



A strawberry tea was planned and catered by the young girls currently resident at Armagh.

Armagh is a real home for girls with problems

By CONNIE RAE
Armagh is a home for girls in the true sense of the word because for some girls Armagh is the first real home they've ever had.

Located on Meadowwood Road, Armagh is a four-and-a-half-acre estate purchased by the Presbyterian church years ago to serve as a shelter for unwed mothers.

Today its image is changing. Armagh serves as a home for unwed mothers as well as for young girls with different problems in their areas.

When this reporter visited Armagh, it was the centre of much activity. Several of the 26 resident girls had just returned from a strawberry-picking outing in preparation for their strawberry shortcake garden party the following day.

The girls, a little overzealous in their picking, burst into the kitchen with enough strawberries to serve all of Clarkson Village.

Still in good spirits, many of them trooped over to a neighborhood pool with a volunteer worker from Waterloo University.

About half the girls at the home are pregnant and unmarried. The other half come from stressful home situations caused by alcoholism, drugs, marriage breakdown and a variety of other reasons.

No severely disturbed girls are accepted and the girls who are pregnant fit in well.

Reverend Mary Farmery, director of the home, explained, "All the girls here have a problem to deal with. Being pregnant is just one symptom of a problem."

Upon entry, the girls, whose average age is 17 and whose average stay at the home is five months, are expected to co-operate within the "pleasant guidelines" of the home.

"Many of the girls have experienced a difficult childhood, but after concern and kindness is shown, the girls begin to realize their own worth," she said.

Often the girls are sent through the Children's Aid Society (CAS) or have been dealt with under the Child Welfare or Juvenile Delinquency Acts, and while the CAS works with the parents of these children, who are often either uptight and negative or overindulgent, Armagh attempts to make creative independent individuals out of them.

As most of the girls are of high school age, they continue their education at a nearby high school, or can take instruction in Armagh's classroom attended by a secondary school teacher in Peel.

About 14 girls from Armagh will graduate from their respective courses this summer.

An hour's work a day is expected from each girl to assist with the housekeeping. Classes are available in budgeting, a social worker is available to work out problems with the girls and a housemother is present 24 hours a day.

The girls can have visitors every day at 2:30 p.m. but failure to keep their rooms tidy or fulfil their duties can result in them being grounded.

Special prenatal programs are conducted for the expectant mothers.

The majority of young mothers at Armagh give their babies up for adoption, but the decision is entirely up to the individual, said Mrs. Farmery.

"Once the decision has been made, the girls are young enough to be resilient and it is not a problem."

They realize that taking care of a baby is a full-time job and if they aspire to a career or university, they can be realistic, she said.

In a very minute number of cases, the unwed father is supportive and concerned for the mother and gives her moral and financial support. It is rare, but on occasion they marry and make a good life for themselves, she said.

Strict attention is paid to nutrition.

"Whether the mother keeps her baby or not, we want to insure that any baby born to a girl at Armagh is healthy and gets off to a good start in life," said Mrs. Farmery.

"Often girls come to us nervous and highstrung, but after six weeks of good food, a structured life and plenty of sleep, the problems dissolve," she said.

A part-time nurse is on staff, the girls visit a local

doctor regularly and tour the hospital where their baby is to be born.

Chapel services are mandatory and some of the girls join the chapel choir. "There's quite a lot of talent here at times, and we try and bring it out," she said.

Armagh prefers that application to the home is made through a social service agency and that the girl has a complete medical before entry, and the cost is geared to the ability to pay.

Over the past 20 years, 2,000 girls have passed through the doors of Armagh — and left its shelter a little more able to deal with life.

Armagh is funded by the

Presbyterian church, the Ontario government and local charities.

Any girls needing assistance, or any person knowing of anyone who might benefit from such a home is invited to call Rev. Farmery at 822-3234.

Food costs up

The price of the Ontario Food Council market basket increased slightly by 41¢ to \$107.60, from the first week of May to the first week of June. The cost of the basket is still below June, 1975 price levels.

Beef specials, lower wholesale beef prices, and 3 quart 2 per cent milk specials were the main areas of price decreases. Coffee price increases, seasonally higher fruit and vegetable prices, and more expensive imported fruits were the major areas of price advances.

Erindale church

Erindale United Church's new minister, Rev. Charles Miller, will be on holidays during August and Lynne Curtin will be available for emergencies. Call the church for her number. During summer the church's Sunday services start at 10 a.m.

New books

New books at Port Credit library include those listed below. They are on display

The price of the Ontario Food Council market basket is the average cost of 127 items priced at 5 major supermarkets operating in Metropolitan Toronto. Recently the U.S.S.R. purchased small quantities of frozen poultry in the U.S. If purchases are increased, it is conceivable that abundant supplies of poultry in the United States will be reduced and price levels for this product may firm slightly.

from June 25 to July 9, when they will be available to library patrons.

Fiction:
The Winthrop covenant — Louis Auchincloss
A Woman Called Moses — Marcy Heideish
A Rose for Ana Maria — Frank Yerby
The Lonely Lady — Harold Robbins

Non-fiction:
Sinatra — Earl Wilson

Entertaining — Una Abrahamson

Band at Square One

Peter Schofield and the Canadians — a 15-piece orchestra will perform in the garden court of Square One shopping centre Saturday, July 3 from noon to 3 p.m.

Story time

Mississauga library's bookmobile begins story hours for preschoolers July 6, for the summer only.

Opening storyhour will be at Sherway Dr. public school, Tuesday, July 6, 10:30 a.m. and every subsequent Tuesday until the end of Aug.

Other meetings will be at Silvercreek public school, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and also at Homelands public school, at 2:30 p.m., Erin Mills corner store, Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. and Orchard Heights public school, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.



Olympiad quilt won by Mississaugan

The beautiful quilt made by 83-year-old Yvonne Gauthier to help raise money for the Olympiad has been won by Sandra Payne of Mississauga. Sandra works for the Parks and Recreation Department of Etobicoke. Two thousand tickets were sold on the quilt.

Don Payne, Sandra's husband, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Olympiad and is in charge of accommodation at York University for the disabled athletes. Tickets for the 1976 Olympiad for the Physically Disabled are now on sale in Mississauga.

Dental clinic

Free fluoride clinics are being provided for children during July and Aug. at two locations in Mississauga. Sponsored by the dental division of Peel regional health clinic, they are for youngsters between four and 12 years.

The clinics provide diet counselling, oral hygiene instruction, cleaning and polishing and a topical application of fluoride. It is by appointment only.

During July one will operate at Port Credit library on Lakeshore Rd. and at T. L. Kennedy secondary school on Hurontario St. throughout Aug. Necessary application forms are available at the library. For more information call 453-6820, dental division.

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Port Credit
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278-1992
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1745 Dundas St. W. at Mississauga Rd.
277-3251
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