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### WITH THE ANGLERS, HUNTERS, AND CONSERVATIONISTS

Ideal hunting conditions prevailed over the week end. Even the hunters' moon high in the sky was perfect. The question is who were the lucky hunters?

The following data has been received from the Dept. of Lands and Forests regarding pheasants. As it is quite a lengthy article and a little on the dry side, it will be continued from week to week.

#### RING-NECKED PHEASANT Investigations in Ontario 1946

(Introduction)  
The ring-necked pheasant is now one of the most important birds in Ontario. Although it will exist only in a small part of the province, and thrives only in a still more reduced area in the extreme south, the counties and townships involved are more densely populated themselves and closer to centres of population than any others in the province.

The history of the introduction of pheasants and the development of pheasant hunting in Ontario closely parallels that so ably described for the United States by McAtee and his associates (1945) in the eastern States. After years of sporadic introductions, the state authorities generally took control about the time of the first World War and systematized the introductions. As the birds increased, open seasons were provided and large bags were made. In very recent years there has been a sharp decline in the pheasant population in the United States, in spite of continuing large appropriations for artificial stocking. This has brought about a general stock-taking of pheasant populations, with important research into the causes of the decline and the value (now generally questioned) of continued artificial stocking in areas possessing an established pheasant population.

Pheasants had already been introduced into Ontario in 1892 when a special commission on Game & Fish made investigations and a report. There were many subsequent private introductions. Jack Miner (1923) has recounted his efforts in some detail. The Provincial Government maintained a pheasantry at Rondeau Provincial Park. The first place where the newly introduced birds took hold was Point Pelee, on Lake Erie, where there were many as early as 1901. They also began to "catch" in the Niagara Peninsula.

In 1901 there was a two-week open season which revealed a heavy population of pheasants in the Niagara Peninsula. There is continual mention in reports of birds in the Niagara Peninsula and at Point Pelee, but nothing was done about other areas until 1919 when the Province started a definite campaign to introduce pheasants. In that year eggs were imported.

Thereafter mention is made of the increase ("limited") for two years and in 1922 pheasant rearing was commenced. By 1924 distribution of eggs was raised to 17,000 and it continued at that level until 1938. In 1937 only 4,545 eggs were distributed

and no eggs have been sent out since that date. Distribution of live birds was started in 1927, the numbers varying from 380 to 2,600. In (1937) 5,078 live birds were put out. In 1938 the number was 20,000 and it has remained of that order up to 1946 excepting for 1943 - 44 when only 7,404 birds were released. One lot of 112 birds was removed in 1935 from Point Pelee and released in Essex County. There were open seasons in 1924, 1928, and 1929 in the Niagara Peninsula. In 1932 there was a widespread open season which included even Durham and Northumberland Counties.

(continued next week)

#### SHOOTING MATCH

The following gunners participated in a shooting match on the Burt farm, 7th Line, recently. The target was a 1" bull on a 6" square. Range 30 paces.

ELMER BURT	1
GEORGE BURT	0
BERN KNIGHT	1
FLOYD VASBY	2
FRANK TOST	0
IVAN WRIGHT	0
JIM ROWE	1
JACK TOST	1
DUNC TOST	1
Vic Marcheson	0

The number opposite the names indicates the rounds won.

#### LUCKY SHOOTER

Congratulations to Elmer Burt. By all reports he showed the Orangeville boys how to win 4 chickens at the Sportsmen's Meet on October 24th. That's all for this week so good luck until next.

#### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Vic and Joe  
This past week has been rather uneventful. The rain-messed up rugby practices and there were no extra-curricular activities scheduled. One noticeable thing though, there has been a great abundance of coloured balloons floating around the school especially in first form. Next week I guess they'll be bringing their rattles.

Soon the hallowed halls of G H S will be reverberating with the sound of the melodious piano under the skillful fingers of one of our piano virtuosos as it gives with a solid beat in accompaniment to graceful, ethereal dances. All this fatuous entertainment will be seen at our coming commencement on Dec. 4, 5th. Miss Wilson has been trying to pick up some acting material to fit in one of the great extravaganzas to be enacted at this annual event. This column would like to see a good comedy put on, but we heard it said that when people go to a commencement, they want to see a sensible play. We think people have been seeing sensible plays for years and it wouldn't hurt at least to break the monotony now and again.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Frouse who has a new income deduction in the form of a baby boy. We will personally thank him for the lovely cigars that he gave us as soon as we recover.

Just for something to fill in a little space, here are a couple more jokes. We use this term quite loosely which we stole from somebody's garbage can.

Don Parker visiting his friend Scotty Beddett noticed that she was peeling the wall-paper from the wall. "Are you going to repaper your house man amie?"  
Scotty: "No we're moving."

Joan Chester—"I insured my singing voice for two thousand dollars."  
Punk Hunter—"How did you spend the money?"

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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ourselves, and about the moral progress of our world up to date to encourage us. But God has designed to make us something better, and his eternal purpose which nothing shall turn aside includes our eternal redemption. Through Him, we and our world shall become what we have as yet failed to be. By seeking His help, we will not fail.

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### Impressive Memorial Service Honours Dead of Two Wars

On Sunday, a Remembrance Day service was held at 2:30 p.m. to honour those from Georgetown who lost their lives in the two World Wars. Assembling at the Legion Hall, a parade headed by the Action Boys and Girls Band marched to the cenotaph. SOGAS Henry Shepherd was parade marshal. A number of wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by organizations and private citizens and the parade then proceeded to the United Church where, due to inclement weather, the balance of the service was held.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons introduced the service which included the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," responsive reading of Psalm 134 and scripture reading by Rev. E. O. Todd and prayers by Rev. R. O. Gower. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, chaplain of Branch 120, Canadian Legion, had charge of the service. Rev. Ross K. Cameron of Toronto, a former Georgetown man who had preached that morning at Knox Church anniversary services, gave an inspiring address on the meaning of memorial day, and the hymn "O Valiant Hearts" was sung. The Last Post, two minutes' silence and Reveille were observed, with Joe Wilcox as bugler and the service concluded with the singing of "God Save the King."

The Honour Roll, call at the service by the Legion President, Major Arnott Early, includes these names:

1914 — 1918

- C. HARBERT
- J. BLAIR
- J. COWAN
- J. CAMPBELL
- H. FRANCIS
- S. GODFREY
- W. C. GRAINGER
- I. GREEN
- H. HOCKEY
- F. KING
- W. KING
- J. E. KENNEDY
- E. LESLIE
- W. LOUD
- G. MASON
- A. S. MENO
- J. MOORE
- D. MCKENZIE
- H. NELLE
- W. PHILLIPS
- G. H. SLEIGHTHOLME
- C. SOMERVILLE
- G. H. SPITERS
- S. STAWICKEY

1939 — 1945

- REG BLAIR
- WILLIAM CAFFEY
- HOWARD CONN
- HARVEY DAVIDSON
- CLAUDE DILLON
- JOHN T. EVANS
- JOHN HEMPHILL
- ERWIN HILTS
- CARL HYDE
- GEORGE LATIMER
- JAMES LOUTH
- STEWART MACLAREN
- VICTOR MILLAR
- WILLIAM MURPHY

JOHN OKANE  
JOHN OLIVER  
HEDLEY SHAW  
HUBERT TOST  
ROBERT WILBY  
WILLIAM WILBY

#### BALLINAFAD

Twenty-three attended the Farm Forum meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shortell on Monday. Mr. Shortell was convener for the evening and led in the discussion group on "The Farmer Takes A Wife." Those present were divided into two groups: ladies and gentlemen, and answers were later compared. A committee composed of Lloyd Marshall, Frank Smith, and Clarence Snow was appointed to meet with the Hall trustees to discuss renovations at the Community Hall. The next meeting will be held at the home of Elwood Snow.

#### Business Tax on

Assessed Value Rather  
Than Frontage

Town assessor Arnott Early has set us right on a couple of errors which appeared on an editorial "Tax Sources Neglected" last week in the Herald. Business tax is based not on foot frontage as we said, but on the assessed value of the business property occupied and charges are added from a percentage basis set by the Provincial Government. We are also informed that a municipality has always been empowered to collect business tax from those who operate a business from their home, although this part of the Municipal Act has never been invoked in town.

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