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May is campaign month

Questions, answers on retardation

What is mental retardation? Impaired mental ability. The retarded child learns more slowly; at maturity, his capacity to understand will be less than normal.

What causes mental retardation? An imperfect or damaged brain. A genetic accident, injury at birth, or accident or illness during infancy can cause mental retardation. More than 100 different causes have been discovered.

Who are immune? No family is immune. An accident of nature, birth injury or a disease of infancy, can strike any home. Mental retardation strikes families, rich and poor, learned and ignorant — it reaches neither class nor race.

Is it curable? No, because mental retardation is not a disease. It is a chronic handicap. But the mentally retarded child can be treated and in-

variably does need treatment. Often he and his family need expert help in adjusting to the handicap. Frequently there are emotional or physical disabilities as well, which can be corrected.

Is it hopeless? No, not at all. Quite the contrary, 29 out of 30 mentally retarded children can be trained and helped to grow into useful, happy members of the community with a considerable degree of self-sufficiency.

How prevalent is mental retardation? It is the most prevalent of all child disabilities. It handicaps twice as many children as polio, cerebral palsy, rheumatic heart disease and blindness all together. Three out of every 100 children born are mentally retarded. There are more than half a million mentally retarded in Canada today.

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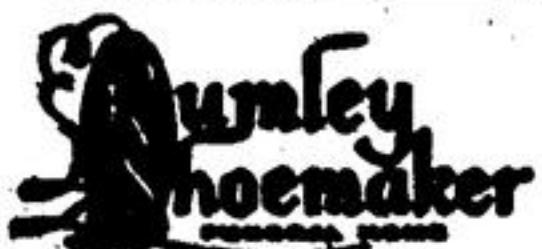
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"You won't see it all in two days," warns Art Scott, who just returned from a tour of Expo as a member of the Ontario Motor Coach Association.

Prior to the tour, the members were shown a movie about Expo, and then were taken by bus all over the site. With no stops at all, the bus took two and a half hours to cover the area — an indication of the number of steps that weary feet will take to cover the distance when the fair is thronged with tourists.

It could be a long day since the grounds open at eight in the morning and stay open till 2:30 the following morning.

O.W.R.C. programs slowed down by ill-informed

Ontario Water Resources Commission programs sometimes are slowed down by "ill-informed people" who make statements regarding water resources which are "not always related to fact", OWRRC vice-chairman John H. H. Root (M.P., Wellington-Dufferin) told the Ontario Legislature recently.

Mr. Root said these statements, when reported by news outlets, confuse the public, but he did not blame the press for creating this confusion.

"We have appreciated the cooperation we receive from the various news outlets, who have been of great assistance in making people aware of the challenges that face Ontario if we are to provide our people with adequate quantities of suitable water, and to bring pollution under control wherever pollution may exist," he said.

The OWRRC vice-chairman said he realized even unfounded statements draw attention to problems, but they do create difficulties for commission staff, which sometimes prove very time-consuming.

In the same speech, Mr. Root underlined the fact that Lake Erie water, when treated in the same manner as any surface water, is an excellent source to meet municipal and industrial water needs, and will remain so.

Aberfoyle woman president of MODA

Mrs. Marion Owens of Aberfoyle has been named president of the Midwestern Regional Tourist Council, according to an announcement from Stratford. She succeeds J. H. Aitken of Goderich. Other officers include vice-presidents, J. Gerber of Elora and Cyril Taylor of Kitchener, with W. G. Urquhart, general manager of MODA, as secretary-treasurer. The board of directors includes Thomas Boyd of Ferguson.

Approval was given to a new guide booklet entitled "A Guide for Touring MODA" containing 12 tours of the area and highlighting the many points of interest and attractions that exist in Midwestern Ontario. At a cost of \$19,000, there have been 60,000 of the new colorful folders produced for distribution.

The MODA region extends to near Acton's western boundary.

"IT PAYS TO WAIT," said the boy, learning to dive, "but I couldn't dive from the highest board. It's all of 15 feet." "I know, but you need to conquer your fear," answered the instructor firmly. "Supposing you were that high above the water on a sinking ship. What would you do then?" "Wait for the ship to sink another 10 feet, sir," he answered.



EVERY HOME SHOULD have a pre-arranged fire escape plan, in case fire strikes. Here a firefighter instructs his children in the easiest escape route from a second storey window — he does this twice a year on the days he installs or removes his storm windows. Be sure your children are confident about climbing out a window and down a ladder, for fear could cost their lives if a fire spreads through your home. (Staff Photo)

Looking forward to the summer? You'll avoid trouble if you remember to take it easy on hot, humid days. High temperature and humidity can put an extra burden on your heart.

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Mission Circle observes birthday

Members of the Baptist Mission Circle gathered in the basement of the church for a bountiful pot luck supper, celebrating the birthday of the circle.

Corral horse on fire call

Acton Firefighters were called to R.R. 2, Rockwood, last Wednesday afternoon for a grass fire, but their services weren't required.

Owner of the property was burning off grass and a neighbor, alarmer, called the fire brigade. Everything was under control when the brigade arrived.

However, a horse escaped and firefighters corralled it before returning to the fire hall.

their place card which had been prepared by Joan Gordon. Secretary Eileen Lott read the minutes of the past meeting, showing the Circle had exceeded their year's allotment by \$60.

Marg Bailey led in the devotional period, based on Galatians 4, verse 6, entitled "God our Father" emphasizing that our need of God is greater than His need for us.

Rev. S. Gammon was present and showed pictures of recent events, which caused much hilarity.

At the close, the president, Jessie Coles, thanked the social committee for the arrangement of the delicious supper and also thanked those who contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

Mental retardation disables twice as many children as cerebral palsy, polio, rheumatic heart disease and blindness do together. One out of every 33 children born is or is destined to be retarded.

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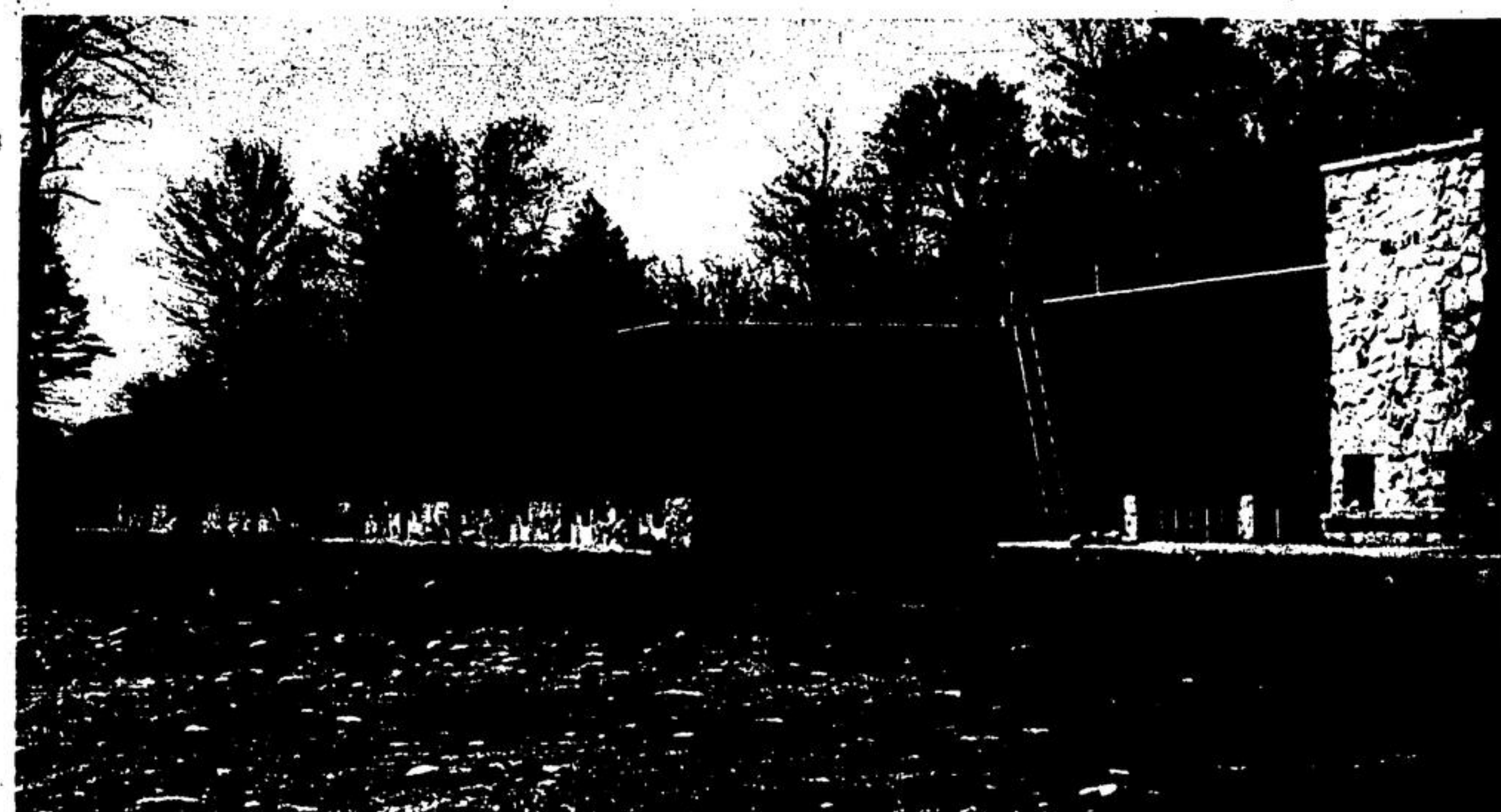
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