

Steels open home to vacationers

by Helen Murray

It's a holiday with a difference and it's almost within walking distance of Acton or Rockwood.

Rock-Ridge "Century" Farm Vacation provides urbanites with a chance to relax in the country, soak up some farm atmosphere and meet new friends.

Ken and Ruth Steel, RR 3 Acton, have opened their farm home to the public. They have taken their recently renovated home and now rent out rooms to

others who want to get away for a while, without paying expensive vacation prices.

And so far, even though they just opened in July, business is booming like they never dreamed possible.

Located on Five Side-road (Harris St.), at the First Line, the Steels are able to offer 100 acres of rolling hills, fields, hiking, fishing and an array of other activities. They plan to be open year round and have excellent cross-country skiing trails. It was only three

years and the Steels purchased the farm, leaving their four acres on the Third Line to spread out a bit.

Some time ago Frank Freeman, a fellow parishioner at Trinity United Church in Acton, said he wanted to give up his farm vacation plan at his Erin township farm. He had been after the Steels for some time to take over his line of work, but until this summer, it just wasn't convenient. But this year they decided to "take the plunge."

"It has been an interesting experience, to say the least," says chief cook and bottle washer Ruth. Since opening, they have had guests from Germany, England, New Brunswick, Michigan,

and reading, while others use the farm as a base for sight seeing in southern Ontario. It is up to the guest to plan the day's schedule.

"Some people use the farm to get out of the city and show the kids farm life," Ken points out, "some (guests) just want to use it as a hotel."

And from that point of view, he claims, it is very cheap. Bed and breakfast is \$20 a night. The food is delicious, the company great and the atmosphere friendly. A weeklong holiday for an adult costs \$165, with three meals a day. Guests may come overnight, for a weekend, or a week or two, all depending on what they want.

The Steels cannot believe the good turnout they have had. Since July, they have only had a few nights where they have not have a guest staying in at least one of their rooms. They are able to cater to special diets, but so far have not needed to.

Ruth laughs when she remembers one of the

guests who made her extremely nervous. He is a chef in a large restaurant in Burlington, and Ruth was afraid her cooking would not be good enough for a professional. However, says Ruth's mother, Mrs. Annie Scively, the chef declared she "cooked from the heart." They have become very good friends.

The Steels live in the same house as the guests, sharing the same facilities and table talk. This special atmosphere has some of the guests wanting to come back for a friendly country Christmas, but Ruth says she had to turn them down. Christmas is a time for her own family, and she isn't ready to share that aspect of her life yet.

The Steels large country kitchen usually has the aroma of baking pies wafting in the air, and the chatter of guests as they compare notes on their day's activities.

Not a bad way to make a living, the Steels are sure to admit.



One big happy family. Ken and Ruth Steel (standing) have opened their RR 3 Acton farm home to tourists. Rocky Ridge Family Farm Vacations enables city people to spend a day, weekend or week in the country. Around the table are: guest Stefanie Stefan, Oshawa; Mrs. Annie Scively, Ruth's mother; Ruth and Ken, and guests Elizabeth Berry, son David and husband Brian, of Toronto.

Assault police trial Dec. 22

Richard Holmes will go to trial on December 22 on charges of causing a disturbance, assault with intent to resist arrest and breach of recognizance.

His trial date was set in Milton Provincial Court Monday following several remands. He is in custody at Hamilton-Westworth Detention Centre.

The charges stem from an incident downtown the past summer involving Holmes and a police officer.

Driver hits horse

On Thursday, September 30, at 11:30 p.m. Robert Lehn, 23, of RR 1 Acton was southbound on Wellington Country Road 29 near Eden Mills when he hit a horse standing on the road.

Guelph OPP reported there was \$1200 damage to the Lehn pickup truck and the horse was injured.

Obituary Kimberly Petty

A recipient of Rockwood Centennial School's most dedicated student trophy for 1981-82, Kimberly Dawn Petty, died August 14 at the age of 12 years following a lengthy illness.

Kim died at her home at 154 Christie St., Rockwood, where she had lived all her life.

Born on September 27, 1969, Kim was the daughter of Ken and Carol (nee Hansen) Petty. Until the time of her illness Kim was an active member of the Acton Figure Skating Club, and was a member of Knox Presbyterian Sunday School and Junior Choir in Acton.

Left to mourn her loss are her parents; bro-

ther Kent, and sisters Colleen and Krista, all at home; grandparents, Ruby Hansen, Acton; Gordon Hansen, Guelph; Evelyn Petty Guelph; and her great grandmother, Emma Hansen, Milton.

Funeral service was held August 18 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton, with Rev. Gerald Rennie and Rev. John Robertson officiating. Interment was at Rockwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were, uncles Murray Smith Sr., Acton; Charles Petty, Rockwood; Glen Petty, Guelph; cousin Russell Murray, Acton; and friends Terry Heffernan, St. Thomas and Nigel March, Rockwood.

Lights "extreme" at crosswalk

The problem of cars versus people on Main Street is a concern of Halton Hills councillor Dave Whiting.

At Monday evening's council meeting, Whiting said a person was attempting to cross the crosswalk at Main and School Lane. He was almost struck by a car when it failed to stop for him.

The person went to the police, who said it was difficult to be at every crosswalk in

town. They did, however, tell the man to encourage the town to put traffic lights at Elizabeth Drive and Main Street corner where the corner is difficult.

Whiting felt this was "extreme" measure, but asked that some kind of alternative be looked into. He explained the crosswalk is a problem when the crossing guard is not there for the school children.

And at that they are quite successful. Stefanie Stefan, of Oshawa, spent a week on the farm recently and loved every minute of it. She explained that from the first moment she sat down in the spacious old home she felt like a member of the family. She definitely plans to return next summer. She never had a dull moment.

While the Steels provide meals and a bed, they do not provide the entertainment. Some of the guests, such as Stefanie stay around the farm, hiking, painting,

and reading, while others use the farm as a base for sight seeing in southern Ontario. It is up to the guest to plan the day's schedule.

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NOTICE

1982 Hunting Licenses Rabbits and Pheasant

By-Law Number 80-94 as amended by By-Law 80-106 of the Town of Halton Hills and Section 44 (1) of the Game and Fish Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 182, as amended permits municipalities to charge a fee and issue licenses for the hunting of rabbits and pheasants in the open season.

Zone 79 - Rabbit October 20, 1982 - February 28, 1983
Zone 79 - Pheasant October 20, 1982 - December 15, 1982

Hunting Licenses are available at the following stores and go on sale SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1982 during normal store hours.

RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT LICENSES

1. J & T Sports	13 Mill Street E., Acton	853-3740
2. North Halton Sports	71 Main Street S., Georgetown	877-7771

RESIDENT LICENSES ONLY

1. Maple Rock Shooting Range	R.R. 1, Acton	853-0555
2. Hornby General Store	R.R. 1, Hornby	878-3329
3. Fred Howes (Fred's Live Bait & Tackle)		877-5355

NOTE: Maple Rock Shooting Range, Hornby General Store and Fred's Live Bait and Tackle have no Non-resident Hunting Licenses.

In accordance with By-Law 80-94 as amended by By-Law 80-106 Non-Resident Hunting Licenses are restricted to 200 in total. J & T Sports will have 75 non-resident licenses to be issued and North Halton Sports will have 125 non-resident licenses.

NOTE: These licenses are issued on a first come first serve basis and cannot be reserved.

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