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## SPIN US ANOTHER ONE, AESOP

Scoutmaster Dennis White made a believable Aesop in Friday's Christmas concert by members and leaders of the Limehouse Scouting movement. Helping him spin some fables were Assistant Scoutmasters John Tanas and John Grace and Scouts Michael Casper, John Dewasap, Lee Foster, Michael Hannah, Patrick Harrison, Phillip Harrison, Matt Rock, John Rideout, Bill Shoebridge, Collin Saul, Jeff Stern, Robert White and Chris Williams. Story and more photos inside.

(Photo by Jean Layman)



There was music from all levels of Limehouse Scouting at the Friday night Christmas concert, and while they may not be angels, the Cub choir led by Assistant Cubmaster Guy Teller (and Akela Elaine Hannah, not shown) charmed a large and appreciative audience.

## Smooth approval for new rates

# Water bills rising \$19 with Ontario grants

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
 Herald Staff Writer  
 Confident that it will receive \$2 million in special assistance grants from the provincial government, Halton region has passed new, higher water rates for its residents, miraculously avoiding the north-south antagonism which had characterized the region's most divisive issue.

Only three Oakville councillors Wednesday afternoon opposed the new rate package drafted by treasurer Gerry Lawson, saying they mean Oakville rates will have risen 40 per cent in two years. Halton Hills residents can expect a \$19 increase in their annual bill based on a yearly water consumption average of 55,000 gallons. In 1982 homeowners here will pay \$197, the highest rates in the region, followed by Oakville at \$188 and \$176 for each homeowner in Burlington and Milton. By 1984, average homeowners throughout Halton will pay \$224 a year.

Town industrial-commercial consumers can expect to see their water and sewer bills rise 19 per cent in 1982 based on an average 55,000 gallons of water consumed. By 1984, all industries consuming that much water will pay around \$293 a year, while larger plants using an average of five million gallons per year will probably pay a "uniform" rate around \$10,630.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett told The Herald following the meeting that his council has never entirely supported the concept of regional "uniform rates" by which Halton's four area municipalities will eventually pay the same for sewers and water. Instead, he said, each municipality should be responsible for its own costs.

While 1982 sewer rates have not yet been accepted (regional council will set those early in the new year), revenue from the new water rates will increase 20 per cent next year over the 1981 rates and another 21 per cent in 1983. Subsequent hikes will be lower. Without the provincial grant, increases were expected to

rise much more dramatically. An earlier grant from the provincial government which has been phased into the yearly water rates is expected to be entirely spent next year. Burlington and Oakville regional reps threatened to dump Halton's uniform sewer and water rates this year if the new assistance grant was not approved, forcing Halton Hills residents to pay excessively high bills each year to finance sewer and water programs completed five years ago.

The grants were initiated by the province to cushion the sudden impact of higher water rates when the region assumed responsibility for water and sewage systems and opted, two years ago, to establish a uniform rate throughout the region. Burlington and Oakville councillors have argued that they are paying unfairly high water rates because the province has moved away from financing major water and sewer works in individual municipalities in favor of supporting the regional projects instead.

Under the present "uniform" rates system, they are sharing the costs of new works throughout the region. Having previously acknowledged that Halton Hills would pay substantially higher sewer and water rates without the regionalized system, Mayor Pete Pomeroy thanked regional councillors for supporting the uniform rates concept and the new opportunity for another provincial grant.

"We haven't got along through all this at times," he said, "and we've had our problems. I have appreciated the positions of my colleagues but I firmly believe that (sewer and water) is a regional responsibility."

Although the most bitter opposition to the uniform rates policy has come from Burlington, last week's rate package received considerable praise from them. Burlington Mayor Roly Bird described Mr. Lawson's report as the best of the ones the region has annually received while setting rates under the uniform system each year, while Coun. Walter Mulkeewich

said he "could finally see a light at the end of the tunnel." Fellow Burlington Coun. Joan Little said she is "appalled" at the increases, but feels they are accurate. However,

she warned, if the province decides not to go ahead with the grant at the last moment, the region should return sewer and water responsibility to the area municipalities.



## LEST HE FORGET?

Big brother Scott got to remind Santa Claus about his Christmas gift selections Saturday (see Wednesday), so Julie Pollock, 2, had a word with the old fellow too. Hundreds of youngsters greeted Santa in his special court in the Georgetown children's library Friday and Saturday and he'll be back again this weekend.

(Herald photo)



## LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

# Bag your family Christmas turkey at shoot tomorrow

Comrades Roy Wiggles, Fred Weaver are in Georgetown Hospital. Stan Swann is in St. Michael's.

Carclub winners for Dec. 3 were Bev Currie, Stan Norton, Sam Gisy, Wm. McCartney, A. Grieve and J. J. McCarthy.

Winners for Dec. 10 were M. Bower, Bernice Tolson, Russ Smith, Don Sargent, Doug Guest and Juanita Roberts.

Tim Sky will be entertaining in the Lounge Saturday.

There will be a turkey shoot

at 3 p.m. Dec. 19. The membership chairman is pleased with all the early birds this year but wishes to remind those who wish to become an early bird that time is running out. Make an effort to get your dues across the bar as soon as possible.

A last minute news flash: All car club members must be paid up to Dec. 24 to be eligible for the \$100 draw. This rule will be strictly adhered to so do not daily and be disappointed.

# Regional councillors launch debate over 'twigs snapped' by trail bikers

An apparently minor item on last week's regional council agenda flared into a lengthy full-scale debate about whether Halton's conservation areas are for pedestrian or motor vehicle recreation.

Two months ago, council allowed the Halton Off-Road Riders Association to hold an "observed motorcycle trial event" in the Halton Agreement Forest adjacent to the Kelo Conservation Area in Milton as long as certain conditions were met regarding the type of bikes used, clean-up

afterward and even where the bikes should be fueled. A follow-up study conducted by the region's environmental and ecological advisory committee noted that some damage had been done on the trails the association used, but that it was virtually negligible and the trails would recover in 1982. Small as the bikes were and as limited as the damage was, some councillors felt that other areas of Halton which are less environmentally sensitive should be used for similar events in the future. They were unsuccessful in forming a reg-

ional policy. Others, like Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy, argued that the association had only intended to hold the event in the forest once, and added that the matter could be debated again if a similar request comes before council in the future. "Of course some twigs were snapped," Oakville Coun. Ann Mulvale said, "but to give the

impression that a bulldozer went through (the forest) is misleading." Coun. Mulvale recalled that the region's planning and public works committee inspected the types of trail bikes to be used before making their recommendation to council allowing the event. In a demonstration outside regional headquarters in Oakville, committee members appar-

ently discovered that the special tires did little, if any, damage. However, Milton Coun. Bill Johnson, while agreeing that the association had taken great care to run the competition properly, maintained that there are other "areas in the north which would welcome these kind of activities" without arousing concerns for the surrounding environment.

# Kellar back in court Dec. 29

Eric Howard Kellar, 31, charged with first degree murder in connection with the stabbing death Oct. 22 of an Acton woman will appear in Milton Provincial Court Dec. 29.

Sent for psychiatric testing to the Penning Psychiatric Facility, Mr. Kellar will be making his second appear-

ance in Milton court. Mr. Kellar was arrested Oct. 26 at a Pickering warehouse where he once worked. He had been traced there by teams of detectives from Halton and Durham police following the discovery of the dead body of Colleen Gates, 22, a housewife and mother of two young children, early Oct. 22.

## Holiday happenings

Attention all five to 12-year olds! Plan to attend the Y's Christmas Holiday Happenings Dec. 23, 28, 29 and 30. Join the Y for a day of activities, or for four days. Pre-register at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. in Georgetown, 877-6163.

## Championships from N. American show and Royal

# Banner year for Ellas as cattle claim honors

FROM THE TORONTO BUREAU OF THE HERALD  
 If ever there is a list compiled of winners extraordinary, the Ella family from Hornby deserves to have its name added.

Last month in the North American Dairy Show in Louisville, Kentucky, the Ella family walked away with the Premier Breeder, Premier Exhibitor and Futurity Champion awards.

"Run away" with the awards might be a better terminology, since they immediately shipped their cattle to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, where they repeated these feats.

lately and we have to be pleased with the results," said Lorne Ella, in an understatement. "Everything (all the winning) hasn't set in yet because it happened so fast."

Lorne operates Rock-Ella Jersey Farm in Hornby with his 60-year old father Kenneth — and, his 11-year old son, Marvin.

"It is a family operation and although dad has stepped aside to let me run the farm, he still helps out a lot, as does my son," said Lorne. Winning has been a way of life for the family; they also were recipients of the Royal's silverware, such as the Rathby Trophy for the best group of four animals and Australian Trophy, emblematic of the

grand champion female in the show. In the reserve champion class Rock-Ella emerged the rosette winners in senior champion female and grand champion female competitions.

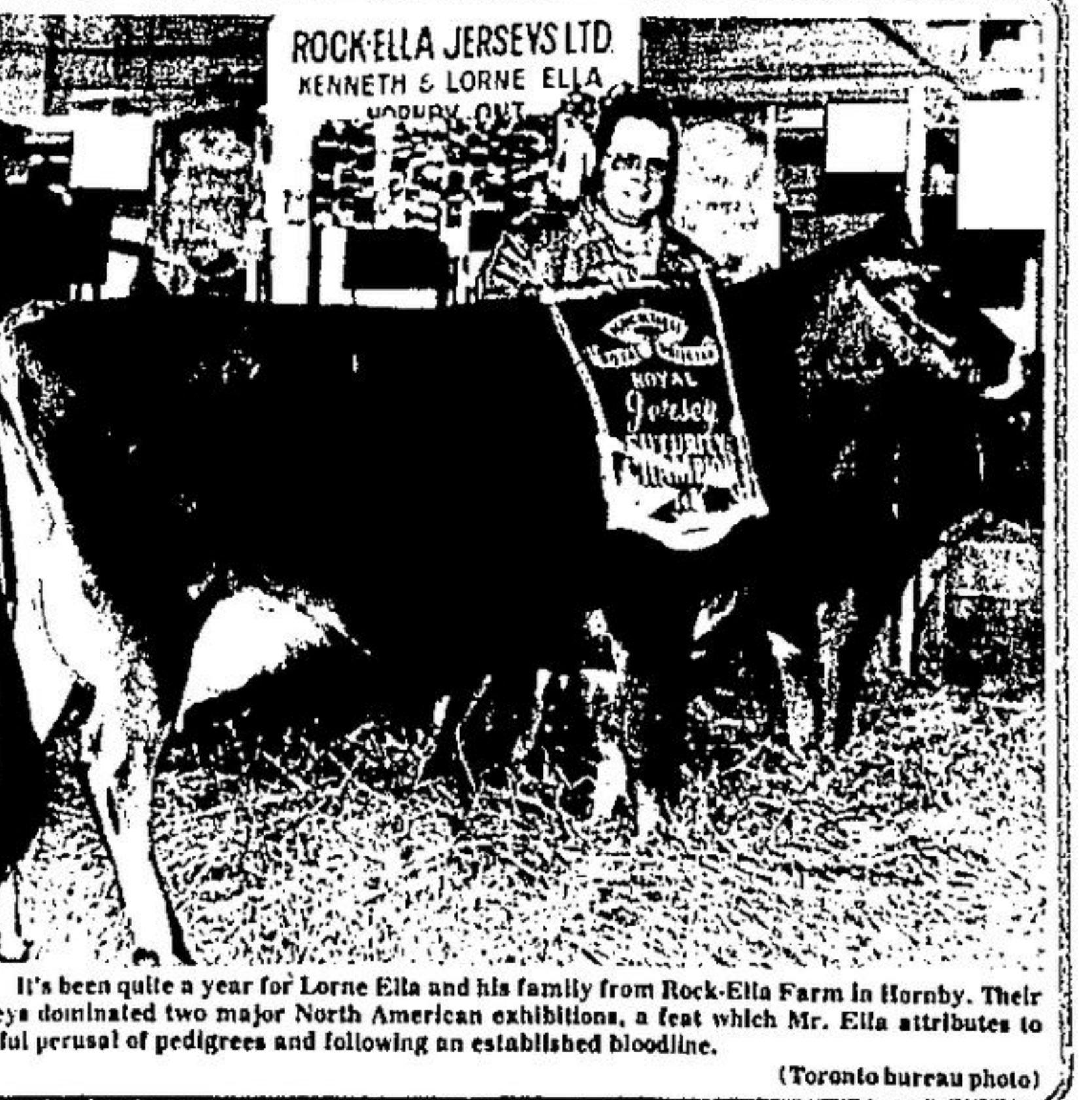
"We were showing the maximum number (eleven) of heads and this is without a doubt a very pleasant experience for us," says Lorne.

All in all, along with the prizes mentioned, Rock-Ella managed to take five first place ribbons, three seconds, one third, one fifth, two sixths and one ninth. Also living on the 140-acre farm is Lorne's wife Wilma. "All together we have 125 head of which 40 are milking,"

says Lorne. "I just study pedigrees a lot and we use a lot of our own bloodline. This makes for a lot of our success."

He says too much emphasis is put on embryo transplants and artificial insemination in a lot of cases and he believes the success of his farm is due a great deal to the fact he does not use this system.

"We use our own animals as much as possible and buy in some good stock to make sure of new bloodlines and as much as possible we like to stay with proven animals," says Lorne. In that last statement put the accent on "proven", for one thing is sure, and that is, the Ellas are proven winners.



It's been quite a year for Lorne Ella and his family from Rock-Ella Farm in Hornby. Their jerseys dominated two major North American exhibitions, a feat which Mr. Ella attributes to careful perusal of pedigrees and following an established bloodline. (Toronto bureau photo)