



Westport Whatnots

WESTPORT & DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Nursery School Assoc. met early last month at the Tweedsmuir Hotel.

Mrs. Judy Wing, acting as spokeswoman for several working mothers, expressed their views regarding duty days and fees. Differences were resolved in a very worthwhile discussion.

The Nursery School expresses thanks to the Knox Ladies Guild for their financial assistance. The School hopes to receive a grant from the Board of Education.

An Open House will be held between 9 and 11:30 a.m. on May 25th and 26th. Preregistration will begin for 1978-79. The School accepts children from 2 1/2 to 5 years.

The public is invited to come and view a class during a regular morning to discover what a worthwhile experience it is for the preschooler. The Nursery School teacher, Mrs. Green will be glad to answer any questions.

Knox Presbyterian Church

The Women's Missionary Society lead a Thankoffering service on Sun., May 14. The members of the W.M.S. gave the lessons and lead the congregation in prayer.

Thanks go out to Mr. Lawrence Palmer, guest speaker, for his message.

Bats

Bats are harmless and useful because they destroy insects. However, they can be a nuisance if they get in the house. Sprinkle mothballs or naphthalene flakes around to rid yourself of them, then close up all openings.



Shirley Green, VON nurse, with Mrs. Barbara Vincent

HOMEMAKERS: helping the elderly stay home

Mrs. Barbara Vincent is one of the local residents who enjoys the Homemaker Service in North Leeds. Although she suffers from arthritis, ulcers on her legs and impaired sight and hearing, she is able to live with her husband, Tom, on their farm outside Chantry.

Nursing care is provided by Mrs. Shirley Green of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Since December, Mrs. Vincent has also been visited three times a week by Homemaker Jennie Ubdegrove.

The ulcer condition has improved since Jennie's visits began. The help with meal preparation and housework has lightened the load for Mrs. Vincent.

Nurse Shirley Green points out, "It's really to help Barbara stay out of the hospital."

Mrs. Vincent, clear of mind at 69, says she prefers home to the hospital because she can look after her husband's meals. "Otherwise it's soup and cheese," she remarks.

"I was happier when I got home... there's a different atmosphere altogether."

The Homemaker Program helps many stay out of institutions, including the elderly, the blind, diabetics, those with crippling arthritis, the senile and country people who are simply "very lonely," Mrs. Green says.

One thing is certain. Two who speak very highly of the program are Barbara and Tom Vincent, who can live together because of it.

Westport Area Residents support homemaker program

On a beautiful spring evening recently, approximately 20 concerned area residents met at Rideau Vista School to discuss the future of the Homemakers Service in North Leeds.

The service has provided assistance in the home for about 15 elderly who do not qualify for other home care programs.

The 2 local Homemakers have been working since December, funded by a Canada Works Grant. They have filled a great need and there is a waiting list for their help. Patient referrals are made by the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and local physicians. Mrs. Shirley Green, local VON nurse, pointed out that this area has about double the national average percentage of the population over 65 years of age.

Unfortunately, funding for the project ends in August. Anxious to see the service continued, Mrs. Green and Sue Chamberlain of St. Lawrence College are seeking further funding. Hopes are presently pinned on the Red Cross, which provides similar service in other parts of this county. However, the earliest they could begin is Jan. 1.

Mrs. Green is working to raise support for the service for the interim period of Aug. 18-Dec. 31. \$6000 are needed for that period.

Local groups of all kinds are being asked for donations or pledges. It is hoped that the Township and Village Councils will provide the balance needed to carry on this worthwhile program. The Councils of the Village of Newboro and South Crosby Twp. have already pledged their support, and several local groups have made generous donations.

Those in attendance at the Westport meeting expressed their support for the Homemaker program and discussed various means of obtaining funds.

Mrs. Green stressed that means must be found soon, as August is fast approaching. She is deeply concerned for those whose lives are brightened by the Homemakers' visits. For some, institutionalization is the only alternative. She says, "I don't know what's going to happen to many patients if service is discontinued, even for a few months."



Jennie Updegrove and Verna Cardinal, our two Homemakers

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