



SIGNALS WERE INSTALLED on the First Line Esquesing railway crossing, half a mile west of Acton, by workmen from the CNR. Work started on the installation soon after a car-train accident involving Mrs. Bernice Gibbs, who escaped with minor injuries, although the front end of her car was sliced off completely. The installation had been approved only a few hours earlier by Esquesing Council. —(Staff Photo)

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### WINTER HARD ON ONTARIO'S DEER

Many sportsmen don't realize that the number of deer they see in the hunting season may be directly related to the amount of food available in a cedar swamp miles away, where the animals spent the previous winter. Many don't believe deer are lacking food unless they actually see a dead or starving animal.

But a lack of food can show up in many different ways. A doe may have only one fawn instead of twins, or no fawns at all; or the deer's average weight may go down or bucks may not grow as big a set of antlers as usual.

Deer can survive winter by moving into the protective shelter of swamps and thickets. These "deer yards" are scattered about the country and, for reasons not yet fully understood, deer return to the same yards year after year.

During the winter deer feed on the twigs and buds of certain trees. They like maple buds and cedar, for instance, but they don't like alder or spruce. A healthy deer needs about four pounds or a bushel basket of twigs and buds each day. During an average winter a deer may spend about 90 days in a yarding area. One deer, therefore, requires about 90 bushels of twigs and buds to get through the winter in good shape.

Food growing in the winter yard must be within the animal's reach. A trophy buck may look 10 feet tall to a shaky hunter clutching a rifle, but deer are not really very big. A mature buck stands waist high to the average man and by rearing up on hind legs can reach a little higher than one's head. Food growing more than seven feet off the ground might as well be on the moon as far as deer are concerned.

In the northern portion of the

deer range the greatest factor affecting deer in winter is the weather. Snow depths and crust conditions impair the movements of deer in search of food or hinder their escape from predators. As snow conditions become worse survival of deer is reduced, especially among the young.

To assess snow depths as they affect deer, the department of lands and forests has snow stations throughout the deer range in the Province. Every week data is recorded on the snow depth and crust conditions for each station and forwarded to a central office in the particular district concerned.

Information gathered from district stations over a period of time is used to determine the effects of snow cover on the distribution and survival of deer.

Snow conditions is one factor, out of many, which may affect the deer population significantly. As more information is gathered and analyzed, management personnel will be better able to take action in the best interest of the deer herd and people who derive enjoyment from the resource.

Ontario Department of Lands and Forests at Hespeler report many cases of farm dogs and suburban pets molesting local deer herds. With the severe winter we are experiencing with deep snow the deer fall easy prey to the dogs since the dogs run on top of the crust which the deer break through.

Everyone should be warned that any dog found molesting deer can and will be destroyed by Lands and Forests personnel.

### HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of county council March 15, council:

- Learned the Director of Social and Family Services had received favorable response to the committee's request for a redefining of eligibility as it refers to welfare recipients.
- Were advised Mrs. K. Thompson, secretary to the Medical Officer of Health, will resign effective April 30.
- Agreed to a ceiling of \$7,500 for convention expenses during the year 1971.
- Agreed to re-invest a fund of \$15,000 earmarked for additional land at Halton Centennial Manor, on a short term basis. The fund was set up in 1968 and had been invested on a seven and one quarter per cent bank certificate.
- Were made aware of a memo from the Manor home physician Dr. Ivan Hunter urging a more expedient and less expensive way of processing applications to the home from hospitals.
- Learned the museum board had made Mrs. Jean Barber of Georgetown an honorary life member for her eight years of service on that board.
- Authorized Hunter Real Estate of Georgetown to provide a letter of opinion on the estimated value of the Coulter property in Campbellville. Georgetown Reeve Rick Morrow opposed the resolution on the grounds that William Hunter had served on council and the roads committee last year. Council had sent the recommendation back to the roads committee at an earlier meeting but passed it at the regular March meeting.

### Georgetown youth committed

Darryl Chamberlain, 19, of Georgetown was acquitted of three charges of attempted wounding in provincial court in Milton by reason of insanity. He was committed to the Ontario Hospital at Penetanguishene.

He was charged after he appeared in Georgetown high school with a shotgun Feb. 3. He had originally been charged with the attempted murder of Sgt. Frank Arthur of Georgetown police but the charges were reduced to wounding in court.

### Foreman's farewell

Free press foreman Murray Scoyne, who is leaving Acton after 17 years, and his wife Doris were guests of honor Friday at a farewell party held by Dills Printing staff. Mr. Scoyne has bought the printing and publishing business of the Ridgeway Dominion, his home town.

Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Scoyne by Wilf Duval and Mrs. Kit Dowling. Jim Dills showed slides of his trip to Cyprus, Israel, Germany and England. There was a buffet dinner and dancing.

Among those attending the party in the music centre were former staff members John Black and Mrs. Black of Islington; Mrs. Audrey Lawrence of Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. George Ware of Erin; Mr. and Mrs. Art Hawes of Georgetown area; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hayward of Milton. Albert Schupp was snowbound in Pennsylvania.

### Car engine ignites

Acton Firefighters were called to the Canadian Tire Corporation garage yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon about 4, when the engine of a 1962 Ford Galaxie belonging to Archie Papillon, Main St. S., burst into flames.

Firefighters said the car was in the Canadian Tire garage for repairs and had been left outside the building temporarily. The engine burst into flames when the car was started by a truck driver attempting to move the car.

The fire caused an estimated \$300 damage to the engine and hood of the car.

Monday night about 7, a fire started in the buffing room department of Beardmore and Company. Company firefighters answered the call and were able to bring the blaze under control.

### Juveniles charged

Two Georgetown juveniles have been charged with breaking and entering and causing malicious damage by Acton police. On Sunday the vacant house owned by Alteo Construction, beside the railroad track on Main St. N., was entered and considerable damage done.

Cons. Bruce MacArthur investigated the incident. The boys had an air rifle and were walking along the tracks.

### ESQUESING COUNCIL BRIEFS

Esquesing council:

- Passed a motion saying they have no objection to the selling of Ontario Sweepstakes tickets in Esquesing by the North Middlesex Arena Committee. In addition to the arena fund, proceeds from the lottery aid Middlesex Hospital in Strathroy, Cancer Society, Heart Fund, Muscular Dystrophy and Ontario Olympic Association.
- Approved the township's 1971 planning board budget of \$9,000. Last year's budget was \$10,000.
- Passed a motion making no objection to the Holy Cross Charitable Association conducting bingo at the Riviera in Norval.
- Received notice of their 1971 Grand River Conservation Authority levy, amounting to \$512.47. A small portion of the northwestern part of Esquesing comes under Grand River jurisdiction.
- Was informed by Councillor Dick Howitt of a Halton Federation of Agriculture meeting to be held at Milton OSD Monday night, March 22.

—Referred to committee a request from T. McGrath of Milton to make an apartment out of the upstairs of a home he owns on Lot 1, Con. 2, north of Steeles Avenue.

—Decided not to join the Central Ontario Regional Development Council. Membership would have cost the township \$270 for 1971. Councillor Len Cox said he thought the money might be better spent on recreation.

—Received a request for a grant in aid of the north Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. Reeve Tom Hill said he thought all grants were handled at the county level.

—Approved the recommendation of roads superintendent "Bud" Snow to call for tenders for the construction of the replacement for the bridge on the Tenth Line, north of Norval.

—Approved for payment the sum of \$12,707.15 for the township's brand new Burroughs accounting machine. The money is to be paid out of the township's capital reserve fund.

—Authorized Mr. Snow to call for tenders for dead elm tree removal in the township, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

—Authorized Mr. Snow to purchase a used snow plow from Dominion Machinery at a price of \$700, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

—Extended validity of a building permit issued to Tom Gray of Burlington in May of last year, until May 1972. A letter from Mr. Gray's wife explained Mr. Gray was having serious eye problems and would have to undergo an operation. The letter said construction of their proposed home on lot 20, Con. 1, would likely have to be delayed until next year.

—Councillor Wilfrid Leslie, chairman of the wage negotiations committee, reported wage increases for the township's office staff have been agreed upon and that negotiations are proceeding for the works department.

—Councillor Len Cox suggested some form of identification be placed in front of Reeve Hill at the council table so that strangers appearing before council would recognize him as reeve of the township.

—Passed by-laws to provide for 1971 road expenditures and supplementary road expenditures in the township.



CANADA'S NATIONAL "TIMMY" for 1971 is 11-year-old Denis Lapalme of Timmins, pictured with his hockey idol, Ontario's athlete of the year Bobby Orr. Denis lost both legs in a train accident three years ago but today, with two artificial legs, is a keen skater and plays on the atom hockey team.

### List schedule 4-town tourney

Over 200 house league players in the novice, pee wee, bantam and midget age groups from Acton, Georgetown, Orangeville and Streetsville will converge on the Acton Community Centre for the annual Four Town Hockey Tournament this Saturday.

A complete tournament schedule follows;

A.M.	Novice	Acton vs. Georgetown
7.15	Pee Wee	Streetsville vs. Georgetown
8.10	Bantam	Acton vs. Georgetown
9.05		
10.20	Novice	Scrape and Flood
11.15	Pee Wee	Orangeville vs. Streetsville
		Orangeville vs. Acton
P.M.		
12.10	Bantam	Orangeville vs. Streetsville
		Scrape and Flood
1.25	Novice	Consolation
2.20	Pee Wee	Consolation
3.15	Bantam	Consolation
		Scrape and Flood
4.30	Novice	Finals
5.30	Pee Wee	Finals
6.30	Bantam	Finals
7.30	Midget	Finals

### No insurance

Two men were charged by Acton police this week for driving without insurance. An Acton area man was driving his car, but the other man was operating a skidoo without insurance.

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### Death Notice in the Post Office

Only a name, with no one to care,  
Printed so starkly on the card there;  
Son of nobody, friendless, alone,  
No one to claim him, no one to own;  
So many people under the sun,  
Why could it not read, 'dear friend' of one?

Oft have I seen him, always apart,  
(Could not someone have opened his heart?)  
Searching the trash can, haply to find  
Some little treasure to please his mind;  
Inquiring vainly if it could be  
Someone had written to such as he.

Obituary? None there will be,  
For who would write it lingeringly?  
No marble headstone, how, when or why;  
Life in its cruelty has passed him by.  
Into the shadows, bravely, alone,  
Into the silence now he has gone.

So, as I read it, I drop a tear  
For the departed no longer here.  
His name is written now at long last;  
Death has dignity over him cast.  
Now he has ventured over the rim,  
A loving Father will care for him.

—Isabel Anderson.

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