



BRITISH LADIES VISIT

More than 30 of the 45 members of a British Women's Institute exchange tour visited in Halton Hills Friday returning a visit made by members of a Cambridge Women's Institute tour in 1977. Peggy Knapp, formerly of Little's Corners Women's Institute in Cambridge and now with the Ashgrove W.I., entertained the visitors at her Eighth Line home. Among those

attending were from the left: Kay Thomas of Rhuddlan, Wales, Betty Harvie of Cambridge, Gwen E. Lye of Rhuddlan, and Norma Alexander, president of the Ashgrove W.I. During their two week stay the group visited Cambridge, Ottawa, Three Rivers, Quebec City, Montreal and Toronto.

(Herald photo)

Authority planner will help Acton man with fill problem

An Acton man was told to work out his plans with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's planner Friday when the authority heard his application to place fill in a swamp south of Acton.

Dan Campbell told the CVCA he wanted to add enough fill to a low spot in a field on his property on Highway 25 on the southern edge of Acton to be able to go from one portion of the field to the other without going through the marsh area in between. The approximate size of the area to be filled is 300 feet by one thousand feet.

Mr. Campbell said the field now contains a driving track but the back has two high portions separated by a marsh. He would like to fill in the marsh and straighten out his fence.

The authority's planner George Popodolous voiced concern that Mr. Campbell's swamp might be part of the headwaters of Fairy Lake and opposed any changes.

Authority member from Acton, Gail Maltby, said the area would seem to be downstream from the lake and is a

considerable distance away from it. She also noted that there are some large trees in the middle of the swamp which would seem to indicate that this is a relatively new wet area.

"Some of the runoff from the subdivision on the hill behind Mr. Campbell's property drains onto his land," she said, "and it's got some fairly big trees in it so it can't have been there forever and ever."

Authority chairman Grant Clarkson said Mr. Campbell should try to ditch his property and drain the area. Mr. Clarkson suggested an agreement

be worked out with his neighbour when he learned the ditch would have to encroach on Mr. Campbell's neighbour Beardmore Tannery's property.

Mr. Campbell said he had tried that but Beardmore wasn't anxious to do anything about the move.

Brampton authority member Ken Whellens wanted reassurance that draining the land wouldn't be the first step in preparation to sell it to a buyer who would want more fill or other changes.

Mr. Campbell said he has no buyer waiting in the back-

ground. He wouldn't mind if he did have but that wasn't the case, he said.

The authority deferred making a decision and suggested Mr. Campbell work out his request with Mr. Popodolous.

Composting sought to solve waste problem

An Acton resident's written endorsement of composting as an effective means of solid waste management may find its way into a consultant's report for Halton region aimed at helping municipal officials come to terms with what has been called the garbage "crisis".

A letter from Charles Wright of Churchill Road South in Acton was included in the information section of last week's agenda for the region's Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC), where members scanned Mr. Wright's advice in conjunction with the proposed terms of reference for a study of the garbage situation by Kilborn Ltd. consultants.

A report in the Herald of August 15 concerning the soon-to-close Georgetown landfill site prompted Mr. Wright to write Halton officials about a book he recently read entitled *The Complete Book of Composting*.

Calling the text "a veritable encyclopedia" on the subject, Mr. Wright cited one chapter which discussed various methods of garbage disposal around the world, including mechanical composting plants which process 70,000 "metric tons" of solid waste a year and produce 50,000 tons of compost. The resulting compost is then sold for agricultural uses and private gardening, Mr. Wright reported.

CHIEF INTEREST

The Actonian mentioned gardening as one of his chief interests since retirement last year. Through the use of compost bins where he disposes all garden waste and most household garbage, he said, his garden is "already more fruitful and each week the

amount of garbage picked up by the collectors amounts to one small plastic bag-full".

"It seems to me that the Halton regional council, faced with spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to bury garbage, might do worse than purchasing and studying this book with a view to putting into practice some of the methods of garbage disposal mentioned in it," Mr. Wright wrote.

While Mr. Wright's letter required no official action, SWMC chairman Terry Mannell of Oakville told the Herald this week that the resident's advice will be "tied in" with the aspects of solid waste management being examined

between now and next February by Kilborn Ltd. Noting that composting has been endorsed by Oakville city council

for that municipality, Coun. Mannell explained that his committee is "attempting to be conscious of individual efforts" in waste management.

According to the terms of reference approved for Kilborn last week, the consultants will begin this month reviewing and updating existing re-

ports concerning waste disposal, examine disposal practices and facilities, evaluate markets and disposal alternatives, determine methods of administration and financing as well as operation and implementation and submit draft and final reports to the SWMC early in February.



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