

St. Joe's picnic is a success

On Sunday June 26, at Prospect Park, St. Joseph's Catholic Church celebrated its 120th anniversary with a family picnic.

Upon their arrival at the gate, the picnickers received a special anniversary keepsake ribbon from Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Arbic and Mrs. Marzo.

The day was filled with sunshine and smiling faces as families and friends joined in on the many events of the afternoon.

Everything from a three legged race, egg tossing, and father and son speed shaving took place. The winners were awarded first, second, and

3rd prize ribbons.

A free bingo game drew many people over 21 as free prizes were given by caller John Dunn.

Many men were involved in the horseshoe pitching area. As both high and low scorers also received prizes.

The day progressed and activity from the stage grew more exciting as Don Marzo presented his amateur show. Local talent of Acton's finest were a great crowd pleaser.

Special ticket draws throughout the day allowed many to be awarded from 25 prizes.

The Twilights a local Acton Group gave a fine performance to both young and old throughout the day.

The clowns, (The Saxon Brothers) also kept a busy

pace tossing candy and giving balloons to all the children.

The day's activities were still in full swing after supper as a tug-of-war took place in the games area.

Pat Garton, Marie Musselle and Mark Rowe moved the crowd from the races area to the sing-a-long area where they lead an old fashion sing song by a bon fire as children roasted marshmallows.

The picnic chairwoman thanked members of Halton Hills Works and Fire Depts. for their participation and help. St. John's ambulance also made a fine contribution of being on hand to care for any injuries.

At the close of the day the large entrance banner created by Jessie Buscher was lowered as the crowd sang O'Canada.



A CAT WITH NO NAME: Brian Witherly was giving away this 10 week old cat during the festivities Thursday as Back to Acton Days got going. Brian lives on 4th line.

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Councillor meets with contractor

Last week, councillor Pat McKenzie attended an onsite inspection meeting with the contractor, of the Acton Water Pollution Control Plant, Varamae Construction, the consulting engineers from R. V. Anderson Associates and George Stone, special projects Supervisor for the region.

The type of treatment process for this plant is the activated sludge process employing primary settling, mechanical aeration, and final settling, and anaerobic digestion for sludge conditioning.

Tertiary treatment using an effluent settling pond, followed by a seasonal filter bed and chlorination are incorporated in the design. The result is an overall treatment efficiency in the order of 98 per cent.

Unlike some other plants under construction, there is anticipated to be little haulage of excavated material from the plant site. There will, however, be some importation of granular material for the filter beds being installed.

The plant expansion is a Halton Region project with financial assistance from C.M.H.C. and the Ministry of the Environment. The Consulting Engineers for the project are R. V. Anderson Associates Limited of Toronto.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a progress report from the resident engineer and to resolve any problems that had developed.

A contract for the expansion of the Acton Water Pollution Control Plant was signed on April 26, 1977 with Varamae Construction of Toronto, in the amount of \$998,000. The Contractor has begun work on the site and the term of the contract is expected to be approximately one year.

In 1950 the first plant was built to handle 250,000 gallons per day. In 1969 the plant was expanded to handle 675,000 g.p.d. The present expansion will bring the capacity of the plant to 1,000,000 gallons per

Sr. Cit. apts available

Halton Housing Authority has announced rental accommodation for senior citizens in need of housing assistance will be available in both Georgetown and Acton in 1978. It is anticipated the 89-unit senior citizen apartment building in Georgetown will be completed by late spring of 1978. The 54-unit senior citizen apartment building in Acton will be ready for occupancy in the late fall of 1978.

Tenants live in the self-contained apartments and pay rent geared to their income. Basic requirements are a one year residency in the municipality and the applicant reaching his or her 60th birthday.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Halton Housing authority, 139 Thomas St., Oakville, L6J 3A9. Phone 844-4261, Zenith 79910.



GINGER WRAY took advantage of Sunday's sunny skies to enjoy herself on the slide at Prospect Park. Ginger is from Toronto, but was visiting Acton relatives.

Don't allow calculators

Trustee Bert Hinton told Halton Board of Education Thursday he doesn't want to see calculators used in elementary schools.

Thursday, the board received a report from the administration stating calculators are allowed in Halton schools but aren't used as a short cut or substitute for pupils developing arithmetic skills.

Trustee Bill Priestner, who first brought up the subject of calculators being used in school, said he was disappointed in the report. He said it seems to say nobody knows if use of calculators is good or bad and only cautioned teachers not to hurt students by using them. Priestner said the report wasn't very firm or definitive.

Trustee Judy Alexander was upset that some exceptionally bright students in the primary grades could be allowed use of the calculator and thought it should only be used in the junior grade and above. She said very bright primary pupils still wouldn't have the maturity to use the calculator properly.

The former board chairman also cautioned against teachers using calculators when pupils can't, fearing student envy and the development of the view that a calculator is a short-cut rather than a tool.

Trustee Cam Jackson said all students should receive training on the calculator because educators haven't

Bike, car collide

A bike and car collided near the intersection of Mill St. and John St. on Dominion Day at 6:35 p.m.

Robert Rowe, 130 Longfield Road was on the bike, when it and a car driven by Ross William Carroll, 6 Berry Street, met. Police estimate damage to the Carroll vehicle at \$250.

According to police Carroll stopped at the intersection beside a parked car belonging to Delmer Hardie of Guelph.

students master the basics. Being able to use the calculator properly "will be the mathematical skill of the next decade," Trustee Dr. Helen Howard-Lock said.

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