

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

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A.R.C. INDUSTRIES

SUN PARLOR NURSERY SCHOOL

BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The sun was shining the other day bringing with it the dreams of summer with its long warm days. With the coming of summer a lot of us join the itchy feet club and the urge to see some new country becomes real strong.

With travel easier by far than it used to be, we are eagerly looking forward to these plans and vacations which often now include trips to far distant places.

A phone call to my house the other night by a parent with a problem that I thought only I was faced with, opened my eyes to the fact that maybe a lot of us are in the same condition. How many of you as parents share this problem. All winter you have saved to go somewhere the following summer, I don't mean a summer cottage or camping but maybe a trip to New York or Los Angeles. If your child is like my daughter, she would not enjoy it at all, a trip to a large city or even a small city and if we were only to sight see, it would not be very long before she soon tire of this. If you face the additional handicap of a child who is unable to travel any distance the problem becomes even worse.

The problem is one that is shared by each one of us who is the parent of a child and could be shared by all of us and maybe even shared by all of us if we got together. Have we ever given any thought to the idea as was suggested in the conversation with the parent of maybe, I could look after your child for a couple of weeks and you or someone could do the same for me. I guess what I am trying to say is this, "Do you think this is a workable idea"?

We would hopefully establish a list of parents who require some one to look after their child for a period of time along with a list of parents who are willing to look after these children.

Even if we were to establish a short term residence in our area, it could prove impossible to look after all the requests that might come in. Remember also this arrangement could be very useful in the case of sickness or something along those lines. We should look to our own group for this type of help before we look elsewhere.

What do you think? Is it a workable idea or shall we continue to depend on relatives and good friends for this type of help.

STAN WELSH

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INCREASE IN DISABLED PERSONS' ALLOWANCE

Many of our young adults who are over 18 and are receiving D.P.A. are eligible for a raise in their monthly payments. Parents, guardians, advocator and landlords have to contact the field worker for the handicapped person at the local office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services. (They won't come to you)

All recipients of the D.P.A. who rent accomodation automatically got an increase in their January cheques. If the person is registered as paying room and board they are not eligible for increase. However you can change the registration to a rent basis. You must inform the Field Worker that your child is now paying rent and purchasing his or her meals separately. You will have to supply receipts for the rent paid.

The difference in the allowance can be as much as \$45.00 per month. Because you can now show up to \$57.00 per month for shelter (rent), \$78.00 per month for Household Needs, and \$15.00 for Travel Allowance, for a total of \$150.00.

All of you who have been getting the D.P.A. should apply now but be prepared to wait a while until the field worker gets around to you.



RESIDENTIAL CARE

The field of Mental Retardation service is entering a period of rapid change. Community residences are being developed to enable retarded persons who might otherwise be placed in institutions to remain in the community. Today, we see an emphasis on the discharge of hospitalized retarded persons into the Community and an effort to integrate retarded persons into the normal stream wherever possible, and to the degree possible. Your Board of Directors of the Essex County Association in keeping with the above trend, which we heartily approve, and in view of the fact that retardates have left the old Sun Parlor School for the new school provided by the Essex County Board of Education, your Board of Directors have decided to launch a survey to determine the extent and type of need of residential services in our area.

We are seeking to have this old Sun Parlor School checked by the proper Government representatives to determine whether this building should be renovated for use as a place of residence and also if the gymnasium could be used for a Nursery School. If this building is not available and suitable for this purpose we must begin to plan on building a new place for a residence and Nursery School. If any case, we must show the deciding Government Branch (which will contribute a large part of the cost) the necessity for such a residence in this area. With this in mind, we will be launching a survey of parents of retarded children in this area.

Parents will be asked if they feel a need of a Community residence for their retarded family member, and if so, when it will be required and what type of care would be needed. Staffs of schools for the retarded and sheltered Workshops will be asked if they know of potential students or trainees who might attend the facility if there is accomodation nearby. The Ontario Hospital School or other mental retardation facility serving the area, will be asked how many residents from this area were being considered for discharge and what their residential need might be. The local Children's Aid Societies will be approached with regard to the needs of their retarded wards. The Family Service Agency, the Mental Health Clinic, the local Health Unit and the Court will be made aware of the proposed residential facilities so they may propose prospective residents.

Herb Taylor  
Residential Care

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MENTAL RETARDATION WEEK - May 12 - 19, 1973

All week at the Devonshire Mall in Windsor displays, programs and information will be available. Video tapes, Slides, Drafts, Art Work, Literature and Information booths, will all be part of the planned program. Our Association will be participating on the following days. Tuesday, May 15, 1973 - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Essex Preschool  
Friday, May 18, 1973 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Essex A.R.C. Industries - Contracts.  
Information Booths for our Association will be on Tuesday, May 15th from 7 - 9:00 p.m. with Katie Walters and Heather Yaun available and also on Friday, May 18th for 7-9:00 p.m. with Stan Welsh available. ALSO Friday, May 18th - DINNER DANCE AT CABOTA HALL - \$5.00 per person - Angus Robertson - Guest Speaker - Persons from our Association are invited to attend. Tickets should be purchased in advance. If you are interested in attending this Dinner Dance, contact the Association for further information concerning tickets.

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MEMBERSHIP

Just a thank you to all those who have so promptly sent in their 1973 Membership Dues. If you have not sent in your dues, please get it in as soon as possible. Remember Single - \$4.00 - Family \$5.00 per year. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

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O.A.R.C. C.A.R.C.

Operating: SUN PARLOR SCHOOL.....Maidstone, Ontario.....RE 7-6322

NOTICE

The next General Meeting will be an OLD FASHIONED POT-LUCK  
SUPPER

Thursday, May 11, 1961.....At the School.

6:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share that will serve 6 to  
8 persons. Bring your own dishes and silverware.  
Coffee will be provided.

General meeting, 8:00 p.m.

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Congratulations are in order this month, to the Windsor  
Association. This seems to be their banner year. The  
Kinsmen Club is to build a \$20,000.00 workshop for the  
older children and this will be the first of its kind  
in Ontario - a project they can well be proud of.

Along with the new Workshop comes another stroke of fortune, a  
legacy of \$15,000.00 as part of an estate, a nice start for the  
operation of a new Workshop!

Region 1, the area of which we are a part,  
is well represented on the O.A.R.C. board  
again, with the election of Mrs. Audrey  
Berleley of Windsor, and Mr. Ted Campbell  
of Sarnia as vice-presidents. Mr. Jacques  
has also been re-elected as president of the  
O.A.R.C. board.

At the printing of this bulletin, we have not yet received  
official word, but the grapevine has it that the O.A.R.C.  
Board has approved the change of name for the Association.  
we asked for in March. As this is true, we shall be known  
in the future as the

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED  
CHILDREN

With the name change comes a new challenge for  
the future, a challenge that we will be able to  
face with the greatest of confidence if all of  
the members of our Association stand together  
and tackle this new job as a solid unit.

Like the old story in the Bible of the sticks, individually we have no  
struggle but together we have strength. So remember the saying we hear so  
often today - it does apply to us. 'United we stand, divided we fall.

Stan Welsh,  
Vice President.



We hope to see everyone out for our Pot-luck Supper. This should prove to be a most congenial evening - a real smorgasbord. We have some REAL good cooks y'know! One thing we can probably use is some extra chairs - so if you have a card table and chairs, bring them just in case.

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Our sincere thanks go this month to:

Leamington Jaycettes	\$300.00
for playground equipment	
Maidstone Women's Institute	
Tambourines and cymbals for our Music dept.	
Plastic baseballs and bats - Mrs. Joseph Pollard	
Housing for pump and filter tanks - Uptown Optimists	
Leamington I.O.O.F.	\$ 50.00

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual School Picnic will be held at the school on Thursday, June 22nd. Mark this date on your calendar. It's a special one!

Anyone who has a retarded child, or who knows of a retarded child that might be needing admission to our school in September, should make application as soon as possible in order that the necessary testing etc. may be completed. Applications may be had from the secretary, Mrs. Stan Welsh, Oldcastle, Ontario, or from the Principal, Mrs. Ray, Sun Parlor School, Maidstone, Ontario.

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#### SUN PARLOR SCHOOL

Oh, the grass is gettin' greener all the time! And a good thing, too! Everyone's got spring fever! There has been so much bad weather, we're all just bursting to get out of doors in the sunshine! We've even started mowing the lawn - that's how much spring fever we have!

Guides, Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, and their parents enjoyed our second annual pot-luck at the school the end of April. Such Food! Everyone ate till they could eat no more, and then a sing-song and dancing provided entertainment.

Mr. Vern Peach, Executive Commissioner of Windsor Area Boy Scouts, and Mr. Johnson, President of the Boy Scout Council, joined us during the evening and presented officially, the charter of the 72nd Windsor Cubs and Scouts. That's Us. We have it displayed proudly, for all to see.

Mr. Peach presented 'First Stars' to Cubs Ray Rocheleau and Dennis Denomey. Jerry Dunn and Bryn White who also earned them were unable to attend. Mr. Johnson presented Sam Hudgins and Robert Pillion with Second Class Badges. This represents a good year's work for these fellows, and we are proud of them.

We want to say a special 'thank you' to Mrs. Langill who helps so faithfully with Cubs and Scouts every Friday afternoon, and to Scouter Ed Baker who is our very good friend.



Sun Parlor School cont'd.

Have you been blessed with a retarded child?

God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

Who can say what lies in the heart of a child? A retarded child? Any child, for that matter. How often do we forget - that within each one of these, our unfortunate ones, is a Soul, perfect and lovely, serving its creator - here for a purpose - to praise God?

So - the housing is warped or crippled -- so the mental circuit is damaged or incorrectly wired. But the Soul is there, perfect, quiet, trying to do its work as best it can - with what has been given it.

Today, April 18th, 28 children from Sun Parlor School visited Jack Miner's Bird Sanctuary at Kingsville. They fed the geese and swans and ducks - and listened to Jasper Miner explain about the birds and how they were caught and banded.

They seemed rather inattentive - they wriggled and giggled and shuffled their feet, restless - like the birds. Later, Mr. Miner allowed us a special privilege. He took us to a lovely, green place, surrounded by evergreens that he and his Dad had brought from Point Pelee many years ago. There he showed us bird houses made by Leamington Cubs and Scouts for the many small birds that seek shelter there.

In the center of the grassy area is a fine, marble memorial to his parents. Jasper explained to the children how his parents had died, and were buried there beneath that marble block.

Quickly - quietly, the group moved to the foot of the memorial - some knelt - boys removed their hats - and, for a brief time all was quiet and still.

Can anyone deny that their little souls recognized the love that prompted such care for the winged creatures who fly close to God?

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Mrs. Hudgins entertained us all for a very happy lunch at "Sammy's House" after our Jack Miner's visit. We want her to know we all enjoyed it.



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## NOTICE

GENERAL MEETING ..... Thursday, March 12, 1964 ..... Promptly, 8:15p.m.

Officers for 1964 are as follows:

President -	Brien Pettypiece
First Vice P.	Gerald Shanahan
Second Vice P.	John Crump

Board and Committee Chairmen:

Adult Services	Herbert Taylor
Education	Arnold MacLean
Home Care	Mrs. Sweet
Institutions	-
Membership	Mrs. Irene Renaud
Publicity	-
Recreation	Manley Thorpe
Camp	John Crump
Religious Education	-
Research	John Crump
Bulletin	Derek Koeman
Transportation	Carl Esping
Programme	Harold White
Finance	Stan Welsh

These are the people who will be carrying the load for you in the coming year. Give them all the support you can, It is a big job!

Hostesses and luncheon committee as follows:

Charlene Beetham  
Catharine Robidoux  
Mrs. Frank Renaud

(Please bring milk)

### FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to our new First Vicepresident, Mr. Gerald Shanahan who will be soon taking over as President from Mr. Brien Pettypiece. I am sure he will do a fine job.

I want to thank each and every member who has helped me over the past two years. Thank you is not sufficient for all the assistance given me, but I say it sincerely. To those with whom I did not always agree, I especially say 'Thank you' because I believe a difference of opinion is a good thing. It shows not only an ability to think for oneself, but a genuine interest in the job you were doing or you would have taken the easier course of agreement.



To the general membership, I appeal for wholehearted effort and support for Mr. Shanahan. Those who were at the last general meeting and heard Mr. Ted Campbell, Membership Chairman for the Ontario Association speak on Membership, and how to conduct a good meeting, will know how often I have fallen short in measuring up to the standards. I am sure that Gerald will be able to correct and improve our meetings.

Mr. Campbell pointed out three types of members that make up an Association.

1. Those who belong because they are really interested and have a desire to help the children and attend all meetings when asked.
2. Those who belong because it is a necessity but fail to attend the meetings regularly or not at all, and when asked to help out, have too many other duties or comments.
3. Those who belong because it is the proper thing to do as it might benefit them socially in the community or in some other way, but they have little or no interest in the children.

From these three classifications, you can place yourself. Are you 1,2,3? With the appointment of our new Programme Chairman, we hope to provide more interesting meetings than we have in the past.

Stan Welsh,  
Past President

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

I wish to thank the new Board for the confidence they have shown in me by appointing me Finance Chairman for the year 1964. I hope this year will prove as successful as the past year.

The budget has been set and presented to the Special Finance Committee of the County Council, and it appears we are headed for a stormy session. If you read the Windsor Star County page February 22, 1964 you will have read the following item.

#### GRANT CUT IN PROSPECT School requires \$38,702 in 1964

Little information was given Essex County Council on the decision, but the special finance committee is prepared to recommend a reduction in grants to the Sun Parlor School for Retarded Children at Essex.

The school has estimated it will require \$38,702 to operate this year. Of the total, \$15,600 is expected in government grants and the remaining \$23,102 is sought from the county.


This was when Warden Ellison Bell, reeve of Mersea Township, said the special finance committee was recommending a cut in grants including the one to the school.

The amount sought from the county is about \$300 less than the grant received last year. Reeve Lawrence Brunet noted that all transportation costs were paid at the Sun Parlor School, while Churchwood School parents who could afford transportation costs paid them. He said he knew of one family who had a child attending the Sun Parlor School which was in the millionaire category or close to it.

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If this article has not aroused you to some indignation by now, it should have, because it seems that for several years we have been the target of some peculiar type of politician who seems to derive a twisted sense of pleasure





from jebbing at our school and Association. The school and the Board need YOU behind them 100% - They need to know that when they ask - you the general membership will be right there to give the needed support. The money we receive is the life-blood of our school. Without it we could not carry on.

Stan Welsh,  
Finance Chairman



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### Camp Committee


The year is rolling along and summer will soon be here. The Children are already talking about Camp, and looking forward to it again.

Dates for the coming session have been set for July 27th to August 8th. Plans are not yet complete, but we will need Counselors, and Campership donations.


Keep these dates in mind when planning your summer holidays. It is a chance for mother and dad to have a break too. You know the kids are having fun and being well looked after. Counselor applications will be available from Mrs. Ray at the school.

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Here is the PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN which so many have asked to have.



Our Father, Who art in Heaven,  
We pray that to our hearts be given  
Patience, love and understanding,  
That we find not ourselves demanding  
More than these little ones can give,  
Who by chance this way must live.



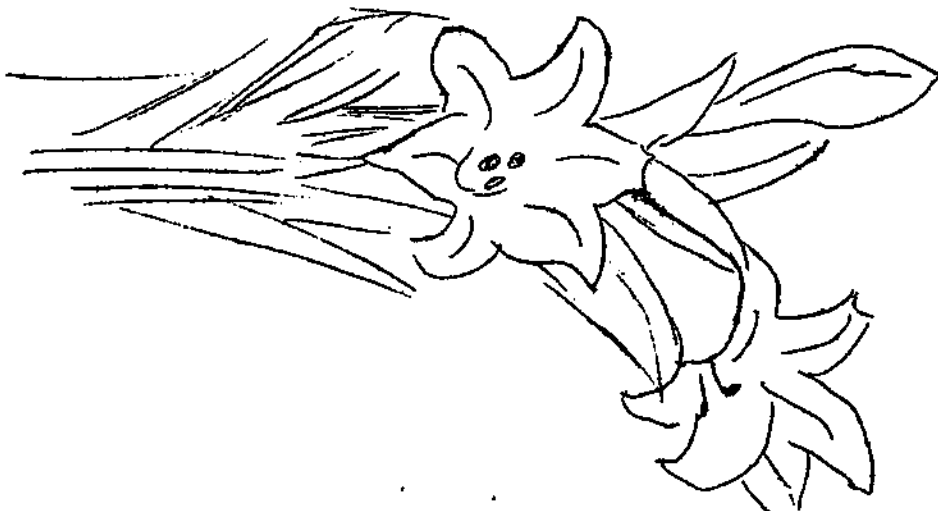
Our children creep when others walk;  
Are often stumbling in their talk.  
Guard them well from every danger -  
Grant them kindness from the stranger.  
Set our troubled minds at rest.  
Show each one, the way that's best

This, we humbly ask of Thee,  
That we may worthy parents be.

Amen.

May the 'Luck O the Irish' go with you all.

And may the blessings of Easter Morning fill your hearts.





## SUN PARLOR SCHOOL

Our sincere good wishes go to the Staff and children at the new school in St. Thomas. We know this is a very happy occasion for them. Their official opening is Sunday, March 1st. 1964.

The children are thoroughly enjoying the Friday afternoon skating sessions at the Arena. Some of them are flat on the ice as much of the time as up on their skates, but they do have fun, and seem to get a special kick out of the times when some of the teachers skate too.

Those children who are having the opportunity to share in the Religious Education Activities each week are finding them most enjoyable. The ladies who have volunteered to look after these sessions have made a wonderful beginning, and we know they will keep it up. We sincerely thank them and the churches they represent for their willingness to help our children.

Cubs and Scouts of Sun Parlor 74th Troop had a special Birthday Party during Boy Scout Week in memory of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting. Cubs and Scouts renewed their Promises in a simple ceremony at the regular weekly meeting. Games and a large Cake and Ice cream added up to make the party a success.

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

1. YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE. According to the Department of Education your child may not attend our school unless your membership is paid EACH JANUARY (\$3.00).
2. MILK MONEY (\$1.10) is due the FIRST OF THE MONTH - not the last. If your child doesn't get his daily milk, we are sorry, but the milk man has to be paid.
3. PLEASE - if you wish your child to have something hot for his lunch at school, send it hot in a Thermos Bottle so that the teachers do not have to look after it at lunch time. WE NO LONGER HAVE A PART TIME helper to assist with little jobs like this, and the teachers cannot leave their classes to fix something hot for one child in a class.

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Our Sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Greaves at the loss of their Grandson

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### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

The Essex County Pony Drawing Association is providing a Hayride for our children - on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m. This is the same group that gave the ride last year that the children enjoyed so much. They are looking forward to it.

This is the month of the Lion and the Lamb - of those capricious little friends of St. Patrick, and this year - the glorious wonder of Easter in all its aspects.

If the strains of Eggbert the Easter Egg, or Beany, the Bunny With the Funny Long Ears floats around your house, you will know that the children are celebrating in their own way.

From everyone at the school - Happy Easter to all of YOU.



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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PR. 6-7556

This year's Christmas Concert will once again be held at the Town Hall in Essex, Ontario. The Town Hall is located almost across from Nightingale's I.G.A. Store. The night is Wednesday, DECEMBER 14TH at 7:30 p.m. The children have been busy practicing for the last two weeks and from all reports, this will be one of the best Christmas Concerts put on by the children yet. So mark this date on your Calendar now.

## An Excerpt from "Mental Retardation"

Brothers and sisters compare feelings about retarded siblings:

At a "sibling seminar" held in Calgary for brothers and sisters of retarded children, it was noted that different age groups among the young people participating seemed to stress particular areas of concern.

The six to ten year olds were becoming aware of how the retarded sibling affect their daily lives. The discussion was specific about incidents. This age group was particularly concerned about their privacy being invaded, and having a "shadow".

The eleven and twelve year olds were particularly concerned about their responsibility to the retarded child. They seemed to feel this responsibility was their problem, and not just that of their parents. The children believed that their mothers worried most, and so were the most upset when something went wrong. They felt that their mothers needed help at times.

The thirteen to sixteen year olds, most of whom had lived with the child for many years, were quite well adjusted to their retarded siblings. Their main concern was embarrassment. At this age, of course, the adolescent is very much aware of himself. Every child mentioned the embarrassment they felt when the retarded child was over affectionate with their friends, strangers and parents. They also felt that their social activities were curtailed as they had to baby-sit. The parents seem to rely on them a great deal for the physical care and supervision of the retarded sibling.

The other side of the coin was seen when the young people mentioned their pride in some special ability of the retarded child, such as music or art. Many of them remarked that the retarded child was particularly loving, helpful and sympathetically aware of his sibling's unhappiness or illness.

From the Grapevine:

Half a million mentally retarded have enough problems without you adding to them.

Now you're probably saying to yourself, "Why blame me? I didn't do anything!"

- that's the problem!



### Summer Course Oversubscribed

For five weeks during July and August the Metropolitan Toronto School for Retarded Children was the scene of the most intense summer school program ever offered to teachers of trainable retarded children.

Ninety-three local Associations had at least one of their teaching staff in attendance. A total of 155 teachers took the course. Eighty-five were enrolled in the introductory course and 70 in the advanced program.

Sun Parlor School has Mrs. Frances McNaughton taking the course and two of our teachers, teaching the courses, Mrs. Louise Rock, our Music Teacher and Mrs. Sunny Ray.

The summer course was sponsored by the Ontario Department of Education. The number of applications received from teachers surpassed expectations with the result that both the introductory and advanced courses were oversubscribed.

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Thank you's go this month to.

Mr. Leslie Offler - Leamington	Money Donation
Mr. Henry Hartley - Maidstone	Money Donation
Mrs. Geo. Babcoke - Toledo, Ohio	Greeting Cards
Essex County Milk Committee	Money Donation
Erie Produce - Leamington	Produce sent to school

A very special thank you to the Fox Ready Mix from Leamington who send in a very sizable donation each year in October.

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### News from the Sun Parlor Training Centre

Believe it or not!

The space age has arrived at least at Hudson's in Detroit. Even the Martians are visiting this continent for the Christmas Season.

If you don't believe it, go and see for yourself - the little men with antennas for ears, and the flying saucer they came in. Young or old you will be fascinated. Of course, American astronauts are their too. Santa Claus comes in from the North Pole on a Radar Screen.

Summing up the days activities - bus ride through the tunnel, walking on Detroit's busy streets, joining the Ferndale group for lunch on Hudson's 13th floor dining room, seeing the space ports, Christmas displays, toy department and shopping; this completed an exciting day.

Mrs. Kane and I acted as patrol - front and rear, and Mrs. Wighton, unable to resist the pleasure of seeing the excitement joined us for lunch.

We might say too, that we were proud of the trainees when they replied to the U.S. Immigration question as to where they were born.

Our Canadian Immigration Officers are to be commended for their interest in our group. I was bombarded with questions regarding our whole operation. Our thanks too, to the parents for the very nice appearance of all the trainees. We received compliments regarding their neatness.

Our Christmas Social Calendar is filling rapidly. We have invitations to parties in Ferndale and at the Windsor Kinsmens Training Centre, lunch at Maidstone United Church, and we hope there will be space for us at the Christmas Concert.

Our building has acquired some modern lighting fixtures. Mr. Clark and Mr. Woltz installed our fluorescent lights, and of course we find our lighting much improved.

The Training Centre is embarking upon a campaign to interest the county Service Clubs in a building fund, and we could use a good word here and there



from our readers. Lack of proper heating, wash room facilities and eventually space will make moving necessary. It has been considered inadvisable to make the improvements to the present quarters.

If you would enjoy a sturdy constructed christmas article for outdoors call us. We have a bell shaped board (14 in. long) red or gold trimmed, with cones and ribbon for \$1.00, also a nylon wreath for \$2.25.

Don't forget we have gift cards and note paper.

We always need NYLONS.

Thank You's go this month to:

Maidstone United Church Women	Food
All parents who sent Halloween Candy	
Woodslee Catholic Women's League	Variety of articles
Mrs. Duncan McPherson, Essex for the	sales.
Mrs. Robinson - Leamington	Hose remnants, net
Mrs. Hember - Kingsville	Xmas articles
St. Andrews W.A. - Harrow	Variety of articles
Ralph Havinga - Oldcastle	Wire rack for boots
Mr. Kane - Maidstone	For cutting rack

#### NEWS FROM SUN PARLOR SCHOOL

##### Home on the Range

Our Annual Christmas Concert, will be held at the Oddfellows Hall - Essex on Wedn sday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. Come and join all of us at "Sun Parlor Ranch" in the children's Christmas Gift to all their parents and friends.

CHILDREN MUST BE AT THE HALL BY 7:00 P.M. PLEASE

The candy bars for our children's fund sale will be in about December 1st. We will send out boxes to all who have indicated they would sell them - or help the children to do so. We hope every parent will assist in this project. Call Mrs. Ray at the school - 776-7556.

Crafts - We will not take orders for any handicrafts after December 1st, as we shall be concentrating on the Christmas Concert, and will only fill the existing orders.

School will close for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday, December 22nd.

The children will have their Christmas Party on that day.

The children and the teachers wish you all a joyous christmas -

"JOYEUX NOEL"

Thank you to Don Wilson for treats for the children; also to all who have brought cones, etc. for use in our Christmas Handicrafts.

A special Thank You to all those who have taken craft orders for us. We appreciate your assistance.



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The next General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Sun Parlor School, on Thursday, January 14, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

On January 1st, 1965 we will enter a new phase of our history. On this date the responsibility of administering, maintaining and financing the school operation and transportation becomes the duty of the newly established "Essex Retarded Children's Education Authority". It will be their duty to control all aspects of the school operation, but they do not have any concern for other activities of the Association.

This Authority is authorized by an amendment of the Schools Administration Act, known as Bill 131. This bill in brief states that such an Authority must be established by Municipal Council in any community that has a school for retarded children. And that this Authority shall comprise of 6 members, 4 of whom will be appointed by the Municipal Council and the other two by the local Association.

The members of this new Authority for Essex are:

1. Mr. George Rogers, Essex
2. Mr. Donald Wilson, Essex
3. Mr. Arthur Michael, Essex
4. Mr. Mac Simmers, Kingsville
5. Mr. Stanley Welsh, Oldcastle
6. Mr. Arnold MacLean, Cottam

Bill 131 also provides that admission and dismissals will be handled by an Admissions Board to be made up of:

- (1) School Principal
- (2) Psychiatrist or qualified Medical Practitioner
- (3) Public School Inspector
- (4) Separate School Inspector

The Principal shall be the Chairman of this Board.

The Department of Education will advance money to the Authority in January 1965 so that they can carry out their duties.

Nothing contained in Bill 131 will affect the present relationship of employees of the Association (teachers, drivers, secretary, etc.) and the Essex County Association for Retarded Children.

Now that the large burden of operating the school has been lefted from our shoulders we must not relax. I am sure we all realize there is much more to the total program for the retarded than just schooling. We must provide for pre-school nursery, recreation, home care, religious education, residential care and adult service. We must continue to do all these or else we are not fulfilling our avowed purpose of helping the retarded.



### HOME CARE

Over our 1964 term the Home Care Committee has contacted several parents with retarded children and have found these contacts very rewarding. Letters have also been sent to professional people in the county, who in turn have helped us with our work.

I would also like to thank the members of my committee for their efforts. I wish all a Happy New Year.

Francess Sweet,  
Chairman.

### MEMBERSHIP IN E.C.R.C.A.

Our By-Laws state that BOTH parents (or guardians) of day-school pupils are required to be members of the Association. The Membership Chairman would like to remind all to renew their membership for the year 1965.

I would also like to remind those unpaid members that they have just a few days left to pay their dues for 1964 as the 1965 dues will be due on the first of January.

This is a reminder to the parents that unless your dues are paid early in the school year, your child will not be picked up for school.

Irene Renaud,  
Chairman.

### THANK YOU'S FOR THIS MONTH GO TO

#### For Money Donations

Mrs. Stanley Welsh Sr.	James MacPherson Insurance Agency - Essex
St. Paul's W. A. - Essex	
North Ridge United Church Women's Group	
Faith Mennonite Mission Circle - Leamington	
Harrow Kinettes - Harrow	Essex United Church Women - Essex
Mrs. E. W. Brown	

#### For Merchandise, Gifts, Treats for the children

Talmai Rebeckas - Amherstburg - Electric Mixer  
Leamington Cubs - Gifts for the children  
Oldcastle Women's Institute - Treats for the children  
Eaton's of Canada - Merchandise  
Windfall Women's Institute and United Church Women's Group - Gifts  
Mr. McLellan - Puzzles  
Maedel's - Essex - Pop for the children's Christmas Party  
Maple Grove United Church Women - Electric Mixer  
Violet Dell - Michigan - Candy for children  
First Baptist Church - Kingsville - Candy

#### Adult Workshop Training Centre

Chamber of Commerce - Essex  
Maryland Circle of St. Stephen's Anglican Church  
Kingsville Lion's Club  
Snaritions - Leamington  
Newland's Flowers - Leamington

The money that was donated from the Oddfellow in Essex to the Training Centre in our last issue should have read from the C.P.T. Committee.

Our sincere thanks go to the C.P.T. Committee for this donation which was used to purchase some much needed equipment for the centre.



ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED

CHILDREN

Membership Application - 1964

Annual Membership in the Essex County Association for Retarded Children is from January 1st to December 31st of the current year. ANYONE - interested in the cause of the mentally retarded is welcome as a member of the Association.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 1965 Membership.  
(\$3.00 per family - \$2.00 per single person)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

C.A.R.C. BULLETIN:

English ( ) Enclosed \$1.00 for one year subscription to the  
or Canadian Association for Retarded Children Bulletin.  
French ( ) Published in January, April, July and October (four  
copies per year)

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COULD YOU SPARE SOME TIME ?

WE NEED YOUR HELP - AS WELL AS YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

We invite you to indicate below the type of voluntary committee activity you feel you could assist with:

ADULT PROGRAMMES ( ) PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY CLASS ( ) HOME CARE ( )

HOSPITAL SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE ( ) MEMBERSHIP ( ) PUBLIC RELATIONS ( )

RECREATION ( ) CAMPING ( ) RESEARCH ( ) TELEPHONE ( )

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ( )

The above are all active committees that would appreciate your help in conducting their respective programmes.

THANK YOU.

Please return to:

Essex County Association for  
Retarded Children,  
Box 721 ESSEX, Ontario.

Note: Receipts for Income Tax Exemption  
will be forwarded with Membership  
Card.



Fellow Association Members and Friends

1964 is just about at an end and therefore in this onelast Bulletin for the year I would just like to express a few of my thoughts at this time.

It is easy to say at this point that "Another year is gone", but it is so very important to look back and see what we have accomplished in the past twelve months, and the goals that we have set for the next twelve.

I hope that you agree with me, that through one total co-operative effort, 1964 was a very progressive one for our Association, O.A.R.C., C.A.R.C. and the advancement of every phase of our work.

To refresh your memory here are a few of the things that happened locally and nationally in 1964:

- religious education was started at the school
- our association joined the Essex County, Ratepayers Association
- we adopted the Flowers of Hope along with C.A.R.C. as our annual campaign for funds.
- a school booklet was published which will be revised each year and copies are available on request.
- had our third successful annual summer camp and received favourable comments from O.A.R.C.
- a teachers in training fund was set up to allow the teachers to visit other schools and increase their scope.
- some of our children under Mrs. Roch's direction participated in the Windsor Music Festival.
- an adult training centre was established for ALL handicapped of Essex County.
- the Provincial Government announced plans to finance the total approved operating costs of our Schools effective Jan./65.
- plans were drawn up for a proposed gymnasium addition to the school.
- the Provincial School Inspector requested our principal Sunny Ray to prepare a Trampoline Training Program for retarded children.
- team teaching was introduced in Sept. at the Sun Parlor school.

These are but a few of the many things that take place in the course of twelve months.

Looking ahead to 1965 we have two main projects:

- additional gymnasium facilities.
- expansion of our adult centre

Now that we have been relieved of some of the responsibility of the School operation we can put our energies to providing a Total Program- Pre-School, School, Adult Services for the retarded of Essex County.

WE must always be ready to work hard for our belief that the retarded deserve an opportunity to prove themselves, for it is up to our Association Members and Friends to lead the way.

And now I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely

Jehn Crump.

FLOWERS OF HOPE CAMPAIGN FOR 1965-

Work on the Flowers of Hope Campaign for 1965 is getting under way at Sun Parlor School. 20,000 envelopes have to be addressed and 20,000 plastic bags were received for the seeds. This year we will endeavour to reach all of Essex County and part of Kent County. We hope every Mother will receive her Flowers of Hope for Mother's Day, however if anyone is missed there will be extra seeds available from the Sun Parlor School or Training Centre. By working together we should make this the best campaign yet.



PUBLICITY THROUGH OUR NEWSPAPERS

WINDSOR STAR:

Sometimes the little things mean the most: Captain E.G. Morgan of the Essex Salvation Army Corps, accepted on behalf of the children at the Sun Parlor School \$5.00 from 10 year old Robin McLellan. The money was through the sale of handicrafts made by the children.

CANADIAN REGISTER (Catholic weekly)

St. Thomas.

First Holy Communion made by Four Retarded Children:

The Holy Eucharistic was distributed by Mgr. W.S. Morrison, pastor of Holy Angels Church. This was made possible when C.W.L. (Catholic Women's League) members initiated religious instruction classes for the children more than a year ago. Mgr. Morrison gave the authorization for the children to receive the sacrament after he was satisfied that the children had the minimum knowledge necessary to receive Holy Communion.

A point of interest to all denominations is the comment of Mgr. Morrison: these children have their own way of understanding what is required. The women instructors of the classes have close contact with the children and are able to gain their understanding, by knowing the means by which they are best suited to learn.

Commenting on the authorization Mgr. said this is only a case of letting these children have everything for which they have a right.

One of the women instructors commented: These children have come along way. Their interest is amazing and their understanding is remarkable.

Our children at the Sun Parlor School receive their instruction (Catholic) from Mother Electa and her staff from Glengarda School; (Protestant) from Capt. E.G. Morgan of the Salvation Army Corps. We wish to thank these people for the wonderful work they are doing.

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The Christmas Crafts sale proved a success again this year. By the last order we received were two gluey hands holding a note, PLEASE, no more orders. Mrs. Ray her staff and the children have done a fine job on their bells wreaths etc., they sold easy to a satisfied customer for their simplicity and originality.

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The Christmas Concert

Upon leaving home on the night of the Christmas Concert your editor was attacked and shouts of Torro Torro from four would be fighting bulls, the arena was our car and I was being attacked. I called halt to this popular game by telling the family that, they do not have a bull fight at Debbie's school every year. Now alas, we take the fingerprints from the cookie jar every night to pinpoint the guilty one, "I don't like to be the guilty one every night". "Would You"??

But, altogether it was a night ~~not~~ worthwhile attending. What was most were the children playing the musical instruments, a fine job Mrs. Roch. The children were wonderful and trying to give it everything they had, so must Mrs. Ray and her staff have done in order to present their concert. We certainly look forward to the Christmas Concert again next year.

At this time your editor wishes to thank you for your help and co-operation over the past year in getting the bulletin, news items in, I also wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

Your Bulletin Editor

Dirk Koeman

I would also add my Best Wishes to all the Association Members and friends, and to our Staff for a Happy Holiday Season and all the Best in the New Year.

Your School principal

Sunny Ray



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# NEWS FROM THE TRAINING CENTRE:

Miss Mac Lean and the Workshop Trainees have been very busy filling Christmas orders, particularly popular and in demand are the pins and toolboxes. With the short hours put in by the trainees at the shop, it has been quite a chore to fill the orders and get them out in time for Christmas.

The official Open house of November 28/ was very successful. We were very pleased to see so many take an interest and attend. We wish to thank all who helped in any to make this occasion such a success.

As 1964 draws to a close we have progressed some what towards achieving a good start at the Centre. We have had the interior painted and plastic storm windows installed, ( these were made in our shop by Alfred Malenfant our Handicapped trainee) Our heating problem has been solved by adding another oil stove. Some alterations were made.

In the next year we feel with help, co-operation, a spirit of goodwill as well as a determination and faith in the greatness of our objective (to help the handicapped of Essex County) , we shall go forward and make even greater gains.

The Sun Parlor Training Centre wishes all our friends and well-wishers a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Herbert Taylor

Chairman Adult Services.

## Sun Parlor Training Centre

Our training centre was opened on Sept. 8/1964. We started out with one trainee, we now have three and two more to start at the beginning of the year.

Our first Open House held Nov. 28/64; proved to be a great success. We wish to again thank all those who gave of their time and talents to make it such. We raised \$60.00 at this time and received many orders to fill, especially in the Belle River area, thanks again.

Our supply of tools has increased, however we require still more. Our garden tools have been taken care of by The Samaritans from Leamington. We have also received several monetary donations from various groups.

In the year to come we plan many new ventures, and with your continued interest and support our centre will fulfil its aims.

We look forward to bigger and better things in 1965.

Your Training Instructor

B.M. MacLean

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Our Centre was opened in '64  
With a welcome mat-  
At our front door.

Our name is known County wide,  
For many have purchased  
Crafts made inside.

We hope in the year '65  
To move onward and upward  
And in faith abide.

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HAPPY

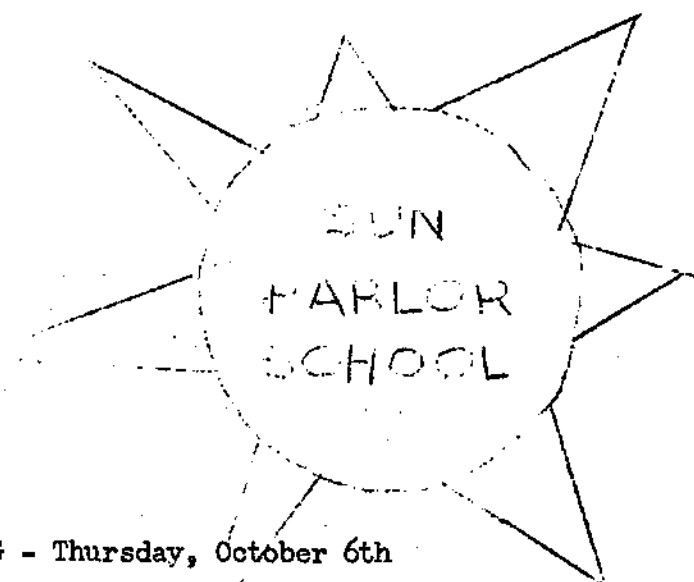
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YEAR



1966

# ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN E.A.R.C. - C.A.R.C.



GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, October 6th

PLACE - Sun Parlor School, ESSEX

TIME - 8:00 P.M.

SPEAKER - Dr. Harry Bass, Windsor, Ontario.

I am sure that it will be worth your while to attend this meeting to hear Dr. Bass speak. We especially welcome all the new parents and the parents of the ten new children who have transferred from Churchwood School.

Our twelve children who made the trip to Toronto to assist Mrs. Rock in her presentation demonstration at the summer school, were a joy to us who saw them. They did very well, were self-assured and very well behaved. We're proud of them. We hope that you will have the opportunity of seeing the program put on by these children, by attending this next General Meeting.

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## Flowers of Hope Campaign

Over \$6000.00 has been taken in by our annual Flowers of Hope Campaign. Contributions are slowly trickling in yet - so if you haven't sent your in - please do so today. The money raised by this Campaign is turned over to the Adult Workshop to keep it going.

I would again like to thank all those who wrote, stuffed and stamped the envelopes and especially to the people of Essex County who sent in their contributions.

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We try to be like others, to conform, so that we will be accepted. But only to the degree that one is different has he anything to offer. Every human contribution is an evidence of difference.

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Ottawa will celebrate Canada's 100th Birthday by holding its 14th Annual Meeting and Conference at Ottawa's famed Chateau Laurier Hotel. The Ottawa Association and Region No. 11 will be the hosts for the 1967 Celebration. The 1967 Conference will take place from April 27th to 29th inclusive. Plan now to attend.

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Grief can take care of itself, but to get full value from joy, you must share it with someone else.

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Delegates representing more than 80 local Associations for the Mentally retarded together with the lure of Niagara Falls, resulted in O.A.M.R. having the biggest and most successful conference in its 13 year history. A total of 607 registrations were recorded for the two and a half day conference which also attracted several representatives from New York State.

Attending from our own local were the following: Stan Welsh, President, James Clark, Adult Workshop Chairman, H. Hyland, Vice-President and Spiritual Development Chairman, and Donald Wilson from the Education Authority.

All report having had an excellent time.

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Nature didn't make us perfect - so she did the next best thing - she made us blind to our faults.

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Thank You's go this month to the following:

Girl Scout Troop #386 Dearborn, Michigan	Scrapbooks made for the children
Weston Bakeries, Essex	Tickets to the Lacrosse game
Mrs. J. H. Randall, Cottam	Bringing bags of cones to the school
Mrs. James Ferguson Jr. Leamington	Sending craft materials to the school
Malden United Church Women	Sending craft materials to the school
Canadian Cannors Ltd.	Money
Mrs. Head, Windsor	Clothing sent to the school
Leamington Jaycettes	bicycles, wagons and electric toothbrushes
Belle River United Churchwomen	Money
1st Kingsville "A" Cub Pack	Money
Essex Pony Drawing Assoc.	Money
Essex Town Police	Assistance at the pony ride for the children of the school
Raymond Forbes, Woodslee	For the Pony ride for the children
Dodson & Habkirk, Essex	Tickets to the circus
Newman's Pharmacy, Essex	Tickets to the circus, other things donated to the school.
Van Hoorne Family	Money donated in memory of the late Mrs. Van Hoorne.

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Worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

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your dues now.

\$3.00 a couple - \$2.00 - single person

Katie Walters,  
Membership Chairman.

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News from the Adult Workshop

Spring is in the air, but it is also in the steps of our people at the Training Centre. We saw it happen last Friday evening. A "Spring Prom" at the Training Centre in Ferndale, Michigan brought the fact to light. Despite a ruptured heater and a flat tire at the tunnel entrance, a good time was had by all. My ignorance regarding the names of the dances must be excused but at some time I did hear the words "the monkey". I didn't see any monkeys though even after three glasses of punch.

Seriously, it was an evening long to be remembered and our sincere thanks to Mrs. Cross, her staff, parents, friends and the trainees for a memorable evening.

We were proud of our people in their Sunday best. We were a bit concerned that we were going to lose our youngest to a grandmother at the Prom.

The flattery she received, reduced her age ten years, we were informed. Mrs. Wighton is still with us so she must have survived the evening too.

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We are still growing. Mr. Wilfred Greaves has joined us for three days a week. I have a problem - our young men suddenly have no ability for anything but shop work. We're just a little bit jealous.

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Please remember we are eager to welcome you to our Open House, Tuesday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the evening. Bring your friends and neighbours.

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We still need nylons, scrap wood. We will accept large pieces of lumber too - let us know, we will pick it up, artificial flowers, cotton remnants.

Don't forget we still sell gift cards, rugs, cushions, tool boxes, canisters, and an assortment of other crafts. Our latest feature is our pottery. Ash trays are the main articles, but we also have small bowls for a variety of uses.

We are indebted to Mr. McWilliam and the Handicraft Guild in Windsor for their interest in our centre.

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WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU JUNE 14TH. SEE YOU AT THE

TRAINING CENTRE - OPEN HOUSE.

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Happy Birthday's are wished to this month:

May 9 - Barbara Welsh  
May 11 - Debby Koeman  
May 17 - Olive Cummings  
May 20 - John Wittine



### Sun Parlor School News

Our Scout-Cub-Guide-Brownie Pot Luck at the Essex Legion was the best ever attended. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music by the "Starfires", a group of former Windsor Scouts who put on a wonderful entertainment. These lads are willing to play at any kind of function and may be reached by calling Allan Knight, 966-1317, Windsor.

Many of the children received badges they have worked to complete during the past three years, as well as sharing in the entertainment with a dance and rhythm band number. The food, as always was delicious.

Our long time friend in Scouting, Ed Baker, D.C. Sue Hedley and D.S. Don Bawden, were welcome guests from Spirit Village Division.

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### DID YOU KNOW

That the most important factor in helping the mentally retarded is to treat them as much as possible like normal persons?

### WHY WE NEED OUR GYM

When retarded children are given the chance to develop, their improvement can be amazing. In some cases their strength has been increased as much as 50%, and their endurance as much as 30%. And once the basic skills of throwing, catching, dodging, striking and dancing have been mastered, retarded children can even become regular playing members on school athletic teams/

But for this kind of success, the learning process must be carefully guided to give the retarded child the kind of confidence that leads to self-respect. The estimate that the retarded have of themselves is often very low, because of the failures they inevitably meet in life. Their first real taste of success may come from mastering a physical problem. A good program takes away the emphasis on what the retarded can't do...and gives them confidence in what they CAN accomplish.

One of the most frustrating and heartbreaking experiences of the retarded is watching the other children in the family and the neighbourhood troop off to activities from which they are barred or for which no consideration has been made even for them to watch from the sidelines.

A few years ago, the retarded were thought to be "unemployable." Now they are being employed...successfully. The revolution is understanding and education give the retarded their chance, and the list of jobs they have successfully filled proves that they were entitled to it.

The retarded worker is usually stable and takes pride in his job. He does not easily become bored by repetition. Jobs calling for simple skills, repeated acts and established routines are often done BETTER by the retarded.

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If we take people as they are, we make them worse.  
If we praise them for what they should be,  
We make them what they can be.

### Have You a Quiet Mind?

The surface of the ocean constantly changes. Now it is smooth and quiet. Again, it becomes violent and tempestuous. But in its depths, down under the storms that whip the surface into a fury, there is a zone of eternal calm; which no storm ever reaches, no hurricane ever ruffles.

To maintain like the ocean, a deep inner calm while the storms of misfortune, reverses, disappointments, fears, and worries lash at the surface of life is to be master of the art of living.

Year's ago, when Thomas Edison's factory burned down he wasted no time bemoaning his fate. When newspaper editors went to interview him



ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

Box 721, Essex, Ontario.

July 13, 1970

Dear Sirs: Ladies:

It has been nearly a month since our first "Newsletter " was sent to you, and as it suggested, we want to keep before you the Walkathon scheduled for Saturday September 26, 1970, being held to provide a much needed Rehabilitation Centre for Retarded Adults.

May we now share with you 3 areas you will be interested in knowing about:

- 1) Size and Cost of the Building: Specialists in the rehabilitation field tell us that a building comprised of 4,000 square feet is required. The building proposed is not fancy or luxurious in any way, but is planned to be functional and practical. Total cost of such a building is \$60,000.00 to \$65,000.00.
- 11) What about Government Grants ? The Government of Ontario will assist by providing \$3.75 per square foot OR 25 % of the building cost, whatever is the lesser amount. It appears as if the \$3.75 per square foot will be the rule, and this would figure to \$15,000.00.
- 111) What about the Essex County Association ? We have been assured that the Essex County Association for Retarded Children are prepared to put in approximately \$20,000.00 towards the new Rehabilitation Centre.

You readily see then that if the building costs \$65,000.00, we will need a balance of \$30,000.00. We propose, with your co-operation and the support of all residents of Essex County, to raise this amount. Thus, we have adopted the slogan " ESSEX COUNTY WALKS FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED ".

Thank you for your interest and your concern. Do your best to share this information with your young people and adults. We will need everyone's help and support. Thank you for yours.

Yours truly,

Don Battón,  
Chairman, Essex Kinsmen Club.

Stanley Welsh,  
President, Essex County Association  
for Retarded Children.

P.S. Please do your best to attend the 2nd planning meeting being held this THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. at the Essex Municipal Building.



Our "open house" for parents on Saturday, April 14th was a happy informative and successful event. For those parents who were able to attend, you should know how well your trainee demonstrated their knowledge and ability in an ordinary working day atmosphere. The trainees handled the registration, escorted their parents around the shop and served the guests refreshments. Our thanks to the trainees and parents for their cooperation and support.

We will be having a display of our products at Devonshire Mall on Friday, May 18th from 10 till 3:00 P.M. This is in conjunction with Mental Retardation Week.

Our Trainees all visited the new Sun Parlor School last week and were quite impressed with the facilities.

We're hoping to develop some outside grounds this summer to allow activities to be conducted out of doors.

We are still producing our outdoor furniture and prices are as follows;

6' cedar picnic table - \$31.95, 8' Picnic table - \$37.95, child's picnic table - \$12.50 patio tables in a wide range of colours - \$12.95, matching lawn chairs - \$10.00 each, and our popular folding camp stools - \$4.50 painted.

Our girls have quite a few doll beds, footstools and monkeys on hand and we are still busy supplying the brides with Pom Poms for their wedding cars.

Recent trainee admissions are Marilyn Marshall, Carol Arnold, Jerry Miron and Ralph Smith. Presently there are 38 trainees registered at A.R.C. Industries. We welcome Mr. Wm. Hartley to our staff as woodworking instructor. The present staff are as follows; Mrs. G. Wighton, Mrs. O. Anger, Mrs. I. Heil and a special mention must be made of all the volunteer help given to us by Mr. Bill Robertson and Mrs. Major.

I would like at this time to extend to you all an invitation to visit at the workshop at any time.

SHIRLEY HARTLEY  
MANAGER.

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#### MANAGER APPOINTED

Mr. Gordon S. Smith, Executive Director for the Windsor Association for the Mentally Retarded is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Charles J. Lutchin as Workshop Manager of Kinsmen A.R.C. Industries. Mr. Lutchin has several years experience in Workshops for the retarded. Previous to taking this appointment on February 12th, Mr. Lutchin was Assistant Manager in London and prior to that was Manager at ARC Industries in Wardsville.

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#### SUN PARLOR SCHOOL

Our new building is a delight to everyone and we are sure that the parents and others who have visited us so far quite agree. It is light and colorful and spacious, and everyone is enjoying being in it. The official opening of our New Sun Parlor Building will be held on Sunday, May 27, 1973

Time: 2:00 p.m.

All pupils will participate in the program.

Mr. R. G. Rist, Curriculum Director, and Mrs. A. M. Stocker both of the Ontario Department of Education will be on hand for the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a tea will be served. Everyone is welcome. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Leith Boretsky who is looking after the Tea, and Mr. Tom Hooker who is assisting with the programme. Both Mrs. Boretsky and Mr. Hooker are members of our Sun Parlor Advisory Board which is made up of three County Board members and three Parents' Association Board Members.

BIG THANK YOUS GO TO ———

ALL the Easter Bunny's helpers for treats for our Easter parade and party on the 19th. Everyone had a happy day.

The Comber Women's Institute for a donation to our Playground equipment fund.

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NURSERY SCHOOL

To Mr. Taylor go our sincere thanks for a job well done as Pre-School Chairman for 1972, his efforts and interest in our Nursery School shall always be remembered.

We welcome Heather Yaun as our new Chairman and hope our year of working together will prove to be a fruitful one.

The Kinette Club of Essex have in the past been very helpful and generous to us, five of their members have again come to our aid, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Livisey and Mrs. Queen have joined our group of dedicated volunteers, we appreciate their very able and dedicated contribution to our programme.

Warm weather is finally coming our way, this past week we have spent our free-play period outside on the playground, the children as well as the staff are certainly enjoying it. It is good to see the reactions of the children as they go down the slide for the first time or swing on the swing for the first time. It is also good to see a child who, while having free-play indoors, never really initiate anything on his own, come to life and start making use of the equipment, moving from one activity to another and enjoying it.

The Easter Party was very much enjoyed by the children, our thanks go out to all the "Bunny Helpers" who contributed so generously to make our Easter Party a success.

Our sincere thanks also go to the Town of Essex for allowing them and the Employees for looking after and eliminating our problem with the washrooms.

Mr. & Mrs. Arloe Morgan sent us a beautiful Easter Lilly to school, thank you very much for it, we are really enjoying the lovely fragrance from it.

A THANK YOU go also out to:

Mrs. Vanden Berg

Cupcakes

Mrs. Morgan

Books and records

An anonymous member of the K of C McGregor - \$10.00

The Parents for bringing in their child to our April 7th Workshop.

KATIE WALTERS

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LADIES AUXILIARY

DON'T FORGET — Social Evening, Friday, May 11, 1973 - 8:00 P.M.  
K of C Hall, Amherstburg, Ontario  
Admission - \$2.50 per person  
Door prizes - refreshments - lunch

PLEASE, PLEASE, get your tickets before May 4, 1973 for this dance, as we have to let them know how many will be in attendance.

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Congratulations go to - Michael and Pat Franko on the arrival of a daughter April Dawn, born at Riverside Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario, Friday, April 20, 1973.

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Enclosed you will find a list of your Officers and Committee Chairman for 1973. Please feel free to contact these people if you have a problem, they are there to assist you.

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To ARC Industries for two lovely new picnic tables for our large patio by the Home Ec Room.

We have had a student teacher from the Faculty of Education, University of Windsor with us for the past two weeks. Ken Gammon is doing some of his practice teaching with us. We have enjoyed having Ken. His Major is Physical Education.

We wish the best of luck to Marc D. and Wanda B. who are now attending full time at Holy Name and Maplewood Opportunity Classes, respectively. Also to Patty R. who started half-days at Maplewood. We understand that our three senior pupils who left us in December for full time attendance at Holy Name are being recommended for Western Secondary for September, 1973.

We welcome to Sun Parlor as of April 24th, Maurice R. and David D.

SUNNY RAY, Principal

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#### TRAVELLING TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY

It has been noted that the Customs and Immigration have been taking a lighter view point on the Mentally Retarded unless in very severe retardation or if communication is impossible.

If a retarded person is travelling with their parents to a foreign Country (USA etc.) and the parents can satisfy the officer that the visit is recreational and sufficient funds are available for the trip, no problems should be had. One very important factor that must be stressed is to have the proper identification for parents and the M. R. Child, to prove you are a Canadian Citizen. It may be beneficial to have the name and address of whom you are going to visit or to the place you are going to stay.

Application may be made to the Immigration Office, for a fee, to obtain a waiver of law for six months to cross a M. R. Child. This may be convient if you were crossing quite frequently, but is not necessary for a once a year family vacation.

The main thing to remember is you must satisfy the Immigration Officer that you are Canadian Citizens and are going on a family vacation.

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#### SUPPORT ....FLOWERS OF HOPE

The Essex County Association for Retarded Children would like to inform you that Canada's National Week for the Mentally Retarded is approaching fast. Every year the Flowers of Hope campaign is used throughout Canada to highlight this week in May 13-19 this year. The Flowers of Hope Program is a multi-purpose program designed to raise operating funds and sometimes capital, to enlist new membership, to thank the public for its support in the past, and to inform you the public what has been done and what is still needed for the mentally retarded in public education programs.

WHAT DOES THE ASSOCIATION DO IN ESSEX COUNTY? Many of the residents of the county may not realize the work which the Association has accomplished in the past. A Nursery Program for children from the age of two to the school age of five years old is operated and financially supported by the Association. From the age of five years to twenty-one years a mentally handicapped child goes to the Sun Parlor School which is under the Essex County Board of Education. This school provides a social and academic program to their learning level. But when the retarded person reaches 21 years of age he can no longer attend the Sun Parlor School and in many cases the retarded are not able to compete in the work force in our present day society. In order that these persons can continue their education and training the Association has provided and operated a supervised work shop known as the A.R.C. Industries. This new building, situated in Essex serves people from all parts of the county and has a present enrollment of 38 with additional applicants anticipated. Along with the nursery and pre-school training, the day school and workshop the Association also supports residences summer camps and religious training. A great deal has been accomplished but a great deal more must be accomplished for the future.

Without the help of those who have so generously supplied in the past, none of this would have been made possible. Continued help and support is desired.

SUPPORT THE FLOWERS OF HOPE CAMPAIGN AND HELP US TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE



ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

operating

Sun Parlor Nursery School

A.R.C. Industries

GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 1974

Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

PROGRAMME

"Citizen's Advocacy: What is it?"

Guest Speaker: Louise Mayville

Presentation of Life Memberships

Business Meeting

- Brief high-light reports by Board Members
- Current Events
- Question and Answer period
- Presidents remarks

Refreshments: Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

NOTE: Bring your kids, young and old!

We have qualified supervisors and a couple of very interesting films laid on !

COMMITTEE REPORTS (in brief)

FROM YOUR PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN: Your Board of Directors is always trying to improve. There have been suggestions about livening up our General Meetings. Come out and see the change! Give us a chance, come see what's NEW!

This month's meeting will be high-lighted by a talk on Citizen's Advocacy. It is a subject that concerns each and every one of us. Come see for Yourself.

REMEMBER, bring the kids, we are ready for them! We are doing our best to help you help us!

See you THURSDAY, November 14, 1974

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FROM YOUR CAMP AND RECREATION CHAIRMAN: We would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for covering the few remaining bills from our Summer Camp.

We are preparing for next years camp already. Do you have any suggestions? Bring them along! Maybe you would like to have a hand in the planning .... We need your help in making next years camp bigger and better.

See you THURSDAY, November 14, 1974

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FROM YOUR HOME CARE AND GUARDIANSHIP CHAIRMAN: Please come out to the General Meeting on November 14th and hear more on Citizen Advocacy. I have been working directly with this programme to assist in establishing it in Essex County.

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FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: We will be presenting Life Membership Certificates to persons who have given to our Association and to our Children much time and effort over the past years to help our Association achieve what we have to-day.

Come to the General Meeting on November 14th to help say "Thank you" to these people who have given so much.

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FROM YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Adult Workshop - The addition to the workshop has been fully completed with the painting of the big doors and the eavestrough completed.

It was very encouraging the way help came forward when it was so desperately needed. A special thanks goes to all clubs and groups who worked so hard to raise the funds they donated. We are deeply grateful to the Chrysler Corp. for their large donation. To date, with the help we have mentioned we were able to raise approximately \$22,900.00 towards the cost of the building.

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FROM YOUR RESIDENTIAL CARE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Last week I received two booklets "A New Mental Retardation Program for Ontario 1974" and "The Homes for Retarded Persons Act - 1974" from Miss Gwen Davenport, who is with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. These two booklets deal with the latest up to date Ontario Government information on what is taking place in the handling of retarded people in the Province of Ontario. Miss Davenport says in the letter she also enclosed, that after I looked this information over she would be glad to meet with me or with representation from our Association to discuss any plans for the retarded in this area. Along with this, I also received considerable information from the Toronto office of the Association for the Mentally Retarded. Expect to give some kind of a brief report on these matters and possibly say a few words about an offer of some property in the Southern part of Essex County which our executive Board as well as the Department of the Ministry of Community and Social Services must approve of before we can begin to negotiate in the matter. See you all at the General Meeting on November 14, 1974.

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FROM YOUR NURSERY SCHOOL CHAIRMAN: Our programme is full ! There is one more application out! What happens to the children referred to us between now and the next school year? How would YOU like to to the parent who, after finally accepting the fact that your child is handicapped, making the effort to have your child referred to a suitable programme, only to be told "sorry" there is no room at the present time for your child.

There is a possibility that beginning January and until our new school is built, that we may operate out of one of the rooms at the Sun Parlor Day School.

We have received the O K from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the construction of our new facilities. With the O K also came new regulations and requirements. We are working hard to meet all these demands.

If you have any questions pertaining to the above or anything else, please make a point of attending the General Meeting on November 14th. We will do our utmost to answer them.

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FROM YOUR ADULT SERVICES CHAIRMAN: Our future plans for the Workshop is to endorse the "Guid lines for Workshop" program development by the Ontario Rehabilitation Bureau of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Through these efforts we hope to have our Workshop accredited under the Ontario Rehabilitation Workshop Council Standard Manual. Our workshop personal have taken a keen interest in setting up a O.R.W.C. in this area with the organizational meeting being held at A.R.C. Industries on November 20, 1974.



October 5, 1960.

Dear Canvasser:

Sun Parlor School for Retarded Children again needs your help. You did such a wonderful job last year in our campaign for a new station wagon that we ask you please, to help us this year with the SUN PARLOR SCHOOL BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN.

Why? Because our present school has only one room. We have an enrollment of 27 children and more on the waiting list. Our teachers are working under tremendous difficulties. We need TWO additional rooms - NOW.

We ask you again, to give us your able assistance to make these rooms a reality by canvassing the same area you canvassed last year. \$12,000.00 must be raised.

Our Campaign begins October 30th and runs through to November 6th, 1960. Kits will be supplied, and hand-bills will be sent out to help you in this undertaking. Please contact

Mr. Ambrose Shipway, our Campaign Chairman, today,  
c/o General Delivery, Essex, Ontario.

Further information will be available at Campaign Headquarters, Main St., Essex, if you so desire.

ESSEX TOWN AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
for RETARDED CHILDREN.



# ESSEX KIWANIS CLUB



October 18, 1959

Re-Retarded Childrens Campaign

November 14th to November 26

Dear Mr. Crowder:

Essex Town and District Association for Retarded Children, which embraces the Town of Essex, the Townships of Maidstone, Gosfield North, Anderdon and Sandwich South, is appealing to the generosity of the residents of the aforementioned municipalities to support their canvas for funds to operate the Sun Parlor School for Retarded Children, located in Sandwich South. Children from all of the aforementioned towns and townships are presently attending this school, or are eligible to attend. All contributions received will go direct to the school in Sandwich South, to benefit retarded children in this immediate area.

The right to a chance in life for every child has always been accepted in our democratic society. A fair chance implies an opportunity for all children to grow up in a happy and favourable environment, to be educated to the full extent of their capacities, and eventually in adulthood to make the greatest possible contributions to the commonwealth. Unfortunately at least one child in a hundred has been denied the fair chance. He is the mentally retarded child. Mental retardation is not a disease but a condition, and seldom, as often supposed, inherited. In fact mental deficiency may strike anywhere, in the palatial homes of the great and talented or in the humble dwellings of the artisan and the labourer. Most of us know a business associate, fellow worker, a friend or perhaps a relative whose tragic misfortune it has been to become the parent of a retarded child. For centuries it was assumed that nothing could be done for this child, now it is being found that mentally retarded children can be helped, and happily, their families also.

The Association is made up of devoted volunteers who are giving their utmost in time and energy to the work. The campaign for funds for the School for Retarded Children is planned to be held from November 14th to 26th inclusive, and canvassers are urgently needed so that the aforementioned Townships may be completely covered and each individual solicited. You, and the members of your organization as community minded citizens, are being asked to volunteer your time and energy, so that this canvass will be a success. I feel confident that I can look forward to receiving a letter from your organization, volunteering to act as canvassers for your area. Please stipulate the number of your members who will be acting as volunteers for this worthy cause. You will be advised at a later date of a meeting of volunteer canvassers.

The task of raising funds for this school has been undertaken by the Essex Kiwanis Club, the project is so great we solicit your co-operation and support.

Yours truly,  
David Freeman: President.

*David Freeman*



# ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

O.A.R.C. - C.A.R.C.



SUN  
PARLOR  
SCHOOL

115 TALBOT ST.,  
ESSEX, ONT.  
PR. 6-7556

## GENERAL MEETING

Place: Sun Parlor School, Essex

Date: Thursday, May 5th, 1966

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Be sure to join Mrs. Farold Malott of Cottam in a trip from Halifax to Vancouver at the General Meeting on Thursday, May 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the Sun Parlor School, Essex. Also featured will be some of her beautiful Canadian Bird Collection. Don't miss it!

Marie Markham,  
Programme Chairman.



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But by noon cars were so thick the buggies were forced to retire to the edge of town. Hay wagons were used to transport visitors to the sugar bushes.

Premier Robarts attended and told the Mennonites the government appreciated what they were doing to help retarded children.

Would't it be wonderful if some organization would undertake something of this sort to raise money for our new gymnasium that is so badly needed by the school.

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Our sincere thanks go to these groups for sending in camperships and donations to the summer camp to be held in July of this year at the Kiwanis Campsite in Leamington.

Wheatley Lions Club                      - Campership

Kiwanis Club of Leamington... - Campership



We are still in need of a man for the Training Centre for two days per week. Please notify us if you are interested or know of any one else who may be interested.

Jeanne Collins,  
Director, Adult Workshop.

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With the beginning of this school year, our membership has increased by 20 families. We are very pleased to extend a warm and sincere welcome to each and every one of them.

I am certain the children will enjoy meeting and making new friends among the 64 children that we have at present in our school, and that they will be very happy with us.

To their parents goes an invitation to come and help us reach the many goals that are before us. Not just for our school, but for all retarded children. If each of us will do our share, then maybe we can at least come close to, if not meeting our responsibility. And responsibilities we do have. Toward our own children, to see that they have every opportunity to become as self-reliant as they were meant to be. Toward the ones that were born too soon to have the opportunities that our children are fortunate enough to enjoy, and to ensure that the many little ones yet to come will have better facilities and, all the opportunities to become useful citizens.

To our many friends who renewed their membership in our Association, and all those members who send in their dues, a sincere thank you.

A reminder to those, that have not as yet paid their dues please send them in NOW.

Couple - \$3.00

Single - \$2.00

Katie Walters, Membership Chairman.

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If you would like printed copies of this prayer, please  
call Mr. Hyland at 723-4591. ....

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In the United States alone, some 430 retarded babies are born  
daily; and 3 or 4 out of every hundred persons are mentally retarded.  
Generally speaking one out of every eight or nine persons is as closely  
related to a retardate as mother, father, sister, brother, uncle or  
aunt.

Almost every family which is involved in the problem of mental  
retardation goes through at least 3 stages.

In Stage 1 - the question asked is, "Why has this happened to me?"  
Fortunately, not many people remain long in this first  
stage. A man said to me recently, "When I learned that  
my child was retarded, I kept asking myself, "Why did  
this happen to me"? You see, he said, "I was thinking  
only about myself, and not about my retarded child."

Stage 2 - In this stage the normal reaction is to ask, "What can I do  
to help my child?" But we must go beyond this stage to the  
next stage.

Stage 3 - In this stage we ask the question "What can I do to help  
all mentally retarded children?"

When we get involved in helping others, then we learn to  
look at our own problems in a different light, and our whole  
attitude begins to change.

NOTE: If you have any suggestions, the undersigned would be pleased to  
discuss them with you at any time.

H. W. Hyland,  
R. R. # 2, Maidstone, Ont.  
723-4591.



## SUN PARLOR NURSERY SCHOOL

As everyone is aware, we are in a new era in the training of the mentally retarded and the younger a child has the opportunity of enrolling in school, the better his chance of reaching the potentiality of his capabilities. With this in mind and armed with love, concern and patience, Mrs. Mae Ganderton opened the Sun Parlor Nursery School in the Baptist Church across the street from Sun Parlor School in 1967 with three pupils. Mrs. Ganderton felt that something could be done for these little ones, and set about operating a program in her own inimitable way. Not without growing pains and increasing problems her little "family" grew from three to six and then in June, 1968 half of the class graduated to Kindergarden in Sun Parlor School. In September of that year, Rev. Thistle announced that a new church was being built for his congregation and of course this meant new quarters, preferably near Sun Parlor or with adjacent playground facilities. Who would be so generous as to donate the use of a building again? Money was as scarce as ever. Eventually the Town of Essex gave the Association permission to use the bungalow school on Irwin Ave., just in the rear of the new Town Offices. This building hadn't been used for a number of years and was badly in need of cleaning and repairs, so a crew of volunteers spent one day cleaning and scrubbing and then slowly but surely as funds were being donated by different interested groups, renovations began. It was in this set-up that Mrs. Ganderton and Mrs. Walters and three pupils moved in January, 1969, but as of May, 1969 there are eleven pupils attending school and two applications pending with a probable three more in September. In June of this year, five of the ten pupils will attend Sun Parlor School in Kindergarden.

The bungalow school is at long last beginning to look something like a Nursery School, although much remains to be done. The school now boasts a new inside paint job, drapes, floor coverings, new plumbing with hot water being installed shortly, nursery school furniture and equipment and accordingly a nursery school license is being applied for and it is expected that by September of this year, the nursery school will be operating according to their rules. In order to teach nursery school pupils, a teacher is required to have a Part 1 Certificate and be attending classes to earn a Certificate for Parts 11 and 111 and the Assistant should have at least some training in the Part 1 programme; also certain rules and routines are outlined so the teacher and her assistant can follow a program that is most beneficial to the child.

We have just received an electric kiln for firing ceramics from Mrs. F. Langan of Maidstone, along with patterns and equipment to go with it. We all certainly appreciate very much her kindness in giving to us so much that will certainly be a big help to us here. We'll all have to learn the ceramic business to get the most out of the kiln and equipment. It opens up a whole new field for the Training Centre.

May 1970



Another successful camp was held for the children of the Sun Parlor School and ten children from Churchwood in Windsor. Miss Mimi Vipond, of London, was the Camp Director this year. The children enjoyed a picnic at Point Pelee and swimming every day at the Kinsmen Pool in Leamington.

To the following people we wish to express our sincere thanks for sending camperships, money and help given during the period of the camp.

United Packinghouse Workers Amherstburg Ladies Auxiliary of America, Leamington	Comber C.P.T.
Kinsmen Club of Leamington	United Churchwomen of Strangefield
Askabad Sanctorum, No. 107, Leamington	Ruthven C.P.T.
Leamington Royal Canadian Legion	Woodslee United Churchwomen
Kiwanis Club of Leamington	Sun Parlor Shrine Club, Leamington
Kinnette Club of Leamington	Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 255, Riverside, Ont.
Leamington Lions Club	P.B.X. Club, Windsor
Essex Kinsmen Club	Local 195, U.A.W. Windsor
Knights of Columbus, Essex	Wheatley I.O.O.F. C.P.T.
Belle River Canadian Legion	Wheatley Kinsmen Club
Wheatley Lions Club	Doug Sadler, Esser
Essex C.P.T..	Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Amherstburg
Belle River Knights of Columbus	Comber Ladies Auxiliary, Royal
Stan Welsh, Oldcastle	Canadian Legion
Lewis Jackson, Niagara Falls	Cottam Rotary Club
North Ridge United Churchwomen	Harrow C.P.T.
Mrs. Jean Irene Williams, Kingsville	
Mrs. Louise Taylor, Windsor	

We would also like to thank the following: Mr. Red Morris, of Cedar Beach Lodge and Cabins through whose efforts we tried to obtain boat rides for the children and the candy he donated; to C. A. Bailey for sending such capable drivers to transport our children to and from the pool.

I think all the children who attended had a wonderful time and are again looking forward to next year's camp.

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#### SUN PARLOR SCHOOL

Friday, June 3rd closed our Swim Program for the summer. All the children went to the Y to see the swimming performance. Billy and Robert were best at standing dive and glide.

Running race teams were: 1st - Louis and Louie; 2nd - Dennis McVicar and John; 3rd - Gary and Robert. Nelson and Wilfred, Robin and Therese participated length of pool swim, Dennis McVicar, Robert and Gerald.

Width of pool swim - Louie, Billy and Donna.

Balloon race was won by Louis and Louie with Donna and Mary Ann second.

Joey, Rosie, Cathy, Terry, Robin, Therese and Barbara participated in walking balloon carry.

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### SUN PARLOR SCHOOL

We now have 64 children attending, an addition of 22 children as of September 15th. To all of these we say a warm "Welcome" and we hope they will enjoy being a part of our happy group. Some of these, ten to be exact, are transfers from Churchwood, Windsor. The balance includes those transferring from other schools, as well as children who are coming to us for the first time. Everyone is settling in nicely and we are looking forward to an active year.

Swimming classes began on Friday, September 9th. If your child did not get to swim, it is because he is too short for safety in the pool. This presents a problem, because the pool is often well over 3½ feet deep at the shallow end. However, we hope to have as many children learning to swim as possible, as part of the Centennial Fitness Program for our children.

We hope to see some action on our new addition by the end of October, or early November. We need it badly, and are working in 'tight quarters' but the plans are encouraging.

October 11th, the Windsor-Essex Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children will visit the school to see the classes in session. The children will attend school later hours than usual, so that the classrooms will be open to visitors from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in seeing what your child is doing, this is a good time to come, and bring anyone interested.

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### NEWS FROM THE ADULT WORKSHOP

The Training Centre is looking forward to another year of progress and of course always hoping that the new will be better than the old.

We have our trials and tribulations, but this always leads to greater understanding of our overall function - service to those less fortunate than ourselves. This desire becomes intensified when one meets with dedicated people in all phases of work in mental retardation.

We have lost one of these people with the passing of Wilfred Greaves. To Mrs. Greaves and the family our deepest sympathy. Our trainees miss him very much.

At the recent Training Course for Directors and Staff at York University, Toronto, we met with many dedicated people and none more so than the lecturers themselves.

To have been able to discuss mutual problems with others during leisure hours was a course in itself. Mrs. Wighton and I are grateful for the opportunity to attend the course and congratulations to the people who arranged the program for it was excellent.

Mrs. Frank Kane of Maidstone has joined our staff part time. There are 10 trainees attending at present and includes the new comers Larry Shanahan, Dennis Plant and Joe McLeod. Our Robert Pillion has gone to Goodwill Industries in Windsor. We wish him every success.

We are back to the rivets but hope to add a new job which will be less tedious.

Word has been received that our young men may be registered under the district Scouting Association as Rovers. Parents will be hearing more about this soon.



Essex,

Dear Friends:

The past five years have brought many changes in our Association and with this thought in mind, I am taking this opportunity to try and bring you up to date.

Enclosed you will find a book that has been compiled to answer many of the questions that have arisen.

It has now become the thought of a great many of our members and friends that it is no longer necessary to be up to date on what is happening, however, this is farther from the truth to-day than it was in the past.

Let me take but a moment of your time to tell you about the things we hope to see realized in the near future.

(1) Workshop Training Centre -

Without a doubt this is of prime interest to each and everyone of us because it is solely supported by the Association and necessary because it provides a program of self sufficing and satisfaction for the Retarded and Handicaped Adult.

(2) Pre-School Program -

Why do we need a Pre-School Program - simply because it helps prepare the children for the day when they can attend school and most important, it is geared to help the parents to a better understanding of the child and its problems.

(3) Building Program -

At the present moment we are next to bursting at the seams and a much needed building is in the planning stages. Why do we need you for this - read the book and see.

(4) Public Education Program -

Each year we strive to enlighten the public on Retardation itself, so as to encourage Research into its causes and what can be done to help prevent some of the contributory factors. With out it, we are at a stand still.

These are only a few of the many reasons that exists and why we need your help. Won't you join our Association now, and help these your children and mine to a better life in the future.

Katie Walters,  
Membership Chairman.

Single Memberships - \$2.00  
Family Memberships - \$3.00

Won't you Join today?