

Mon Oct. 19, 1982
 N.R.T. Christian School,
 R.R. No. 2, Brampton,
 Dear Annie,
 Thank you for showing us
 around the Hearla. We
 liked when you showed us
 the computer. We
 liked how Hearld
 corrected the spelling
 mistakes. We enjoyed
 the camera and we
 wish we could come again.
 In love
 yours truly: Michael and
 Eric

YOU'RE WELCOME!

The Halton Herald played host recently to some 30 youngsters from the KRT Christian School in RR2, Brampton, and to show their gratitude for a guided tour of the offices, the students sat down when they got back to school to write a few thank-you notes. Reporter Ani Pedrian showed the kids around the newsroom before turning them over to composing shop staffers Dave Hastings and Myles Gilson and pressman Brian Minto. As their letter indicates, one of the tour highlights was meeting "Harold", the Herald's computer graphic computer used for some typesetting. We didn't bother running the letter through Harold to correct its spelling.

Ex-councillor applauds choice of town hall site

To the editor of The Herald:
 It is with a great deal of interest that I noted the controversy with respect to council's plans for a new municipal complex.
 Not having access to the details of council's deliberations on the land acquisition, it would be improper to comment other than to say there is a need for council to conduct such business in camera. I would like to say,

It's our money, too! - taxpayer

To the editor of The Herald:
 Taxpayers will only be out the \$10,000 deposit. Mayor Pomeroy says! Is that why meetings about the proposed municipal complex were behind closed doors? Why not in regular meetings, so they would make the local papers?
 In these times when we are trying to look after our nickels and dimes to keep our heads above water, it's "only" (!!) \$10,000, not to mention costs for studies and surveys. Mr. Gillespie, I'm with you. Put it to a vote. It's our money, too.
 Bruce Lewis,
 20 Mountainview Road,
 Georgetown

'Hunters not irrational ones'

Submitted to The Herald for publication:
 To the editor of The Herald:

Once again a controversy over the deer hunt has begun. Some weeks ago the editor of a local paper commented on a report telephoned to him regarding alleged, irresponsible and unsafe conduct of hunters during the past four-day hunt. Telephone calls to the editor in question did not result in him divulging the name of the complainant. He did, however, indicate the general area in which incidents supposedly took place.

Since only a small party of us hunted the area in question and the complaints, as reported, did not coincide with the events in this area during the deer hunt, some questions were posed. Either the editor did not accurately report on the complaints received, or he had been given erroneous information.

In an attempt to clarify the situation, a letter was submitted detailing the inaccuracies of the reported incidents. It was assumed the editor in question, a man of integrity and many years experience, had accurately reported the information he has received. As a result, we pointed out the questionable statements which had apparently been made to the aforementioned editor.

Letters to the Editor

The mentioned 60-house subdivision in this area is on the former drag strip property. The plan calls for 53 homes. Lots have been on sale for some time. As of today only one lot has been sold. The developer will not begin until ten of the 19 lots in the first phase have been sold. This land is open fields and not likely to be used by deer during daylight hours. It certainly isn't a property likely to be actively hunted for deer.

Reference is made to the use of rifled slugs, which it is claimed are much more dangerous than the other type shells. First, many hunters use only buck shot; second, although the slug is large and very potent at close range, it does not carry as far or as well as even the .22 rimfire.

The .22, as you should know, is one of the least potent calibres available. It is also probably the most extensively used firearm in Canada. The slug also rarely ricochets off twigs, stones, etc. This does occur with the .22. There are also many high-powered cartridges which are legal to use in this area.
 The "personal bad feelings" which are referred

to are not the result of your stated opposition to the deer hunt, but rather to the use of inaccurate, misleading and erroneous statements which cast aspersions on legitimate, law-abiding citizens who partake in an activity of which you disapprove. You continually suggest the hunters are not capable of, or responsible enough to use basic common sense and good judgement in the use of firearms during the hunt.

In response last week, a further letter was submitted by some individuals who have for some time attempted to gain support to prevent the local deer hunt. The result has been only to further confuse and leave more unanswered questions. A number of statements made are not entirely accurate, or need further explanation, to allow the reader to fully understand the situation.

The theme of the letter was basically "public safety". The inference was the public was placed in a dangerous position due to the deer hunters. Several comments were made to support this theory.

A statement suggests the "caller" was pointing out possible dangers. The editorial indicated specific events had taken place which were construed as setting up a dangerous situation. The incidents quoted were not a true reflection of what took place in the area in question during the hunt.
 It was further stated houses are every 300 to 400 feet apart. Houses in the area range from less than 100 feet to up to 400 yards apart, along the road. What isn't pointed out is that concession roads are approximately 7% of a mile apart. The land between concessions, with the exception of roadside development, is made up of farm land, woodlots and swamps. There are in this area many parcels of dense swamp, some of which exceed 75 acres in area, surrounded on three sides by farm land or unused rough land.

During the past three deer hunts, the hunters have proven they are responsible. Don't forget, it is our children - not yours


- that are on the roads waiting for the bus.
 You have also totally ignored the request from the farming community - on whose land the hunt takes place - for the controlled deer hunt. They are the ones footing the bill

for thousands of dollars of crop losses each year.
 It is not my desire to carry on a running controversy in the media regarding the deer hunt. However, I will not sit back and allow misleading statements and unfounded accusations to go unchallenged.
 It is unfortunate there are a few residents of the rural area who, at the sound of a firearm dis-

charging, develop an unfounded, unnecessary and irrational fear for their safety. It is, however, fortunate that those being irrational are not the ones carrying the firearms.
 Art Hawes,
 RR1 Limehouse

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however, that I strongly support a decision to build and as a former member of council who had opposed a new municipal complex in the past, I would like to explain.
 In the past, my opposition resulted from the fact that the official plan had not been completed and without those decisions dealing with population forecasts and urban boundaries it would not have been possible to designate a location or design an appropriate building.
 The Official Plan is now complete. The municipal staff are spread out at numerous locations and the council meets in a renovated, smoke-filled biselement.
 The site chosen by council indicates an understanding that a location within the boundaries of Georgetown would have reflected a disregard for our citizens in Acton and the rural area.
 Council has for a number of years set aside funds for this very purpose and the approximately \$700,000 available will substantially reduce the requirement to borrow.

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