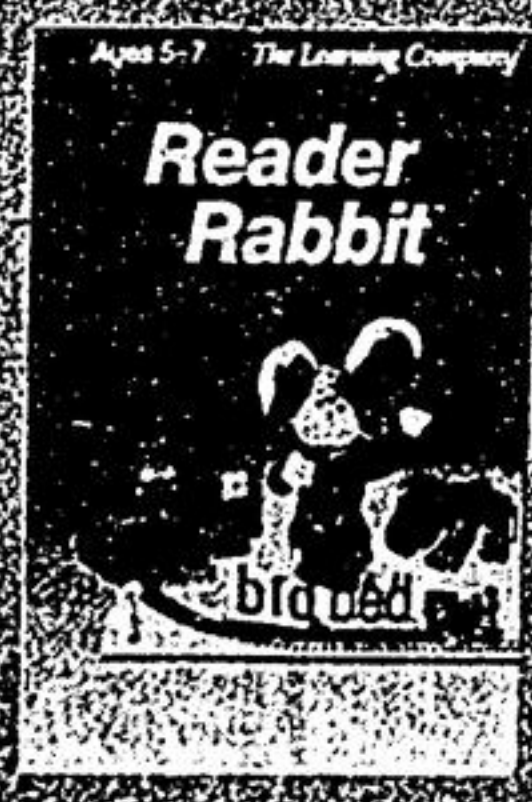


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