



DAVID MARCOUX touches up his water color painting at Saturday's Y art classes held at Acton library. Classes are informal and allow students interested in art to pursue their own interests.—(Staff Photo)



KEVIN BROOSTAD applies finishing touches to his still life oil painting at "Y" art classes.—(Staff Photo)



SHELLEY DEBENHAM sketches with the aid of an illustrated art book at Saturday's art classes. There is still room for more students in classes.—(Staff Photo)

## Pollution plant

The Beardmore pollution control plant is ready to go into operation, Mayor Les Duby assured Acton Council last night (Tuesday).

The mayor was replying to a suggestion by Councillor Peter Marks that council contact the company for a progress report on the plant, since the pollution problem is one that affects the entire town.

Speaks as mayor  
Making it very clear he was speaking as the mayor and not as

an official spokesman for the company, Duby said Beardmore are complying with the Minister's Order to the "n"th degree.

"I'm hoping the plant will be successful," the mayor said. "Does that mean we'll have no odors this summer?" Marks asked.

"If it doesn't work, we'll still have the smell," Councillor Jack Greer replied.

"You grew up under the stink and you look pretty healthy to me Peter," Greer said.

## Approve Beardmore request to extend water line

Following a lengthy discussion, Acton Council agreed in principle last night (Tuesday) to extend the town's water line south on Highway 25 a distance of 3,000 feet to service nine properties. John Griefeneder of Beardmore and G. E. Thompson, Canada Packers' engineer had previously attended a public works committee meeting to request that the town supply the water, at the company's expense. In a letter to council, Beardmore president J. H. Creighton said the company has been instructed by the O.W.R.C. to supply the nine residences with fresh water.

Concerned Councillor Peter Marks, a member of administration

committee, was concerned that a precedent might be set, if council approved the extension.

"Does this mean that we'll normally be extending lines to any resident on the perimeter of Acton, who requests it?" he asked public works chairman Councillor Earl Masales.

Masales explained the company had approached council with the request. He said he believed Beardmore spraying has polluted wells in the area. "I wasn't aware that had been proven," Marks said.

Masales said he understood the company has already been supplying the residences with fresh water for some time, following a ministerial order.

"This seems like a logical thing

to do," Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie interjected. "They helped us solve a problem, when we were dealing for more land for sanitary landfill. We do have water. We can sell it at a profit."

Masales said his thinking in the matter was based strictly on the request itself and not on any return of favor suggestion.

Marks made it clear he is not against the proposal, but maintained future maintenance of the extended line could present problems.

"Is the spraying going to cease to the extent we won't be asked to clean up more wells in a couple of years?" he said.

"Any future wells would be a different can of worms," Councillor Jack Greer said. "You could say yes or no at any time."

Mayor Les Duby pointed out Beardmore so far has only approached the committee to get approval.

"I think it's a little awkward

for us to go too far, when the company hasn't committed itself yet. I'm sure the company would like to reserve the right to negotiate with these people," he said.

At the committee meeting Mr. Thompson had explained that the company's first step was to get general approval from the town. The company would then have to

approach the O.W.R.C. and if they agreed, they could approach the nine residents regarding the availability of town water.

The proposed extension would consist of six inch P.V.C. pipe. The nine properties would be hooked up for outside water meter readings. Total cost of all installations would be borne by Beardmore.

### Annual meeting

## Leaders plan activities for 4-H club members

By Hugh Cook  
The annual meeting of the Halton 4-H club leaders was held on Jan. 31. There were nine leaders out of a possible 22 in attendance.

There will be a new project offered for senior 4-H members in Halton this year. It will be in the form of junior leadership project in which the member will be responsible for conducting the meetings and any other activities involving the junior members in a club.

Lower age  
The club leaders have decided that the 4-H clubs in Halton County should allow members who are 10 years of age as of Jan. 1, 1972 to join. Since the age has not been lowered on a provincial basis, these members under 12 will not be eligible to compete for awards offered at the provincial level. However they will be in direct competition with all 4-H members in the county for any awards or prize monies offered at the local county level.

Halton County will be continuing with an exchange of 4-H members with Wisconsin and will be sending 10 4-H members on a return exchange with Maryland in 1972.

The county will again be having a judging competition. Last year's county judging competition was felt to have been the best competition ever run in Halton.

Each year 4-H members are expected to complete a special project related to their 4-H project. In addition to a special project this year, 4-H members will be required to plant at least one tree. This tree will be scored along with the club project.

The results of the election of officers were as follows: President Nino Braida; first vice-president Jeff Nurse; second vice-president Bob Merry; secretary O. D. A. E.; and Representative to Halton Farm Safety Council Don Haggis.

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