

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have looked forward to spring and now it is here. The flowers are beautiful, gardens are being planted. I am sure we will all be very busy.

OAMR Conference is in Toronto June 11th to June 15th. Five members will be attending, as well as Mr. Agar.

The General Meeting will be held at Bright's Wine, June 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Come and welcome Mr. Agar to our Association.

See you on the 23rd!

Lois Huntington

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In my first report to you I will try to be brief.

First of all I would like to say how happy I am to be back working and living in Niagara Falls. My wife and I were both born and raised here. Being able to work in a field that you enjoy is a pleasure; being able to do so in your home town is a joy.

My first task upon arriving was the preparation of budgets for the United Way campaign. These have been completed and have gone through an initial review by the United Way panel. We are awaiting a final review and approval. We have also been involved with the reviews of all program budgets with representatives of the Ministry of Community and Social Services. All programs are being held to maximum increases of eight per cent (8%) increases in subsidy, and there is no guarantee that we will receive even that much. It is imperative that the Board and members increase the active membership and be prepared to engage in on-going fund raising activities if we hope to maintain our current levels of service. The days of "...get it from the Province..." are just about over. If we, as an association, want to maintain control over existing programs, and the power to develop new services, we must be prepared to pay for it. We've done it before, we can do it again!

It was felt by the Board of Directors that it was necessary to develop an identity for the Association as being more than just one program (i.e. ARC or Harmony). As a result, they decided to locate

the administrative offices of the Association at a location other than in one of the existing facilities. We have been fortunate to obtain office space at 4625 Ontario Avenue, just north of Queen Street, immediately behind Thorburns Drug Store. The telephone number is 357-5606. We should be all moved in and functioning by the end of May. We will send out a formal announcement at a later date. I have been working out of ARC Industries since my arrival on March 17; and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trainees and staff at ARC for their gracious welcome and patient tolerance. In particular I would like to thank Wanda and Allana for their typing and retyping, copying and re-copying, and all-around assistance.

I hope to meet as many of you as possible at the next General Meeting on June 23rd.

Bob Agar



KALAR ROAD RESIDENCE REPORT

Reg and Gwen are working in a restaurant, washing dishes. They take the city bus to work.

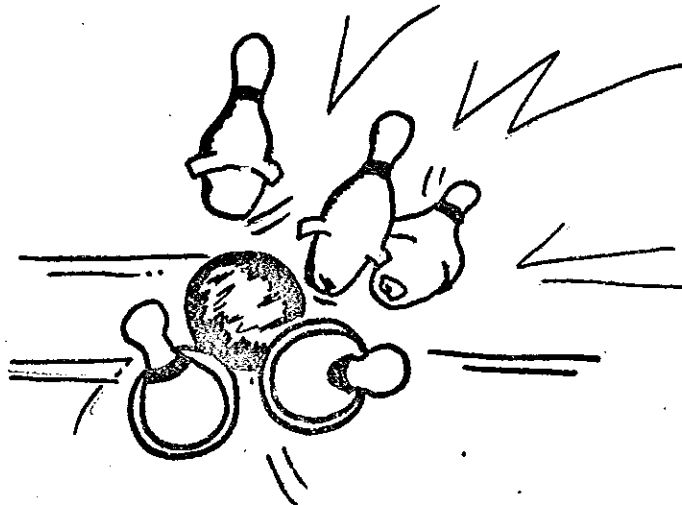
We go to shows, bowling and out to play baseball. When we go to the bank to cash our cheques we stop at Sneaky Pete's for coffee. On Friday Nights we have a baseball game at Bedford Park School. It was Reg's birthday, we had cake and ice cream for him.

David's girlfriend is in the hospital for an operation, she is feeling a little weak.

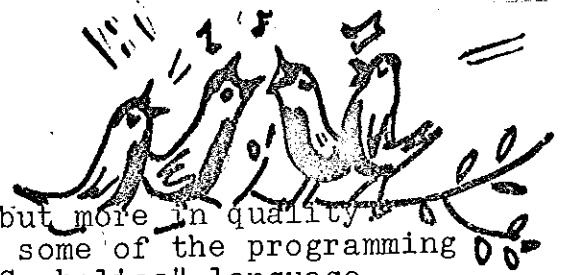
We have a garden with cabbage, lettuce, spinach and cauliflower planted now. Rose, Dana, Gloria, David, Reg, Ron, Frank and Gwen work in the garden.

We have a lot of fun at the Residence and we like it here.

Gloria Matthews and Marilyn Russell



ASSOCIATION BULLETIN - HARMONY & MEMORIAL



Here at Harmony, we have grown less in quantity, but more in quality. Ann Ferencz has joined our staff and has relieved some of the programming pressures. She is our near expert in the "Bliss Symbolics" language. Good to have you back, Ann.

The week of January 25th, we took a break and travelled to the Riverside in Lewiston for a "Gourging Bash" in honour of Mrs. Mowat's new position at ARC Industries. Betty Quinn and Carol Waud joined the party. Like old home week. It was a good evening.

The Memorial group keeps sprouting wings. Cathy has announced that 3 Parent Programmes will be starting soon. Gisele, our Niagara College student, will be helping Cathy in one. Cathy's first group is meeting to continue in a discussion group again. They feel that the time spent is very rewarding.

Linda and Janie are leading one in the evening. I hope most of the parents are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Staff at Harmony and Memorial are really expanding their talents. Kathy Visentin has proven her worth at Chedoke. She has been congratulated for her reports and work with Kevin. Ann Ferencz presented the Harmony programme and Dianna Hogg at a clinical study at Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines. Cathy Bedell did a presentation of the Memorial Programme and received support.

On March 5th, we had a Professional Development Day with the theme being a thorough inventory, clean up, programme update and work, work, work.

Mary Hughes attended a "Labour Relations and Employment Law" Seminar in Toronto for two days at the end of March.

Harmony report cards went out the week of March 10th.

One of our Memorial Children has gone into foster care. Linda Drown is now the proud foster mother of Michael Wellman. God Bless you Linda - Michael is a lucky little boy and vice versa.

We owe our thanks to ALL Departments of the Ministry of Community & Social Services, with Barbara Doolittle at the helm, for a brand new bus. Only the driver is the same, the rest is all new.

A sincere thanks to parents, friends and staff for the donation of money in lieu of Association dance and for the Easter Treats sent and brought into Harmony and Memorial.

On Thursday, April 3, 1980, we had our Special Easter dinner and celebration. Jamie and Barb were very busy and polished up an ordinary ham dinner into a beautiful Easter display. The children from the Core all looked beautiful in their Easter Finery. Everyone was quite aware that something was in the air that day, what with the Easter bunny coming hop, hop, hopping along. The Staff and children from Memorial also attended this festive occasion. Our special guest for the day was Mr. Bob Agar, our new Executive Director.

On May 6th, 1980, the whole staff visited Bedford Park School to familiarize themselves with the programme that children from both centres may be entering at a future date.

Jean Farquharson has joined our cleaning staff and is getting into the nooks and crannies, to clean up all unwelcome visitors. Sure feels good to have Harmony in such capable hands.

Mary Hughes has been busy communicating with Niagara College and Humber' College. Some staff members have registered at Niagara College for Extension Programs in Early Childhood Education and some in Early Childhood Education of the Developmentally Handicapped at Humber College. We're going to have a busy crew.

We'd like to say thank you to the Kitchener Street United Church Men's Club for the donation of a "music centre" to our programme at Memorial. An extra thank you to Don Bedell for installation of same.

Also a thank you to the Mother's Auxiliary for the donation of a carpet for Memorial. You will always be safely remembered.

It's true!!! That brown 15 seater Sportsman Wagon is really ours. We shall be using the red one for additional transportation for Swim Programmes and field trips.

We've had a busy four and a half months, but we've only scratched the surface.

Cathy Bedell and Mary Hughes visited W. Ross MacDonald School for the Blind in Brantford and the Nursery Programme at Niagara College to get more information on programmes at both.

We are going to try our hand at growing our own fresh vegetables.

Leona Covelli has accepted to represent the parents and our area, as a member of the Infant Stimulation Advisory Committee which will be monitoring and advising the Chedoke-McMaster Niagara Team on needed services.

On Tuesday, May 13th, 1980, the photographers were here and took group and individual pictures at both Harmony and Memorial.

On June 3rd, we are holding our Volunteer dinner at Harmony.

Candy Murri finally delivered a beautiful baby, boy, David Michael, weighing in at 9 lbs. 13 ozs. Congratulations to Candy and her family.

The Summer Youth Employment Proposal to build a "Creative Outdoor Facility" HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. Work will begin on May 20th. Alterations are next on the agenda!

Now all I need to know, is whether the budget will be approved!!!

.....Till the next time.....Mary Hughes

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ARC INDUSTRIES

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356-0484

Here we are one mini-bazaar, two luncheons, three Niagara South Board of Education Courses, four major bus repairs and five months later.

Some quick, "Did you knows?".....

-that Bessie Sills was promoted to program manager?

--that we had a T.B.clinic on May 13th?

-that the "big room" is now the work room and the old work room is now the cafeteria?

-that many trainees and parents think of ARC Industries as a school and take the whole summer off?

-that at least two trainees are on work experience?

-that Jean Torbett is going into semi-retirement and we will be without a staff cook?

-that Kathleen Bridgeman is learning to manage the kitchen?

-that our budget is only allowing an 8% increase over last year's approved? (We went over on some areas of the budget by \$5,000.00.)

-that we are not allowed any Taxi Money for 1980-81?

-that next year's extension courses for the trainees will be held at A.N.Myer Secondary School and Stamford C.V.I., just like all other adults in Niagara?

-that trainees get paid every two weeks by cheque, just like all staff?

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REPORT

Spring has finally arrived and both residents and staff are busy enjoying the accompanying seasonal activities - gardening, outings, planned vacations, etc. We are fortunate in again receiving Federal Funding for a Summer Youth Employment Program. This Grant will provide three students to operate special programs within the Residences. One student will be recruiting and organizing volunteers and planning recreational activities at the Children's Residence. Another will work with the Adult residents on self-improvement skills and crafts. The third summer staff will be working with some of the Adults to do repairs, maintenance and woodworking (at both Residences). It looks like a fun, productive summer with all the extra hands.

For families planning vacations and intending to use the parent relief beds, please book your time as soon as possible. We have some openings left and hope to avoid disappointing anyone. Even if we cannot accommodate your son or daughter for the required time, there are other Parent Relief Programs in the Region which we can refer you to.

CHILDREN'S CORE RESIDENCE 356-0201 (2 relief beds)

KALAR ROAD RESIDENCE 357-0433 (1 relief bed)

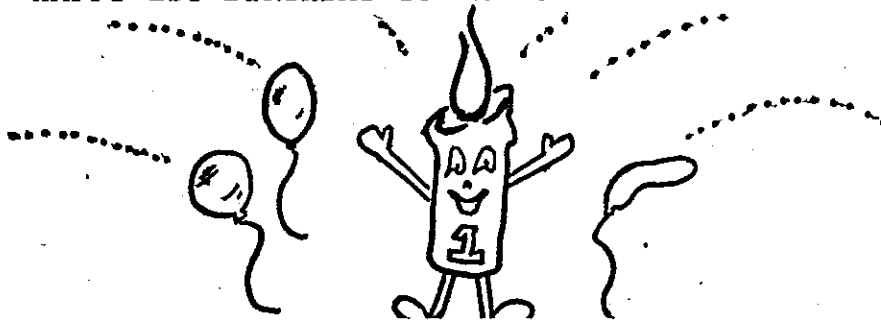
An alternative to using the Residences for your son or daughter would be to use HEALTH CARE SERVICES - UPJOHN LTD. Most families have coverage for Private Duty Nursing (eligibility does not require a medical problem) under Medical or Extended Health Care Section of their Employee Group Insurance Plan, This coverage can be used to provide assistance in caring for a developmentally

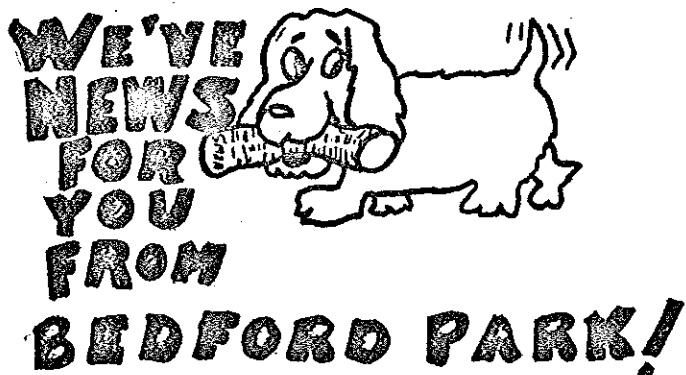
handicapped child or adult in your own home. Parents wishing assistance for an evening out, hospital stay, holiday, etc., may find "UPJOHN" able to provide the necessary relief staff. "UPJOHN" provides: R.N.'s, R.N.A.'s, R.N. Assistants, Nurses Aides, Home Health Aides and Homemakers. They undertake the necessary staff training, orientation and matching to ensure the needs of the specific client are met. The agency has provided staff relief to families with Mentally Retarded Children with good results.

If you are interested in finding out more about this service, contact Donna Rice, Services Director, Upjohn Health Care Services, St. Catharines, at 688-5214. Donna will check into your insurance coverage to see if there would be a cost to you in using this service. She will also assist you in obtaining a referral from your family doctor, if necessary. If you would like more information before calling Donna, please call me at 357-0433.

Cathy Molitor
Director of Residential Services

"HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY TO THE CHILDREN'S CORE RESIDENCE!!"





MRS. NORA BUDD IS RETIRING AFTER 28 YEARS OF WORKING WITH
THE MENTALLY RETARDED.

AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE MARY MILLER IS RETIRING.

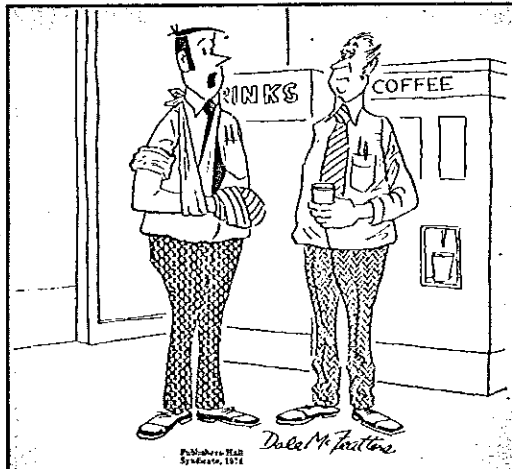
THE NIAGARA SOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION IS OFFERING A SPECIAL
SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR TRAINABLE MENTALLY RETARDED
STUDENTS. CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT BEDFORD PARK 9:00 A.M. to
1:00 A.M. STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING A LUNCH.
CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLLMENT IS June 15th. FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION, CONTACT BEDFORD PARK AT
354-2162.

MRS. HELEN DETLOR HAS RESIGNED AFTER 13 YEARS OF TEACHING

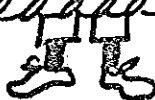


COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: FAMILY SERVICES

RECREATION CHAIRPERSON: WHO WILL ALSO REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATIONS ON THE REGIONAL RECREATION COMMITTEE.



"Did it opening the child-protector cap on a bottle of aspirin."



JUNE 7TH

WALK-A-THON '80

THE GREATER NIAGARA ASSOCIATION FOR
THE MENTALLY RETARDED

Nine Kilometre Walk Starting at BURGER KING

Start: 1 p.m.

Burger King will serve each walker, one
burger, one fries, one beverage

SPONSOR SHEETS & INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM
JEAN PAUL COURCHESNE 356-1603 or ARC

JUNE 8TH

LEGION PICNIC

Held at Legion 51 on ValleyWay
1:00 p.m., Sunday

JUNE 13TH

"LUCKY DRAW"

1st PRIZE, Panasonic T.V., A.M., F.M. Radio

2nd PIZES, Portable Radio

Tickets: .50¢ or 3 for \$1.00

Draw to be held at ARC Industries June 13th

Tickets available from BOARD Members

JUNE 23RD

GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT

BRIGHT'S WINES

FREE TOUR AND "TASTING"

7:30 p.m.

COME ON OUT AND MEETING OUR NEW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

BOB AGAR

STAN COOPER,
President
LOIS HUNTINGTON
1st Vice-Pres.

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(ARC Industrios)

BRIG. A.E.C. BRUCE
Workshop Director

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

It has been recommended by the Executive Committee at a meeting on April 29, 1980.

"To amend General By-Law No.1, Section 20, subsection C, by adding parargraph-3. Association Membership may be granted to anyone who is a staff member of this Association or any related Association for the Mentally Retarded. Associate members will be accorded all rights and privileges except those of voting, serving on the board of directors, or becoming an officer of the corporation. This is the only class of membership that may be granted while a person is in the employ of this, or any other, Association for the Mentally Retarded."

This recommended amendment was approved by the Board of Directors on May 20, 1980, by a unanimous vote of twelve (12) directors present and voting; and, referred to the General Membership for ratification at a General Meeting to be held June 23, 1980, at 7:30 P.M., at Brights Wines Ltd., 4887 Dorchester Rd., Niagara Falls, Ontario.



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Adult Services	Warren Hogg
Adult Residence	Doug Hicks
Advisory Board and Branchton Camp	Lillias Romanuk
Core Residence	Sandra Bond
Membership and Reading Analyst	Winifred Ouderkrik
Harmony	Sandra Rylander
Public Relations, Program, Bulletin	Brenda Mowat
Recreation	Michelle Koabel
Regional	Jacv Kington, Warren Hogg
Working Group	Linda Thwaites
