



CAPTAIN PAUL Petit and his Bovis subdivision neighbours try their hand at sailing in Fairy Lake. Mr. Petit is captain because he owns the

boat. The remainder of the crew are Al Green, Al Green Jr., and Peter O'Meara.

Study effect on plant of Beardmore effluent

Studies are currently underway to determine whether or not the Acton Pollution Control Plant will be able to handle effluent from the Beardmore Tannery.

The studies are being conducted by Pollutech Pollution Advisory Services Limited. Early tests indicate that when 25 per cent of sewage being treated at the plant comes from the tannery, the effluent discharged at the plant is deteriorated.

This investigation is still underway and results and conclusions will not be available for approximately four more weeks. In the meantime the early indications are that the 25 per cent mixture was excessive and that a severe deterioration in effluent quality would result. As soon as

this indication was observed, an additional unit was started up using a 10 per cent mixture of waste from the tannery and these studies are proceeding, without any conclusions to date," the report said.

What effect

Until now the tannery has been responsible for disposing of its own waste. Prior to regional government the town said there is no capacity in the plant to handle the heavy waste from the tannery. Halton Region officials felt the same way.

The region has, however, asked the consultants to see what effect up to 100,000 gallons per day from the tannery would have on the plant.

The report points out that a 25 per cent mix at the plant can't be tolerated but it may

be possible to treat 10 per cent or possibly more if the effluent is properly pretreated on the Beardmore site.

The consultants point out the need for some clarification between the rated capacity and the actual capacity.

The region has been working on the basis that the rated capacity is 600,000 gallons per day and the expansion would increase the capacity to 1,000,000 gallons per day. The limit of 1,000,000 was said to be final because of limitations enforced by the Ministry of the Environment.

Ironically enough, the tests taken by Pollutech indicate that the plant is actually handling a consistent capacity of about 1,200,000 gallons per day, twice the rated capacity.

"In actual fact, the plant is capable now of handling almost double the rated capacity of the plant and still produce a good effluent. During observations over several weeks at the plant recently, the flows through the plant have been consistently higher than the proposed plant expansion," the report said.

Ray Cripps, a regional public works official, said one of the reasons the plant in Acton could operate over rated capacity and continue to produce a good effluent was the fact that the greatest portion of sewage being treated is domestic sewage. That's the easiest type of sewage to treat, according to Cripps.

Mr. Cripps said it was not unusual for a plant to be operating beyond rated capacity during storms and heavy runoffs but it wasn't usual for a plant to be operating that far over capacity on a consistent basis.

Report says

Need better arena seating

Improved seating for the Acton arena is among suggestions listed by the Georgetown Recreation Advisory Committee in a report to the general administration committee of Halton Hills Council. The report of constructive criticism resulted from a bus tour of Halton Hills recreation facilities taken by the recreation advisory committee of Georgetown and Acton-Esquesing, June 5.

The report also suggests that the addition of curtains on the windows of the upstairs auditorium could make the room more useful for wedding and dance rentals. There are already kitchen facilities available in the refreshment booth.

Installation of a new roof on

the arena this month is winding up a five year reconstruction program, which began with shoring up of the walls in 1970.

According to the report, a combination of vandalism and poor ventilation has left the men's change room at the new Lions Pool in very poor shape. The report describes the actual swimming area as "very nice". It says a viewing area for the public would be a fine addition, but is not a top priority item. A breakdown in the gas service at the pool has caused the water temperature to drop and forced cancellation of public swimming for the past week.

The Georgetown committee found Prospect Park to be quite neat and in good order.

Town to repair Speyside diamond

Speyside may be in the farthest corner of Halton Hills but it is not forgotten by Halton Hills Council.

Monday night they decided to spend between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to fix up a ball diamond at Speyside school.

Councillor Len Coxe said he

was bringing the request to council because there is a ball league in Speyside but have less than adequate facilities. "Speyside is remote from the bulk of our services," he explained.

Councillor Dick Howitt said there is no question of the asphalt.

Mayor Tom Hill asked if the Halton school board would contribute since it is on their property.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said the school only has grades from kindergarten to grade five, so would not need a ball diamond for their own use.

Councillor Harry Levy said he had been told about this before the budget was struck, and said there was no problem with the money.

Council voted unanimously to fix up the ball diamond.

Dr. D. Garrett ends practice here

Dr. D. A. Garrett, who has been in practice in Acton for 29 years, moved with his wife to Toronto on Tuesday. He had gradually retired from practice, but regretful patients kept coming to see him right up until the last.

For the first while after he came to Acton, his office was on Frederick St. Since then it has always been at the front of his home at the corner of River and Willow.

The Garretts have four children and two of them are still in Acton, Kate (Mrs. Norman Elliott) and Steven.

Provincial grant for band drives

The high school band will continue its paper and glass drives throughout the summer, with financial aid from the Ministry of Environment.

The provincial government is having a special summer employment program entitled Ontario Experience '75, with each Ministry sponsoring various projects. In most cases, they run in co-operation with established community agencies such as recreation committees, school

boards, conservation authorities, museums and art galleries.

The Acton assistance will be the sponsoring of the high school's monthly drive and helping to cover the costs of operation. This includes rental of trucks, payment of drivers, and gas. The grant will be in excess of \$700 and will be enough to also provide a token wage for the 16 students who will be making the collection rounds.

Last Saturday's drive was the first of the government-sponsored collections with the remaining two in July and August. As in previous months, the drives will take place on the second Saturday of the month.

David Sale, the school's music teacher, told this paper that the summer collections will raise enough money to achieve the initial goal—new uniforms. Because of this, they will be terminating their

collections in September. Mr. Sale is hoping there will be another interested group in town to take over the collections in the fall. If there is, he would like them to contact him at the high school.

The week session, from July 23 to August 6 is available to all those genuinely interested in music. Mr. Henkel will be guiding the students but there will be no formal classroom.

New Acton high school slated to open in 1977

A new high school will be built northeast of Churchill Rd. to open in September 1977, providing Halton Board of Education wins approval for the project from the Ministry of Education. Its initial rated capacity will be 850 to 900 pupils, but provisions will be made for a possible addition.

The old high school will become a middle school housing grades six, seven and eight, and the Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett schools will have kindergarten to grade five.

During the same discussion at last Thursday's Board of Education meeting, the board postponed the building of a new Milton high school until 1978. That school was originally slated to open in 1975, and was later postponed to 1977.

The study of school needs in North Halton was begun in

April at the request of Acton area trustee Tom Watson. He had become annoyed when he heard Acton students would be bussed to new schools in the south. Subsequently an ad hoc committee on facilities was set up with chairman Noel Cooper, trustees Watson, Priestner and Cooper,

and staff members Lindley, Lavender and Gentleman.

Eight portables

Noel Cooper, chairman of the committee, told the board last week that Acton schools have three portable classrooms now and will have eight in September. The high school has two now and will have two more in the fall.

Noting that there has been considerable growth in Acton recently, Mr. Cooper said "I can't see this problem going on much longer."

He noted the Acton school is overloaded while the Milton school is still within capacity and has not portables yet. Some Milton pupils could be bussed to the new Lester Pearson school until the new Milton high school is ready. Acton high school has a

projected enrolment of 667 for 1975, and a rated capacity of 630. The effective capacity for the school is set at about 550. Of 632 pupils at A.H.S. now, 217 are bussed.

Milton high school has a projected enrolment of 1,204 for September and a rated capacity of 1,220.

Trustee Len Crosier wondered what effect the postponement of the Milton high school might have on the integration of the trainable retarded into the new Milton school.

Trustee Bill Priestner pointed out the Board had not yet developed a policy on integration of the trainable retarded. That should be done soon, he said.

Trustee Len Auger said the move to insert Acton onto the

priority list was shotgun planning. "We must have had figures earlier. How have they changed and are we going to have to face the same situation somewhere else?"

"We are tight on space in the north and all we can do is stamp out the most immediate fire. If we went by statistics and projections alone, the Milton school would have been built," Mr. Cooper explained.

Milton Trustee Bill Lawson said the committee did look at plans of a subdivision, proposed and registered but even at that couldn't get an accurate idea of secondary school student yield.

Homes empty

He pointed out there are 250 homes in Milton built and (Continued on Page 2)

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From drags to estate homes

Halton Hills Planning board approved the switch from dragstrip to estate residential homes, Tuesday night, when they approved an amendment to the Official Plan.

The Medallion Aire Estates plan shows 49 estate homes, on over two acres lots, on the 145 acre site between the Fifth and Sixth Lines, north of Highway 7.

P. E. Marshall, a Sixth Line resident, asked if increased traffic on the Sixth Line had been considered. He claimed there were no houses on the Fifth Line and suggested there be only one access to the property ending on the

Fifth Line.

Walter Sopinka, solicitor for Medallion Aire Estates, claimed at least half the residents would use the Fifth Line, and probably more, since most of the houses are closer to that road.

Mr. Marshall contended there would be at least 100 more trips a day on the Sixth Line. He claimed the Fifth Line had been improved to handle the dragstrip traffic, while the Sixth Line is in rough shape. Sopinka said the traffic generated by the

dragstrip would be far in excess of the traffic from 49 homes.

Planner Mario Venditti suggested most of the traffic would be on the Fifth Line since most of the homes are at that end of the subdivision. He said there is a possibility the road would be paved down to Highway 7.

Councillor Ric Morrow said the developer should be required to bring the Sixth Line up to standard. He said this developer would not be installing sewers, and water

lines as developers in town would.

Sopinka pointed out a developer in town would build 300 to 400 homes on 145 acres, while his client was building only 49. "At council's suggestion the density was reduced from 70 homes to 49."

J. E. Margetts, also of the Sixth Line, said he was there to second Mr. Marshall's objection, at this public hearing.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he hoped the concerns of

the people would be recognized.

Mayor Tom Hill claimed the hearing was simply to amend the official plan to change the land from rural to residential.

Councillor Dick Howitt said the objections can be solved in an agreement with the developer, since no one was objecting to the change of land use.

The amendment was approved with only Councillor Joe Hurst opposing.

Need blood clinic set

The first blood donor clinic in Acton in several years will be held at the legion on June 30.

There will be two shifts, each two hours long, for those willing to give blood. From two to four p.m. and from six to eight p.m. are the designated times.

All types of blood are in constant shortage at the Toronto depot, and all potential donors are urged to attend this clinic.

Buoys mark area

Buoys are being put in the lake this week to mark the swimming area.



PAULA MACPHERSON AND David Leslie outstretch their arms in a sing-song during graduation ceremonies at Honey Pot Nursery in Glenlea plaza. Sixty-nine tots took part in the year end exercise.

69 graduates from nursery

Honey Pot Nursery School held graduation ceremonies for 69 kiddies to conclude one year's activities. The graduation was held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week with each class graduating separately depending on their class times.

Parents were invited and watched their tots sing and get their diplomas.

Graduating Monday evening from the three mornings a week class, are Andrew Barton, Peter Bray, Angela Bridge, Jenny Crawford, Anne-Marie Curry, Douglas, Jane and Michael Dawkins, Cindy Dunn, Jeffrey Feenstra, Kathryn Frazer, Kimberly Hagan, Heather Hewitt, Kelly Hutchison, Kristy Lockhurst, Gail McArthur, Paul McCallum, Janene McMullen.

Melanie Paterson, Anthony Persaud, Andrew Scott, Susan Sprout, Jason Stahmann, Deborah Tuck, Kimberly Usher, Christopher

Willmott, Andrea Johnston, Cathy Hamilton, and Charlotte Hillier.

Tuesday's graduation was for kiddies who attend two mornings per week. They are Jodi Ball, Barry Branigan, Scott Brown, Kari-Lynn Cripps, Geoffrey DeJong, Tanya DeJong, Valerie Keki, David Leslie, Paula MacPherson, Jeffrey McRae, William Mylrea, Heather Ormsby, Robert Peel, James Redman, Steven Robertson, David Rosen, Margaret Sale, Paul Sankey, Kevin Scott, Michael Williams, Scott Williams, Sharla Woods, Cheryl Ginoe, Ann-Marie Franklin, Julie Butler.

The Wednesday graduating tots were: Christopher Corrigan, Carrie Gallant, Kelli Higgins, Scott Marshall, Andrea Morell, Beth Munday, Christopher Vickery, Joanne Edmunson, Tina Haesler, Harvey Thorne, Paula Mitchell, John Bousfield, Lee Barnes, Glen Billington, and Lori Linstead.



SHARLA WOOD is one of 69 tots who graduated from Honey Pot nursery on three days last week. Sharla graduated Tuesday evening.

Wet wires cause fire

Acton volunteer firefighters were called out in the rain Sunday evening when a hydro wire near Building Products was blown down.

The wire, in contact with the wet ground, caused sparks to fly setting a nearby cedar bush on fire. The firefighters extinguished it before anything else got a chance to catch.