



JACK CARPENTER shows Premier Bill Davies how to throw that aboriginal invention, the boomerang, when he dropped in for a fun visit to the Sportsmen's Show. —(Staff Photo)

Loophole in by-law allows hunting program

The Halton Sportsmen's Association in co-operation with the Department of Lands and Forest will go ahead with their land management program in Nassagaweya without the support of Nassagaweya Township council, it was learned Tuesday.

Representatives of the club and the department have asked on more than one occasion that the township council change their hunting by-law to allow the landowners to enter into an agreement with the department of Lands and Forests and allow hunting on their land.

No go Encouraged by the quiet season last fall the council blocked any change. The by-law states that no one could hunt on private property without the written consent of the landowner.

After receiving legal opinion the department has decided they do not need the blessings of council. Doug Howell representing the department said if the landowner signed with the department this would legally be considered written consent for the hunters.

Howell's claim that a change in the by-law wasn't necessary brought cries of protest from both Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur and clerk Campbell Thompson, who insisted hunters needed specific permission.

Reeve MacArthur told Paul Coulson to go back to North Burlington and hunt where he lived. She urged him to start his programs there rather than in Nassagaweya.

Councillor Cal McIntyre told council he had visited Ancaster

where a similar program is in effect. He spoke to landowners, and police and learned the program had cut down on a number of problems that township had faced earlier. He said police will enforce the petty trespass act.

Council had been led to believe they would not in the case of hunters. Mr. Coulson agreed the act would be enforced if charges were laid but often a person would lose \$20 or \$30 pay to go and testify to get a conviction and have the guilty party fined \$10.

Four people appeared in opposition to any change in the by-law. One man told council he had set up a wild life sanctuary in Nassagaweya but he feared careless hunters. He said he had experienced bullets flying over his head while they tried to shoot birds at his sanctuary.

He suggested the hunters buy their own land and hunt on it. "Let them put their money up" he said.

Gordon Varcle told council he had made 40 phone calls that night and every one he called supported his position to any change in the by-law or anything that would encourage hunting.

He told how one farmer had lost grain, another had 28 head of cattle let loose and ducks were lost. "Since the by-law was passed we have had none of this," he said.

In spite of Mr. Varcles claims for support from each of the 40 persons he called, the department has signed 3,500 acres under agreement in the township now and restricted zone signs are appearing about the township.

Councillor Jim Watson objected to change in the by-law because he did not want to invite hunters from outside of Nassagaweya to hunt inside. Reeve MacArthur felt the abutting landowners to those under agreement would suffer.

Take precautions Mr. Howell argued that the agreement only gives those who

Esquering

Reeve, deputy clash

"If people in that area want it, let them take it over at no expense to the township," Reeve Tom Hill told Esquering Council last night (Tuesday).

Hill was referring to the pie-shaped piece of roadside parkland at the Silvercreek curve, which some residents in the northern end of the township feel should be dedicated as parkland in the new zoning by-law and maintained jointly by the township and nearby residents.

Absent from last week's meeting, when a letter urging preservation of the land was received from S. G. Bennett, Hill reminded council the land doesn't border on any township roads and that the township would not likely be able to receive subsidy on any work done there.

"How are we going to get parkland looked after, when we can't even get weeds along the sides of our roads cut?" he asked. But deputy-reeve Russell Miller felt council should use a little foresight.

"Maybe in the future we'll be paying \$40,000 for parkland. Just because there's no demand for parkland in the northern end of the township now doesn't mean there won't be in 20 or 30 years," he warned.

Suggests poll Miller suggested residents in the area be polled on what they think should be done with the land.

"We can't sit here as individuals and say it should be parkland or reforestation or anything else," he said. "We

should hear from the other people in that area".

When Reeve Hill asked councillors how many times they have ever stopped there, two, Wilfred Leslie and Len Coxe, both longtime township residents admitted they never have. However, Miller said he has stopped there at least a dozen times.

"Just because one or two of us don't use it doesn't mean nobody else does," Miller told the reeve.

Council decided to await word from the Department of Highways on whether or not they'll be able to get the land.

Bark from White Birch burns readily and can spread fire for miles.

Sportsmen's show . . .

(Continued from Page 1) Press. All received instructions from veteran boomerang lobber Jack Carpenter.

The championship trophy was presented by Labatt's representatives Stan Haennel and Premier William Davis who paid a surprise visit to the show Sunday with cabinet minister George Kerr. He congratulated Terry Thomas on his feat and then tried a few throws with the curved stick himself. And did very well, thank you.

There were films in the arena, pony and donkey rides for the children, trap shooting, golf demonstrations and instruction, balloons to release with names attached for a \$10 prize, draws, a Millionaires' night Saturday sponsored by the Rotarians, food booths to be manned, gates to be patrolled and a variety of other duties like clean-ups to be performed by personnel from the service clubs who co-operated to make this year's show another success.

Shoe-less Probably the most disappointed person at the show was Chamber of Commerce member Don Dupuis. He took his shoes off to participate in the tug-of-war. When he returned from the pull his almost new shoes had disappeared. He never recovered them.

Most excited spectators at the show were the displaced ducks and geese who were highly incensed that the model boat displays and races had to be run on the stretch of Fairy Lake they

consider their very own on Saturday only. Sunday the boats were back at the park point when water was considered placid enough to run the event there.

Boat winners Winners of the boat races were presented with trophies by Mayor Les Duby Sunday afternoon. They were:

B-Hydro—Johnny Bridge, Jr., Detroit; Don Smith, Buffalo; Randy Middleton, Flint, Michigan.

C-D Mono—Joe Lacey, Toronto.

B-Mono—Bill Platter, Buffalo. D-Hydro—John Freund, Kitchener; Mike Marneris, Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

E-Hydro—Dave Turner, Detroit; Bill Smith, Detroit; Tim Kraft, Buffalo.

F-Hydro—Ed Kalfus, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; John Bundy, Detroit.

E-F Mono—Tim Kraft, Buffalo; Ed Cooke, Toronto.

Maurice Staley of the Rotary Club was chairman of this year's show with John Shadbolt from the Chamber of Commerce, vice-chairman. Secretary was John Bomans of the Y's Men and others on the hard-working committee included Allan Eastwood, Chamber of Commerce; Hank Ruppert, Antique Gun Collectors; Rick Jackson, Rotary Club; Vic Bristow, Lions Club, and Roy Wood of the Y's Men.

Profits from the show will be split among the various service clubs.

Receives award

Miss Christine Brunelle, one of Acton District High School's Ontario Scholars of 1971, is the recipient of the Hurst Memorial Award for proficiency in Grade 13 History. The presentation was made by Mark Hurst for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst, prior to Christine's registration at the University of Guelph.

Hire tax collector

Esquering Council has hired Bryon Bentley as tax collector on a probationary basis at a salary of \$6,500.

He'll serve as tax collector until the end of this year at which time he may be appointed treasurer and tax collector beginning in 1972.

Some trees like White Birch need lots of light while others like Hemlock can tolerate shade.

Grand champion in poultry show

For the second year in succession, one of Fred Kentner Jr.'s White Leghorns was named grand champion at the C.N.E. poultry show. The bird topped about 4,000 birds entered in all classes at the Ex. For the seventh year in a row, Mr. Kentner showed the champion bird in his class.

He took about 25 White Leghorns to the C.N.E. this year bringing home an array of ribbons as well as cash awards.

Director presents The grand championship trophy was presented to him at the C.N.E. by director Alf Ahlers.

Fred Kentner Sr. won firsts in his class with Dark Brown Leghorns.

The Kentners are consistent winners at the C.N.E., local fairs and shows in the U.S.A.

Charges laid

An Acton man was arrested, lodged in jail and charged with threatening and having liquor in a place other than his residence, following an incident Sunday. Cons. Brown investigated the complaint.

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