

Our Readers Write

Yes ladies, we do need a Halton deer hunt

Dear Sir:
I would like to congratulate Mrs. Killmer and Mrs. Martland on their super anti-hunting publicity, which has delayed approval by council for this year's deer hunt.

Their reasons for getting a delay are not always valid, and in fact there is at least one total error contained in their statements, that would not be recognized by the majority of people.

I take issue with Mrs. Martland who says quote "she was walking through the woods near her home and found a camouflaged hunter sitting up a tree with a cross bow, this was the end of November, long after the ministry deer hunt concluded Nov. 5."

The legal archery season did not end until the middle of December.

The picture of the two ladies holding up a No Trespassing sign which was shot at by some idiot, appears to be shot at with relatively small size shot, indicating that this was not done by a deer hunter, since deer hunters use large shot or slugs.

The ladies quote the Ministry of Natural Resources concerning their lack of information about the exact numbers of deer.

Our club was asked to provide a dozen or so men to beat through various woodlots to determine the exact number of deer in that location.

As far as all the figures concerning

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Dear Sir:
Regarding the proposed deer hunt in Halton and the delay of decision, requested by Mrs. Hartland and Mrs. Killmer.

It always amazes me that people with no personal stake in a decision, can subject the rest of society to their viewpoint.

No, I am not a deer hunter, but a deer lover.

However, as a fruit grower, I am in favor of a controlled hunt (maybe yearly) of the deer.

I have grown apples in Halton for the last 20 years, and find it nearly impossible to establish a new orchard, without erecting a prohibitive, expensive fence, for protection from the deer.

the increase in automotive traffic, of course that is self evident.

It is also well known that anybody who takes an interest in the deer population knows that for every deer that is killed by a car there is one that probably gets away in the bush and dies later.

In keeping with the ladies' contempt for the deer, I assume this is okay. Contempt for deer? I mean exactly that.

Ladies in question seems to feel that coy dog hunting deer is perfectly acceptable, although it is unacceptable for the same dogs to run sheep.

I wonder what gives the ladies the right to make that judgement, could it be they have a vested interest in cattle—the old mighty buck strikes again.

Have the ladies ever witnessed dogs running a deer?

It is not a pretty sight, one that I can certainly do without.

The ladies quote Mr. Bill Johnson saying he hadn't seen any deer on his property. The logic of one anti-hunter quoting another anti-hunter is beyond me.

It's just like a hunter seeing deer in every bush. Obviously both statements would be suspect.

If you ask any farmer, the majority of them will be aware that there are in fact, a surplus of deer, although, of course, when they don't directly hit the

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Since deer are protected by law, we find it unlawful and impossible to protect our property against these invaders.

The only alternative is to thin out the deer herd to a more manageable proportion.

Cruel, perhaps, (but then to live in the wild is cruel) but not more cruel than a deer mangled in a traffic accident, or a pregnant doe chased to death by somebody's pet dog.

But let us not forget that Halton still contains a large segment of agriculture and horticulture and is not a giant wildlife park for the pleasure of the non-farming community.

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pocket book then perhaps it doesn't matter to the majority of them.

Only when large amounts of damage get done, farmers usually start to get upset. Perhaps the ladies would like to make a donation to all the farmers who do get crop damage done.

The Guelph Rod and Gun Club have an active hunting section and they hunt on property which abounds with deer.

One of the farmers on the property of which we hunted as very upset because not enough deer were taken from his property.

In point of fact, the hunting group from Guelph Rod and Gun Club each carry a million dollars worth of hunting insurance, and to the best of my knowledge have always been welcome back to the property on which they hunt with open arms.

In spite of what the two ladies say, all hunters are not bad hunters.

The statement that many farmers

Injustice to animals

(Editor's Note: The following letter is being sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources, by the group opposing the Halton deer hunt. A copy of the letter was filed with The Champion, for publication.)

The article in The Canadian Champion dated Wednesday, May 13 has got my attention as well as a few other Halton residents. I am wholeheartedly opposed to another deer hunt in 1981.

The facts you provide are not concrete evidence that there is an overpopulation of deer in our area. I have lived in this district for five years and have only come across deer running on our roads and highways twice. Twice in five years is not a great percentage.

Like the majority in this country I prefer to see deer as well as other wildlife in a natural environment. There are just too few things that a person can watch and enjoy.

If and when we have too many deer, there are a number of alternatives.

You could enforce strict hunting laws, part of which hunters must be tested as to their capabilities in handling guns. The case of the disfigured deer could have easily happened to a

person. Surely an experienced hunter could bring down one deer with a single shot. This particular deer was the target of an inexperienced and gun-happy person. Just how many people who kill deer do so for the purpose of food?

Hunting isn't a sport, it is an injustice to animals. I can recall a time a while back, where a "hunter" was walking down the road swinging his gun like a stick. Whether it was loaded or not, or had the safety catch on or not, I don't know, but this "experienced hunter" was not knowledgeable enough in guns to carry a weapon.

Another way is to relocate the deer. I know this can be costly and time-consuming, but if this matter was looked into seriously, I'm sure there are organizations willing to help.

When you review this situation, please gather all the information you can, and weigh the pros and cons with consideration to all parties concerned.

This is a matter which should not be taken lightly. A lot of people really care. I do.

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Writer's cramp

Toronto Blizzard soccer player Julius Sono (No. 24) was swamped by fans when he paid a visit to Milton's new Dominion Store Saturday afternoon. Later he spent time coaching local soccer players, at a clinic at Brian Best Park.

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Seniors honored at church

St. George's Anglican Church in Lowville, is celebrating its 125th anniversary during 1981 and several special occasions have been planned for the congregation to celebrate its founding.

One of those occasions took place April 30 when the seniors of the parish were honored at a supper held in the church hall.

Those present were: Mrs. Helen Cornell, Mrs. Elva Hardsand, Mrs. Irene Howard, Mrs. Jane Hughes, Mrs. Mary Lambert, Mrs. Ellen LePage, Mrs. Vera King, Mrs. Molly Parchem, Mrs. Jessie Powell, Marie and Reg Twiss, Anna and Gordon Thompson, Dora and Naylor Mount, Jessie and Kenneth Watson, Smitten Currie, Nelson Howard and George Stokes.

These members of the parish were singled out

for this special tribute because of their faithfulness and continuous support, both physical and financial during the past, some for 50 years and more.

These parishioners struggled to maintain the church as a place of worship and thanksgiving as well as a centre of support, interest and concern for one another and those of the community.

They were responsible for the numerous fund raising activities, administrative and clerical duties as well as continuing to meet the financial obligations outside of the parish and assisting to minister to those within the parish.

A four-stage renovation program was successfully completed due to the diligence and

persistence of these workers.

The evening was a small token of appreciation given to the seniors on behalf of the parishioners who today enjoy the beauty and serenity of the church, and are able to use the church as a centre of worship and commitment to their faith.

The evening began at 5:30 p.m. with Evensong led by the Rev. Charles Masters.

Supper, prepared and served by members of the anniversary committee and other volunteers was followed by an enthusiastic old fashioned sing-a-long led by Bill Bishop and accompanied by Helen Cornell on the piano.

The selections were both popular old tunes and hymns.

Mrs. Vera King recited a humorous poem about "The New Organ".

There was a time for further socializing during the euchre games. Prizes were awarded for those with the longest name, most grandchildren and the person with a birthday closest to the day.

Kenneth Watson thanked those responsible for the evening on behalf of all the guests. He read an appropriate article from a newspaper clipping (presumably from The Champion) dated 1872, as part of his response.

Several old scrap books were available for viewing. Many of the clippings included in the collections were concerning some of the people present and their families. Coffee and cookies ended this memorable evening.

Canada Day

Two Milton service clubs have received council approval for plans to celebrate Canada Day, July 1.

The Rotary Club of Milton plans to hold a chicken barbecue at Rotary Park and will also hold the annual car draw and dance. The club, through secretary F.J. Clements, received Milton Council approval to seek a liquor permit to sell liquor and beer at the barbecue.

The Milton Kinsmen Club will hold the annual soap box derby but this year the venue has been changed to Pine St., not Main St. as in the past.

The reason for the change is the semi-mall construction which no longer allows for a straight run.

Milton Kinsmen Soap Box Derby Chairman Joe Hoch has been given permission to close Pine St. between Charles and Commercial Sts. on July 1 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the derby.

The Milton Canada Day celebrations are under the umbrella sponsorship of the Milton Jaycees.

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CORRECTION

The advertisement for Ostrand's Jewellers that appeared on page 3 in the Shoppers World Flyer, Wednesday, May 20, 1981, had an incorrect phone number. The number should have read,

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