

UNOFFICIAL IRISH AMBASSADORS IN RCAF



Shamrocks and leprechauns being a bit scarce in this country, two pretty colleens, recently arrived from Ireland, attempt to persuade the Air Force that there's a definite place for the Irish in the RCAF. And while service officials usually frown on attempts to tamper with RCAF insignia the smiling Irish eyes of Pilot Officers Pam Jackson, (left) and Nora Martin, seem to dispel any serious doubts of mischief, even though they think the shamrock compares rather favourably with the Maple Leaf in the RCAF's Roundel. The two Irish lasses both nurses, joined the RCAF in December 1960, in London, England, and are now taking the Officer Training Course at RCAF Station Centralia, Ont.

Severe Penalties Set For Careless Hunters

Persons who discharge firearms carelessly will soon face a heavy fine and jail term, Lands and Forests Minister Spooner said this week.

He made the announcement in the legislature's game and fish committee during discussion of a government bill to amend the Game and Fisheries Act.

After several committee members complained that the legislation is not wide enough, Mr. Spooner said it will be reviewed by experts in his department.

As it now stands, the new section provides a fine up to \$500 or six months in jail, or both, for conviction on a charge of discharging or causing to discharge a firearm or air gun without reasonable consideration of other persons. A magistrate also could suspend a hunter's licence for any length of time he deemed necessary.

Mr. Spooner said last year there were 152 hunting accidents, 35 of which were fatal.

Charles Janes (PC—Lambton East) and William Stewart (PC—Middlesex North), minister without portfolio, said some provision should be made to protect farmers against hunters with high-powered rifles.

The committee heard also a number of representatives of fish and game conservation groups.

Viv. Sutton of Ridgeway, secretary-manager of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, urged that all residents and non-residents fishing in provincial parks be required to buy a special park fishing licence; that the possession limit for pickerel be six, blue or yellow, instead of 35 blue and six yellow, and that carp be allowed to be caught by means of a bow and arrow.

Mines Minister Maloney, calling himself an amateur fisherman, urged the department to draft regulations that would prohibit the use of minnows for bait unless they come from the same lake being fished.

Russ Wells, president of the Om-pah, Ontario, Conservation Association, said the use of minnows is responsible for the introduction of coarse fish in a number of good lakes.

Charles Hunt, representing the Bancroft District Fish and Game Protective Association, recommended the five-a-day limit for lake trout be restored to Algonquin Park. He said the present three-a-day limit has the effect of encouraging fishermen to fish in waters nearer the population centres where the limit is the same.

A. M. Lebrano of Cornwall, secretary of the Conservation Council of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, urged the department to agree to meet with Quebec officials at a conference with the federal gov-

ernment to establish an interprovincial boundary in the St. Lawrence River and Lake St. Francis area.

Another recommendation was that the Ontario government make representation to federal officials as being opposed to "group licensing" for any fishing area.

Mr. Lebrano said the recommendation is aimed at trying to prevent the St. Regis Mohawk Indian band from gaining control of Lake St. Francis near Cornwall.

He said he believes the Indians are trying to have the lakes included within their reservation, which would give them the authority to control fishing there.

Ralph Webb of Laclu, Ontario, past president of the Northern Ontario Tourists Outfitters Association, suggested that the bass season be set to coincide with the opening of the pickerel season in May in Northwestern Ontario.

Dr. H. H. Mackay, supervisor of fisheries for the department, said that, because bass is a prolific species, some thought had been given to opening the season earlier in the north.

An earlier and longer season would depend on further studies.

Gordon Hermiston

Gordon Hermiston, who spent his 51 years in this district, died suddenly last week near his home in North Cobalt.

Friends of Mr. Hermiston missed seeing him on his daily rounds of the village and reported this to his brothers, and an immediate search was made. He was found in the snow a short distance from his home, his axe beside his body. Dr. H. A. Dunning, who was in attendance, said that Mr. Hermiston had died of a heart seizure, while cutting firewood for his modest home.

Mr. Hermiston was an expert tradesman, specializing in radio mechanics, he also spent much of his time exploring the countryside in which he was born, as a prospector. He left Temiskaming during the Second World War to serve overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Hermiston of North Cobalt, and is survived by his brothers Paul, Noble, Manly and Leslie. Mr. Hermiston was a bachelor.

The Cobalt Branch of the Canadian Legion held a special service at Buffam's Funeral Chapel on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Arthur Chabot, an old and valued friend of Mr. Hermiston, conducted the service.

Interment was in the Canadian Legion Veterans' plot in Haileybury.

April Election For Cobalt WI

The regular meeting of the Silver Nugget W.I. was held at the home of their president, Mrs. H. Cooper recently.

Three of their members had been patients in hospital and cards and gifts had been sent to them. Nine members were in attendance.

All arrangements were completed for the bingo and draw to be held in the Community Hall on May 18.

Two members celebrated birthdays this month and received the Best Wishes of their group as well as gifts of cups and saucers. They were Mrs. G. Othmer and Mrs. J. Yanyk.

As the regular date for the April meeting falls on Easter Monday, it will be postponed one week and will be held on Monday, April 10, at the home of Mrs. D. Cole, Mud Lake.

All members are requested to be out for this very important meeting at which nominations will take place.

The gift of the month which Mrs. P. Audette Jr. donated was won by Mrs. L. Jennings.

Bridal Shower For Jackie Lemoine

Misses Lois Labelle, Lise LeBlanc, Patsy Taylor, Pasty Giroux and Mrs. Judy Nickle were hostesses for a miscellaneous shower held at the home of Mrs. Nickle on Wednesday, March 15, in honor of Miss Jackie Lemoine, whose marriage to Don Speck is to take place on April 3.

Bingo, a TV 'Who Am I' contest and musical charades provided plenty of fun and laughter during the evening.

After unwrapping her gifts, Jackie thanked all her friends for the lovely presents she had received. Refreshments were later served by the hostesses.

Walter Sykes

A former resident of Cobalt, Mr. Walter Sykes passed away at the Ford's Hospital in Detroit on March 7, after an illness of ten years.

Mr. Sykes, who was in his 82nd year, came to Cobalt in 1906, where he worked for the O'Brien Mines.

In 1908 he was married to the former Janet McDougall of Sudbury and they took up residence on the O'Brien Property. In 1920 they moved to Detroit.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 379 Cobalt and also of the Ionic Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Detroit.

Besides his wife, Mr. Sykes is survived by a son, Detective George Sykes of Detroit, a sister Albina (Mrs. Guy Kirkpatrick of Sudbury), and one brother Thomas Sykes of North Bay. A sister, Mrs. Dan McLeod and two brothers, Allan and James, predeceased him.

The funeral was held at the Neely Funeral Home, 16540 Myers Road with Reverend Richard Glass of Lola Valley Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Acacia Park Masonic Cemetery.

Pall-bearers were fellow Detectives from the sons precinct. Among those who attended the funeral were Mr. Thomas Sykes, North Bay, Mrs. Hugh Armstrong of Cobalt, Mrs. Rex Green and daughter, Mrs. Shirley Sweeting, both of Hamilton.

Ben Bourget

General Carpentry by hour or contract

Haileybury

Farmers Seek Protection Against Careless Hunters

"Ontario farmers will be pleased to have the amendment to the Game and Fisheries Act, approved by the Legislature's Committee on Game and Fish, put into effect," stated William G. Tilden, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. "For the past few years, our annual convention has been the centre for strong protests by members and delegates over the careless hunters and fishermen who damage property and maim or kill livestock."

A resolution passed at the OFA 1960 annual convention, and subsequently taken to the Ontario Government, asked for heavy penalties to be provided for destruction of farm livestock and property by careless hunters. The resolution also called for licensing of persons who carried firearms for target practice as well as hunting.

The proposed amendment to the Game and Fisheries Act reads: Every person is guilty of the offense of hunting carelessly who, being in possession of a firearm or airgun for the purpose of hunting, discharges or causes to be discharged or handles such firearm or airgun without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for persons or property, and is liable to a fine of not more than \$500 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months or both.

"If this amendment is followed up with good policing, providing it becomes part of the Act, the OFA request will in large part have been met by the Legislature's action." Mr. Tilden concluded. "We know that the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is anxious to have good farmer-hunter relationships. This amendment should help."

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