

# Charge Two with Killing Conservation Authority Elk

Two Hamilton men have been charged in the shooting and theft of a pregnant elk from the Mountsberg Game Farm of the Halton Region Conservation Authority three weeks ago.

Burlington police report that the pair have been charged with possession of stolen goods and killing an animal kept for a lawful purpose. Both charges were laid under

the Criminal Code of Canada. **OVER FENCE**

The elk was removed from the farm March 16. Game farm manager Frank Timmermans said the elk was killed and hoisted over a fence. The elk weighed 500 pounds and Timmermans said it would require at least three or four people to lift it over the six-and-one-half foot fence.

**REWARD**

However, though the matter is still under investigation, police say they expect no additional persons to be charged.

The Halton Sportsmen's Association had posted a \$200

reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible. Association member Paul Coulson said the incident was a "black mark against all hunters." Court date has been set for April 25.

## 32 Compete in Toronto Bridge

Thirty two members of Georgetown duplicate bridge club competed in various sections of a big city tournament last week.

And while none were top winners, many placed well and gave a good account of themselves.

It was the Toronto Spring Regional and took place at the Royal York Hotel. It attracted bridge players from all across Canada and the States.

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## Rural Stores One of a Series

# Ballinafad General Store Still Village Meeting Place

A general store that not only looks like everyone's idea of a general store but even smells like one, is the Ballinafad general store, owned by Mrs. Viola Shortill and son Morley.

Benches on the front porch invite shoppers to relax and gossip, as they did years ago when the store was the gathering spot for local farmers. Here the farmers brought rolls of butter, where it was printed up into pounds, and dumped potatoes into the large basement for sorting. Their produce was traded for groceries they could not produce.

During the shopping spree, while the women were in the store the men were in the hotel across the street, where the mill is at present.

**HORSE AND WAGON**  
Once a week the store owners

took the produce to Guelph by horse and wagon, and once a day they went to Georgetown to the bakery to buy bread. So obviously not all women made their own.

The store is still a general store, with rubber boots ranged along the top shelf, windbreakers and work gloves on racks, but right along side them is a modern day display of drug store type sundries, such as advertised on television continuously.

Modern freezers stocked with frozen foods fill today's needs but two coal oil lamps are still in evidence.

**POST OFFICE**

The store has been a post office as long as residents can remember, but exact dates were hard to find. Around 1900 the Betts family owned the store, later a partnership of Farnell

and Gardner owned it, then A. E. Farnell alone. This is the same Farnells who owned the store in town on Main Street until 10 years ago.

Later, about 1927, Jim Kirkwood bought the store, and also built the mill on the opposite corner. He sold just the store to Mr. and Mrs. Merriam, who held it for approximately 12 years, then a Mr. and Mrs. Robinson operated it for 10 years.

The owner immediately before Mrs. Shortill who bought it in 1969, was Eddle Smith.

In the summer time vines climb up the wall of the building giving even a more picturesque look to the store. It has been painted by artists several times. The most recent being a painting by Andrew Donato which was exhibited in the Colonnade, in Toronto.

## Jim Snow Comments On Budget

Public Works Minister James Snow, MPP for Halton East, says an increased deficit is necessary if the Ontario government hopes to bolster the economy by reducing unemployment.

Commenting on the budget introduced by Treasurer Darcy McKeough in the legislature Tuesday, Mr. Snow said that the increase in government spending was the lowest in 19 years.

"The public works budget is considerably higher than in previous years, but is almost on par considering we have taken over a large portion of responsibilities," Mr. Snow added, referring to services formally controlled by the Treasury and Economics department.

Public works spending this year will be 153 million dollars compared with 115 million last year.

Mr. Snow was pleased that the government repeated its intentions to extend GO Transit service to Georgetown. Also mentioned in the budget was the opening of the regional Diagnostics Centre in Oakville scheduled for later this year.

## In The Mail Bag

### Urges Shoppers Support Town's Small Stores

25 McGillivray Crescent  
The Editor

Dear Sir:  
"Keep 'downtown', the character of Georgetown, alive", should be the motto for the 50th anniversary of our town.

Who has or will not make use of our friendly grocery stores downtown, on the highway or near the station? You phone, they deliver! Shut-ins, families without cars, in time of illness etc., you need food, you just make that call. And for our 'downtowners' it is nice to make that walk to the store and have the shopping delivered. Let's be careful, those super-duper-market stores won't deliver, and we'll be stuck.

Let's stand up for our smaller stores, where people are still supposed to be friendly. We need them and they need us, so let's support them now.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Connie Nieuwhof.

Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough said in his budget speech that the elimination of the wolf bounty, which cost the province about \$50,000 last year, was part of a program of eliminating expenditures that have outlived their usefulness.

## No Bounty On Wolves

The Ontario government no longer will reward wolf hunters with a bounty on their kills, it was announced in the new provincial budget.

Conservationists who fear the wolf is becoming an endangered species have long been campaigning for elimination of the \$25 provincial government payment for wolf carcasses.

## Series on Sexuality Slated by Sheridan

During a four-week session at Sheridan College, teachers, counsellors, clergy and community members will have the opportunity to gain greater understanding of human sexuality in society today.

The course, Perspectives on Human Sexuality, will be given under the guidance of Sheridan's family life consultant, Don Wilson. It begins April 8 and runs four consecutive Saturdays.

Five authorities who are working and researching the field of human sexuality, will lecture and discuss topics concerning marital and sexual relations.

**ATTITUDES**  
On April 8, Dr. Eleanor Luckey, head of child development and family relations at the University of Connecticut will speak on Sexual Attitudes and Behavior of Youth in Canada and the U.S., followed by a dialogue and discussion in the afternoon.

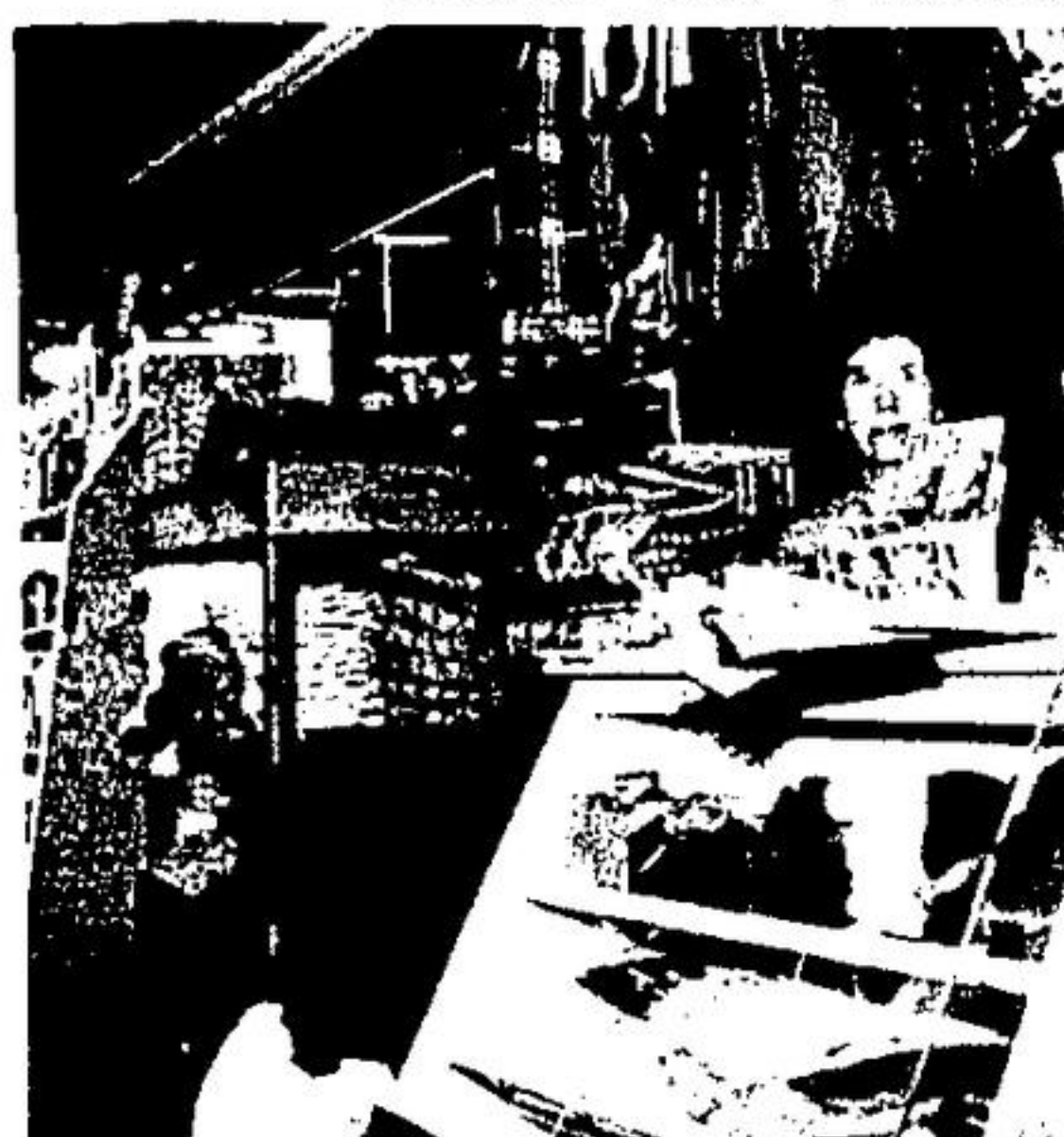
Dr. Carlfred Broderick, professor of sociology and head of marriage counselling program at the University of Southern California will speak April 15 on humanizing the Sex Education Curriculum with an afternoon lecture on Sexual Relations and Marriage.

**VALUES**  
Topics for May 6 include Pre-marital Sex and Youth, and Sexuality in the Aging, which will be given by Drs. Beryl and Norm Chernick, a husband-wife co-therapy team for counselling sexual dysfunction in London, Ont.

The last session on May 13 will be led by Prof. Clark Ellrey, teacher, marriage counsellor and author, who is currently at Texas Technological College. In the morning, he will talk on Human Sexuality and Values and in the afternoon—Sexuality in the Future.



Ballinafad store a favourite with sketchers.



Mrs. Viola Shortill amid typical general store stock in Ballinafad general store.

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