

# Unborn Ontarians will use parks

Ontarians three generations away will appreciate Huronia District's next two provincial parks as much as Awenda Provincial Park is appreciated today,

Huronia District park supervisor John Winters predicts.

Lavender Falls Provincial Park and Scott's Falls Provincial Park are two of

53 new parks announced by Minister of Natural Resources Vincent Kerrio. Huronia District has nine traditional parks, Awenda in Tiny Township -- "an outstanding natural property" -- among them.

The other parks are Devil's Glen, and the two-year-old Boyne Valley and Mono Cliffs Provincial Parks. The MNR's Huronia District covers Simcoe and Dufferin Counties, and the

south of the District of Muskoka.

Lavender Falls, which will be 390 hectares, is west of Creemore, just outside Dunedin in Nottawasaga Township. Scott's Falls, which will be 410 hectares, is in the Hockley Valley in south Mono Township.

Both parks will be nature reserves. Nature reserve is one of the parks system's most highly protected classifications.

Vehicles will be prohibited. Camping will be discouraged and likely later prohibited.

Lavender Falls and Scott's Falls are part of the Niagara Escarpment. Their distinguishing characteristics are sheer rock cliffs, talus slopes, spring-fed streams, waterfalls, and ferns and rare plants.

A typical reaction of a visitor might be, Wow, I didn't know we had places that look like this, Winters said. Because of the fragile nature of the ground and vegetation, an enthusiastic trail bike rider could do irreparable damage.

The announcement indicates that the government is committed to a parks system. The value might not be fully understood until two or three more generations have been born. "Boy, they were pretty far-sighted," was a third generation reaction suggested by Winters.

The wisdom of creating these new parks now "will come into focus somewhere down the road." Ontario's popula-

tion is unlikely to stop growing, Winters said. "Valuable additions to the system" like Lavender Falls and Scott's Falls have to be made now, he said.

## More cable channels planned

Cable television subscribers who are benefiting now from better signal reception will have more channels from which to choose in September.

A 24 hour news channel, a 24 hour weather channel, a religious channel (Vision TV), and a youth channel, will be added in the coming months, all but the news channel in September.

People holding their breath for pay-tv channels The Sports Network and MuchMusic to be broadcast unscrambled should exhale and draw in a fresh supply of air. Subscribers wanting sports and-or music will continue to have to pay extra for the foreseeable future, Carl White, Maclean Hunter Cable TV's general manager, said.

Four of five local cable television service subscribers don't pay extra for The Sports Network or MuchMusic.

Maclean Hunter's approach is to keep any price increase to its customers to a minimum. White said the company won't ask all of its customers to pay for a specialty service now used by only 20 per cent.

White expects the new Family Channel will start in September. It will be a scrambled signal, like TSN and MuchMusic. He described it as a channel

## Harbour roars

It is said that nothing is inevitable except death and taxes -- but in the village of Victoria Harbour taxes may be avoidable after all.

The Lions Club of Victoria Harbour wants to expand its medical center and has proposed to buy two lots owned by the village for the purpose.

Council is generally in agreement with the terms of the proposal except for the request that the Lions and the center be released from any obligation to pay back taxes owing to December 31, 1987.

Apparently the taxes were not paid in 1985. In 1986 the village forgave the 1985 taxes provided those for the current year were paid.

But the Lions did not pay the 1986 taxes. They could have applied for a grant to cover the following year's taxes but they failed to do so, according to the council.

Now the village has decided to forgive the 1986 taxes provided the 1987 and 1988 taxes to date are paid.

The Lions will be buying the lots in question for \$1 each.

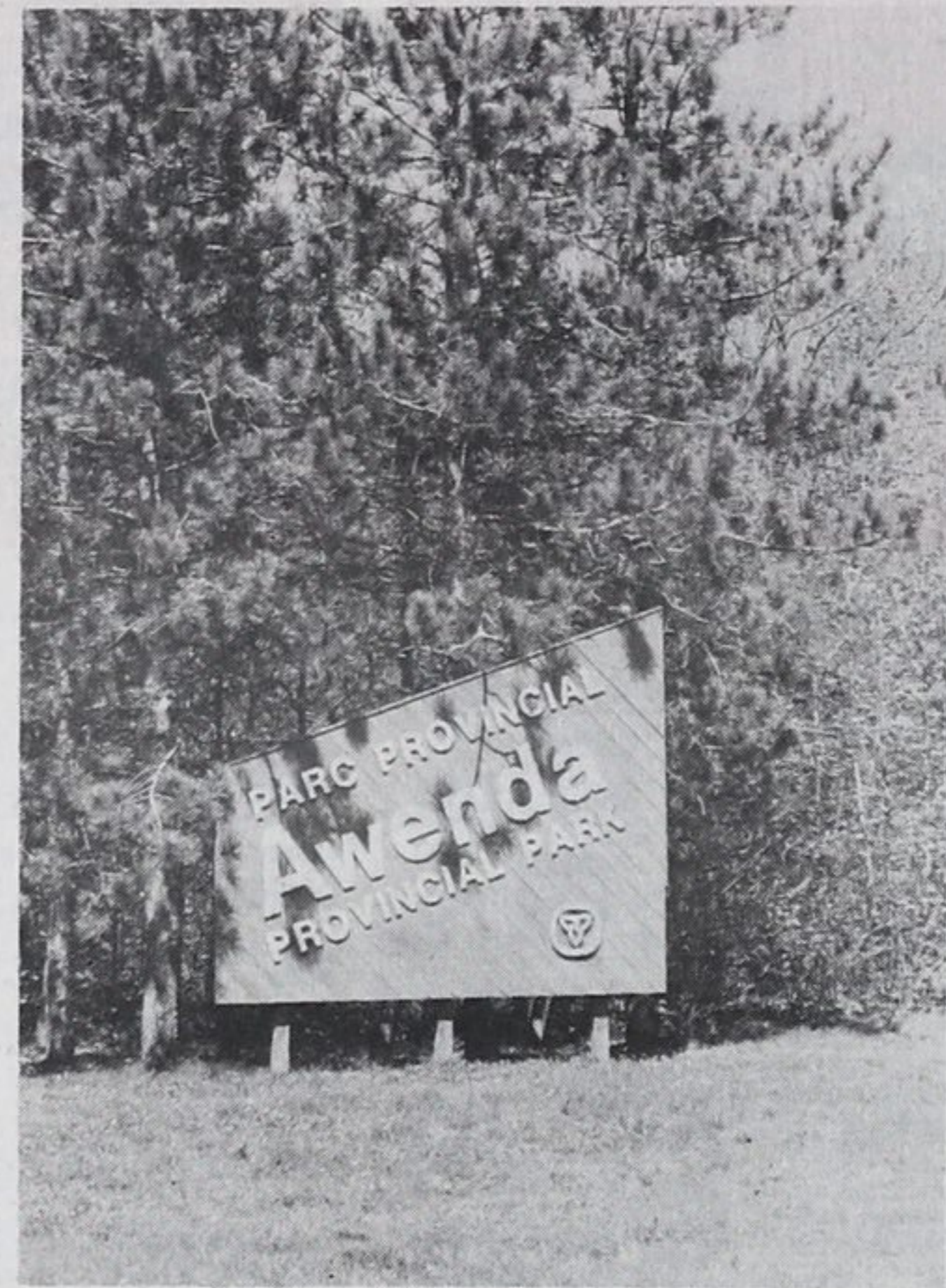
designed for all ages. Walt Disney productions will be a staple. The Family Channel will be an alternative for subscribers who aren't interested in the Movie Channel: the Family Channel won't have any Adult or Restricted-rated content.

The technical improvement came into effect on May 17. A new 12 foot diameter parabolic high performance dish was hoisted to the top of a 90 foot tower east of Maclean Hunter's Balm Beach Road office.

The tower was made taller before the new dish was attached. The improved line of sight between the transmitter and the dish at the tower's top means a more reliable and a clearer signal, especially during heavy rain, White said.

Because the religious channel's programming will be only three hours a day, that channel might share space on a channel, perhaps with Question Period. That detail remains to be resolved.

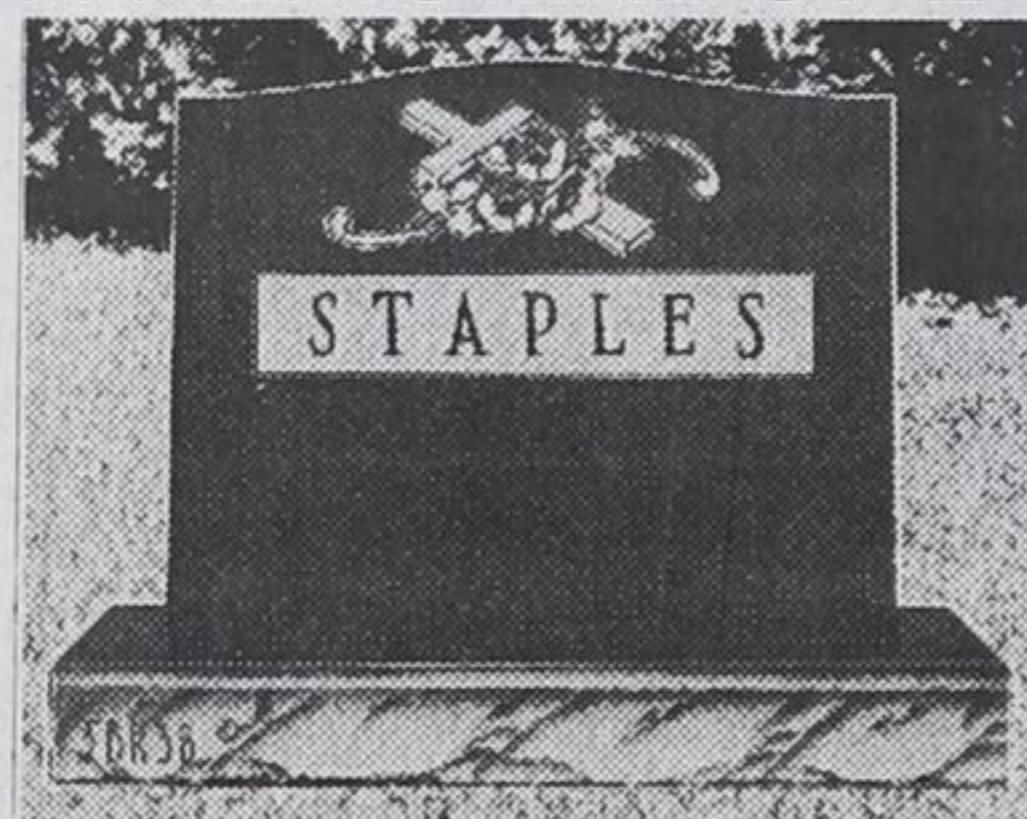
White isn't aware of when the 24-hour news channel will begin broadcasting.



### Awenda "outstanding"

Huronia district's new provincial parks will be in the future as appreciated as Awenda Provincial Park, "an outstanding natural property," in the words of District Park Superintendent, John Winters.

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