

## Community Notebook

**History lesson:** Milton Historical Society meets at 7:45 p.m. at Milton Public Library. Hugh McMillan, liaison officer for the Ontario Archives, illustrates dramatic and humorous incidents culled from provincial records and describes important recent changes in the archives' organization. Visitors welcomed.

**Leisure Time:** Wondering how to fill leisure time this year? The Town's department of leisure services will make it easy to do this weekend with its annual open house at Milton Mall. The event features 57 community groups ranging from minor sports organizations to theatre, craft and special interest groups. They'll provide information, sell memberships and take registrations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Tax Aid:** Milton Community and Information Services will be offering a free income tax clinic for seniors, disabled people and single parents who fall within income guidelines. For information about scheduling and eligibility, call Information Milton at 875-INFO (4636).

**Race Yourself:** Glen Eden Ski Area will be the location of a Miller Match and Win event this Sunday. The object is for skiers to match the time of their first run of the day. Prizes will be given to the most successful match makers.

**Moonlight Magic:** The light of the silvery moon will provide a romantic setting at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre this evening (Friday) for its Valentine Moonlight Magic event. Skate, snowshoe, take a sleigh ride, play a game from 6:30-9 p.m. Mountsberg is located just west of Campbellville. To find out more, call 854-2276.

**Much Music:** There will be much music at St. Clair Masonic Hall, Friday and Saturday Feb. 26, 27 when Clarkson Music Theatre presents *Celebration 88*. Written by a member of the Clarkson group, the musical includes songs from the '20s to the '80s. The musical will be performed at 9 p.m. following dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at \$22 each can be reserved by calling 878-0782.

**Softball Anyone?** The Omagh Minor Softball Association will accept registrations at Milton Mall tomorrow (Saturday) when the group will participate in the Town's community open house. The cost is \$30 per person for the season for \$60 for a family of three or more players. For more information call Charlie McFeeters, league president at 827-5920.

**Heritage Day:** Celebrate Heritage Day this Monday at Halton Region Museum. David Dixon, director of the Postal History Society of Canada will review Halton's postal history (1820-1920) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. The museum is located at Kelso Conservation Area. For details call 875-2200.

**Concert Time:** The first noon hour concert of the 1988 season at Milton Public Library will feature the Hollier String Quartet from Burlington. Local musicians will also make entertaining contributions Wednesday Feb. 17. Coffee is served at 11:45. Tickets cost \$3 to adults, \$2 to senior citizens and students.



Photos by JON BORGSTROM

Bill Corp has birds eating out of his hand... literally as hundreds of chickadees have no problem approaching him for food. The Milton Heights

resident has made a habit of feeding the birds on a daily basis and said he goes through about 600 pounds of corn every winter. They're patient, says Bill.

## He has whole flock eating from his hand

It is not often that Bill Corp can take a walk alone through the bush near his home. He usually has at least 10 companions travelling with him, all chickadees.

They circle his head, land on his arm, and persistently look for the mixture of sunflower seeds, crushed walnuts and butternuts, which the retired Milton Heights resident is seldom without.

Mr. Corp, who lives adjacent to the rear entrance of Kelso Conservation Area, has been feeding the chickadees which live in the swampy area next to his house for years. He estimates there are about 20 of the little birds who drop in daily for a bite to eat.

Most birds bypass the feeder in Mr. Corp's backyard, opting for the personal touch, and feed from his hand.

"They all wait their turn to feed," said Mr. Corp. "They follow a pecking order. One feeds and the others wait on my arm."

He says he has been feeding generations of chickadees. The older birds teach the young ones about Mr. Corp and his supply of seed.

"They are seldom far from me. All I have to do is whistle and they are right there."

He tries to make a point of feeding the birds daily.

"On cold days they fly over and their feathers are fluffed way out. They land and I can feel the heat coming off their bodies."

"One day they were feeding, one of them gave a signal, and they all

dived into the trees. They sat perfectly still and didn't make a sound. A hawk flew overhead, then

one gave the all clear signal and everything went back to normal."

Mr. Corp feeds other birds in the

area including several doves. He says he goes through up to 600 pounds of corn each winter.



This young chickadee doesn't have any problem landing on the hand of Bill Corp during one of his regular

feeding sessions. He's been doing this for years and says at any time about 10 young birds are travelling with him.

## Pud

