



MAYOR LES DUBY cuts the official ribbon opening the new extension to Acton's sparkling new water pollution control plant. Left to right, program chairman Ted Tyler Jr., John Barr of the O.W.R.C., Lewis Roberts, of Central Mortgage and Housing, the

Hon. George Kerr, Mayor Duby, Beardmore president Norm Braida, Halton Warden Allan Day and town engineer Ken Hyde.-(Jim Jennings Photo)

INSPECTION OF ACTON'S sparkling new water pollution control plant amazed many of the visitors who commented on the cleanliness and bright appearance of the interior of the plant and the

complicated machinery underneath. Engineer Ken Hyde points out a special interest area for one visitor.-(Staff Photo)

Praise Acton plant at official opening

"This looks like a graduation exercise rather than a sewage plant opening", Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr, Ontario's Mr. Clean told a well dressed audience of Actonians and special guests gathered to open the \$700,000 addition to Acton's pollution control plant Saturday afternoon.

"I'm proud of Acton, proud it is in my riding," Mr. Kerr said as he congratulated the town and its citizens in leading Ontario's fight against pollution.

The audience, gathered under a striped marquee in the park-like surroundings of the plant, situated off Churchill Rd. South, also heard Acton native John Barr (described by M.C. Ted Tyler Jr. as an Acton boy who made good) a director of sanitary services for the O.W.R.C., praise the plant and the town for its contribution in the pollution fight.

Halton M.P. Rud Whiting, also scheduled to speak, was unable to attend because of illness in the family.

George Kerr said the Acton plant, one of eight in the province using the tertiary system, would have to be copied if Ontario was going to successfully combat pollution. He congratulated contractors, admired the plumbing, landscaping and applauded town workmen, standing by in starched green work suits, for the work they did in having the addition ready for inspection.

Mayor Les Duby who cut the ribbon that officially opened Acton's newest facility, welcomed the guests present. Opening ceremonies, brief and to the point, were followed by guided tours led by town superintendent Alf Duby and other workmen.

Mayor Duby, dubbed the singing mayor by the M.C., had plenty to sing about when it came to co-operation in opening the new plant. He cited the

co-operation the town received from Beardmore and Co. in donating the site and described the opening as a milestone for the community. Acton is on the verge of unprecedented growth, the mayor said, and the new facility would put the town in a position to handle it over the next few years.

He reminded the citizens of Acton the property belongs to them and it was only through their co-operation it was possible.

John Barr, who took the opportunity of being back in his home town to renew acquaintances, told the audience that communities farther away from lakes and rivers need a higher degree of treatment for sewage which works out to about \$1 a gallon for the daily capacity. The Acton plant can

handle 750,000 gallons and is built to serve 7,500 people.

Total cost of the extension was \$640,400.

Mr. Barr said there was a great change in attitudes over the past few years in regards to sewage treatment plants and the Acton plant was a good example of the change in the type of thinking. He predicted the province would soon have a better environment in which to live as a result of the efforts of government agencies.

It was a matter of record that John Barr mixed cement for construction on the first sewage plant in 1951 working for Jones and Van Gils, John Bodwell, the foreman, influenced the young Acton man to change his thinking about a career. John is now with the O.W.R.C. and the foreman a vice-president of a large construction company.

Mr. Barr scored some people who propagate hysterical solutions to pollution problems and advocated a more common sense approach. "Otherwise people would soon be wondering

whether it was safe to breathe," Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst and town superintendent Alf Duby were on the receiving end of bouquets from sewer and water chairman Tyler for the manner in which they arranged the event and had premises spic and span for the official opening.

Mr. Tyler also attested to the purity of the water which comes from the plant by pointing to a Mexican duck and her brood, which had moved onto the settling pond and were quite happy, too. The family was supplied by amateur naturalist Harry Eckerich.

Rev. Harry Dawson, rector of St. Alban's, dedicated the new addition, Acton Citizens' Band, colorful in their red uniforms on the green grass, supplied music

for the opening, under the direction of Bandmaster George Elliott.

Among special guests present for the opening were Halton Warden Allan Day from Oakville, Lewis Roberts, branch engineer from Central Mortgage and Housing; V. S. C. Simpson, president of Clairson Construction; Rod Anderson of R. V. Anderson Associates; M. A. Ben of R. V. Anderson; R. H. Little, engineer from Clairson; Ken Hyde, of R. V. Anderson Associates; former clerk Jack McGeachie from Milton and J. J. Stewart of Guelph, a former Acton reeve.

A reception followed at the curling club for invited guests, courtesy of Clairson Construction and R. V. Anderson.



DON JARVIE, proprietor of the Sports Corner on Mill St. has announced that Glen Holmes of Acton will manage the store until he returns to university for the fall term. Fred Yates has returned to the Georgetown store.-(Staff Photo)

Tulips sight for sore eyes

I know we've had our problems with the community centre this year but I'd like to compliment parks board for the display of Liberation Tulips there, Mayor Les Duby told council last week.

"They were a sight for sore eyes," he said of the blooms, which waved colorfully in a long flower garden bordering the sidewalk which leads to the centre's front doors.

The bulbs, donated to the town by the local Holland Liberation Committee, were augmented by others purchased by the parks board.



FORMER ACTON CLERK Jack McGeachie talks over mutual problems with present clerk Joe Hurst at the official opening of Acton's water pollution control plant Saturday. Mr. McGeachie, now Milton clerk, was part of the planning for the plant and Mr. Hurst has been part of the project since its inception.-(Staff Photo)

GRADE 13 PRIVATE STUDY CANDIDATES

Any person wishing to write a Grade 13 examination as a private study candidate must inform the principal of his local high school of his intention by June 8th. The school will advise him of the time, place and nature of the examination. Should the paper that he wishes to write not be written in his local high school he will be advised where such an examination is to be held. A fee of \$5 will be charged for each examination written.

Fairy Lake claims life . . .

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on Elm Drive, about a quarter of a mile from Fairy Lake. Mr. Wardle said he had warned the children many times about playing near the water. They lost a three year-old son by drowning in an Eden Mills creek in 1960, shortly after moving there and this second tragedy has really hit the family hard.

Mr. Wardle works at American Motors in Brampton.

Rev. Harry Dawson, along with neighbors, stayed with Mrs. Wardle while the search for Debbie was going on. Nearby residents also assisted searchers by providing coffee and sandwiches.

Constable Wood spoke highly of the aid he received when he asked for volunteers. "Everyone said they would stay all night if necessary," the constable said. He was assisted by North Halton Corporal Ronald

Dunlop and Constable Douglas Ormsby, as well as auxiliary policeman Leo Reimer, who were posted here on Saturday.

Halton coroner Dr. Ian Hunter of Milton was at the drowning scene Sunday to collect evidence and consider the advisability of an inquest. No decision had been made up to press time.

Funeral service for Debbie was held Tuesday from the Rumley Shoemaker funeral home with Rev. Len O'Neill of Leamington, a former minister, and Mr. Howard Jacobson, lay supply preacher at the Baptist Church, officiating.

Pallbearers were George Wallingford, George Bruce, Jim Hennessey and Murray McPherson, former neighbors from Eden Mills. Interment was in Eden Mills cemetery.

Three other children Robert 14, Gerald 9 and Richard 5 are left at home.

Esquering to discuss charges with garbage collectors

Esquering Council will meet with township garbage collectors Friday night in an effort to work out a new agreement about charges at the township dump.

At Monday night's council meeting deputy-reeve Tom Hill said he thought only persons making a business out of hauling garbage should be charged.

Councillor Wilfrid Leslie said the dumping charge should be

taken off half-ton trucks, trucks and station wagons and a Council levied a 50 cent \$2 charge on larger trucks or dumping charge on all half-ton dump bodies, last March.

John Lightle badly hurt in tractor mishap

Former area resident John Lightle Jr. is in Guelph General Hospital with a broken leg and pelvis as the result of an accident on his Morrilton farm, Saturday.

Mr. Lightle was operating the tractor about 6.30 in the evening when it went over an embankment and threw him off. He was taken to Guelph hospital and put in the intensive care unit where injuries were diagnosed as badly fractured leg and pelvis.

Mr. Lightle lived on the Fourth Line of Erin township in this district for many years until he moved to Morrilton in October last year. He is married and has two children.

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