Region Briefs

Johnson to speak out

Milton Councillor Bill Johnson vowed Wednesday to go public with information on employee working conditions at Halton Centenial Manor that will shock people.

He made that statement just as council voted to release a formerly confidential report on adsenteeism of Halton's employees which shows that in 1962 Manor service and maintenance workers were off the job an average of 18.5 days in paid sick leave. The average for other regional employees was 6.2 days in 1982.

The report from D.M. Camm, the region's Director of Personnel and Labour Relations said, "The amount of absenteeism and related loss of productivity at Halton Centennial Manor is very serious," and ongoing monitoring efforts should be pursued "vigorously."

Rates revised

Council approved a revised Water and Sewer Budget that will see rates in Halton Hills rise by 3.7 per cent in 1984.

It was reported last week that local residents could expect to pay \$220 next year for these services, but the revision will put the average residential bill at

Sewage plant upgraded

The Georgetown Water Pollution Controi Plant will have over \$1-million spent to improve operations in 1984.

According to a report to council from Director of Public Works, Bob Moore, the facilities are structurally poor and "unsafe for the operations staff and general public."

Over \$100,000 will be spent at the Acton plant to improve operations and sampling though the plant is operating within Ministry of the Environment effluent guidelines.

Ballinafad

Boat people well eight years later

by Winifred Smith

The Ballinafad UCW hosted the Dufferin-Peel Presbyterial on Wednesday November 23. Acton UCW were in charge of registration. Kay Ford and Elleen McEnery started the day off with a sing-a-long. Erin UCW were in charge of the devotional.

Each UCW brought gifts for the Victor Mission in Toronto. The guest speaker was Mr. Chi from Brampton who came from Korea eight years ago. His topic was "On Being a Canadian". He mentioned the different churches which had sponsored the boat people and brought his listeners up to date on the progress of these people, most of them are doing exceptionally well. His talk was very entertaining. It reminded us many times that we live in a very special country. Lunch was served to about 80 by the

Ballinalad UCW. Ballinafad Church service was cancelled on Sunday since it was the 25th anniversary of St. Andrews United Church in Georgetown. Many Ballinafad residents attended the service and reported it to be most enjoyable. The guest speaker, Mr. McKenzie, was a former missionary in India and was very

interesting. Congratulations of our minister, Dr. Bandy and his wife Lynne who became the proud parents of a baby girl, born on Thursday, November 24.

Rev. Kelvin Johnston and Mrs. Johnston spent the weekend with the Jamiesons.

Mary Lawr underwent surgery at the Georgetown Hospital last week and we are pleased to report that she is progressing favourably.

Ruth Shortill is recovering at her home after surgery on her legs. We hope it won't be too long before she is well again.

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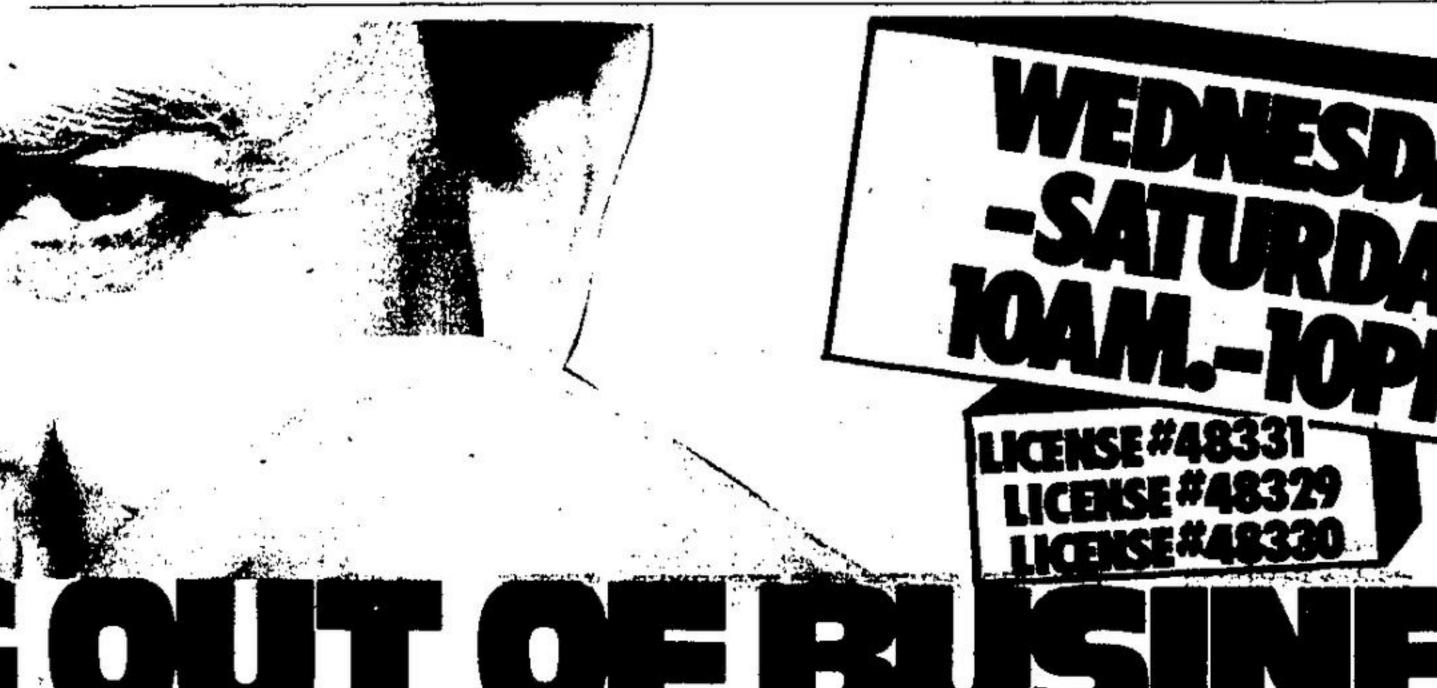


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