

# First Christmas bazaar held by HCRR

The old Rockwood railway station took on new color over the weekend when it was decorated to house the first Christmas bazaar ever held by the Halton County Radial Railway (HCRR). Over 300 people from many areas of southern Ontario visited the railway museum, anxious to participate in the last event of the season as well as to stock up on home-made items for Christmas gifts.

All afternoon, from 1 p.m. to 4 o'clock clanging of bells could be heard as children and adults crowded onto vintage streetcars to enjoy free rides from the station

house on the Guelph Line, to the car barns. Hot chocolate, hot coffee and hot dogs were on the menu for those who had braved the damp cold weather to take the jaunts. Many of those attending were families of electric railway buffs who had come some distance; others dropped in from local centres.

For sale Stuffed toys, hats, cushions, decorations and a myriad of holiday items had been hand-made in workshops and at homes of six of the club ladies. Under convener'ship of Joan Johns, wife of the president of the HCRR, the

workers managed to fill to capacity five booths with their industrious efforts. Home-baked goods arrived in scores and, by 3:30 p.m., almost all goodies had disappeared.

Although dull, damp and rainy weather managed to steer off many who had planned attending, members of the club are enthusiastic at the response. They intend to make the bazaar an annual event and hope that next year's effort will be as successful. Final accounting showed net profits to have reached the \$500 mark. This amount will be turned back

into the treasury for management of the club. The HCRR is a non-profit organization devoted to the preservation of electric railway vehicles. The energetic people working do so voluntarily, enjoying the club's progress and its successes.

Engineer caps One interesting item selling at a premium at the Sunday bazaar was engineer caps of the striped variety. Parents of junior trainmen, hopeful of finding railway trains in the Christmas stockings, were delighted at finding "just the thing" to top off the special

Santa gifts. Polka-dotted engineer caps were also sold out by the end of the day, as well as stiff-brimmed conductor caps worn by train and city street conductors. Kitchener, Brantford, Toronto, Hamilton and many outlying districts were well represented by the large crowd. Four o'clock closing time was also raffle drawing hour. President Bob Johns reached into the barrel and pulled out the \$10 lottery ticket winner's name, Ron Burns of Willowdale. Monique Plante of Rockwood won the ticket on the Holly Hobby doll.



WAITING IN THE STATION are two visitors from Toronto who attended last Sunday's bazaar sponsored by the Halton County Radial Railway and held at the museum located on the Guelph Line, Nassagaweya. Conductor Brian MacDonald has been with the HCRR for four years, this was the first time for Sandra Billock.



LOOK MOM, STUFFED TOYS, and David Johns of R.R. Rockwood and David Burns of Willowdale enjoyed festivities at the first sale ever sponsored by the Halton County Radial Railway. David's dad is a big wheel with the organization. He is president of the club and his son is proud of his family's role. His mother convened the bazaar and proceeds will be turned over for more restoration projects.



LYNNE MEEK of West Montrose is ten years old. She and her friend Kathy Johns eight, are oldtime visitors at the Rockwood station now standing at the Halton railway museum. They spent much of their time riding on streetcars during the afternoon but stepped into the station to get warm from the damp, cold weather outside.

## Traps and frees birds to escape jet engines

Ulrich Watermann is a lover of nature who puts his spare time and energy where his concern for ecology is. He traps birds at the International Airport and saves them from certain destruction, either from the jet engines of the airplanes or the bullets of officials' guns.

He and like-minded friends trap the bigs (mostly birds of prey such as the Snowy Owl and the Bald Eagle) in a net mesh trap. A pigeon is used as bait and when the larger birds enter the basket the pigeon escapes. The birds are then banded and if healthy, Watermann takes them to an area apart from the airport and sets them free.

### Snowy Owl

Watermann was speaking to a fascinated audience of 10 to 14-year-olds at Brookville School Wednesday morning. As he held a magnificent white Snowy Owl for all to see he told how this bird is the main problem at the airport.

"This Arctic-bred bird has no fear of man," he explained. "They don't even know man is their enemy and that's why so many are shot. They winter in the Toronto area and are attracted by the wide open spaces at the airport." If a bird has been injured Watermann takes it home with him to his bird hospital in Georgetown. Many have been "shot by uneducated hunters" he says. "Hunters should be fair," he contends, "if you go hunting (and he

admits he does) you should shoot what you go out for, not rare animals or birds."

Bald Eagles In Ontario there are only five pair of Bald Eagles left, Watermann claims. "I had one brought in by a hunter hunting groundhogs," he said. "That's quite a mistake to make!"

As a grand finale to his visit to Brookville Watermann banded a Great Horned Owl for the benefit of the students and set it free as they watched from the school window.



GREAT HORNED OWL is banded by Ulrich Watermann with the help of Tony Vadeika at Brookville School on Wednesday. Mr. Watermann bands the birds he catches at the airport, then frees them in another part of the country. This bird was let go at the school, much to the delight of the students.

## Signs are confusing

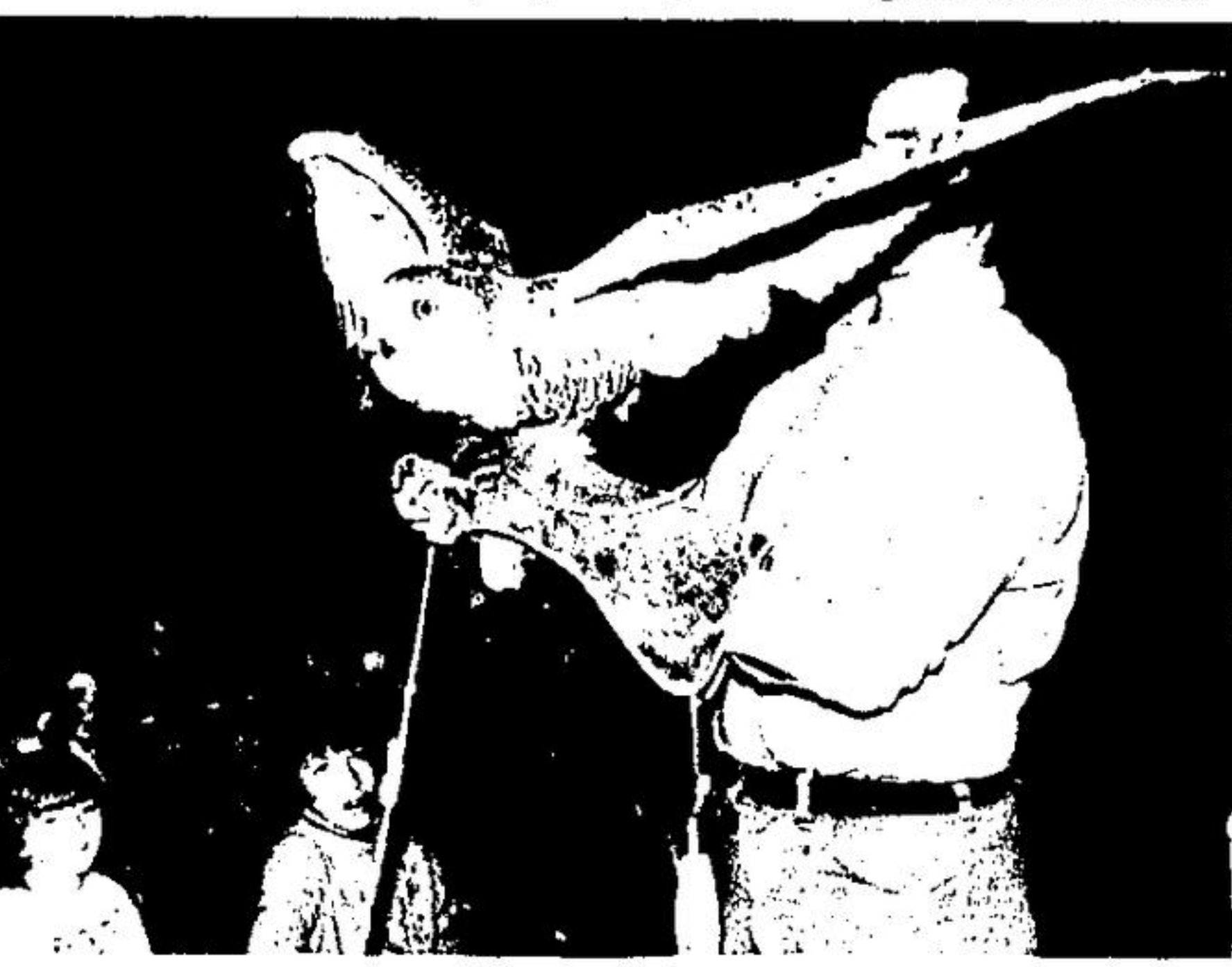
Halton Hills administration committee decided Monday night to ask the region to make all their signs three digits to eliminate confusion. "There is quite a bit of confusion when we get calls and people call a road by the region number but we call it by the local number," Georgetown Fire Chief Ken Buikema told the councillors. He pointed out there are many cases where a road will have a region or county number, an Esqueping or ward two number and then will be known by a local name also.

"There are many cases where a road is known by one name and a few concessions over by another name," Buikema explained. He said the works department is in the process of changing all the signs in Halton Hills to new signs. The new signs say Halton Hills and give the road number.

"The problem is the region has their own signs for their roads and the numbers are often the same as our roads," the chief said. "I know the problem well," said committee chairman Roy Booth. He explained that parts of the Seventh Line are known as Trafalgar Road and Halton Road Three. This all happens in the space of a few miles.

"Do we have any roads which are numbered over 99? If not let's ask the region to add one or two digits to each

of their signs to make them different than ours," suggested councillor Ric Morrow. Halton Road Three say would become Halton Road 103 under Morrow's plan. Morrow's suggestion was adopted and the next move is up to the region.



SNOWY OWL fascinates the children at Brookville school as Ulrich Watermann shows the bird he caught at Toronto International Airport. He saves the birds from certain destruction, either from jet engines or the shotguns of airport officials.

## Legion Notes

by GARY DAWKINS

This has been a busy week at the branch, particularly for the Ladies' Auxiliary. On Wednesday at the ladies' weekly bingo Mrs. Marie Pruetter of 73 Nelson Court won the Jackpot of \$500 by filing her card within 55 numbers. That should help to make it a merry Christmas for the Pruetter family.

The jackpot is offered each week and if you haven't been out to try your luck perhaps we'll see you soon.

The ladies also ran a special euchre Friday in the auditorium. They were very pleased with the turnout and Mrs. Jean Earle, the convener, was quite happy with its success. Winners for the ladies were M. Allen, A. Moore, and L. Andrews. M. Allen won the most lone hands for the ladies. Winners for the men were: J. Milne, D. Green and B. Fisher. R. Sheppard won the most lone hands. The two door prizes went to F. Johnson and S. Lowan. With the success the ladies had with this event we might look for similar nights in the future.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wedge organized the mixed euchre in the Men's Games Room Saturday night. The ladies' winners this week were K. James, M. Nicolak and J. Taylor. Winners for the men were B. Sheppard, D. Thomas and G. Johnston. This is becoming a regular event for a number of people due to the friendly enjoyable atmosphere which they encounter. In the auditorium a good

crowd danced to the music of Jeff Berry and by all reports everyone had a good time. Next Saturday the Melody Makers will provide the music for the weekly dance.

Daily Draw Norm Price was the only lucky winner of the daily membership draw this past week. Congratulations Norm! Other names drawn were: Dec. 2 P. Henderson, Dec. 3 W. Lamb, Dec. 4 D. Hills, Dec. 5 T. Huduck, Dec. 6 C. Jackson.

Branch sports Ten of the twelve teams split the points this week which indicates how close the play was in the Industrial Cribbage League. The only team to more than break even was the Hi Tones who picked up 9 points. League standings are: 230 Club 65, Hi Tones 64, Legion C 61, Firemen B 58, Firemen A 57, Campbell Const. 55, Ink Spots 55, Lo Tones 55, Disston Saw 50, Boat Club 48, Can Dos. 43.

The Bull Winners led the teams in the Industrial Dart League this week by picking up 6 points. M. MacKenzie still holds the highest individual score for the year with 168. Standings are: Bull Winners 40, The Dicks 37, D. Gees 35, The Lions 35, The Heads 34, Feathers 33, Moon Beams 31, Knick Nocks 30, Conroy's Kids 29, The Stripes 29, Odd Balls 24, Yogi Bears 21.

In closing let me remind all members that we hope to see you at the dinner meeting on Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets are still on sale.

## Water concern of Beardmore

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday night to send a complaint from Beardmore to the town solicitor.

Beardmore is upset with the poor quality of water going into Fairy Lake and flooding at the plant during times of heavy run-off.

They say the storm sewer being installed on Willow Street South is going to connect with the one on Agnes

Street and the water from the sewer discharges into a creek near their plant. The creek runs into Fairy Lake.

Beardmore claims the water coming from the storm sewers is poor quality and goes either into Fairy Lake or its tributaries. They use the water in their production process.

Damage and flooding occur at the plant during times of high water volume.

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