

## Arts, Crafts exhibit Saturday 'best yet'



WEAVING IS Jean Denny's specialty; Olive Ellerby and Gwyn Last feel the soft texture of one of her scarves, at the Arts and Crafts sale Saturday at St. Alban's hall.

The eight members of the Acton Arts and Crafts group felt their sixth annual exhibit and sale Saturday was the best yet. They set up their attractive stalls in the basement of St. Alban's parish hall and welcomed a large crowd.

Participants are Laura Dittich, Elsie Swackhamer, Jean Denny, Florence Wilkin, Irene Holmes, Del Howse, Elisabeth Gathof and her niece Rosemary Stoehr of Hornby. They sold weaving, leather work, hooking, batik, wood burning, knitting, crochet, needlepoint, petitpoint, greeting cards, stuffed toys and ceramics, in a wide variety of lovely articles.

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UNIQUE WOODEN articles made by Elisabeth Gathof are admired by Marilyn Coxo and 18-month-old Heather at the Acton Arts and Crafts exhibit and sale Saturday.



PUMPKINS DISPLAYED a kind of horrid charm at the Acton Arts and Crafts Group exhibit Saturday. The stuffed doll in the centre was won by Barbara Holmes. Looking over the intriguing table are Linda Zions and Jackie Denny.

## Overtime payment

During a six week study of arena employees' workloads, arena personnel will be paid overtime on a weekly basis, the administration committee decided Monday night. Facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan referred to the harmony on his staff.

## Euchre

Attendance was down slightly at Knox church euchre Friday evening. There were several other events on at the same time.

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## Water cost is touchy topic

Acceptance of a proposed policy for sewer and water connections was deferred at the Regional Public Works Committee meeting Wednesday, pending circulation of the proposal to area municipalities.

The policy sets out costs for water hookups and deals with how service and maintenance for sanitary sewers will be handled.

The problem of water hookups is currently a controversial topic. Both Norval and Milton Heights residents have been trying for months to have municipal water supplied to homes in their communities. To date there hasn't been a universally acceptable policy on rates presented.

Cost is high  
He expressed amazement at the high cost of hookups. He noted that it was only one year ago he had a hookup himself and it cost \$247.

The works crew was only there for half an hour and used a "miserable piece of pipe this long," he said, signalling with his hands.

Halton Hills representative Dick Howatt agreed that the matter was a touchy one. He said Halton Hills was petitioning the province to have the responsibility for water returned to the local councils.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur told the committee there was considerable dissatisfaction in her area with the proposed policy and the water problem in general.

The committee will try to come to grips with a workable policy after the area councils have had an opportunity for input.

It's Halloween this Friday, please drive carefully

## Chairman says put all filth in one course

A special course offering all the "profanities, perversities and way out things that represent the lower aspects of society" should be grouped in one optional course and offered to those who want it.

Halton Renaissance Chairman Gord Reade made that suggestion during a discussion with Halton Board of Education Thursday.

He said that by taking all of the controversial material out of the school classroom, parents could be assured that their children are getting what they are paying their tax dollar for—and those who want it won't be deprived. He claimed that only those with parental consent should be allowed to take what he described as an off beat course.

Reade said most parents wanted their children to get

more than the "language of the street." The most recent attack on Halton educators is centred around the use of the book "Go Tell Alice" in high schools.

Trustee Rev. Gary Morton said he agreed that some parts of the book are unattractive, objectionable, offensive and unlovely, but he said it was a moral book because it demanded a moral response.

Mr. Morton told the large crowd in attendance that he had written a favorable report on the book four years ago and suggested it as recommended reading for teens and parents. He claimed the subject was a lot better dealt with in the classroom with open discussion, rather than in the locker room.

Reade disagreed. He

claimed youngsters have always learned about life in the streets, not in schools.

"I learned it in the streets but we knew that it wasn't the thing polite people talk about. Polite people don't talk about masturbation and those things in public. There's so much time spent on these things that we ignore the good things in life," he stated.

Reade claimed that by open discussion in classrooms the gutter talk was given the stamp of approval.

Trustee Tom Watson spoke specifically about the book "Go Tell Alice." He told a story of being called to the Acton High School where a group of girls waited and told him how the book had helped them fight off the drug culture.

"I read it three times and I

want it left in the school for my younger brothers and sisters so they can learn by it too—when you mention that to a pusher he'll get off your back," the students told the trustee.

Trustee Bill Priestner said the book was written out of the diary of a girl. "It's pertinent, it's genuine, it's life. I can accept it in a sociology course but have doubts about English."

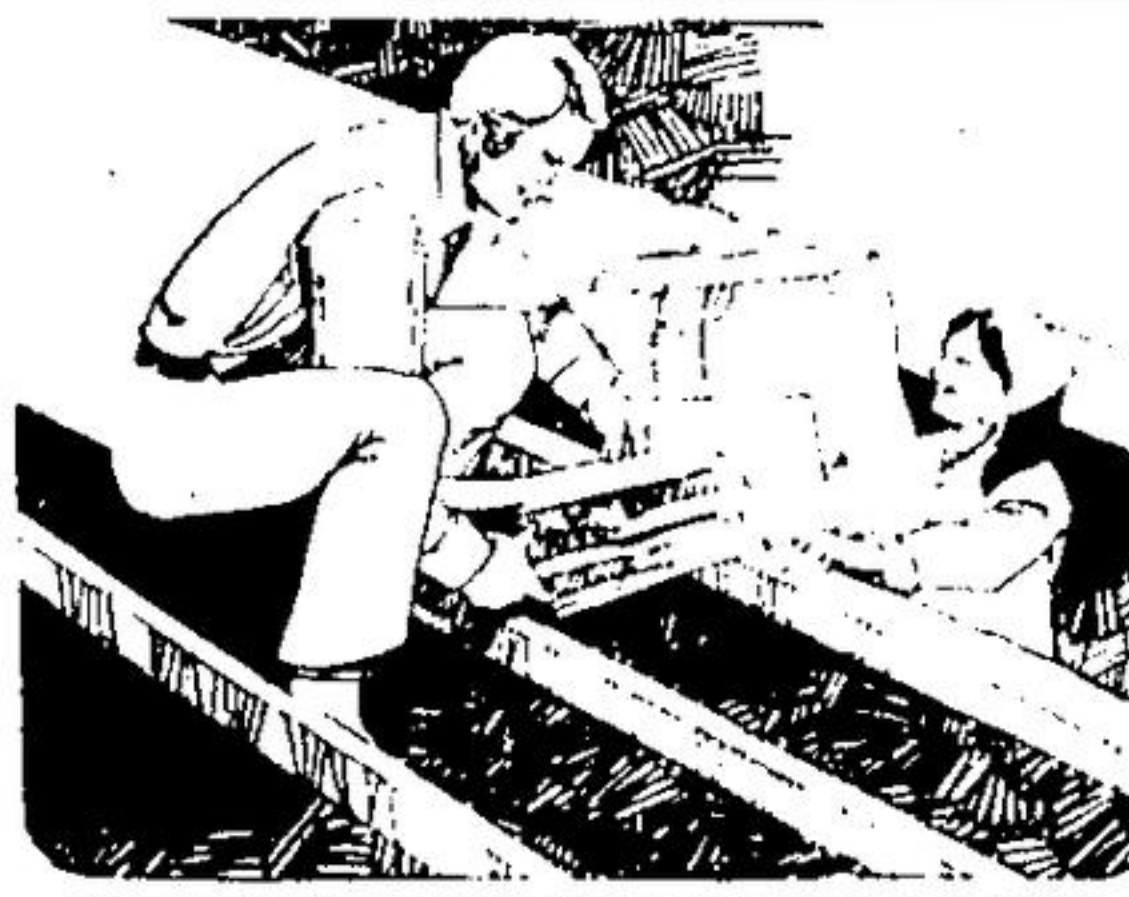
Superintendent of Program John Boich explained the book was not written to be read aloud. He explained that what was a beneficial private experience could be a public disaster.

Reade explained that his preference would be to have none of the material like "Go Tell Alice" in the school but he pointed out that senior

educators would persist in the defense of the material.

"When do you stop, in Mr. Boich's view you don't stop. It's like it is in Germany. On one side you have society, on the other you have the cat-houses," he said.

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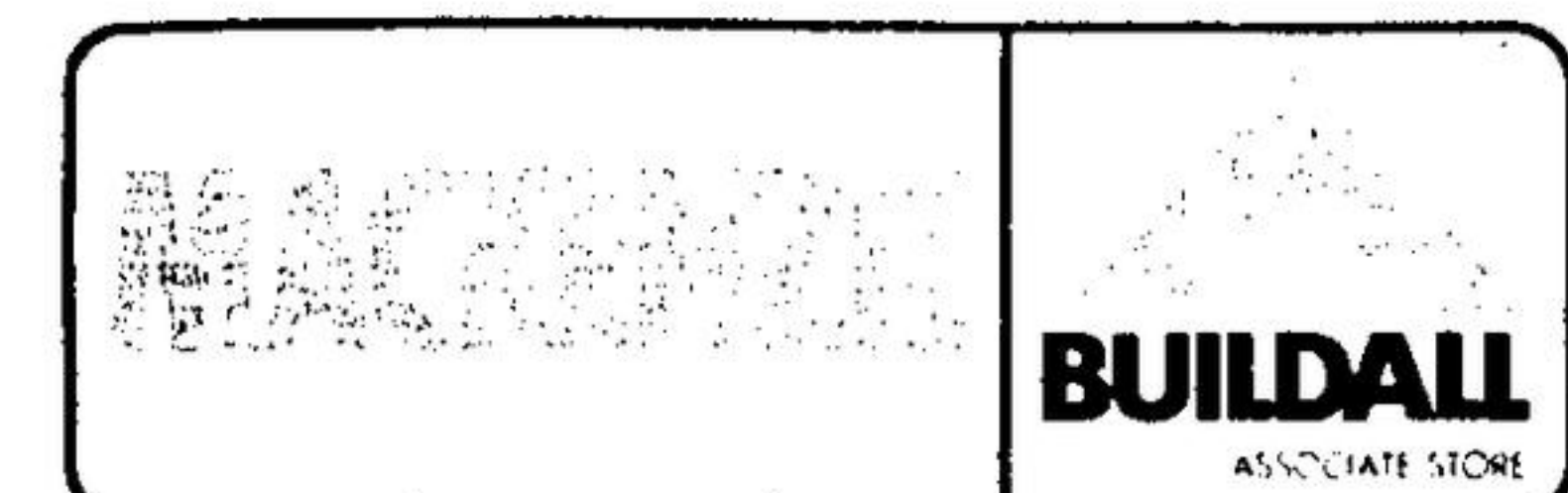
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