

No solution found to overpopulation

Discuss controlled deer hunt

The role of the hunter has never been tougher in Southern Ontario than it is right now. Officials from the Department of Lands and Forests and Halton sportsmen's clubs met in Milton Saturday to discuss how a controlled deer hunt might be brought about and what might be done to stem the tide flowing against the hunter.

Fish and Game Deputy Harry Gingrich from the Hespeler Division of the Department of Lands and Forests told the group the farmer and landowner deserved a better shake than they

were getting. He said the time when a hunter could go where and when he liked to hunt was gone, and if hunters didn't take action the controls would continue to be stiffer.

Cruel death
Gingrich said the deer had not been hunted in this area for three years and population was high. He said some should be harvested when they reached a high population or else they would die from starvation, be chased or torn to death by dogs, caught in fences or killed by cars — not to mention those shot illegally.

He said there had been 200 or 225 killed on roads alone last year in 10 neighboring counties. Gingrich said a biological study showed a three day hunt once every two years would be the best answer if any hunt was allowed. He favored opening all of Southern Ontario south of Mattawa for the hunt and have it at a time when the season was open north as well. This way the number of hunters is controlled to a degree. If the two hunts were not at one time, hunters could attend both but it was felt this would tend to allow too many hunters.

He explained it was important to have a large area open to prevent a heavy concentration of hunters in any one area.

Both Mr. Gingrich and Paul Coulson who chaired the meeting frowned on Sunday hunting. "If the game isn't entitled to a day off, the landowner is," said Gingrich, explaining his opinion was a personal one.

Gartley explained the difficulties in catching the animals alive and if they were caught it would cost about \$225 an animal to transport them to Parry Sound.

Mr. Gingrich said it wouldn't be a wise proposal even without the problem of expense. He said if the animal was meant to be it would. In other words Parry Sound's climate, food provision and cover are not suitable for deer. "It would only aggravate a situation if you put animals in an unsuitable environment," he explained.

Gingrich told the hunters it would be tough to come up with a solution suitable to all. He said hunters must either take time to get to know the landowners during the year or be prepared to pack it up.

Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions. They're more easily handled than dumb mistakes!

Whenever you feel neglected, remember Whistler's father.

He warned of future restrictions, noting that in England only the very rich had the opportunity to hunt and in Germany a one year course in firearms is followed by a requirement that one must own land to hunt.

The meeting Saturday was originally slated as a meeting for the hunters to present their case to county councillors about the deer season. Don McMillan, Deputy Reeve of Nassagaweya was the one of five council committee members to show up for the meeting. Other members of that committee are Allan Masson, Percy Barr, Rick Morrow and Dave Coons.

Need support
One of the sportsmen summed up the disappointment of the group when he said it all boiled down to getting the message to the county councillors. "Unless we do this, we are just battling our heads against the wall," he said. Jim Smith, an active member with the Halton Sportsmen's Association said the group had been involved in a survey of Nassagaweya last year. He said the survey showed it wasn't the landowner or farmers that were saying "no" to hunting — but the politicians. It all boils down to a handful of complaints, he claimed.



THREE MORE DEER were killed after being chased by dogs this week. A week ago Thursday three pregnant does went over the cliff near Dufferin Quarries. Fish and Game Deputy Harry Gingrich for the Hespeler

Division is shown with the most recent kill. The carcasses are often fed to animals at Preston Park or at the Lion Safari near Rockton.—(Staff Photo)

Chased over cliff

Three more deer die on quarry property

Three more deer were killed near Dufferin Quarries, one over the weekend and two Monday morning, bringing the total to six over a period of 12 days — all in the same area. There were at least five unborn fawn killed as well. The deer are believed to have been chased to their death by dogs which drove them to the quarry's steep cliffs.

Fish and Game Deputy Harry Gingrich from the Hespeler Division serving this area issued a plea Monday for dog owners to keep their dogs from running at large. All six deaths and many more in other parts of the province have been attributed to dogs chasing deer.

Conservation officers with the Department of Lands and Forests are authorized to shoot dogs if they see them chasing deer. One dog was killed in that manner Monday.

Heavy snow, cars and dogs have taken an exceptionally heavy toll on the deer population this year. The population has reached a point where there are more deer than there is food to feed them.

Officials from the Department of Lands and Forests, Halton Sportsmen's clubs and one county councillor attended a meeting in Milton over the weekend to discuss probability of a hunting season in Halton.

Holding by-law proves expensive for council

Fees for professional services, incurred by Esqueping Council in connection with the township's agricultural holding by-law, prompted a few moans and groans among council members.

The firm of M. Dillon, township planners, billed council \$759.51 for preparatory work and one day representation at the recent Ontario Municipal Board hearing on the by-law.

The firm of Helson, Baines and

Langdon, township solicitors, submitted a bill of \$1190 for legal fees, in connection with the by-law dating back to last year.

Although especially shocked by planners' fees, Reeve Hill admitted there isn't much that can be done about it.

All members of council seem to agree they should have chosen Councillor Dick Howitt's occupation. Councillor Howitt is a lawyer!

A letter from Eden Mills

By V. K. Barrow
Eden Mills
22 November, 1968
Oh, May! What a terrible time we had last week-end!

Our mill burnt!
About 2 a.m. the phone rang and it was Irene Turner. I was so sound asleep that as I answered the phone I registered calmly to myself "Oh, the mill's on fire". And then came to with a shock as Irene's voice said "The mill's on fire! Look out for your roof and your car."

I pulled on my warmest slacks and sweater and a coat and rushed out - only to find that even at a distance of a 100 feet it was warmer outside than in the house. The big high part was full of flames - you could see them through the door and shattered windows which made a natural

chimney of the building. The roar was frightening. And by then the wooden grain trough had carried the fire to the roof of the lower part near the Marshall's.

The Rockwood Volunteer Fire department arrived in what seemed a very short time and quickly put a pump down in the mill pond. Luckily there was a good head of water there. By now there were many dark figures down on the road - I should think the whole village was out in less than 15 minutes.

I got my nose out of the shed, screwed it onto the outside tap and went down into the cellar to turn on the water which, of course, had been turned off for the season. When I got back up I saw John Turner up on the incredibly high roof of the store -

sparks were flying in that direction.

Things were touch and go for about 20 minutes. But we were so fortunate because a light breeze carried the sparks along the village street in the only direction where they could do no harm. About 3.30 or so, Irene Turner got the women organized making sandwiches and I was glad that I could at least loan my 30 cup per for coffee.

When it was all ready the men went into the store in relays for refreshment and some were served right on the road where they were working.

As the fire began to subside we huddled in small groups, no one saying much - our hearts too heavy with sympathy for the Bardens and at the loss of the landmark which is a part of all our lives here. Then we were getting cold with the reaction and as the danger of the fire spreading seemed over I went back up to the house and watched from the window for another hour or so.

Betty said the firefighters stayed till seven. The beams smouldered in the basement for four or five days after that.

Now it all looks so sad with the roof gone and the stones around the doors and windows blackened with the smoke. And as an added loss, all the records which were on the third floor were destroyed. And, as young Dan Marshall said, "The Bible was on the windowsill."

But we are so thankful that a major portion of the village didn't go, too.

With love,
Val.

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Sometimes you land in a contract that can only be made if the outstanding cards are in specific hands. When this happens you must make your plans accordingly. Here is a case from the Acton Bridge Club.

South dealt with neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
S-K 8	H-7 6 5	D-9 8	C-A Q J 10 9 4
WEST			
S-10 5	H-A J 9	D-A J 8 4 3	C-K 6 3
EAST			
S-7 6 3 2	H-Q 8 3	D-10 5 2	C-7 5 2
SOUTH			
S-A Q 9 7 4	H-K 10 4 2	D-K Q 7	C-J

The bidding
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 S Pass 2 C Pass
2 H Pass 3 C Pass
3 N.T. All Pass

Opening lead - four of diamonds.

I don't agree with much of the bidding but I was sitting East and could do nothing but pass throughout. There is no fault to be found with South's opening bid. West, however, should not pass. With thirteen high card points and a doubleton spade, West should double for takeout. On this hand it doesn't do any good, but in the long run you will lose points if you keep passing with opening bid strength and shortness in opener suit.

Sound bid
North's bid of two clubs is sound and shows full value for his hand. South bids his second suit and in my opinion, North should pass. He already told his partner that he has ten points. He likes hearts better than spades so why bid on.

But who can argue with success. Over three clubs, South proceeds to three no trump and should make the contract. South wins the opening lead, covering East's ten with the queen.

To make this contract certain cards must be in certain hands. West must hold the club king but it need not be doubleton. West must also hold the heart ace for reasons that will be seen shortly.

Must overtake
The club eight is led and declarer must overtake in dummy. This entry is essential. The club ace is cashed and a high club continued. West is in but what can he lead. With the heart ace in his hand it seems most unlikely that partner will have an entry.

The best bet is to lead the spade ten but as you can see any lead is hopeless. If East only held the heart ace instead of West, the necessary entry would be there.

Obvious tricks
Declarer settled for his obvious nine tricks. Three spades, one diamond and five clubs all because the missing cards were exactly where they had to be in order to make three no trump.

Weather again affected the turnout at the Acton Bridge Club so we played an individual movement. In this game every player played with every other player as partner once during the evening. The winner was Jack Coats, with Gloria Coats second, Ivan Harris third and Ian Coats fourth.

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