

Local Trap Shooting Range Attracts Many Sharpshooters

By Stan Ryker
Few people have their career cut out for them at the age of nine years, but Gordon Clow, R. R. 1, Acton, was destined to be a gunsmith. He has had a keen interest in firearms since that early age when his grandfather first taught him to hold a rifle. Although Clow didn't own a rifle of his own until after he was 16 years of age, Mr. Clow has always been intrigued by firearms. Tinkering with guns his father owned whetted his interest. He works regularly at H. K. Porter's.

Started Range
Today, he repairs guns in his spare time and also operates Maple Rock Shooting Range at his home on the Town Line between Esquimaux and Nasagaweya Townships.
So far his range is limited to trap shooting and marksmen use shotguns. An occasional rifle sharpshooter visits the range to sight in a new gun or keep his eye keen prior to the hunting season. Mr. Clow hopes to soon have a rifle and small arms range completed for other than trap shooters.

Aim at Pigeons
From time to time, people have been asked not to shoot pigeons—live ones, that is. Well, in the case of visitors to Maple Rock Range, pigeons are sent into flight constantly for them to take a pot shot at. The only difference is these are clay ones in the form of a little over a four inch disc.

Recently, Mr. Clow purchased a Winchester electric trap which fires these clay discs and chief loader of the machine is Garry McEachern. Garry sits in the wooden hut, which has a small opening in the front where clay pigeons fly out from the machine.

Although Garry is the chief loader he does not trip the mechanism which fires the clay disc. Mr. Clow who stands behind the marksmen, holds the controls which lead to the firing mechanism and as soon as the keen-eyed sharpshooters "pull" Mr. Clow presses a button and out flies the disc. At once, the blast of a 13-gauge shotgun breaks the stiffness of the air. Either the disc flies into the air and lands on the soft ground, to be retrieved and used over again. This is not just a locally used range. People drive from Toronto, Long Branch, Oakville,

Guelph, Brockwood, Milton and other places to test their skill. Recently Jack Proud, 1963 trap shooting champion, visited the range and took aim at the clay pigeons.
If anyone thinks it's easy to break one of these discs with a 13-gauge shotgun, try it! The trajectory of the clay pigeon is unknown to the marksmen and he has to be prepared to follow its flight and squeeze the trigger before the object falls to the ground.

If you become a member, the shooting rates are cheaper and you receive a crest and membership card as well. If you are a non-member, prices are a little higher to buy shells and clay disc.
Mr. Clow is married to the former Margaret Dennis of Acton and his wife doesn't hide in the house to get away from all the noise. Sunday afternoon she was near the firing line watching the shooters and enjoying the sport as much as the men.



READY... AIM... FIRE! is the order of the day for marksmen at Maple Rock Shooting Range. Lined up ready for action left to right are three Acton youths, John Chisholm, Bob Holmes and Kevin Hall. As soon as a sharpshooter is ready he calls "Pull" and the clay pigeon is released into the air from an electric trap.

Anne Bennett Second In Speaking Contest

Attractive Anne Bennett, 16-year-old high school student continued to bring honors to her home school and town when she placed second in the inter-divisional public speaking contest Wednesday evening, sponsored by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association at St. Thomas.

During her speech, the young student stressed the importance of the housewife's position in emphasizing the safety of her husband and family. Judges congratulated her on the novel approach to safety and complimented her on the originality of her address.

63 Audit Report Outlines Expenditures for County

The 1963 Audit Report lists County expenditures of \$2,106,279.34. This report, which also details debt service in the amount of \$5,744,068.49, was presented to County Council last week.

The report outlines financial transactions of the County as well as those of Halton Centennial Manor, Halton Museum and the Halton County Health Unit.

The statement of revenue and expenditures shows a surplus of \$183,835.83, this combines \$137,804.43 General Revenue surplus and County Roads surplus of \$46,031.40. Mr. Matthews pointed out that the county roads surplus was due to 1963 Roads expenditures being more than \$200,000.00 below the budget estimates.

Art Workshop
The Five Counties Art Association will be holding an all day workshop at Community Centre on Saturday, April 4, with artist John Watson in charge. Non-members are welcome and further information may be obtained from Mrs. Laura Dittrich or George Bowman.

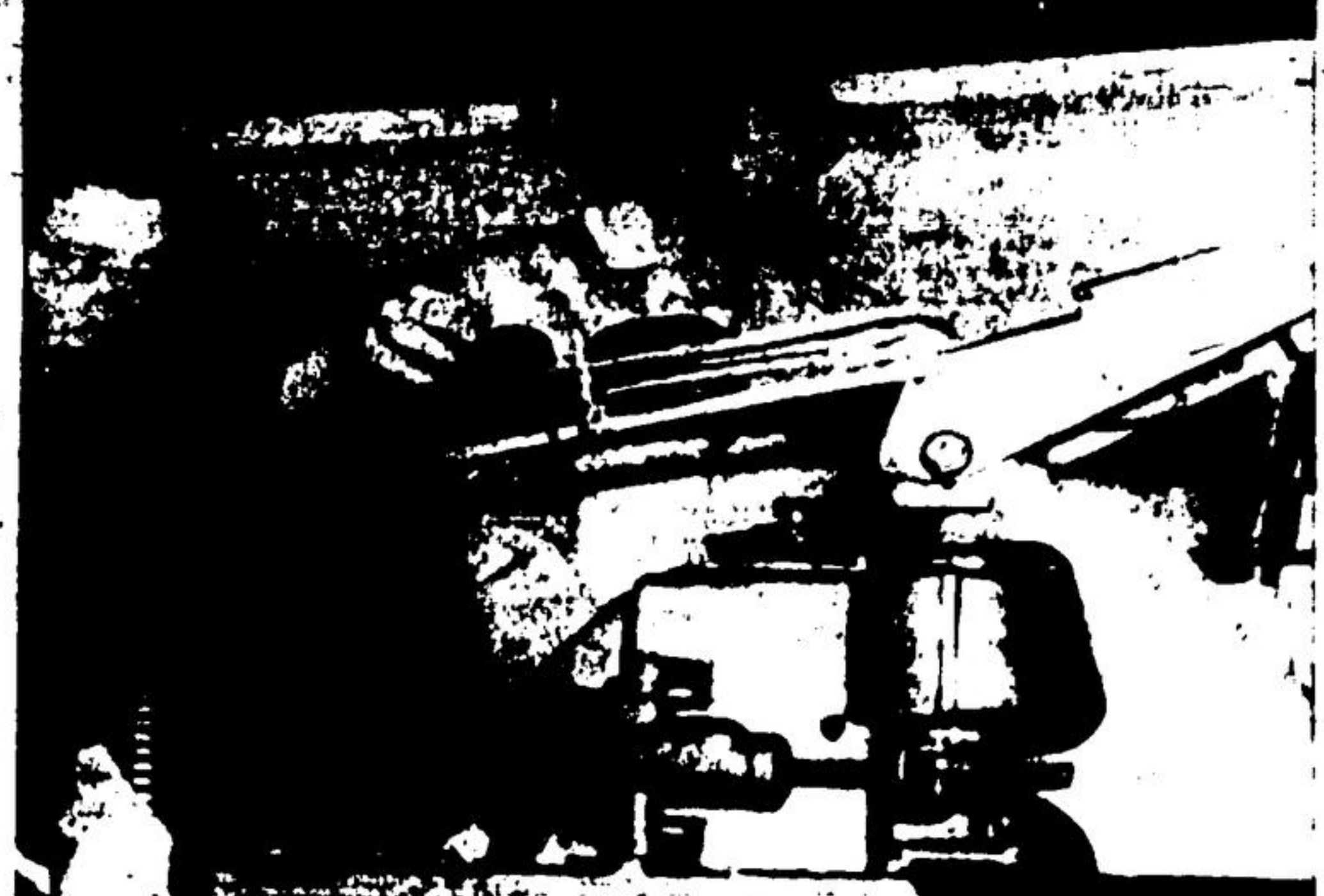
Old Paper
The Acton Free Press recently received a section of the London Advertiser, a newspaper published in London, Ontario, dated 1902. It was found by Mrs. John Chisholm, Acton, in a section of old furniture. The paper showed its age — it had turned brown and was quite brittle and ripped.

African Student Seeking Pen Pal
A letter from Africa, asking for pen pals in Acton, has been posted on one of the high school bulletin boards. Here's what the African writes:
Kasubi College, Box 508, Kampala, Uganda, E. Africa, 113.64
Mr. Sydney S. Saltz, Y.M.C.A., 42 Mill St., Acton, Ontario, Canada.
Dear Sir,
By chance I have come across your name and address in a certain book. And as a member of the two year old Y.M.C.A. of Uganda, I beg to write to you. I am sure you're my brother through Y.M.C.A. and that you're very busy. But still I hope that you are going to help me. What I seek is to get a pen friend in Canada. He can either be a teenager or over that.
I am a Ugandan, a native of Uganda, which country is between Latitude 4 degrees N and 3 degrees S, and Longitude 30 degrees E and 35 degrees E in the middle of Africa. She is a beautiful and interesting country, according to the various tourists who visit her. I am 19, in grade 11 at Kasubi College. I am the Secretary of the CFWA of Y.M.C.A. Club and belonging to 4 other clubs.
I am much interested in youth voluntary services, debates and discussions and general knowledge. It will be a great pleasure to

General Revenue surplus and County Roads surplus of \$46,031.40.
The Revenue Fund surplus \$251,444.75, combines the accumulated General Revenue surplus of \$205,413.55 with the County Roads surplus of \$46,031.20.
General Revenue surplus is due to greatly increased Provincial grants re Child Welfare, by Re-

REVENUE
The largest portion of Revenue for 1963 was paid by the various municipalities to cover County rates in the amount of \$1,442,993.66. Other receipts were from the Provincial Government \$457,661.60; Dominion Government \$14,776.66; Other Municipalities \$108,033.99 and other sources \$3,804.54, in payment of Grants and Subsidies. The County's share of Grants in lieu of Taxes \$5,252,832. Licenses and Permits \$450,000; Interest, Tax Penalties etc. \$1,287.47; Registry Office Fees \$62,211.57; Roads, Rentals & Sales \$14,156.87; Rents \$6,221.00; Government Administrative refunds \$5,657.56 and Miscellaneous \$505.78.

HALTON MANOR
The largest expenditure for the Halton Manor was \$259,911.42 for General Operation and Administration which includes Fuel, Water, Electricity, Maintenance, Telephones, Household and Office Supplies, Salaries etc.
Other major expenses were: Food and Provisions \$42,047.49; Medical and Dental Services \$14,336.69; Welfare of Residents \$3,478.56.
The Manor Revenue fund was mainly from Provincial and County Grants totaling \$105,071.



WINCHESTER ELECTRIC TRAP is used to fire clay pigeons at Maple Rock Shooting Range at R.R. 1, Acton. Garry McEachern, the official loader of the equipment, is shown with the clay discs as owner Gordon Clow watches. The club was organized last fall and quite a number of marksmen have been attracted already.

County Engineer Roy Smith Joins Good Roads Assoc. 25-Year Club

Roy P. Smith, Halton County engineer and road superintendent since 1930 received word this week that he would be elected to the Quarter-Century Club of the Canadian Good Roads Association at their annual convention in Montreal in October.

Under his guidance, the roads and bridges in Halton County have been improved and modernized to meet the needs of today's increased traffic.
Mr. Smith has also been active in home and school, sports, Masonic and church organizations during his 42-year residence in Halton. At one time he was vice-president of the Ontario

Engineering firm at the same time, until in 1924 he became full-time county engineer. In 1930 he was given the dual role of engineer and road superintendent, a position he still holds.
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He will receive the honor — recognition of 25 years' membership in the Canada-wide association of roads construction officials — at a dinner October 21.
Last year Mr. Smith received a similar award when he received a 45-year pin from the Ontario Good Roads Association.

Engineering and construction work has been Roy Smith's lifetime career. Son of a construction superintendent at Trenton, at the age of 12 he began spending his holidays and spare time working with his father's firm and as early as 1909 he worked with the firm, in charge of the office on a harbour construction project at Toronto.



ROY SMITH

He was educated at Queen's University, Kingston, graduating in 1916 as a civil engineer. He worked in wartime construction in the Trenton area, then in 1918 came to this district as a resident engineer on the first big Fansley bridge. He next worked as an engineer for the County of Halton and Department of Highways on the 16 Mile Creek bridge on Highway 5, and in 1922 was appointed consulting engineer for the County and moved to Oakville. He carried on his own en-

Two of the same play's cast topped the best actor and actress awards. Ria Van Arkel's characterization of the colored maid won her the Judge G. E. Elliott trophy, while Bruce Van Vliet's part as a policeman earned him the W. I. Dick trophy.
The Naval play will be entered in the zone drama festival at Dundas, April 6. Naval club had a second play in last night's competition, and other entries came from the Milton and Acton clubs. Mrs. E. Newton of Campbellville was adjudicator.

Easter Seal Drive
Dedicated to unconditional surrender of disease and deformities that prevent little children from playing and playing with their nephews and sisters — a veritable army of thousands of service club members rally every spring for their annual assault.
The weapon they unleash on the general public is the Easter Seal — a symbol of hope and opportunity provided by the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. This year their target is \$1,000,000 to be realized in voluntary contributions, out of some of the 16,000 handicapped kiddies across the province will be neglected.

Knife in Hand
The hands of a local Rotary Club member for example, may hold the surgeon's knife in a vitally important corrective operation which will allow a child to walk alone and unaided again. The hands may hold a steering wheel of a car or station wagon that takes crippled children to clinics, baseball games, picnics or Christmas parties. The hands may hold a paintbrush that helps to decorate one of the Society's five summer camps in readiness for hundreds of cheering youngsters who are eligible no where else in the summer months.
For the simple act of licking a stamp and mailing you a campaign letter and a block of Easter Seals, to the important business of the formation of the Society's policies and expansion program, the Rotary club members take a keen interest and active part.

ORDINARY SEAMAN Wayne Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bowen, R.R. 1, Acton, is home on leave for two weeks from H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, N.S. Following his leave he will return to the Naval Air Base H.M.C.S. Shearwater, N.S., where he will take a 12-week course in air-spraying and electronics.

Mary Clare, Donald Brown Wed Candles Light Boston Ceremony

Boston Presbyterian Church was decorated with white chrysanthemums and carnations on February 14, for the 7:30 p.m. wedding of Mary Elizabeth Clare of Georgetown to Donald Irving Brown of Kingston. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minot Clare and her groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown of R.R. 1, Milton.

and Miss Margaret Pewtress of Milton were bridesmaids, wearing white dresses in the same style as the maid of honor's. All the attendants carried bouquets of white carnations and fern in a snowball shape and wore heart shaped lockets, gifts of the bride.
Dave Irving of R.R. 1, Milton was groomsmen and Doug Brown, a brother of the groom and Harvey Clare of Stewarston, a brother of the bride, were ushers.

Receiving Line
Mrs. M. Clare received for her daughter at the reception at Esquimaux Township Hall, Stewarston, wearing a two piece blue crepe dress and matching flowered hat and a corsage of pink and white carnations.
Mrs. C. Brown received for her son, wearing a blue blue dress with net inserts in the front and a matching hat and a corsage of pink carnations.
The hall was decorated in a Valentine theme with hearts and cupid's and white chrysanthemums and red carnations.

Live Near Kingston
For the wedding trip the bride chose a white wool slacks with gold accents and a gold corsage of pink carnations and red roses. On their return, the couple took up residence at the groom's farm near Long Point.
Guests attended the wedding from Paris, Ontario, Milton, Georgetown, St. Catharines, Burlington, Elmira, St. Catharines, West Toronto, Toronto and Kingston.

In Blue Velvet
Miss Dolores Dingman of Milton was maid of honor and she wore a royal blue velvet dress with bell shaped sleeves and a slightly flared skirt. Her matching wedding ring had a pearl and a sapphire set on a lace cuff. The bride also wore a gold basket of her grandmother's.

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HAPPY TO WIN, two members of the M. Z. Bennett primary choir show teacher Mrs. Bert Benton their trophy. Left to right are Lynda Bannon, Mrs. Benton and Ronald Louie.

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