



Two bears, three foxes join game farm menagerie

The animal population at Mountsberg Game Farm is growing almost daily. Most recent acquisition includes two cute black bear cubs and three sleek red foxes, who arrived last Wednesday from their previous home, a privately-operated zoo near Bowmanville.

Game technician Frank Timmermans, who operates the Nassagaweya "Town Line" farm west of Campbellville for the Halton Region Conservation Authority, soon had the bears and the foxes settled down in their new homes. He built an enclosure beneath an eave of the barn for the bears, where they can enjoy both indoor and outdoor frolics, complete with their own special tree for climbing. And soon they'll have a rubber tire to swing on, too.

The foxes went to a new outdoor enclosure where they joined two regular tenants of the game farm, a young female fox and a male brush wolf that arrived at Mountsberg earlier this summer. There they have a few

trees, a pit for digging homes in, and plenty of long grass for cover.

The animals, believe it or not, were bewildered by the size of their new surroundings. In Bowmanville where they stayed at Keith Connell's zoo, they were used to cramped quarters about one-fifth the size of their new homes.

The bears and foxes join three deer, a hawk, two coons, several goats, four dogs, and hundreds of pheasants, geese, ducks and other waterfowl who call Mountsberg home. Timmermans has been breeding waterfowl and experimenting with them for two years. The other animals have gradually been collected from various sources some are wounded and turned in to the farm, others adopted themselves.

At Rattlesnake Point Park, the Authority has a 70-acre enclosure where nine buffalo, five elk and a deer roam about in the wilderness.

Next project for the game farm is the acquisition of a

bobcat and perhaps a muskox, the game technician said.

Dog meal is the main staple for the new arrivals at Mountsberg. Timmermans feeds the foxes a quantity of dog meal plus a pound of meat each day. The bears live on dog meal and four loaves of bread per day.

The Authority recently sold one of its young male buffalos to the University of Guelph for experimental purposes. A professor there wants to cross buffalo with cattle and develop a strain of "catalo". The experiment is not new, but previous crossings have failed to produce a strain of "catalo" that can reproduce by themselves. There are five adult buffalo and four calves at Rattlesnake now. The elk herd includes three adults and two young calves.

While visitors are welcome to visit the Mountsberg game farm anytime, Mr. Timmermans is a little disappointed with the lack

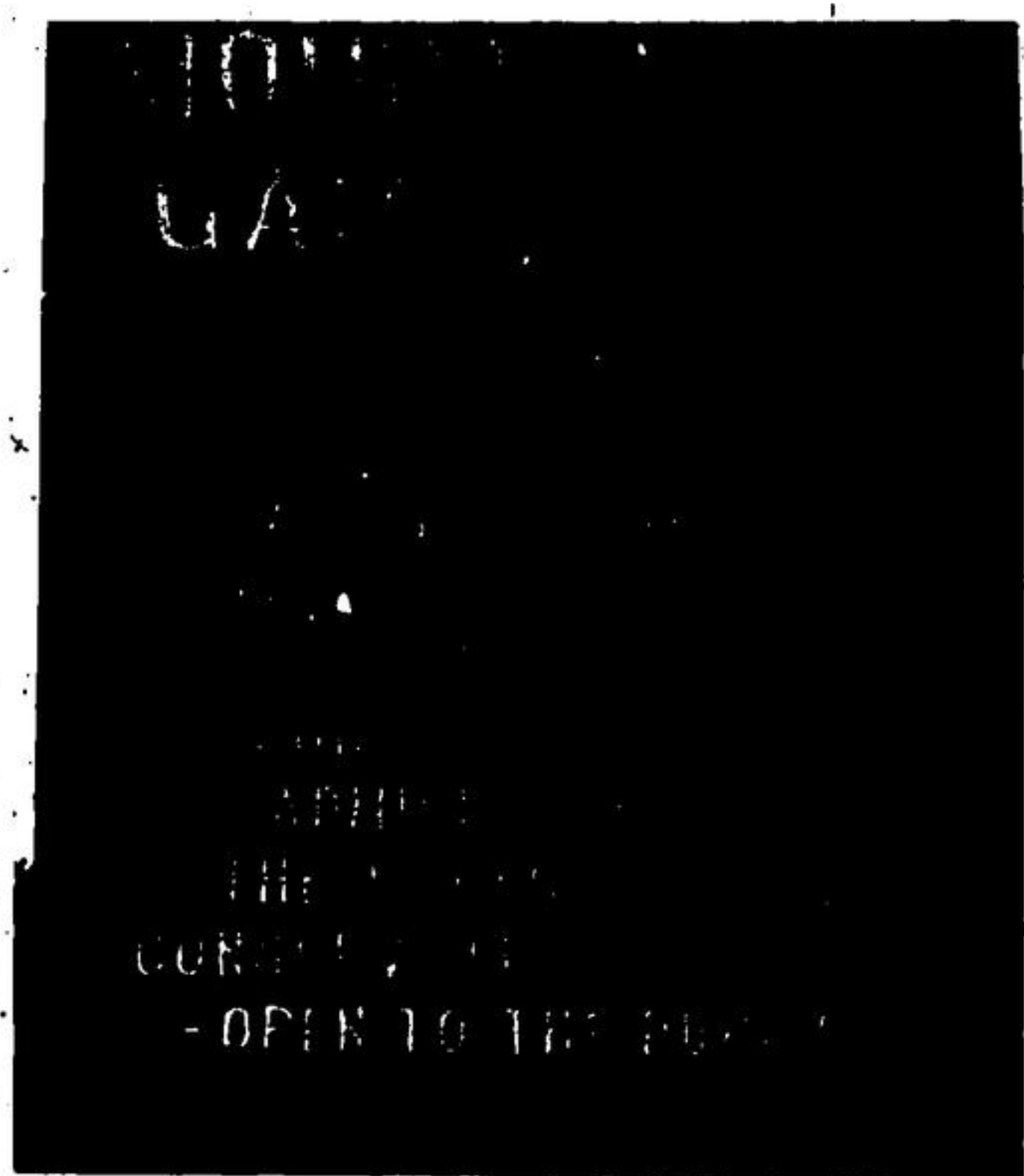
of voluntary contributions he has received to date. On Thanksgiving weekend around 200 cars visited the place and the weekend's financial donations totalled \$14.

Little spooks

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POWER VS. WISDOM

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists says that the basic problems of conservation are a result of the conflict between man's power and his wisdom.



MOUNTSBERG GAME FARM, located on the Puslinch side of the Nassagaweya Town Line, invites visitors any time to see the Conservation Authority's display of wildlife and waterfowl.

"SO WHO SAYS a pet coon is lazy? I'm just as industrious as the next fellow", claims this coon spending his days in a special outdoor home at Mountsberg game farm. Besides the coons, the game farm now boasts deer, bear, goats, fox, wolves, geese, ducks and pheasants. (Staff Photo)

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