

Plan Culture Centre

Renovating an old one room school house in South Cayuga Township to provide Haldimand County Artists with a combined art gallery, workshop and library is more than just a dream for twenty area young people.

Bruce Tunney, an artist and art teacher at Hagersville Secondary School, his wife, Irene and students from the Jarvis, Hagersville, Fisherville, Caledonia and Cayuga area have been working on plans for a Haldimand Culture Centre for the past year. At Friday's County Council meeting, Mr. Tunney gave local representatives details of the project because it involves a "novel approach" to art and therefore, "might come under suspicion." He wants area people to be aware of the program and he also sought council's moral support.

Two years ago, the Ontario Government in cooperation with the Ontario Council for the Arts sent a painter to the Haldimand area schools because it considered the county "culturally deprived," Mr. Tunney said. Last year, four painters and poets stayed in the area for a month. However, there will be no such program for 1973. The area has received assistance for two years and must now initiate its own programs.

Drawing a parallel between highschool sport and creative instruction, Mr. Tunney pointed out that an athletic student can join various teams when he graduates. However, creative art graduates have no place to go. They "just disappear in the woodwork," he said. This project would "get young people to stay in the county."

Salvation Army Seeks More

The Salvation Army asked County Council for a \$200 increase in their grant at Friday's meeting.

Major Hugh Tilley, public relations representative, gave Council a brief outline of the organization's work in the county during 1972 and requested an \$800 grant for 1973. The group also receives approximately \$350 through additional grants from local municipalities.

Although Grace Haven (home for unwed mothers in Hamilton) has been sold, Mr. Tilley said "this does not mean the Salvation

Army is going out of the unwed mothers' business." They are seeking another piece of property and hope to expand the program to include drug addiction. During 1972, they took care of two Haldimand girls for a total of 167 days at a total cost of approximately \$1,300.

The Dunnville office helped 396 persons seeking family welfare guidance. This included: 84, interviews; 79 families assisted; 37, grocery orders; 62, clothing, furniture, etc.

At Christmas time, 53 applications for as-

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Paul Smelser, a grade eight student at Jarvis Public School, is sanding a lawn ornament he made in woodworking classes. (Staff Photo)

The group is attempting to buy a \$5,000 schoolhouse located near the Grand River, five miles south of Cayuga. Mr. Tunney said Lions and Kinsmen Clubs have already offered financial support.

The group has also applied for an approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000 Opportunities for Youth grant. If they receive the grant, Mr. Tunney said it would provide jobs for 17 kids during the summer to work on transforming the building into a workshop-gallery.

"This is not a drop-in centre," he stressed. It is for members to work on a professional basis and hopefully, he added, it will become self-sustaining.

Haldimand residents would be able to see the artists at work (painting, weaving, sculpting, pottery, etc.), tour the gallery and perhaps buy some of the works.

Mr. Tunney said the group would probably receive some assistance from the Ontario Council of Arts.

Derek Bishop, principal of Hagersville Secondary School, said Friday he thought the plan was a "good thing" because students "keen on art need some place to get away and work." It would also encourage students to stay in the area a little longer. And, for those who go away, they would have a place to come back to and perhaps teach other students.

V.O.N.

Requests

\$4,000

The Brant-Norfolk-Haldimand Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses requested a \$4,000 grant from County Council at Friday's meeting in order to finance this visiting nursing service in Haldimand County for 1973.

Mrs. Anne Frith, Chairman of the Haldimand V.O.N. Committee, told Council that this service is available to anyone in Haldimand who is in need of nursing care seven days a week, regardless of age, sex, or financial status. All types of care (dressings, injection, baths, etc.) may be given under the direction of a phy-

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Students Work On Film

Woodworking, photography, sewing and crafts are just some of the activities Jarvis Public School students are doing under their special electives program.

Last Wednesday, a peek into various classrooms would have shown Joy Mitchell and Barb Adamowich making glass flowers, Bill Reynolds and Ricky Fess concentrating on a chess match, Stewart Blundell and Dwight McLeod constructing models, Paul Smelser sanding a lawn ornament and Anna Rue embroidering. All students from grades five to eight were working on some pet project.

Sydney Francis, principal of Jarvis Public School, said this special education program began during the winter months last year because it is difficult to carry out a physical education program without a gym.

The students still have some physical education periods but be-

Wants Delayed Bus Run

Sometimes it's a "pain" to let your children become involved in extra curricular activities, Tom Palmer, a Caledonia parent, told the Haldimand Board of Education at Tuesday's meeting.

Mr. Palmer said he would like to see an extra or later bus run between Cayuga and Caledonia to allow for student participation in extra curricular programs and to relieve parents of frequent trips between home and school.

Mr. Palmer pointed out that although he is a Caledonia resident and Caledonia has a secondary school, he is obliged to send his daughter to Cayuga because Caledonia does not offer certain commercial and technical courses. Naturally, she identifies with that school, he said, and wants to take part in their plays, sports, etc.

Mr. Palmer also expressed concern over young girls hitchhiking home when they are unable to find a ride after late school activities.

Mr. J. Fransen, director for the Haldimand Board, thought Mr. Palmer's reasons and suggestion for delayed bus runs were valid comments. However, he said the Board has never seriously discussed the matter before because of the financial expenditure.

The transportation Committee and Secondary School principals will have an opportunity to discuss Mr. Palmer's suggestion.



Joy Mitchell and Barb Adamowich are making a glass flower as part of their craft class. (Staff Photo)

tween February 1 and the end of April, one hour of this time is spent on special projects.

Mr. Francis hopes this program will help to develop special interests that the students can use later on. There are a total of nine electives: two sewing groups, two drama groups (one in puppetry), crafts for girls, crafts for boys, wood-working, photography and chess club.

Besides popping into classes to snap candid photos of students and teachers at work (or play), the photography

group is also working on a film "A Day At Jarvis Public School." Mr. Francis said they also hope to put some sound to the film.

After the completion of one five week period, students can switch to another elective for the remaining five.

Mr. Francis said the school relies heavily on the volunteer help of parents. "Our programs are limited by the number of parents we can get," he said. Seven parents are presently assisting with the program.

Some of the materials See Page 6, Col. 2

Free Library Service For Jarvis Residents

Jarvis residents don't have a library but they will have free library service.

This service, to be provided by the Hagersville Library, comes as a result of a decision made at last week's council meeting.

Village representatives asked clerk, Robert Lysch, to write a letter to Brian Whitman, chairman of the Hagersville Library board, assuring him that the Village of Jarvis is taking immediate steps to form a non-operating Library Board.

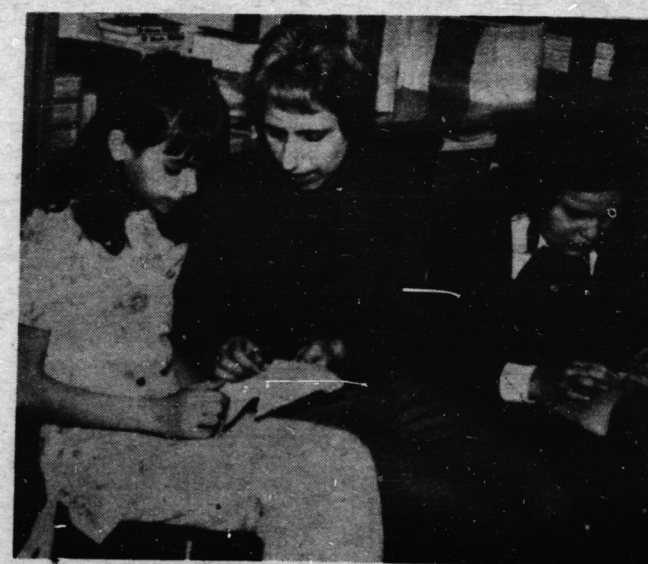
Any provincial grant received will be turned

over to support the Hagersville Library in return for immediate free library service to Jarvis residents. This arrangement will be on an annual basis.

Council made the decision after learning Jarvis is eligible for a \$650 grant from the province for library service, providing it meets certain conditions. It must pass a bylaw indicating support for a library and organize a five-man library board.

Since the village doesn't have a library,

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Wilma Wilson (centre) is helping Anna Rue (left) and Gail Mitchell (right) with embroidering at Jarvis Public School. (Staff Photo)