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Last Tuesday at the Girl Guides meeting five new girls were enrolled at the Scout Hall. Clady Eccles, Teri Petrillo, Angela Priestman, Laura Purcell, Jackie McInaney and leader Sheila Eccles.

### Theft of skins

## Doley gets six months

Al Doley, of Tyler Transport trucks and sold elsewhere with no company records involved. In sentencing Doley, an employee of Beardmore at the time of the thefts, Judge William Sharpe pointed out he was the "inside" man who made the operation possible. Two other men, John Jordan and Mark Gourlay both pleaded guilty to the same charges. Jordan, a former Tyler driver, was given a \$1,000 fine, probation and one day in jail. Gourlay, of Beardmore, who the judge declared only an accessory for not reporting the thefts, was given one year probation.

## Our readers write

### Complaints are unfounded

To the Editor: Once again a controversy over the deer hunt has begun. Some weeks ago the editor of a local paper commented on a report telephoned to him regarding alleged, irresponsible and unsafe conduct of hunters during the past 4 day hunt. Telephone calls to the editor in question did not result in him divulging the name of the complainant. He did, however, indicate the general area in which incidents supposedly took place.

Since only a small party of us hunted the area in question and the complaints, as reported, did not coincide with the events in this area during the deer hunt, some questions were posed. Either the editor did not accurately report on the complaints received, or he had been given erroneous information.

In an attempt to clarify the situation, a letter was submitted detailing the inaccuracies of the reported incidents. It was assumed the editor in question, a man of integrity and many years experience, had accurately reported the information he has received. As a result we pointed out the questionable statements which had apparently been made to the aforementioned editor.

In response, last week, a further letter was submitted by some individuals who have for some time attempted to gain support to prevent the local deer hunt. The result has been only to further confuse and leave more unanswered questions. A number of statements made are not entirely accurate, or need further explanation, to allow the reader to fully understand the situation.

The theme of the letter was basically "Public safety". The inference was the public was placed in a dangerous position due to the deer hunters. Several comments were made to support the theory.

A statement suggests the "caller" was pointing out possible dangers. The editorial indicated specific events had taken place which were construed as setting up a dangerous situation. The incidents quoted were not a true reflection of what took place in the area in question during the hunt.

The mentioned 60 house subdivision in this area is on the former drag strip property. The plan calls for 53 homes. Lots have been on sale for some time. As of today only one lot has been sold. The developer will not begin until 10 of the 19 lots in the first phase have been sold. This land is open fields and not likely to be used by deer during daylight hours. It certainly isn't a property likely to be actively hunted for deer.

Reference is made to the use of rifled slugs which is claimed are much more dangerous than the other type shells. First, many hunters use only buck shot, second, although the slug is large and very potent at close range, it does not carry as far or as well as even the .22 rimfire.

The .22, as you should know, is one of the least potent calibres available. It is also probably the most extensively used firearm in Canada. The slug also rarely ricochets off twigs, stones, etc. This does occur with the .22. There are also many hi-powered cartridges which are legal to use in this area.

It was further stated houses are every 300-400 feet apart. Houses in the area range from less than 100 feet to up to 400 yards apart, along the road. What isn't pointed out is that concession roads are approximately 7 1/2 of a mile apart. The land between concessions, with the exception of roadside development, is made up of farm land, woodlots and swamps. There are in this area many parcels of dense swamp, some of which exceed 75 acres in area, surrounded on three sides by farm land or unused rough land.

The "personal bad feelings" which are referred to are not the result of stated opposition to the deer hunt, but rather to the use of inaccurate, misleading and erroneous statements which cast aspersions on legitimate, law-abiding citizens who partake in an activity of which some disapprove. They continually suggest the hunters are not capable of, or responsible enough to use basic common sense and good judgement in the use of firearms during the hunt.

During the past three deer hunts, the hunters have proven they are responsible. Don't forget, it is our children—not theirs—who are on the roads waiting for the bus.

They have also totally ignored the request from the farming community—on whose land the hunt takes place—for the controlled deer hunt. They are the ones footing the bill for thousands of dollars of crop losses each year.

It is not my desire to carry on a running controversy in the media regarding the deer hunt. However, I will not sit back and allow misleading statements and unfounded accusations to go unchallenged.

It is unfortunate there are a few residents of the rural area who, at the sound of a firearm discharging, develop an unfounded, unnecessary and irrational fear for their safety. It is however, fortunate the irrational people are not the ones carrying the firearms.

Yours very sincerely,  
Susan Lennox  
Director of Social Work

Art Hawes  
RR1, Limehouse

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## New truck is okayed

Some \$20,000 has been okayed for the purchase of a new truck for Halton Hills Hydro Commission, with an additional \$5,000 being earmarked to furnish the vehicle with the necessary equipment. At their monthly meeting last Friday, the Hydro Commission agreed the truck was needed. They plan to purchase a used vehicle.

## Linesmen to be hired

Halton Hills Hydro Commission will be hiring two new linesmen. At their monthly meeting last Friday morning in Acton, the commission decided to advertise for the position because they will be losing people to retirement over the next few months.

## New Bell system for long distance

Acton and Rockwood telephone users will be able to dial their own person-to-person, collect, credit card and third number billing long distance calls beginning December 14.

W.C. Salmon, Bell Canada's manager for this area, said the new system will also enable customers to dial their own overseas call to about 50 countries. Instead of having the operator place the call, the caller can dial the number himself. While new automated equipment routes the call the operator will come on the line briefly to arrange the billing or person-to-person details.

The new system will be available to Acton, Rockwood, Guelph, Fergus and Elora customers just in time for Christmas, traditionally the busiest phoning day of the year. On Christmas Day, Canadians are expected to keep the telephone network humming with some six million long distance calls to distant friends and relatives.

But Salmon warned that circuits for some calls may become overloaded at busy times because of the heavy demand on particular lines. The peak periods to avoid, if possible, are weekdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and holidays and weekends in the early afternoon and early evening.

Discount rates are available at certain times on customer-dialed long distance calls. The details are provided in the front of the telephone book.

Bell Canada says the greatest number of overseas calls will be to the United Kingdom, Italy, Greece, Germany, Portugal, France and Yugoslavia. Callers should remember the time difference between Canada and the overseas country. It may mean the difference between an answered and an unanswered call.

This year each of these countries may be dialed direct by the customer using the introductory pages of the current phone book for instructions.

Holiday calling can be smoother by planning ahead. Get numbers in advance. Directory assistance for numbers in North America is available by dialing "11", the Area Code if needed, plus 555-1212. Overseas numbers can be obtained from Bell operators now and kept handy for the actual call.

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## Golden Age Seniors plan dinner

by Edith Frankland

The afternoon meeting of the Golden Age Club was held in the St. Alban's schoolroom on Tuesday, December 7 with Isabel McDonald in the chair.

The meeting was well represented considering the wintery conditions. We are all looking forward to our Golden Age Christmas dinner tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 6 p.m. at the Acton Legion, catered by the Legion ladies. This has been accepted by a wonderful response.

As this is the last meeting of 1982, may we wish all members and friends a very happy Christmas and good luck and good health in the coming new year. Our next meeting will be held on January 4, 1983.

## Smoke but no fire

The Acton Firefighters were called to 76 Kingham Rd. on Sunday at 6:18 p.m. after the residents smelled smoke. It was a burned out switch on a electrical baseboard heater.

## RYDER'S T.V.'s CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN CALENDAR SALE

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