

### Scouts honor Turner

Halton-Peel M.P. Garth Turner recently visited 1st Georgetown Scout Troop of St. John's United Church. The Scouts are working on the Compulsory Citizenship requirements. M.P. Turner gave a very informative talk, followed by a question and answer period on federal politics and world affairs. Three scouts are working on the bronze stage, four on silver and three on gold to earn the requirement for the Compulsory Citizenship. Scouter Peter Moss introduced Mr. Turner and scout Garry Norman presented him with a crest in appreciation, on behalf of the leaders and scouts for his impressive talk. Pictured with Mr. Turner are scouts Rick Clark, Robert Forbes, Mark Mills, Jason McKinlay, Chris Moss,. Kris Noonan, Garry Norman, Phil Terry, Bruce Smith, Stan Hickey, Chris Descheneaux, Steve Clark, and troop scouters Paul Photo by Jean Layman Alexander, Peter Moss and Lynn Clark.

# Market proposal clears one hurdle, faces another

By Dianne Cornish

One of the backers of a proposed farmers' market in Georgetown is "elated" that the proposal has cleared its most recent hurdle. Even so, Philip Bender is apprehensive about the project's future in light of what appears to be an unwavering stance by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

Last November, the Erin area resident unveiled plans for a yearround farmers' market to be housed in two buildings at the former Timberland Lumber property on Highway 7, just south of Silver Creek.

Although Bender and his business partners had hoped to have the market open before this past Christmas, they soon learned that several approvals were necessary before the new enterprise could begin.

Among these was development permit approval from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC). Last Thursday, the NEC gave its blessing to the project.

"I'm quite elated by the decision, particularly since the initial staff report by the NEC was to deny our application," Bender said during a telephone interview Monday.

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Even with NEC approval, the Bender said. future of the project remains uncertain because the MTO insists that a left turning lane be built on the highway to accommodate the extra traffic which the market is expected to generate. It's projected that highway traffic will increase by about 2,200 cars per weekend if the new business gets the go-ahead.

With the cost of a turning lane pegged at about \$180,000, Bender said it represents the biggest hurdle to be faced by the proposal. "It makes the economic viability of our project, just not feasible," he

With close to 40 vendors showing an interest in manning booths at the market, Bender said it's important to note, "We haven't given

With the help of Halton North MPP Noel Duignan, Bender and other representatives of Barnside Marketeers Inc. are doing what they can to arrange a meeting with senior MTO staff in Toronto. "We're hoping to work out an interim, temporary solution,'

Within the next two years, the MTO plans to widen the section of highway running past the proposed market site to four lanes with a centre turning lane, Bender said. If those plans are firm, he hopes the Ministry will relent and allow the market to be established this year without the construction of a left turning lane.

Besides meeting conditions set by the MTO, backers of the market must satisfy site plan approval provisions set by the Town of Halton Hills and conditions of the Halton Region Health Unit.

## Our mistake

Georgetown the Horticultural Society story which appeared in our Feb. 13 edition, Julie Varricchio was identified as the Flower Show Convener. This was incorrect. Jennifer Barnett is the Flower Show Convener and Julie Varricchio is the Membership Convener.



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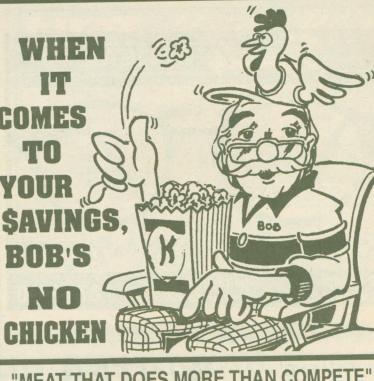
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