

# Beardmore effluent could cut plant life by 9 years

Allowing Beardmore Tannery to use the Acton sewage system to dispose of its effluent could cut by nine years the maximum capacity of the proposed addition to the sewage treatment plant.

Town planner Mario Venditti told the town's subsidiary planning board last week

that the planned expansion to the sewage plant should not reach its maximum treatment limits until 1987. That date did not include any effluent at all from Beardmore but, instead, was calculated simply on the steady growth of the town.

Allowing Beardmore to pump 100,000 gallons per day of effluent into the system

would put the plant's capacity back to 1985. To allow the full 250,000 gallons per day from Beardmore, as has been requested, the sewage treatment plant would be operating at its maximum by 1978, requiring a further addition in two years time to handle future growth.

Although the report was received by the

planning board without comment Mr. Venditti did tell the board members that tenders on the addition to the Acton sewage plant would likely be called in November of this year.

The plant could then begin operating in January of 1978.



"THE MUIRS", a folksinging family, entertained 69 children at the Acton Public Library Saturday afternoon. From left Kevin, 8, who plays the fiddle, Everill who plays "mountain dulcimer" and Gary Muir who plays banjo and guitar. Not pictured is daughter Kiri Lynn, 9, who plays fiddle.

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## Reading matter in short supply

Illiteracy, "a blight upon humanity", is being fought by the Canadian Bible Society, members of the Acton chapter were told last Wednesday by Rev. D. Blaine Thierry who is district secretary in Hamilton for the society.

He said that over 800 million people in the world were illiterate, especially in Africa and Asia where the Bible Society was assisting local governments sponsoring literacy programmes.

The assistance takes the form of providing reading material—"bible primers". Rev. Thierry called them—after the populace had reached a certain level of proficiency. He said reading material is in short supply.

As an example of the desire for people in Tanzania, Africa, for material to read, Rev. Thierry said that 600,000 copies of easy to read Scripture were distributed in only 60 days.

He said that without reading material, 50 percent of the populace who have learned to read fell back and lost the skill. Grown men often fought, he said, to acquire copies of the Scripture.

After a potluck supper in the parish hall of St. Alban's Church the members of the Acton chapter viewed a film on the work of the bible society in Tanzania and Kenya.

The film, titled "Let the Word Speak," showed how the society distributed Scripture and related readings in the cities, towns and rural areas of the two African nations.

Closer to home, Rev. Thierry, who, as district secretary in the Canadian Bible Society, is responsible for 1200 churches, 130 branches and over one million people, said the version of the bible the society distributes, "Good News for Modern Man," had gained wide acceptance even among Roman Catholics.

The Canadian Bible Society is inter-denominational. Buddhism and other eastern religions were not meeting the needs of young people who were coming in greater

numbers to the society's offices for bibles, Rev. Thierry said.

Before and after the film, the audience listened to hymns sung by Mrs. Vivian Swallow and Mrs. John Chapman to the piano accompaniment of Mrs. George Harrap.

## Psychiatric help for Acton a difficult problem to solve

Through bursts of hard driving rain members of the community came through the doors of the Acton Community Services Centre Saturday afternoon to attend the open house. The crowd overflowed into a room separate from the centre itself and filled the hallway as well.

Attendance by the public—on the final day of mid-term

break and the hockey finals at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena—was sparse but those who were there, mostly members of the board of directors and representatives of the nine social agencies using the centre's facilities, took the opportunity to exchange ideas.

Gail Maltby, president of the centre, said the main concern

the board was facing after seeing the centre growing.

Start-up funds amounting to \$1,000 from Halton Region have already been received and more is expected from the town of Halton Hills and the province. Funds for 1977 will have to be raised from the community, although it is expected support from the town will be regular, she said.

Over coffee and cookies various members of the board of directors expressed the need for psychiatric facilities in North Halton. The problem to overcome, board members felt, was how to attract a psychiatrist to an area which lacked sufficient support services without which a psychiatrist would not come.

On a more immediate level the centre needs five or six volunteers who have exhibited ability to cope with and overcome problems, Maltby said, adding that for these positions professional training in social work was not a prerequisite.

A few things are still needed to outfit the office, namely a typing table for the typewriter someone has already so generously donated, and a small radio, Maltby said. The radio would be used to provide a muffling curtain of sound between the officer and the consulting room. If you can help, call Judy McLin at 853-3310.



BEV RAINE (standing) registered five of her children during the Acton Minor Ball Association registration day held Saturday morning at the arena. At extreme left is Glen Jackson, treasurer, and Ed Wood, past president. Beside Mrs. Raine is her daughter Janice. More registrations will be taken Saturday morning April 3.



OPEN HOUSE AT THE ACTON COMMUNITY Service Centre Saturday afternoon saw this group discussing the present and future needs of the centre. (From left to right) Peggie Balkind, chairlady of the North

Halton Contact Centre; Gail Maltby, chairlady of the ASCS board and Nancy MacPherson, co-ordinator with Halton Regional Human Services Council.

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## A puppet show with no name

A puppet show without a name played to 69 children attending Saturday afternoon's programme at the Halton Hills Public Library in Acton.

Consequently, the youngsters had an opportunity to suggest names of their own invention to the puppeteers, the Muir family of Brantford. Gary Muir his wife Everill, and their two children, Kiri Lynn, 9, and Kevin, 8, presented the puppet show as a brief change of pace to the programme of sing-along folksong.

The Muirs, who started singing together 12 years ago and expanded as time went by, wrote the play and its songs the week before after having already made the puppets.

Said Gary, "It's a hobby." He told the audience, some of whom spontaneously broke into song on the first bars of his tunes, that they were the most enthusiastic he had seen.

Oh yes, the names suggested included these: "The Horrible Spell on the King and the Princess," "The

Witch That Had the Spell on the King and the Queen", "The Princess, and the King" and

"The Princess and the Prince". The next and final event in

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