

Red Shield campaign will equip an army

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN

With a myriad of social agencies rapping on doors and sidewalk-soliciting down spring, one wonders how the Red Shield campaign can eek out a piece of the crowded market.

But it is and not too badly at that, thank you, says drive chairman Harry Ridgley.

The Red Shield, of course, is the emblematic call to arms of the Salvation Army, and it is local lay members of the new Mississauga Temple who are at the forefront, Ridgley explains.

The campaign is new to Mississauga but in many communities it is known as an annual nationwide campaign to support the 56 "vital human services" which the Army maintains.

While many of those services are the archtype referrals for alcoholics and unwed mothers, says the campaign chairman, the essence of the Army's importance is the immediacy of its decisions and aid.

A family of five has no food or a mother and five-month-old child are turfed out of their home. The situations do arise even in affluent Mississauga.

There is no red tape and no com-

mittee decisions, stresses Ridgley. The Army reacts at once. They leave the legal implications for later.

Captain Woody Hale, who is more cherbic than the spare caricature pressed on Army officers in the past, executes that action.

As Corps Officer for the Temple, he exudes the confidence that he and his 50 lay families in Mississauga can fill a definite void in the community.

"The object of the next year will be to train as many lay people as possible to help out if there is a need," Hale says.

"If we get a distress call from Malton we would have one of our people there see the person. Often, it only takes a good listener to help some of these people."

Captain Hale believes the greatest single community problem is individual depression.

The Red Shield campaign, with a \$50,000 target for Mississauga, provides the funds to maintain referral and local help for those very problems.

Although the funds are funnelled through the Toronto regional office, much will come back to the area as the six-month-old Temple widens its awareness of the community and its

needs, Captain Hale explains.

The Army's Mississauga district will be better able to fulfill those needs when its \$150,000 Temple is finished in December.

District members are now working out of a refurbished farmhouse at the Temple site on Cawthra Road which accommodates keep-fit and coffee, and crafts programs.

The Temple will incorporate a multi-functional auditorium for 300, a Sunday School room, kitchen, and band and choir rooms.

The district's 50 odd families have financed the structure through tithes but Army officials hope to defray part of the cost through donations and a June concert at Glenforest Secondary School.

Called Harmony in Voice and Brass, the June 4 concert will feature the Mississauga Temple Band and East York Barbershop Chorus.

And the Red Shield campaign needs more canvassers too, Ridgley points out. To paraphrase Captain Hale, the Army's work is never done.



CAPTAIN WOODY HALE

RETIRING RIVERSIDE PRINCIPAL

Albert's work won't go unmarked

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN

PORT CREDIT — Albert Gerhart was principal of Riverside Public School when teachers noted the lunch hour by swinging from the rope attached to the belfry.

And he is still principal in the age of shag-carpetted common rooms.

The man has seen changes.

Gerhart will retire in June after a career at Riverside that spans 30 years. His

accomplishments will not go unmarked.

Besides receptions planned by the Peel County board and the town of Port Credit, former teachers and pupils have organized a reunion Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the school.

A native of Smooth Rock Falls he came to the town in 1943 to administer the four-room Riverside School. "It was summer but I remember the place looked very desolate. The sand was

blowing all over the place."

Now the original building is gone and three wings have been added. It stands on a shady atoll overlooking the Credit River.

Gerhart, with his stern countenance and tufted eyebrows, admits to "fixing the place up a bit".

Shortly after taking over the school he acted as secretary treasurer with the Port Credit School Board and in that capacity helped refurbish the three town

institutions.

That was satisfying, he admits, but the most rewarding aspect of his 30-year effort has been "seeing pupils who have gone through the school find their place in society."

"I have tried to instill a sense of moral values in the students."

Gerhart is in favour of many of the changes education has taken in the last quarter century, but he deprecates others.

"It used to be that a Grade 8 student had to pass set exams to go on. Many didn't and we had cases of 17-year-olds in public school." He is relieved that there are new ways of assessing pupils.

But he bemoans the drift from basic skills learning and the trend to "too much freedom and the breakdown of discipline."

Gerhart admits in the old years to using the strap two or three times a year "in extreme cases" and he found it a successful deterrent. "But you're always going to have hellers," he points out.

And he feels the focus on basic reading, writing and arithmetic will come back to the fore even if disciplinary measures don't.

Some of those hellers who suffered smarting behinds at Gerhart's hand will be among those honouring him Saturday. He promises not to be discriminatory.



Albert Gerhart is as much a part of Riverside Public School as the original school bell. He will retire this year after 30 years as principal.

Resident assumes top Rotary post

Robert Watson, past president of the Mississauga Rotary Club, has been elected the top club official for his home area by delegate, to the group's international convention in Switzerland.

Watson is one of 345 men from 149 countries of the Rotary world elected as a district governor for the 1973-74 year. As governor of District 707 which includes Mississauga he will co-ordinate some 54 clubs.

A Rotarian since 1954, Watson is a senior partner in the law firm of Jackson, Watson, Gillespie, Lane and Greenwood.

Rotary International is the parent association for 15,000 clubs around the globe.

Streetsville traffic study

STREETSVILLE — The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has agreed to subsidize a \$12,500 traffic study for the town.

The study will look into traffic patterns, needed road improvements and the possibility of public transit.

The ministry will subsidize 65 per cent of the cost.

Riding Report

Don Blenkarn, MP



It appears the prime minister intends to call the summer recess at the end of June. That leaves very little time for the government to introduce its proposed legislative program. As reported in the Toronto press, the government hopes that by the end of June Parliament will deal with the main spending estimates, the debate on capital punishment; and, not least but probably last on the agenda, the controversial corporate tax concessions of the May 1972 budget and personal tax goodies proposed in the February budget.

One bill introduced last week deals with Canada's wildlife conservation on which I had the opportunity to speak in the House of Commons. I commended the government for introducing this legislation especially for its suggestion that the Canadian Wildlife Service will extend its work in research and pathology in connection with toxic substances and other matters affecting wild animals and wildlife generally.

However, in my opinion, the bill as proposed does not go far enough. In the area of trapping I have received many letters from young children decrying the use of the leg-hold trap in the taking of wild animals by trappers and others, decrying the injuries caused to animals whose legs are torn off or they are trapped in these devices and suffer for days before their frozen bodies are picked up and taken to be skinned. Although we have now developed the Conibeat trap I feel we need an investigation or inquiry into new forms of trapping that will not be as injurious to animals as the existing devices.

The following are remarks I made in my speech with respect to further suggested changes in the wildlife bill:

"Mr. Speaker, I think it (Bill C-131) should set out in detail the extent of federal government involvement in the preservation of wildlife. It should set out in detail to what extent it is a matter of federal authority and to what extent the federal government is looking to the provinces, the counties and the territories of Canada to do their part under the legislation.

"In my view, Mr. Speaker, federal responsibility clearly encompasses those animals and birds subject to large migration, and in particular migration across provincial boundaries. That may well apply to the caribou herd and presumably it applies to whales in our inland seas. It may well apply to other animals and birds with which I am not too familiar, although I am sure the minister has in his department people who are familiar with them.

"The whole question of wildlife in the territories should be brought under this legislation. In answer to the hon. member for Comox-Albernie (Mr. Barnett) last night, I presume the minister was really saying that wildlife in the territories is a matter for the territorial council. Mr. Speaker, the territories are not yet provinces. I suggest that the assets and resources of the territories belong to all of Canada; thus they are the direct responsibility of the minister and should be specifically set out as being within the federal competence. The minister should also make it quite clear that it is a federal responsibility to co-ordinate research carried out by provincial and other authorities in connection with wildlife. To some extent that is contained in this bill, but it is not clear and specific.

"The whole question of wildlife within federal parks is a loose one. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chretien) is responsible for federal parks and apparently has staff looking after wildlife in those parks. But we should have one minister to look after wildlife problems in Canada. Surely, if we are going to have a wildlife act it should set out that the Minister of the Environment is responsible for wildlife in all federal parks and all federal public lands.

"Finally, Mr. Speaker, I think the legislation should set out what the endangered species are, and it should set out clearly what the minister should do and is directed to do with respect to the preservation of those endangered species. When legislation provides for a grants system to provinces and private organizations, surely this House should have an opportunity to know what kind of grants the minister has in mind. Perhaps the legislation should be specific and set out the type of projects that the federal treasury will sponsor or in which it will share the costs of the provinces and private organizations. In my opinion, and in the opinion of some others, it is not good enough to give the minister the right to make grants or agreements, because it leaves the whole matter open to the question of who knows whom; who has a project; is money available, if so, make an application and if it is politically sound, money will be made available. This is just not good enough, as far as our wildlife are concerned."

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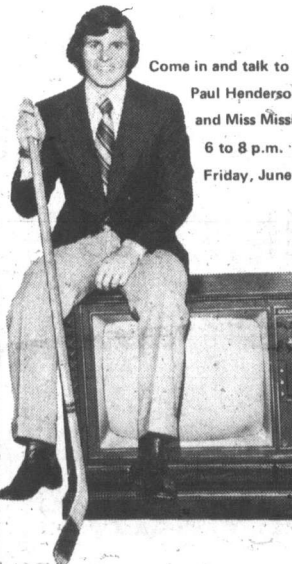
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Brick company plan passes latest barrier

A Canada Brick Company proposal to manufacture bricks from any kind of building material, has been approved by Mississauga planning board.

The Ontario Municipal Board had previously dismissed the company's application on a technicality, according to Canada Brick lawyer Gary Smith. He said three residents concerned with traffic on Britannia Road West appealed to the OMB after Mississauga committee of adjustment had approved the plan.

The company, located just west of the Streetsville town boundary, has to apply for approval of brick manufacturing from any kind of material because of controls on site operations in zoning by-laws and Ministry of the Environment restrictions.

Deputy planning commissioner Russ Edmunds told the board the company was trying to achieve through planning board what it couldn't through the committee of adjustment.

He said he didn't feel approval of the application

would create any adverse effect on neighbouring land uses. The staff report suggested that Canada Brick should investigate building a temporary road to join Millereek Drive so that company trucks could use Erin Mills Parkway instead of Britannia Road.

Plans call for the eventual extension of Milliereek Drive through the Canada Brick property.

Silver Creek studies

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will conduct a biological study as well as a water management study at Silver Creek, north of Georgetown.

The biological study was recommended by Al Wainio of the provincial Ministry of the Environment who wants to preserve the valley lands at the site.

Saying he was as much in favour of ecology as Wainio, Mississauga Deputy Reeve Grant Clarkson said Wednesday he feels the Authority's input on the site has been one-sided. "Let's get the water management view," Clarkson said. "We should

study the feasibility of maintaining stream flow. We need input on both phases — we only have Wainio's reports now."

The deputy reeve said a study would show if a reservoir is needed for stream flow and how large the dam at the site might have to be.

Noting that Silver Creek

was not originally designed for any recreational use, Clarkson said the biological side and the practical side of the issue should both be studied.

A tour of the site will be provided for Authority members tomorrow.

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