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PAUL & EVELYN GERVAN RECEIVE CUSO AWARD

A Seeley's Bay couple, Paul and Evelyn Gervan, who in 1980 launched the Third World Bazaar, are among winners of 10 awards presented by CUSO, a Canadian international development organization.

The awards recognize "exceptional contribution" to an organization whose motto is "Our Strength is People Working Together".

The presentation was made by Governor-General Raymond J. Hnatyshyn, a CUSO patron, at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

The Governor-General noted that the Gervans were recognized for their contribution to CUSO both overseas and here at home.

Paul and Evelyn met while studying at Queen's University. She graduated as a Secondary School Teacher, Paul as a Chemical Engineer.

Fortunately for the Seeley's Bay area they were introduced to Seeley's Bay by a mutual friend, Keith Sly.

They served with CUSO for three years in Malaysia in the early 1970s. They also spent time in India and Sri Lanka. After returning from Asia in 1974/75 they purchased the "Elliott Homestead" on Back Street, Seeley's Bay.

The barn has been used as a base for "The East Asia Company" which imports a wide range of products - wood carvings, jewelry, textiles, clothing, ceramics, etc. from all over the world but particularly from South East Asia, Java, Bali, Thailand and India.

Each year, for two months in the winter, they go on a buying trip. These purchases start arriving in Seeley's Bay in late spring. Some articles are then shipped to various shops and museums in


Eastern Canada. The rest is marketed through a series of pre Christmas sales called "Third World Bazaar".

These sales are held at various universities throughout Ontario in conjunction with "CUSO", to raise funds for small scale Third World Development projects. In 1990 over \$40,000 was raised. These funds are matched 3 to 1 by the Canadian Government so approximately \$160,000. was sent to worthy projects in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala last year.

The Third World Bazaar and the first one of a series which is a family affair - Paul, Evelyn and 13 year old Asha, will be held in Seeley's Bay October 26 - 27 and November 2 - 3 at their home on Back Street. It is truly a very interesting and exciting event where you can buy all your Christmas gifts. They are assisted in these events by their many friends.

The Gervans are heartily involved in Environmental and Political activism with such groups as Environment Action Ontario (Excess packaging), Educators for Peace, Temagami Wilderness Society, New Democratic Party and many more Global Issues. Evelyn teaches High School French from January until June. She was instrumental in establishing the Youth for Peace and Justice award. This is presented annually to a Frontenac County High School student who shows leadership in these areas.

Don't you agree they certainly deserved that CUSO Award!!!
Helen Sweet




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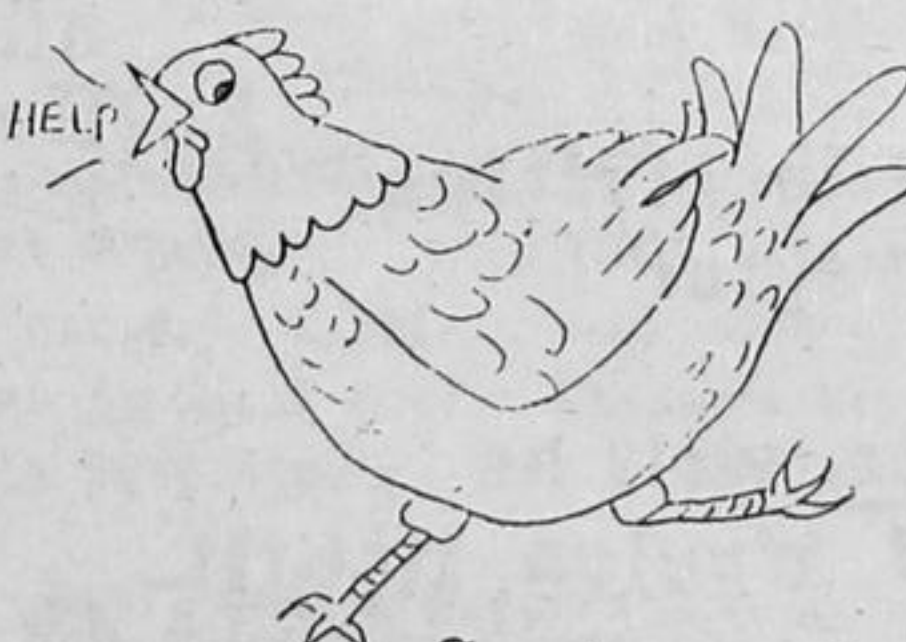
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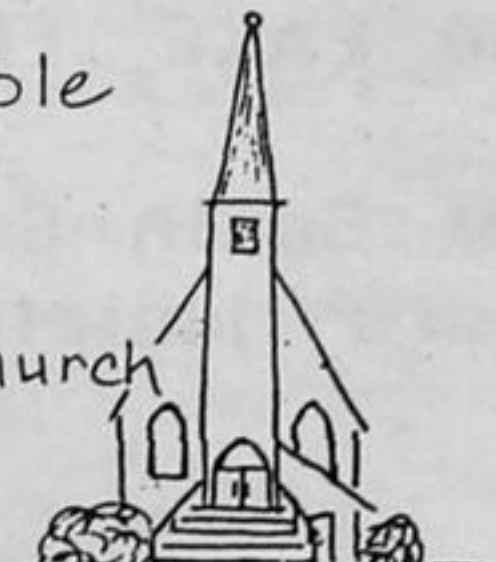
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