

We Salute...

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PORT CREDIT—Like a lot of people who do good work, Ron Purdy, 38, is a modest man.

"My life hasn't really been a bore but if I told you the interesting parts you wouldn't want to print them!" he says.

"The most outstanding thing I did at university was to pass," he says.

But there are scores of senior citizens who'll say more for Purdy.

Purdy started the Go Forward Club for the old folk of Port Credit.

Purdy—now manager-owner of the Village Pharmacy in Port Credit—was working on the Social Planning Council for south Peel when the Go Forward Club idea struck him.

"I only got the ball rolling, I never really achieved what I had in mind for the club," he said, "but Mrs. N. H. Hughes, the woman

who took charge after I got it started, is certainly doing a wonderful job of keeping things in order."

"It is very hard to understand the needs of the senior citizens; even harder than understanding a child's needs. We have all been children so it is easy to understand their needs. But we haven't been senior citizens yet and therefore we can't rely on experience to tell us their needs."

Ron organized the first meeting for the club. "It takes an older person to realize the needs, and Mrs. Hughes certainly has done a wonderful job since she took over," he added.

Ron attended the University of Manitoba for a year and then moved to Toronto to go to university. He is a graduate pharmacist from the University of Toronto.

He does a bit of golfing in his spare time. Last year he won the Lakeshore Drug-gist Golf Tournament. This is an annual event in which

doctors and pharmacists take part. Modestly, Ron says that they were just feeling sorry for him and let him win.

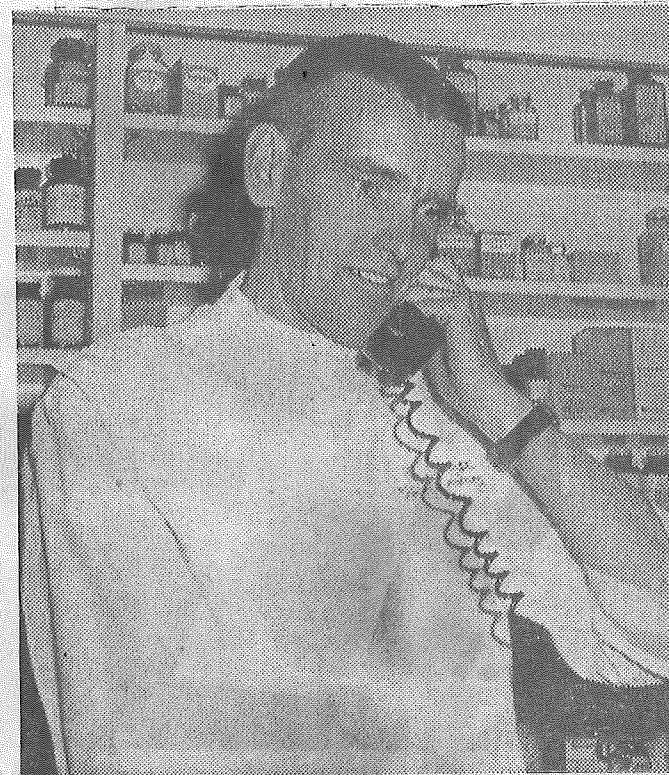
Ron now lives in Cheltenham, where he has a small farm for breeding horses and dogs.

"I don't have even room on the farm anymore, so my wife, Joey, and I recently bought another farm in Hillsburg," he said.

"I am proud of my oldest boy, Ron Jr., 13, for his riding efforts," Ron said. "I have one other boy, Danny, 12.

"Ron Jr. won three out of four major Ontario Junior Championships for riding last year. He came second in the fourth event. He won a total of 459 ribbons in different events throughout the year."

"It is really my boy who should be saluted, he has accomplished quite a bit in his short life."



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