

# Out doors

with George Hoare  
The West Branch of the Credit River is running clear and free and I can't remember when it was so free of ice. The balance of winter could, as we all know, provide us with a complete turn-about. The 'Jet Stream' will be a deciding factor.

**Ice Travel**  
Don't be misled about the safety of ice travel if you can find it. Recent rains have weakened the cracks and caused the ice blocks to be death traps in some areas. Conditions further north are more favorable but it's a long drive to North Bay and beyond. Be safe, not sorry.

**Indian Rights**  
Much has been said about the agreement that was signed concerning special hunting and fishing rights of the Indian People. Right now I will make use of some of the notes in my files here.

The Robinson Treaties of 1850 gave the Indian people special status regarding hunting and fishing. The British North America Act of 1867 recognized the special status of the Indian People. This special status continued to be recognized in treaties three (1873), five (1877) and nine (1905) and (1923), particularly by affirming special hunting and fishing rights.

**The Canadian Constitution**  
The Canadian Constitution of 1981 reaffirms the special rights of the Indian people. This constitution (under section 37) specifically guarantees that a conference of First Ministers will be held within a year of its signing to identify and define these rights. The First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights is scheduled to be held in Ottawa on March 15 and 16.

**Special Rights**  
The Government of Ontario has always acknowledged the special rights of the province's status Indian People. In 1979, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources recognized the existence of treaty rights relating to fishing and the social and economic needs and interests of the Indian people in fishing for their

# LDC ignores reports — grants severance

Halton Land Division Committee ignored the recommendations of the Town of Halton Hills, the Region of Halton and Ministry of Natural Resources this week, and granted a severance of 25 acres from a 30 acre parcel of land owned by Eldon Comfort, near Speyside.

Chairman Brain Fletcher warned there is a 21 day period, when anyone including the three objectors may launch an appeal.

Comfort told the committee the 30 acre woodlot, which produces hardwood and maple syrup, has become too much for him

to handle, so he wishes to retain five acres and build a new house on it.

The MNR report stated the land was an environmentally sensitive area, and a wintering spot for white tailed deer.

Comfort refuted this point by claiming the primary threat to the deer population is from hunters. He emphasized the number of "No hunting" signs on property in the 17 Sideroad-Highway 25 area shows the feelings of the owners.

Challenging the regional staff report which stated the land was not within a rural cluster and would add to strip development, Comfort said there are 30 houses and in the area and claimed the severance would be infilling. He said some development in the area would ensure the keeping of Speyside School open.

Turning to the CVCA concern about the environmental sensitivity of the area, Comfort contended his occupancy has enhanced the area, and pointed out the pond he created has attracted wildlife. He said he had help from both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the University of Guelph in managing his sugarbush and wood for fuel operation. He said the ecology has been improved under his 11 year ownership, and said the severance would not upset the balance.

The applicant explained he was tapping 500 trees, but said there is potential for tapping 1000 more, "for a younger man."

He noted neighbors had been permitted severances, and commented, "a denial could be interpreted as discriminatory."

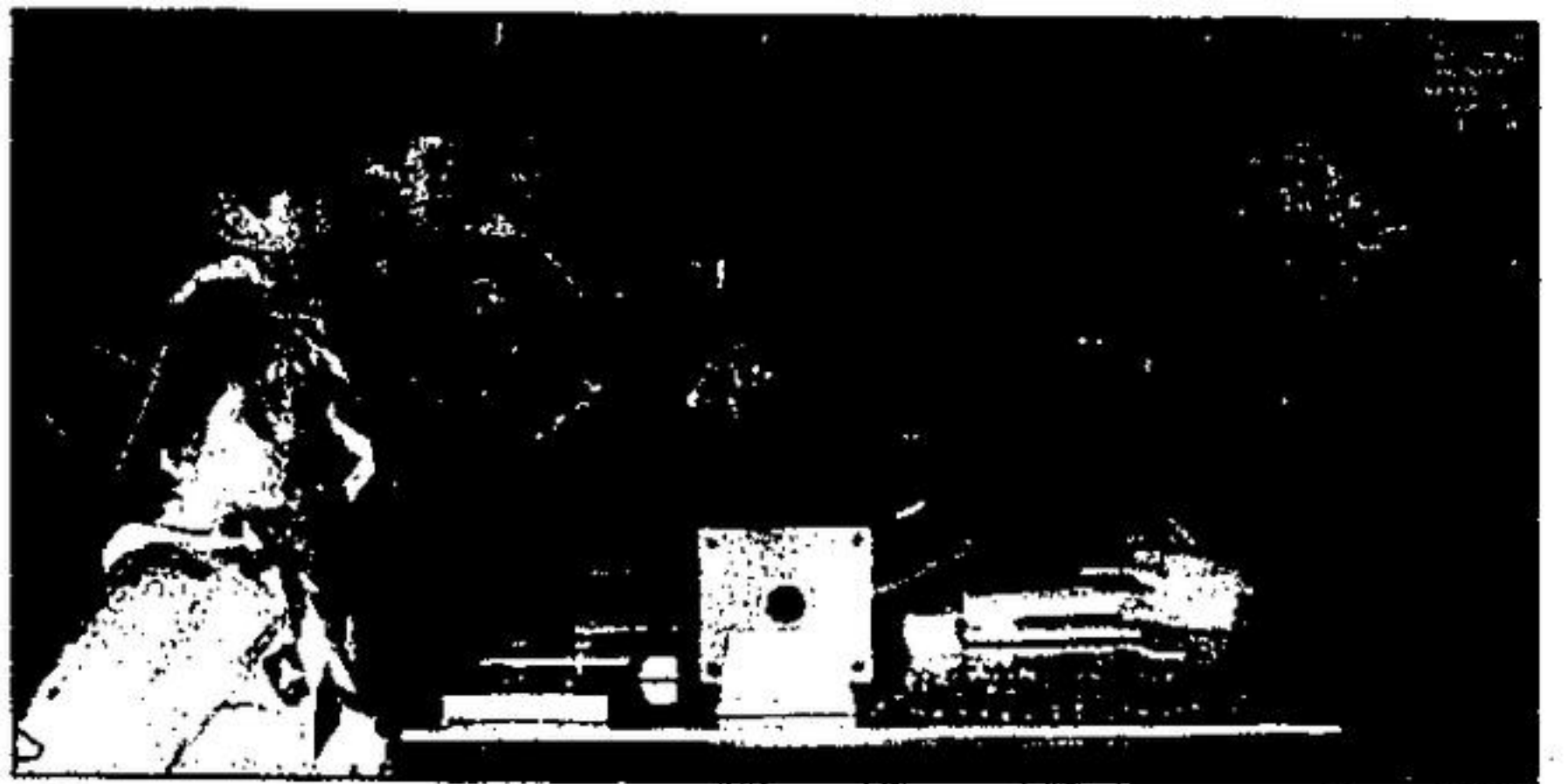
Chairman Brain Fletcher explained all applications are dealt with on their own merits.

Committee member Stella Parton suggested Comfort could qualify as a farmer. Both committee member Dollie Moulden and Bruce McClure agreed.

"I'm, certainly more of a farmer than my neighbors who obtained severances," commented Comfort.

Parton maintained the land was not agricultural, and emphasized the owner had brought the bulk of the land back in use through his own efforts.

The committee voted unanimously to grant the severance.



Coins are an interesting attraction for second year Cubs Tom Balsillie, Joey Bilik, Nell Spiller, Andrew Moeris, and Jason Bowers at the region workshop last Saturday. Murray Harrison of Acton led this section of the day at St. Andrew's Church, Georgetown.

# Second year Cubs enjoy resource workshop Sat.

by Jean Layman  
The Annual Cub Resource Workshop for North Halton District Cubs was held Saturday, February 5 at St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown.

This workshop was for second year Cubs and it was educational, fun, a learning experience in careers, hobbies and collecting.

The Cubs were divided up into groups and rotated to the various displays, which included stamps by Rev. Richard Ruggle, Coins by Murray Harrison, Cable TV by John Ollivier, Police Officer Paul Dewnsnap of the Metropolitan Toronto Police, Fly tying by Adrian Zmija assisted by Peter, Canoeing by Dave Hill, rope making by Jack Layman, model railroad by Rick Golding, and miniature steam engines demonstrated by Jean Layman.

The Cubs helped Jack Layman to make rope and the boys winning a length of rope were Jason Bowers of 2nd Acton Trinity, Darren Hill 1st Limehouse, Michael Hughes 1st Georgetown, Michael Gils and Robert Walker both of 2nd Georgetown, Steven Robertson of "A" pack 4th Georgetown, Peter Blencowe and David Young

both of 8th Georgetown.

Rev. Richard Ruggle gave each boy a packet of stamps in an envelope dated 1932, with a stamp post marked with a 2 cent stamp. (How times have changed). This will help the Cubs get started on a hobby which may have never come about.

Murray Harrison of Acton gave each Cub a coin with the possibility of many new Coin Collectors. Both Rev. Ruggles and Mr. Harrison explained what to look for and the value of stamps and coins.

Police officer Paul Dewnsnap had a display of items used by policemen and the new safety protection vest. He also showed the Cubs the paper work involved, the way to use the various billies and hand cuffs. The Cubs are still young, but maybe some will choose to be a police officer.

Fly fishing was a great sport for Adrian and Peter. George Hoare instructed them how to make and do fly tying which has developed into a real hobby.

Following lunch, Gordon Kearsley of the Red Cross gave a slide presentation on the 1979 train derailment at Mississauga.

The event was arranged by Elaine Hannah with Del Wood and Dawn Lockhart assisting.

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**Vote of approval from Lloyd Dennis for teachers**  
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ersted in hearing the truth as being titillated, he said.  
"I am tired of reading about the illiteracy of students," he added.  
Dennis is critical of following trends in education and tendency for boards to get involved in impulse buying. He said that the sudden fascination with the computer is leading to impulse-buying.  
However, he said that education has been relatively slow to explore the value of computers. Now boards may be over-emphasizing the universal value of the tool in education, he said.  
Dennis said that to be successful, education should integrate learning as part of human experience and not as a separate entity. The teacher should direct students to have values in life, have a feeling of adequacy, a feeling of sharing, courage and pride.  
Teachers took a few knocks in Dennis' two-hour presentation. He attacked teachers' pecking order and elitism.  
Kindergarten teachers and women are rarely considered for promotion to principal.  
Secondary school teachers think they are better than elementary.  
Yet, university teachers, who often can't teach and were never asked if they could, are put at the top of the heap, he said.

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