

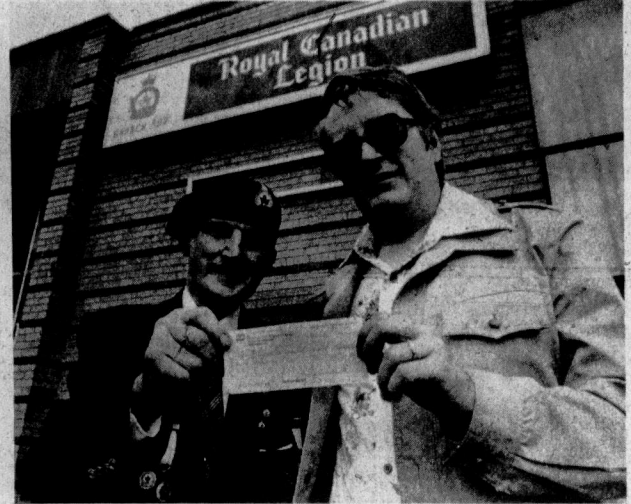
Around Town



A seniors patio and pool party at Sheridan Villa was highlighted by synchronized swimming (Mable Latimer and Mary Giamatolla above) as well as a fashion show sponsored by Square One shopping centre.



Neil C. Matheson public school has held its awards presentations. Mickey Reid, left, was honored for the time he has devoted to the school and Wally Koson, right, was honored for serving seven years as a crossing guard. Principal Cecil Thom looks on.



Harry Hassall, 50 years with the Royal Canadian Legion, presents a cheque for \$500 from the Tom Kennedy branch to Bob Atcheson for the Mississauga Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Family often speaks Esperanto at home

By CONNIE RAE
To the Eichholz family of Springbank Road, Esperanto is but one of several languages spoken in the home — to 17-year-old Suna, it's a favorite.
Suna, which in Esperanto means "to be like the sun", says the language, like German, is more expressive and more intimate than English.
"Rather than saying Patrino (mother), I can say Panjo — which means "dear little mother, or mother very close to my heart," she says.
Suna and one other student from Erindale secondary school where Mrs. Eichholz recently taught a 20-hour course to 11 Grade 11 students, is a chosen recipient of a trip to Tessaalonike, Greece this July to take part in the International Youth Congress in Esperanto. The trip is donated by Dorothy Henderson. She became a patron of Esperanto after taking a course on it at McMaster University from Mrs. Eichholz.
Esperanto was founded in 1887 by Ludovic Zamenhof, as an umbrella language derived mainly from French, Spanish and German.
Esperanto, unlike any other language, does not carry with it racial connotations, says Mrs. Eichholz.
"If any language should be recognized in Canada, it should be that of the native Indian. To recognize French is to degrade all others to second class citizens," she says.
Mrs. Eichholz suggests Esperanto as an introductory language, because it is so easy to learn.

Esperanto has only 12 verbs with 2,400 verb endings, 38 affixes and it has a strict regular logic without the numerous exceptions so prevalent in English. A vowel is pronounced one way, and one way only, she says.
Whereas in English you often use a completely different set of words to denote related nouns, (such as deer, doe, buck, and fawn), in Esperanto all nouns are masculine or feminine, and use the same root, (i.e. hundo is a male dog, hundino is a female dog; hundido is a puppy)
Esperanto received more attention after the Second World War, says Mrs. Eichholz. Esperantists say it is a non-political language and Esperanto books and magazines are allowed in iron curtain countries and used internationally by China, a country comprised of

numerous dialects, to inform the people in Esperanto. "Great powers are forcing English and French on us," she says, and people at an international congress are at a disadvantage if they don't speak all languages fluently.
To the Eichholz family, whose bookcases team with Esperanto newspapers, dictionaries and the only Esperanto copy of Dante's Divine Comedy, Esperanto is a viable alternative to any cultural language. Only 10 per cent of the world's people speak English, she says.
Estimates are that Esperanto is spoken by well over a million people in the world.
Ruediger Eichholz is the only Canadian elected to the universal Esperanto Academy and is publisher of the Esperanto Press.
Mrs. Eichholz expressed disappointment that the government didn't take her course at Erindale College more seriously.
"Students get the feel of Esperanto after a few hours and feel more at home with it than after years of French," she maintains.
"I wanted OEAC — Ontario Educational Authorities Commission to monitor the results," she said.
Information on Esperanto can be obtained by writing Canadian Esperanto Association, Post Office Box 174, Roxboro, Quebec H8Y 3E9.



For Vilma, Suna and Ruediger Eichholz, Esperanto is a family affair. All speak several languages.

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The Attorney General of Ontario will issue identification cards to dog guide owners. The card will carry a photograph of the owner and dog, as well as their names, and will also carry a summary of the main features of the Act.

For further information, application for an Identification Card or a copy of the Act itself, contact:
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