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WITH ROD AND GUN
Open Season Cancelled "Good Thing" Says G.H.

The open season on deer was cancelled for the entire area declared open on December 3rd and 4th and 5th of December.

This included the counties of Essex, Brant, Elgin, Haldimand, Halton, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lincoln, Middlesex, Norfolk, Ontario, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Waterloo, Welland, Wellington, Wentworth and York. The deer season was also closed in the county of Durham, and the Township of South Monaghan, in the County of Northumberland.

The Department received resolutions from a majority of the county and township councils concerned requesting closure. The season was originally opened because of the increasing hazard to crops, wood lots and travellers on highways, caused by the increasing number of deer.

Closure, it is stated, comes as a result of the apprehension of rural residents over the prospects of having deer hunters on their property.

Persons who bought deer licences and now find themselves unable to use them may get refunds. Application forms may be obtained from Department officers and from licence issuers. Each application should be signed by a Conservation officer.

Pete McGillen voiced his opinion of the closure in a recent issue of the Telegram. He thinks it rather strange that the Municipal Act permits this vetoing by county councils. He also believes that the deer will have to be harvested sooner or later. He goes on to say that some time ago in the states of Pennsylvania and Michigan they had to be harvested because they were ruining the young fruit trees and crops to such an extent that farmers were claiming damages from the counties.

Pete claims that most does over a year old usually have twins and sometimes they have triplets. He also says that there are no predators (except for poachers) to keep the deer population down. Pete also says that in three years there will be a big cry for an open season and the cry will come from the farmers themselves.

Well, that's Pete McGillen's version and a very good one at that. As far as I am concerned it was a mistake to open the season on the general licence. And I might add that a good many hunters that I talked with recently were of the same opinion. Sure we were all disappointed over the season closure but at the same time when we

stop to think over the different angles we get a different view of the problem.

This is what could have happened here in southern Ontario. Say for instance that 80,000 deer licences were sold in Ontario this fall to hunters. Perhaps 20,000 deer were shot, if so that would mean that 20,000 licences should have been cancelled. That would leave 60,000 hunters with licences still valid. Suppose half of these were lying within reasonable driving distance of Southern Ontario. Sure they would have been scattered all over Southern Ontario. But you can be sure the picture here in Halton county would have been grim. At the present time I believe very little friction exists between the sportsmen and the farmers in the local area.

Had the deer season remained open on the general licence I don't think the picture would have been the same.

This is what could have happened to offset the problem. The area to the north of us could have had their five-day open season on the 26th to 30th of November. Our three days could have been on the 28th, 29th, 30th. The Department could have allotted so many licences to be sold in this area, with the understanding that they were only valid in this area. They also could have stopped anyone from using a licence in this area that had been used previously in an area farther north.

Another way to offset the problem is for the counties or townships to regulate the seasons themselves with just so many licences to be sold each year.

All this controversy over the deer is only encouraging a lot of poaching. After all, no one likes to see the deer die of old age. Especially those who are fond of venison and I am one of them.

The season for ducks and geese closed on December 1st.

Next week I will list a few fly patterns (streamer types) for the benefit of those who would like to try their hand at fly tying.

I will also describe how to make up some tackle for ice fishing this winter. After all, what is nicer than fresh whitefish especially when it is stuffed and baked. Thank you.

George Hoare

EXPLORERS SELL CANDY AT CHURCH BAZAAR

A fall activity of the Explorers' club group at St. John's Church was the sale of candy at the church bazaar. The girls in Mrs. Vern McCumber's group sold candy earnings about \$12.00.

At present the girls are taking craft work, making little mitts to hold scissors.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS
Staff Tea Honours Music Graduation

On a recent afternoon a staff tea was held in the school to offer congratulations to the music supervisor, Miss Marion Hepburn, on her recent graduation in music from the Royal Conservatory of Music at the University of Toronto. A gift was presented on behalf of those present by Miss Norma Wetherhead who also expressed the staff's undivided congratulations on Miss Hepburn's recent achievement. Miss Laura Scott presided at the table, and delicious refreshments were served by the first floor teachers.

A week ago Tuesday, the urban teachers of Halton County met in the Milton Public School to discuss classroom activities. The teachers from Georgetown Public School acted as leaders of the discussion and teachers of Milton fulfilled the duties of secretaries. The meeting lasted from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

Election Day at the school proved very exciting with polling booths set up in either lower, side corridor. Scrutineers were Lillian Shephard, Diane Harrison, Gail King and Sandra Fox.

Student Council's elected officers are: President, Thomas Dobbie; Vice President, Betsy Will-on; Secretary, Gail King; Treasurer, Marna Mackenzie.

SHIROGROVE
Gladys Ruddle Graduates From Hamilton Central

Did all of you enjoy the Indian summer weather over the weekend? We will remember it some cold day in the winter.

On Friday evening November 30 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddle and Bobby attended the graduation exercises at Central Secondary School in Hamilton when daughter Gladys received her certificate for accounting.

Since May 1st Gladys has been book-keeper in the office of the Suncoast Gasoline Company in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and Marilyn, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Catherine, Nancy and Ellen motored to Toronto on Saturday where the children had a big thrill visiting Santa in Eaton's and whispered in the old fellows ear all the things little girls want for Christmas. Mrs. Hunter and daughters stayed in the city for Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John White.

Mrs. Stanley Batman of Manitoulin Island is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Stringer.

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from December 1st to March 15th

AROUND THE HOME

Sprays
FOR DOOR OR WINDOW
OF PINE OR SPRUCE BOUGHS FASTENED WITH FINE WIRE...LARGE PINE CONES (VARNISHED)...AND SOME RED RIBBON

CANDLESTICKS FROM WOODEN BLOCKS
4" SQUARE SANDED SMOOTH...BORE HOLES SIZE OF CANDLES TO BE USED.

PLACEMARKERS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE

SWAN FROM AUSTRIAN PINE CONE CEMENTED ON DISC OF WOOD. BORE HOLE IN CONE FOR PIPE CLEANER NECK. FOR PIPE CLEANER NECK. FASTEN TWO SCALES FROM ANOTHER CONE SHAPED TO A POINT...

IMITATION TURKEY FROM JACK PINE CONE...DRILL SMALL HOLE IN END. INTO IT PLACE PIPESTEM CLEANER BENT TO FORM THE HEAD AND NECK.

SPLIT CLOSED PINE CONE DOWN CENTRE WITH A COPING SAW. FASTEN TWO ENDS TOGETHER WITH CEMENT OR CLUSTER OF CONES OR ACORNS.

INDIA INK FOR EYES.

There are many other interesting little ideas like these in the booklet "AROUND THE HOME". Write for your copy to Tom Gard, c/o MOLSON'S (ONTARIO) LIMITED, P.O. Box 690, Adelaide St. Station, TORONTO.

Tom Gard's Note Book



The Gards rely almost entirely on native material for Christmas decorations, other than lights and fancy tree ornaments.

Every year the whole family has a cone-hunting spree in the country. Occasionally we draw the ire of some "country cousin" but we usually try to secure them in well-wooded areas that are little frequented. We journey forth again when it comes time to gather evergreen boughs for our wreaths and other decorative purposes.

Christmas Table Centre

Nothing could be more typically Canadian than the Christmas table centre we used last year, with its pressed oak and maple leaves and collection of cones. Some of the cones can be dipped in the furnace overnight. The warmth will open them. Three types of cone place markers that have been used are illustrated. The whole family has a share in making them. This adds to the interest and the anticipation for that day of days so quickly approaching. It is fun drawing on one's imagination to help make the cones look as realistic as possible. It is surprising how closely some do resemble different types of birds when they are carefully selected, placed and finished. All I hope is that you have as much fun in your house as we have in our preparing for Christmas.

Cone Place Markers

To complete the slogan "let's make it an evergreen Christmas", place markers are made from cones. Gather cones from the Austrian pine, larch and Jack pine when they are dry. Leave them in a sunny window or on top of the furnace overnight. The warmth will open them. Three types of cone place markers that have been used are illustrated. The whole family has a share in making them. This adds to the interest and the anticipation for that day of days so quickly approaching. It is fun drawing on one's imagination to help make the cones look as realistic as possible. It is surprising how closely some do resemble different types of birds when they are carefully selected, placed and finished. All I hope is that you have as much fun in your house as we have in our preparing for Christmas.