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John Bard (R) joins dad Al for a day on the tractor at the annual Halton Plowing Match on the farm of Frank Anthony on Trafalgar Road north of Derry Road on Saturday. The chilly wind and maybe the

Blue Jays helped to cut down on attendance this year but many farmers still plowed straight as an arrow. (Herald photo)

Toronto orchestra studies 18 sites - including Scotsdale

Those who want to turn Scotsdale Farm into the next Tanglewood Park will have to wait a month before the Toronto Symphony Orchestra produces a shortlist of six candidates for a summer home for the TSO.

Scotsdale Farm, north of Ballinafad, is one of 18 applicants vying to host the TSO when it practices in the summer months. The park plan would be similar to Tanglewood Park in Boston, Massachusetts, where the Boston Symphony Orchestra plays.

Local residents and town councillors support the TSO scheme for Scotsdale. The 530-acre park bequeathed to the town by Lotta and Stewart Bennett is presently under Credit Valley Conservation Authority management.

TSO assistant managing director Marion Hart said last week that before a feasibility study is conducted this fall, over 12 names will be dropped from the list of summer home candidates. "We have had proposals from about 18 different areas," Ms. Hart said Thursday. She said all sites are "quite large", so size will not factor "in choosing" the TSO site she said.

Local resident Carol Howitt appeared before Halton Hills town councillors recently showing slides from Tanglewood Park in Boston. She said the same scheme in Halton Hills would give local students a chance to study with the professionals.

The University Womens Club in Georgetown also showed interest in Scotsdale being used by the TSO.

The final choice by the TSO will be made sometime next summer, Ms. Hart said. She said her "guess" is that a park, if the TSO chooses to go that route, would be named next year.

The Halton Board of Education voted earlier this year to use Scotsdale for educational purposes. But the CVCA was already in negotiations with the Dufferin-

Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Halton Hills councillors say use by the Peel School Board would be "compatible" with an orchestra park scheme.

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Halton approves 4-day deer hunt in November

Halton Region voted Wednesday to approve the annual Ontario ministry of natural resources deer hunt in Regionally-owned forests to reduce the amount of crop damage caused by deer and to reduce the number of deer killed on rural roads.

Almost all councillors supported the annual hunt, which takes place in November and December. The only two opposed were Milton Coun. Bill Johnson and Oakville Coun. Janet Mitchell.

Oakville Coun. John Graham said that the deer hunt "is only four days long." He said he prefers a "compromise situation" with the hunters who are allowed to hunt in Halton's Regionally-owned agreement forests.

But Coun. Johnson said the deer hunt is not four days long. There is also an archery season.

The Milton councillor referred to a hunting accident in 1986 yards from an agreement forest, where a 24-year-old man was accidentally shot by his hunting partner.

The controlled deer hunt "worked very well. There's one guy buried about six feet down. It worked for him", Coun. Johnson said.

Coun. Mitchell said hunting in Regional forests should be looked at carefully.

"What I'm asking through this motion (to oppose the annual hunt in Halton's land) is that we ask the local people to debate it."

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said he would support the hunt this year. "I really don't see the point in supporting (Coun. Mitchell's) amendment" to cancel hunting in agreement forests, the mayor said.

There are 14 agreement forests in Halton Region. Two forests are located in Halton Hills.

A hunting ban is in effect year-round at the Coulson tract in Hornby.

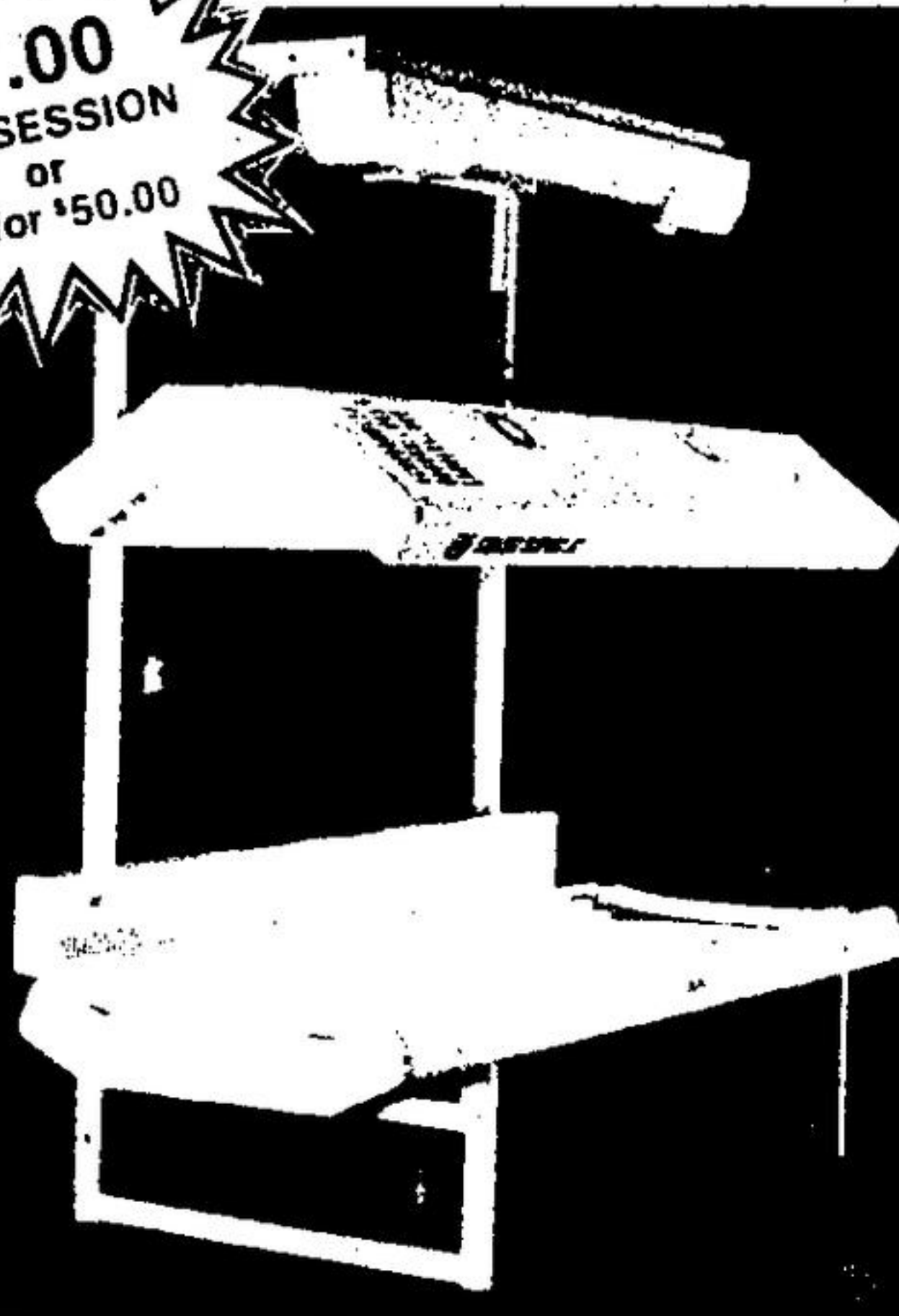
Of the 10 agreement forests in Milton, two are close to the Highway 25 boundary that separates Halton Hills and Milton. Five others are located on the west side of the town.

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