



## PLENTY TO DO AT MOUNTSBERG

The Mountsberg Wildlife Centre southwest of Milton is open all year and provides inexpensive family entertainment on the weekend. While the numerous trails cutting through the property make for enjoyable walking during the summer and fall, cross-country skiers find them especially attractive during the winter months too. The centre is operated by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

(Herald photos)



## Second deer hunt proposed

Pointing out that too few deer were killed during its Nov. 3 to 5 organized hunt to overcome problems created by a large deer population in the Halton area, the provincial ministry of natural resources has proposed a second hunt for next fall. Too few residents applied for the special permits which enabled hunters to kill deer with guns (a bow and arrow hunt is the only sanctioned method usually). Only 100 deer were killed, too few for November's hunt to have any substantial effect on problems as varied as highway collisions with deer and crop depletion by roving herds.

## Bus company seeks bigger, better licence

Extensive licencing changes proposed by a local transport company to improve local service and possibly attract tourists to the area have been endorsed by town council.

Ted Tyler, owner of Acton's Tyler Transport and Coach Lines, told council Monday that licence changes he will seek in a public hearing before the Ontario Highway Transport Board Jan. 13 will not only stimulate additional growth for his company, but will create jobs and provide the town with a better bus system as well.

However, Mr. Tyler said, his presentation before the board will be fortified if he has council's support and the attendance of the mayor or the chief administrator at the hearing, slated for the town offices on Trafalgar Road.

"I'm not asking you to support Tyler as an individual over another individual," Mr. Tyler said. "I'm asking you to support the idea by a resolution saying 'Yes, this is good for the citizens and we support the concept!'"

While some of the proposed changes "tidy up" parts of existing transport and busline licences to clearly state that he operates throughout Halton Hills and is allowed to run chartered buses to bingo nights in Toronto and Guelph, Mr. Tyler has more extensive plans for his busline even though he could face stiff challenges from area competitors at the Board hearings.

Mr. Tyler explained that north Halton's 60,000 to 70,000 population (including Milton) could support a regular, daily bus service to Toronto International Airport, providing a business opportunity which, he said, other buslines have failed to tap sufficiently.

With salesmen coming in and out of the area, motel owners have been "asking for this sort of service" to the Airport, Mr. Tyler said, "but the public is not getting the service it's entitled to."

And he said, about 40 north Halton residents have approached him to begin a more regular service to the McDonnell-Douglas aircraft plant in Milton, because GO Bus service does not match the company's working shifts.

Another licence change would allow Tyler buses to travel into the U.S. and cross provincial boundaries. At present, his licence only allows charters within Ontario, forcing bus-tour enthusiasts to

catch continental buses in Galt, Toronto or Bramalea. On the other hand, Mr. Tyler said, the busline could promote tourism in the area by providing a short stopover link for European tourists travelling by bus to other parts of Canada or the U.S.

"This area is a sleeping giant," Mr. Tyler said. "We've got it all here: Kelsco (Conservation area), Glen Eden, the Bruce Trail—there's a great tourist region here."

Council later approved a resolution formally stating its support for Mr. Tyler's efforts to improve bus service in town.

## IN THE CHURCHES

# Beyond Christmas

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Herald's "Ontario Outdoors" columnist, Bob Ollivier, has submitted the following article in the hope of maintaining public interest in local church activities throughout the year. A devout member of the congregation at Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown, Bob stresses that this column—expected to appear on an irregular basis—should provide a forum for the faithful of all area religions. He'll be happy to include your observations as well as your calendars of events, without bias, as they're submitted; just give him a call at 877-9290.

By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER  
Herald Columnist  
Christmas and New Year's out of the way for another year, or is it still a part of your thinking? Personally, I find that those special feelings derived from worship at this time of year last a long time.

Did you know the word "Hosanna," which is so familiar to Christians, is a Hebrew word meaning "Save Now"? The Jewish people sang the Hallel, Psalms 113-118, on the seventh day of the feast of Tabernacles. This was the "Hosanna Rabbah" or "Day of the Great Hosanna".

Some suggested reading: "Triumph over Tears," by Mary Britte, offers suggestions on how to help a widow. "Home where I belong," by well-known popular singer B.J. Thomas, is well worth reading. "Now I Can Be Real," by Larry Richards, is a good one for young people. Maple Avenue Baptist Church has eight young people in Bible School. Readers will remember the church held its 25th anniversary last May 25 with a proposed anniversary offering of \$25,000.

The church fell short of this goal, receiving about \$17,000. Considering that the church's total income, not counting the above figure, was over \$90,000 in 1980, it's clear that people believe in the need for the Church in the modern community.

Bible taught in Hungary - For the first time since the Soviets took over Hungary in 1948, public school students will be able to study the Bible in the classroom. A new course, "The Bible as Literature," is a first among Eastern Bloc states.

## Cambridge resolution shelved

# Minibike controls rejected

A city of Cambridge suggestion that the provincial government should set noise level standards for small motorized vehicles and launch a licensing program for mini-bikes failed to generate much support from Halton Hills councillors

Monday night, but at least one representative feels the mini-bike situation in rural areas is getting worse.

"All during the Nov. 4 election campaign, one issue that I heard repeated is that, next to dogs, one of the major problems is trail and mini-bikes," Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon said. "There's no method of identifying the people involved and I think a licensing program would go a long way to solving these problems."

Fellow Esqueping rep Russ Miller earlier disagreed, arguing that any legislation on mini-bikes would be useless unless it could be effectively enforced. Besides, he added, rural residents are getting "more restrictive" about who crosses their property and the problem, "as far as I'm concerned, has got much less."

"There's no way of stopping it," Coun. George Maltby said, "short of hoping people are coming to their senses about this thing."

Although the Cambridge resolution was treated as an information item only, Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy said he realized many councillors have trouble with snow-mobles and trail bikes on private property and suggested that any action from council should come from a recommendation of its own, rather than following the precedent set by another community.

# Charity status challenged - Renaissance files appeal

The Milton-based Renaissance International has filed an appeal against a bid by Revenue Canada to revoke its charitable status.

A change in its charitable status would mean that supporters of the group, which is devoted to upholding Judeo-Christian values, would no longer be able to claim their donations as income tax deductions.

Rev. Ken Campbell said the action by Revenue Canada strikes at the foundation of religious freedom in Canada. The reason behind the move is the group's involvement in activities Revenue Canada

doesn't consider charitable. Rev. Campbell said he believes the group's activities in the recent municipal elections in Toronto, in which they distributed a pamphlet critical of candidates who support homosexual rights, prompted Revenue Canada to make its move.

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