

Acton man's brothers-in-law guilty of keeping illegal game

Poaching charges dropped

Herald Special
Provincial court Judge Brian McDermid dismissed all charges Thursday against an Acton man accused of unlawful possession of game and hunting during a closed season.

David DeForest, 43, of RR 4 Acton was charged Sept. 6

when ministry of natural resources officers found deer meat in his basement as well as blood-stained towels in a basement garbage can.

Mr. DeForest's brothers-in-law Fred Newell, 28, of Churchill Road South, Acton, and Larry Newell, 27, of Broadway Street, Milton, pleaded guilty to unlawful

possession of game but not to hunting out of season.

Fred Newell said he and his brother were driving around in the early morning hours Sept. 6 because Larry wanted someone to talk to following a marital dispute.

During their drive they heard shots as they were

proceeding along 17 Sideroad and soon came upon a parked truck. The truck left when they arrived and they stopped.

Fred crossed into a field to look for what the truck's occupants might have been shooting at. He said he found a fawn which was already dead, brought it back to the truck and they left in case the owners of the truck discovered them.

They took the carcass elsewhere, gutted and skinned it and returned to Fred Newell's Acton residence to wrap it.

Larry said he was curious to see if the truck had returned to the scene but wanted Fred to use his vehicle so the hunters wouldn't recognize them if they were at the hunting scene.

Since Fred's truck wouldn't start they drove to Mr. DeForest's residence in Larry's vehicle, got Mr. DeForest out of bed and went for a ride.

While Mr. DeForest was dressing, he invited the Newells to come in and wait. Fred said he took the two roasts and small bag of stewing meat to Mr. DeForest's basement while they waited. Since Mr. DeForest had already gone to the bedroom before the Newells entered the house, Fred said Mr. DeForest might well not know about the meat placed in his basement.

The men drove around for about three hours after leaving the DeForest residence at 5:45 a.m. but never discussed finding the fawn or the meat in Mr.

DeForest's basement, Newell said.

Mr. Newell said the authorities did stop them and search the vehicle and mentioned they were looking for a poacher but no mention of the fawn was ever made to Mr. DeForest.

Mr. Newell also denied returning to the scene in search of a second dead fawn which authorities found in the same field from which the first fawn was taken.

Both Newells agreed that had they found the second deer they would probably have taken it as well although they denied doing the actual killing of the animals.

Prosecutor Michael Bader told the court he wasn't asking for a forfeiture order on any of the six rifles seized in searches of the three residences, nor was he asking for an order on Larry Newell's car which was impounded. Newell will have to pay storage charges on the vehicle.

Under the Fish and Game Act a fine of up to \$5,000 could be levied for unlawful possession of game. Mr. Bader said, but since Larry Newell will also face storage costs on his car he suggested a fine of \$1,000 each as a deterrent to other would-be poachers.

Judge McDermid fined each Newell brother \$500 for possession of game in DeForest's case, he couldn't be convicted since there was some doubt of his knowledge about the meat.

-Courtesy Guelph Mercury

Concerns over curve resolved?

The town's general committee last week approved a number of traffic regulation changes concerning the approach to Leslie Hill along Sideroad 27 near Terra Cotta. The bill is close to an abrupt curve and residents say better warning signs are needed to prevent accidents. New signs will chop the speed limit around the curve from 80 kilometers per hour to 30 and warn drivers of the curve's severity. In addition, the town's engineering department will study widening the curve, listing costs in the 1983 capital budget forecast. In the year he has been living in the area, one resident said he has witnessed three motorcycle accidents and as many incidents with cars which failed to negotiate the curve properly.

John Street walks go to capital forecast

Town council has approved a recommendation from its engineering department calling for a sidewalk construction on John Street between Mount-Ainview Road North and the railway tracks to be included in the town's long-range capital budget forecast.

The sidewalk proposal, which will be included in the forecast between 1983 and 1986, sees the sidewalk constructed on the south side of the street,

linking the existing walkway just above the railway tracks to the intersection of Mount-Ainview and John Street.

Concerned about the safety of children in the neighborhood, residents asked council in November to consider sidewalks for the area and asked that "children at play" signs be erected.

In the town engineer's report on the issue presented to the general committee last Tues-

day, it was noted that playground advance signs are already posted and further signs are unnecessary.

The report pointed out that John Street is narrow, has a playground to one side of the neighborhood, a steep grade from the railway tracks and, in places, has open ditches. Looking at these concerns, the report says, "a sidewalk would be a benefit to the safety of the residents".

Halton 4-H events

By ELAINE CUNNINGHAM
Halton 4-H
Veterinary Science Club
Embryo Transplanting is a fairly new procedure in cattle reproduction. Although not many people are familiar with transplanting, the Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club spent a very enjoyable evening at Via Pax Ltd. in Brampton March 30.

President - Kathy Galbraith;
Vice-President - Debbie Doenik; Secretary - Kelly Sachau; and Press Reporter -

Annette Ambo.
The leaders for 1982 are Fred Ambo, Allison Amos, Don Heath and Glenn Scott.

The meeting started with Dr. Bob Catton showing us a stomach of a cow. The cow had died from a grain overload. We noticed that the reticular's inside lining was in the shape of a honeycomb and the rumen had a pillar shape. He pulled the magnet out of the rumen and found a nail attached to it. Dr. Catton then turned the meeting over to the staff at Via Pax.

Maureen Higa of Via Pax, talked to the group. Her job deals mainly with the buying and selling of embryos to such places as Chile, Korea, England and Italy. She also discussed a few of the cows pedigrees and the future potential for embryo transfers.

Marty Darrow, also of Via Pax, who is qualified in both embryo transplanting and veterinary work, showed and described what he does to a cow from breeding time to flushing to transplanting the egg into the cow.

At the end of the meeting, Maureen and Tom Cook, Via Pax's herdman, showed us where the transplanting procedure is done.

By ANNETTE AMBO
Halton 4-H
HORSE CLUB

The first regular meeting of the Halton 4-H Horse Club was held April 1 at the Agricultural office in Milton, with 13 members in attendance. It consisted of a discussion on where and when the upcoming meetings should be held. This was followed by the election of officers. They are as follows:

Centre's swamp comes to life

It doesn't take much of a thaw to bring the swamps at the Mountaberg Wildlife Centre alive with the singing of many different frogs. Join us for an evening of "songs", as we learn the calls and characteristics of our amphibian friends. An interesting evening for young and old. Remember your rubber boots and flashlights. Meet us at the Interpretive Centre at 7 p.m. April 30. The hike will leave at 7:30. Films and slides will be shown in the Interpretive Centre and wagon rides will tour the area throughout the evening. Join us for a fun spring evening outing.

C&W party

A Brampton children's camp fund will benefit through proceeds from a country and western bash May 1 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Brampton's Century Gardens. Country rockers "Townline" and DJ Bob Hammond provide the music and a chance on a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia, provides the excitement. The \$10 per person tickets are available from 793-3678 or 451-9045.

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