



—Jim Robinson, Milton Champion

### Who's afraid of the mean old witch

Jennifer Flanagan, as the Witch sent the "Cards" and Mad Hatter Mark French into a tizzy during the presentation of Alice in Oz at Martin St. School Tues-

day. The play was the school's participation in Education Week, which was celebrated at all Milton schools. Story pg. C7.

## Delay deer hunt decision

Another Halton three-day deer hunt will not be approved until it has been discussed again by the Regional Planning and Public Works Committee.

A recommendation from the committee that the Ministry of Natural Resources be informed Halton has "no objection" to another hunt was turned down after two Limehouse-area (Georgetown) residents asked Regional Councillors for two weeks in which to prepare reasons why a hunt should not be held.

To solidify their argument, Mrs. Debbie Kilmer and Mrs. Pauline Martland showed regional councillors a "No Hunting or Trespassing" sign which someone had used for target practice.

Presenting the bulk of the submission, Mrs. Kilmer said she had done some preliminary checking, but said with only one week in which to work, she would like the council to hold off any final decision until more evidence could be gathered.

Mrs. Kilmer, whose husband is a veterinarian, said she had personally seen the result of indiscriminate hunting near her home. She said her husband is "trying to piece together" a deer which had "part of its face blown off" and had crawled to a home to die.

In her submission, Mrs. Kilmer said a Ministry spokesperson, Nancy Tilt, had said "there is no accurate" estimate of the numbers of deer on and around the Niagara Escarpment. From the numbers killed on the road (75 to 100 in 1960 to about 350 in 1976), Mrs. Kilmer said the number of deer was being estimated from the number killed, therefore the Ministry conception of the deer herds had grown out of proportion.

She said that while the Ministry controlled the hunt last year with surveillance and licensing, there was no test of marksmanship. She mentioned the deer her husband had found.

Mrs. Kilmer said all discussion had centred on Henry Stanley, Halton Ag Rep., and apple grower Tom Chudley of Milton. She said they had said there was a problem but no other groups had put in submissions to the contrary.

She said that should the council decide to

go ahead with the deer hunt, she was prepared to start a petition to have it stopped.

What she said she wanted was "at least two weeks to review the decision."

Mr. Martland said she had been walking through the woods near her home and found a camouflaged hunter sitting up in a tree with a crossbow. This was at the end of November, long after the Ministry deer hunt concluded Nov. 5.

She also had a number of letters of support. Continued on Pg. B5



Sign says it all. Two Limehouse area women who told regional council they do not want the three-day deer hunt repeated held up a "No Hunting" sign which someone used for target practice. The decision on whether the hunt will be held is to be put off so new information can be compiled. Mrs. Martland and Debbie Kilmer show the damaged sign.

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Homeowners have . . .

. . . \$10,184.13 bill

## Council unsure about paying OP 7 legal costs

By Jim Robinson

Milton Council's staff will be preparing a report for councillors to decide whether the council is "legally" and/or "morally" obliged to help pay the legal costs of homeowners involved in the seven-year, Official Plan Amendment Number 7 (OP 7) squabble.

Despite general agreement by a majority of councillors to help in some way, Mayor Gord Krantz warned that should the town help out residents in the OP 7 area, Milton may open the door to other groups seek-

ing legal cost aid such as the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group.

Tom Oliver of Fourth Line speaking on behalf of 11 residents within the boundary of the 1,100-acre piece of land now to be zoned as an industrial park, said the feeling is "we should be compensated for out of pocket expenses."

"We don't think we have to bear the cost of something . . . that we were told would be no problem."

Mr. Oliver and the other homeowners retained the services of solicitor Roger Beaman when they found developers who were supposed to buy out their homes under a pro-tem agreement between the developers and the town hit a number of snags.

Claiming the developers were trying to hold out until after the land was zoned industrial, the homeowners authorized Mr. Beaman to issue a notice that the homeowners would petition for the lands to be rezoned agricultural until the developers paid up.

That threat by the homeowners prompted council to declare its willingness to go along with such a rezoning unless the developers honored the pro-tem agreement.

This in turn brought the threat of several lawsuits against the town by the developers, who claimed they did not have to honor buy-outs until the pro-tem agreement was honored. The developers said one clause stated the servicing must be in first and the agreement "finalized" before any buy-outs would have to take place.

The OP 7 wrangle was concluded, as far

as the town and developers were concerned, a month ago when the last hold-out developer was able to announce he would honor buy-outs.

On Monday night Mr. Oliver came to council with his plea and a bill from Mr. Beaman for \$10,184.13 on behalf of the 11 homeowners he represents. A total of 19 homeowners are involved.

Councillor Rick Day said his first reaction "would be to reject this out of hand" but he added he felt the request was a good one and the bill should be paid with the town recouping the money as "an administrative overhead" cost as the industrial developments come on stream.

Councillor Rose Harrison said "this is a precedent we are all frightened of" and suggested she would support the idea—but only if the request was looked at "on its merits."

But Financial Director Don Lougheed said the town could not charge the developers for the money in that fashion and the only probable option would be to put the cost on the tax bill "as a cost of the town."

## Inmates off and cycling

Maplehurst Correctional Institution inmates and staff did their part for the Burlington Association for the Mentally Retarded by raising \$1,000 at a bike-a-thon Saturday.

The 40 kilometer ride included five staff members and four inmates of the institution who were sponsored by fellow inmates.

Leo Gies, a shift supervisor at Maplehurst organized participation among the inmates and staff, who volunteered time and muscle power.

Inmates' bikes were provided by Corbett Sports. The bike-a-thon began at Lester B. Pearson High School, Burlington and riders headed north to Milton on the 40 kilometer route.



—Roy Downs, Milton Champion

## He got his!

Brian King, 3, didn't take long picking out the one he liked when he spotted these cuddly poppets on display at the Halton Centennial Manor's annual bazaar Wednesday. He picked out one for himself, and one for his sister from a rack displaying the fluffy toys. All the crafts were made by Manor residents.

## It's our 120th birthday, so share a piece of cake

Today, The Canadian Champion celebrates an important milestone in its history—the completion of 120 years of community service.

It was on this very day—May 13, 1861—that the first issue of The Champion rolled off the press.

In honor of our birthday, The Champion staff will be serving free birthday cake and coffee to all who visit the office today (while supplies last, that is). So come help us celebrate the occasion at our office, 191 Main St. E.

For history buffs, there is a detailed history of the newspaper's first 120 years published on Pgs. D1 and D3 of today's paper, plus a glance at some of the other newspapers in Milton's early days.

Happy birthday, to us!

It's our birthday, but you can take the cake!



## Inside today's Champion

### Child Abuse in Halton

A newly formed association is preparing a region-wide campaign to educate the public on child abuse and, hopefully, to find a way to curb the problem in this area. Story Pg. 2

### Police Honored

Inland community newspapers in Halton have launched a new program to honor members of the Halton Regional Police Force for bravery or community service. Story and picture Pg. 3

### It's baa-utiful

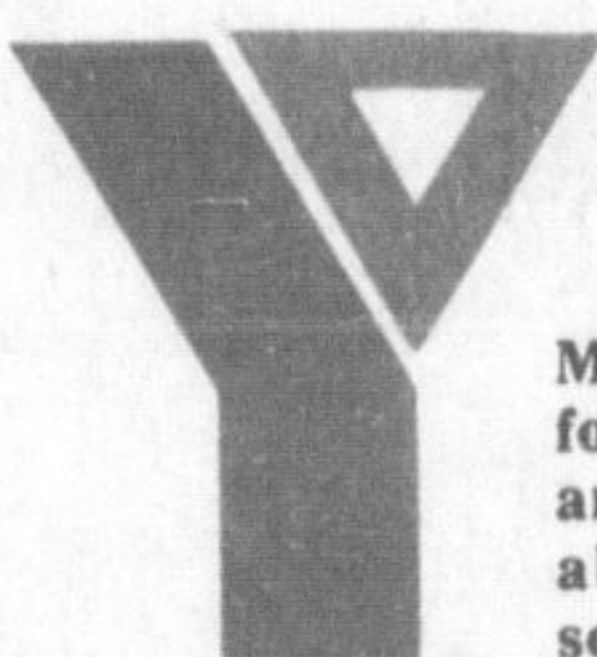
Bronte Creek Provincial Park is the place to go for family fun this spring. The park has a very special show on sheep shearing especially designed for the youngsters. Story Pg. 5

### Showtime stars

Milton's young dancers put forward their best on the weekend and some real talent is developing right here in our town. Story and pictures Pg. 6

### Homeless find shelter

Halton Women's Place has expanded its charter to take in women in need of a



Milton Y is looking for more campers and there's an article about the camp scene on Pg. D2.

place to go, when they find it no longer possible to stay in the home. Story Pg. 7

### Dies near London

A Milton truck driver died when his tractor-trailer overturned near London last Thursday. Story Pg. 9

### New Section

Classifieds and real estate have been combined to form a brand new, highly readable section in today's paper. See Section B.

### Police Week 1981

Halton Regional Police Force celebrates Police Week with open house and displays. See feature, Pgs. C8 and C9, also news of new award for police officers on Pg. 3.

### Champion's history

Reviewing the first 120 years, a feature beginning on Pg. D1.

### Hospital salute

Milton District Hospital was opened this week to show what can and is being done for the handicapped during International Year of the Disabled Story Pg. D7.

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