

# Our Readers Write

## Protest deer hunt

Dear Sir:  
Reflecting on the Halton Regional Council meeting, Wednesday May 6th, we would like to express our satisfaction that council deferred the decision of the three-day deer hunt proposed for 1981. This allows delegates time to collect a petition from those opposed to the hunt.

The public, the council, and the Ministry of Natural Resources, now have three weeks to become more aware that there has not been a management study done on the deer since 1970, (Cumming and Waldon).

How many deer are there in the region now? The Ministry is speculating on deer population based on road slaughter increase in the last 20 years. The Ministry has failed to consider increase of traffic flow volume during the same time period!

We do empathize with certain fruit and nursery businesses which have lost substantial amounts of money, due to deer feeding on their produce. Why should all landowners in the region suffer from the intimidation of hunters, owing to few complaints. Perhaps the consideration of opening the hunt on these particular farmers' properties could be a just solution.

It has been publicized that there was no objection to another deer hunt this fall. It must have been over-looked that last fall there were in excess of 2,500 No Hunting, No Trespassing signs posted in objection to the hunt.

We would also like to remind the public we were led to believe "deer hunting is not allowed in the Region of Halton" according to the MNR's summary of hunting regulations.

According to the MNR, a report on the 1980 hunt ("pre-hunt information plan"), was issued to the media to recognize that, "it was essential that the public be correctly informed about the hunt." We are not aware that any concerned landowners in the region received such knowledge.

The Niagara Escarpment is a favorable reservoir for all wildlife and ecology. We should be thankful that we have the opportunity to enjoy such a unique area. There are 1,685 hunters who wished to have the white-tailed deer removed from existence in this natural setting. Of those, only 31 percent were residents.

We are convinced the majority of the residents as well as visitors, would prefer to preserve the deer.

If the Ministry can obtain biological data, proving that indeed there is an over-population of deer, we will rest our case. Until such time, we are requesting that those concerned persons clip out the attached poll and send it to Box 248, Milton, L7T 4N9.

Please act now!

Debbie Kilmer  
Pauline Martland

### PETITION

I, the undersigned, am opposed to a three-day deer hunt in Halton and Flamborough in 1981. The MNR has not provided sufficient evidence that there is an over-population of deer in our area.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Homes, no schools

(Editor's Note: The following letter, addressed to Premier William Davis, was filed with The Champion for publication.)

Dear Mr. Davis:  
The "Landrush" in Milton has materialized!!!

By the time the fall is here, hundreds of families will have moved in and naturally expect their children to attend a school. Already there is a shortage of two schools in the Milton area!

This, of course, is not your problem. Somewhere down the road somebody is to be blamed for this chaos. But surely the Government of Ontario has a responsibility to set the rules.

It is nice to know we live in a democratic society, but to let the developers run the world appears to me getting out of hand. Perhaps they should be made to build schools, or contribute to part of a school for every 100 homes they build. The home buyer, of course, will end up paying for this, but at least he is assured something is being done.

Right now the situation in Milton is out of control. I hope you can find the time to check this out or give it some thought.

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
H.H. Verkerk,  
226 Lyndsay Ct.,  
Milton

## Petition popular

### Want free calling

The local petition to get toll charges dropped on Milton to Toronto calls is gaining momentum, Halton MP Otto Jelinek reports.

His office has received "several" in the mail in the past two weeks and more are arriving daily. His Ottawa office staff is still tabulating the returns and the MP hopes to build a case to take to Bell Canada's regulating body, the CRTC, to prove the

need. Citizens on the local phone exchange are being encouraged to sign and mail the petition to Mr. Jelinek, as an expression of opinion. A citizens' committee is working with the MP and said at least 60 per cent of the local subscribers must sign the petition to make it valid.

There is no postage required to mail a letter to your MP.

### Petition

In view of the fact the Milton area does not have any direct free calling service to any major urban centre, we the undersigned, demand that the CRTC reconsider its present position and provide extended area service with Toronto. (Mail this petition to Mr. Otto Jelinek, MP, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6. No postage is required.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_



## Great fun!

All the students at J. M. Denyes School are having lots of fun at recess this month, thanks to the installation of a new playground apparatus. The \$10,000 structure includes swinging, sliding, climbing and balancing areas and was provided by the Denyes Communication Association, a parent group. The slide seemed to be the most popular attraction at recess one day last week.

## Bronte sheep shearing

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes, and wool will be flying at Bronte Creek Park as shearers help the farm sheep shed their winter "woolies".

Down at Spruce Lane Farm, the sheep will be sheared with turn-of-the-century equipment on Sunday and Monday, May 17 and 18, from 1 to 4

p.m. The two farm favorites, Michael and Michele, will receive their annual haircut on Monday at 1.30 and 2 p.m. respectively.

The "sheep to shawl" process will be demonstrated by volunteers from the Oakville and Burlington Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild. The spinning dem-

onstrators will use wool previously shorn and dyed with natural dyes made from onion skins, walnuts and carrot tops. A wool display will be set up in the summer kitchen and rug hookers will also demonstrate their craft.

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According to police, thieves apparently looking for antiques made off with two handsaws, two hammers and a large iron pot sometime last

Wednesday.

The goods valued at \$150 were taken when thieves gained entry to the boarded up building.

A fire of an unknown origin caused an estimated \$50,000 damage more than a month ago at the general store.

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