

# Ilderton, Arva water systems top projects for London Tp.

ARVA — The biggest project facing London Township in 1967 is development of water systems to supply Ilderton, Arva, and the Uplands and Northcrest subdivisions, Reeve Harry Ward said at council's inaugural meeting here yesterday.

The bylaw which will launch the Ilderton system is now before the Ontario Municipal Board and, when approval is given, work can start on installation.

Reeve Ward warned, however, that the water system would bring further problems for the village. He said the increased water supply would raise sewage and storm sewer problems.

Water for Arva and the two subdivisions located between Arva and the city would be supplied under an agreement

with the London Public Utilities Commission.

This would provide water at a lower cost than if the township built its own supply line from the reservoir west of Arva. Definite action on this project awaits additional signatures to petitions asking for the water, he said.

Construction of a 12 or 14-room school by the school area board is another project facing the township.

"Size of the school is something for the board to decide," Reeve Ward said. "There has been some talk of providing space for kindergartens and this, too, is something for the board to determine. We have given tentative approval to the board's building project but it is up to them to work out details of their needs."

After a traffic survey has been completed on all township roads, the township hopes to launch a program to oil more of the heavily travelled roads this year, the reeve said. Oiling will be more costly than present treatment, but would build up the roads so the long-term maintenance costs would be less.

"These projects leave little

chance of lowering the tax rate this year," the reeve said. "But I can assure you that council will keep the budget as low as possible in keeping with sound business practice, and will secure full value for every dollar spent."

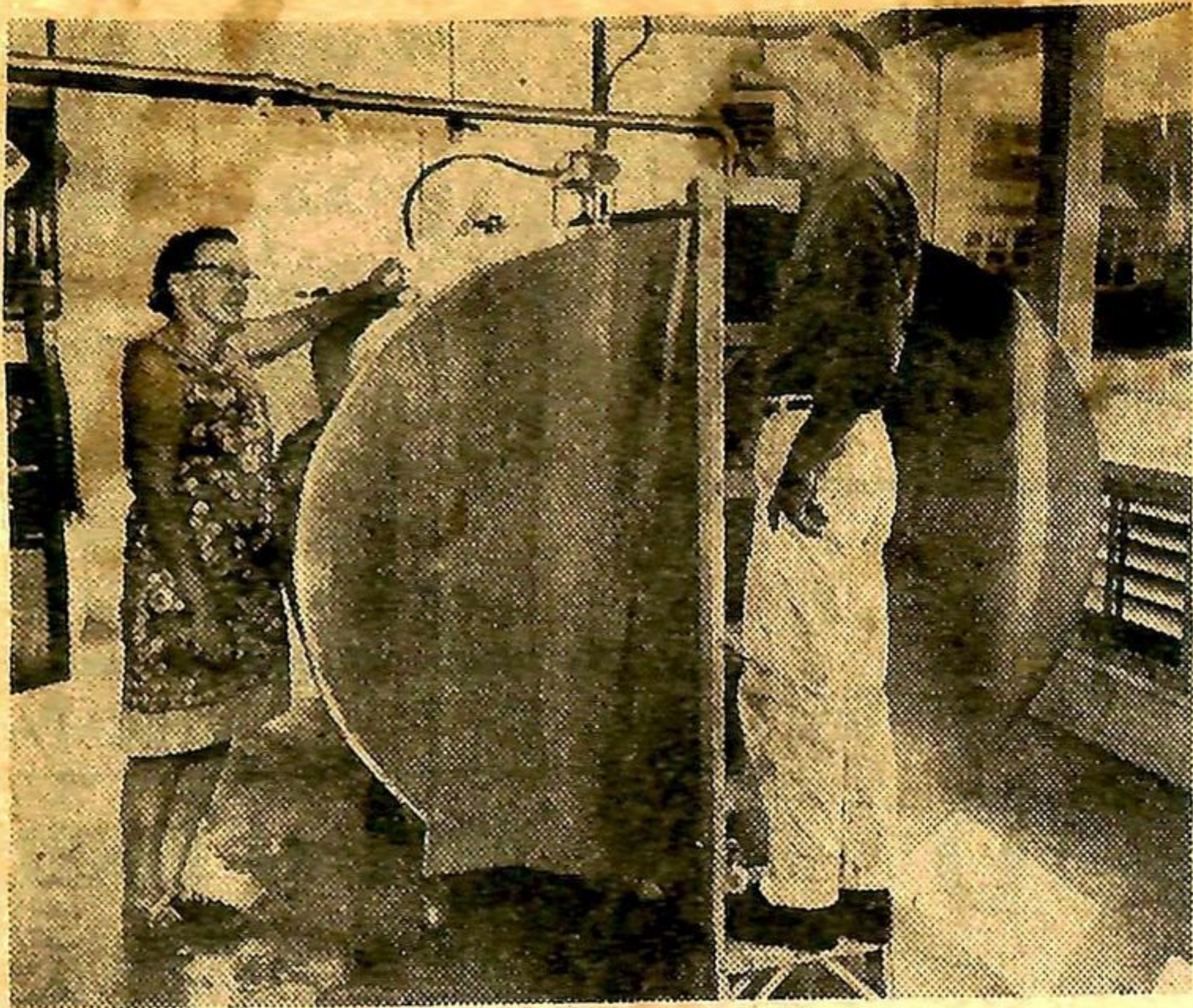
The reeve also predicted the change in the Municipal Drainage Act, which increases the provincial subsidy from one-third to two-thirds of the cost, would bring a greatly increased demand for drainage works.

"Most farmers today realize that good drainage pays off in better crops," he said. "So I'm certain our farmers will want to take advantage of the higher subsidy without delay."

Township centennial plans were mentioned briefly by other councillors, including a two-day celebration proposed for July 2 and 3 at the township park near Arva.

A history of the township by Mrs. Jennie R. Lewis has been commissioned by council, Coun. Ronald White said. It will be ready for distribution to township residents later in the year.

Coun. Wilfred Keays was absent through sickness.



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