

Buffalo Are Big Attraction Moving To Summer Home

The keeper of the buffalo likes his job, and the friendly four-legged beasts like him. It's an ideal situation.

Since last October five shaggy, brown buffalo (four females and a bull) have been residing in a four acre fenced-in area at the Mountsberg Workshop of the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

When they arrived at the workshop they weighed about 300 pounds each and were extremely timid. Now they've changed their personalities — they're actually friendly and have gained weight besides.

To Move to Rattlesnake

Conservation Authority employee Eddie Zurcher lives on the workshop property and for the past seven months he's been in charge of the animals. He feeds them twice a day (oats and hay) and takes quite an interest in them.

"We'll miss them when they take them away," he said. The animals are scheduled to stay in winter quarters another two months or so, and then move to

their permanent 75-acre home at the Rattlesnake Conservation Area near the escarpment.

The four females have changed colour slightly — now they are a lighter brown and have gained about 150-200 pounds since moving from their home on the Elk Island Game Preserve in Alberta.

The bull — the personal favorite of Eddie and his three children, has been tabbed with the nickname of 'Bobby' and it seems to suit him. Bobby at 600 pounds is the biggest and most lovable of the small herd, but as Eddie says 'the bull is the boss'. To prove his superiority, Bobby eats nearly twice as much as the females and generally rules the roost (or if you like — the range).

Depends on Mood

The four females wander aimlessly about the enclosure (about two and one-half acres of which is a clearing) but Bobby seems to know where he is going and he never follows the females, they follow him. While the ladies remain docile most of the time, he can be extremely

friendly or quite mean — "It all depends on the mood he's in. When the bull is in a good mood Eddie can get close enough to feed him straw by hand, but when he's in a bad mood he's liable to chase you.

Eddie recalls that one day an over-zealous photographer scaled the fence and tried to get closer to the animals to take a picture. Suddenly Bobby turned on him and the poor fellow had to take refuge behind a shack in the enclosure.

During the winter months the buffalo lingered about the enclosure, and only in extremely wet weather did they bother to move inside the small three-sided hut inside the enclosure.

Fun for Children

In recent weeks there have been quite a few visitors to the workshop, and the children especially seemed to enjoy looking at the buffalo. Eddie recalls on one Sunday afternoon cars were parked all the way up the laneway and spectators lined the fenced-in area to watch the five animals frolic about.



HALTON REGION CONSERVATION Authority employee Eddie Zurcher, hand feeds Bobby the buffalo bull, at the same time keeping a cautious distance from the temperamental western import.

HALTON MANOR

Park Pupils Give Musical Concert at Halton Manor

On Tuesday night, April 5, 45 pupils of the Park Public School Choir, Georgetown, paid their annual visit to the residents of the Halton Centennial Manor. Their principal Mr. William French, came with them and their Grade 7 teacher, Mr. Brown, acted as chairman. Their music director, Mr. K. Harrison, performed the duties of leader and accompanist.

The boys and girls presented a very enjoyable concert. From the opening number, Let's Go Fly a Kite, to the closing number, Oklahoma, the choir members displayed great talent. In addition to other numbers, they sang The Church in the Willows, It's Me O Lord and a medley from Mary Poppins. The pupils of several grades sang as ensembles.

Grades 8, 7, and 6, sang among other songs, Aura Lee, Wooden Shoes and Shepherd's Song, respectively. Variety was added to the program through the talents of individual performers. Vocal solos and duets were sung by R. Wicks, B. Nivon, C. Maugeest, J. Draper, B. Allison, P. Todd and R. Runham. Piano solos were played by J. Rundle and A. Harris, piano accordion solos by J. Brown and Horn solos by D. Brown.

At the close of this interesting

program Miss Lottie Moore thanked the children and all the adults responsible for presenting such an enjoyable evening for the residents. Cookies and cold drinks were served.

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The Easter Church Service on Sunday afternoon, April 10 was conducted by Rev. Stanley Smith, Minister of Omagh and Boston Presbyterian Churches.

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The Easter weekend passed off very pleasantly at the Manor. Many visitors came to see their friends and relatives among the residents. The Manor looked lovely with its special decorations emphasizing the Easter symbols. The residents enjoyed a special Easter dinner, for which a seasonal favour for every resident had been provided. The favour was a paper cup of candy attached to a paper Easter duckling and a paper Easter bunny. The favours had been made by Mrs. Freida Kopp the housekeeper and decorator at the Manor. The chef, Mr. Berg, had made special short-breads for the dinner.

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During the week preceding Easter, every resident had received a bag of candy from the Salvation Army ladies — the Brampton Corps who are so faithful in calling every week.

Evangetistic Crusade Gets Support From 22 Churches

The local arrangements committee of Crusade Evangelism has announced the first united evangelistic crusade ever held in Halton and Peel supported by 22 churches. Brampton Memorial Arena has been chosen as the place and Evangelist Barry Moore of London, Ontario has been named as the missionary for the eight day crusade scheduled for next September.

Interest in the project has been widespread with inquiries from Orangeville to Streetsville and from Acton to Woodbridge. The executive committee is headed by Capt. Carl Bowes of the Brampton Salvation Army Citadel with Rev. Gordon Stevens, Pentecostal, as co-chairman. Secretary is Rev. D. Stricker, United Church, and Dr. Max Eagleston serves as treasurer.

Already the committee has brought in an evangelist film from the Billy Graham Headquarters called "The Restless One." This is a two hour dramatic film in colour and sound which is to be shown in the Peel High School auditorium, the second week in May. Admis-

sion is by tickets costing \$1.00 and on sale through the churches and local business merchants.

The contact man for Georgetown is Rev. Bruce Woods.

"The production of 'The Restless One' film has given our organization the opportunity to function in advance of the September Crusade," Chairman Bowes said. "Now we can build on this experience to pack the Brampton Arena for the September Crusade."

Evangelist Barry Moore has received national attention ever since his Evangelistic Crusade in Winnipeg climaxed with 12,000 in attendance. His meteoric appearance on the Canadian scene has captured headlines in almost every major newspaper across Canada including the Toronto Star, which recently gave him a half-page coverage under the caption "A New Evangelist Arises."

The organization already includes over 50 leading clergymen and laymen throughout this area and hopes to secure the backing of the majority of Christians in the North Peel-Halton area.

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Harley Heads Food, Drug Special Commons Committee

OTTAWA Special to the Herald

Without objection from the committee members, Dr. Harry Harley, MP for Halton, was elected Tuesday, April 26, as chairman of the Commons' special committee on food and drugs.

Dr. Harley, who headed the committee in the last parliament was almost not re-elected chairman at one point when some objection was raised to the fact he already heads the standing committee on health and welfare. But the objections were overcome and he will again head the 24-man committee which has been charged with investigating drug costs.

present time. He said the finance minister is anxious to have the committee's report on the whole question of drug costs and the matter of the sales tax would form only a part of a complete package recommendation.

A steering committee composed of the chairman, vice chairman and one member from each of the Conservative, New Democrat and Social Credit parties will be established. Dr.

Poor Attendance Could Doom Three Town Urban Board

The North Halton Urban Board may be an organization on the way out — it all depends on attendance at future meetings.

The board's fate rests with council members in Georgetown, Acton, and Milton who must decide whether the setup is worth maintaining.

Just three members attended the April meeting in Acton, Georgetown deputy reeve James Young, Acton Mayor Les Duby, and Acton councillor Robert Drinkwater.

The entire meeting was spent discussing the merits of continuing or disbanding the Urban Board. It was decided to write individual councils and request three council members attend future Urban Board meetings.

In the event co-operation is not given by each municipality it is expected the board will be forced to disband.

But Dr. Harley ruled that the motion was not in order at the

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Harley said this group would have to discuss the desirability of engaging the services of a lawyer and an accountant as full-time employees of the committee.

A suggestion that the committee broaden its scope to include the cost of food as well as drugs was turned down on the basis of its terms of reference which call for a comprehensive program to reduce the price of drugs. To examine the question of food costs would mean going back to the House of Commons for broadening of the terms.

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