

## Businessmen eye Emmanuel Church land

Sid Jones waits impatiently for the next hurdle to appear.

A trustee of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mr. Jones has handled much of the negotiations of the sale of the church's property on Commercial Street.

He's battled with several neighbours, two sessions of the regional Land Division Committee, an Ontario Municipal Board hearing and the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

At the end of this month, the final chapter should be written in the two-year story and the land is expected to be sold.

However, Mr. Jones admits to a certain hesitation.

"Until this who thing is signed and sealed, I won't believe it," said Mr. Jones. "It's suppose to close about the end of the month, but we'll see."

The latest hurdle concerned parking behind the church on the floodplain. A proposal to forbid overnight parking was finally agreed upon between the HRCA and the church. That will be registered on title.

As a result, the church will be allowed to sell the property to a group of Milton businessmen who intend to turn it into commercial space. The group, headed by Milton lawyer Derek Presse, would also consider it for residential space should a zoning amendment for the land be unsuccessful.

Since the HRCA's parking concerns affected the three southerly lots, which will be sold for residential properties, they too couldn't be sold.

Once the HRCA delivers a signed letter outlining the restrictions, the sales will be completed. The combined value of the three lots, the church lot, and the north lot, previously sold to Halton Adolescent Support Services, is approximately \$600,000.

That money will offset the purchase of the 95-acre property on Appleby Lane the church purchased from Louis Nadalin about one year ago.



Two University of Guelph students measure a buck which weighed more than 300 pounds when it was alive. It was the largest of more than 200 taken in the four-day controlled deer hunt last week. Volunteering at the Cambridge Ministry of Natural Resources check station on Friday were Patricia Jacobson (left) and Michelle De Amaral.

## More than 200 deer taken during hunt

It will be two weeks before the number of deer taken in Halton's four-day controlled hunt is known.

When the check station in Milton closed Thursday, 70 deer had been brought in by hunters. At the Cambridge station of the Ministry of Natural Resources office, 130 deer were processed by the time it closed Friday afternoon.

Hunters have two weeks to report their success or lack of it. There were 575 eligible hunters selected by lottery to participate in the hunt between Nov. 7-10. There were 400 hunters qualified to take a deer north of Highway 401, mainly in the Milton area.

According to acting district extension biologist Daryl Coulson, the suc-

cess rate in the past five years in Halton is about 25 per cent. That means one in four hunters is expected to bag a deer. If that happens this year, the ministry will consider this hunt another success.

Last Monday morning, the first day of the hunt, the weather was "ideal", says Mr. Coulson. Rain later in the week kept hunters indoors and the deer in the deep woods.

The ministry biologist said the deer shot this year were in extremely good health.

"We've been noticing even this year's fawns have very good body weights and a large quantity of fat. They've been feeding on corn," Mr. Coulson said.



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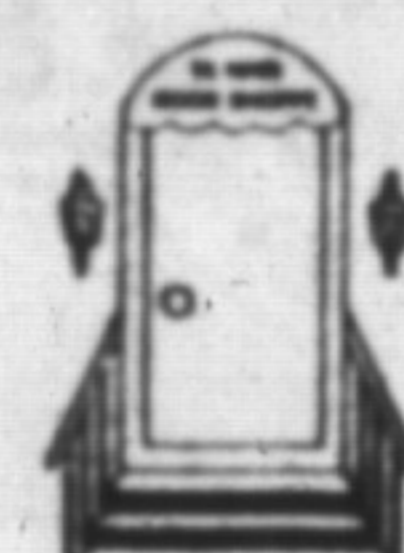
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