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Ennisclaire Hunt revived

Hunting horn, pink coats herald revival of tradition

by Jennifer Barr

In 1933 the Ennisclaire Hunt was founded in Oakville by Herbert C. Cox. It died out in the 1920s but has since been revived by a lovely group of area enthusiasts anxious to keep the good name of hunting horse and hound alive.

This past weekend, the Ennisclaire Hunt held the grand opening of their new farm, club facilities, and kennels situated on the Fourth Line of Nassagaweya south of 25 Side Road. A luncheon, open house, and hunt was combined with kennel and clubhouse viewing by members, guests, and local dignitaries.

Among those dignitaries were Milton mayor Don Gordon, his wife and John Gregory, secretary of the Masters of Foxhound of America (Canadian Chapter).

Although the present Ennisclaire Hunt rides an area encompassing several hundred acres between Acton and Milton, several times a year members organize hunts on the original Ennisclaire Hunt farm-lands in Oakville.

The term "hunt" is a historic one. Hunts now consist of drag following. Traditionally fox hunting clubs, hunts in the British Isles have received bad press during the past



Sideseattle is still in vogue today and is as popular with Beth Lindvik as with young ladies of the 19th Century. Beth was riding with the Ennisclaire Hunt on the occasion of the opening of their new hunt club house and kennels.

generation from anti-hunting groups. However, in Canada, it is rare to see a fox, let alone hunt one.

Masters of Ennisclaire, Joy Lindvik and Steve Lister, both of rural Acton are joint masters. They are quick to explain the hunt would be horrified if they actually caught anything—and very surprised. The joy of the 'hunt' is in cross country riding following a pack of hounds galloping after a laid scent.

"It's social riding," comments Mrs. Lindvik. "We like to promote good hounds and enjoy watching them work."

Local patron conceives idea

The local Ennisclaire started in 1977 as the Break o' Dawn Hunt under the joint master-ship of Steve Lister and Neal Walsham of Durham. Within a year direction of the growing club had changed. Walsham found travelling too far, Joy Lindvik was asked to take over as Joint Master, and a new name was needed.

Dr. Bill Gregg, south Rockwood resident and owner of several farms in the hunt area, suggested the hunt revive the old Ennisclaire name. As a youngster, both he and Mrs. Lindvik were brought up with original Ennisclaire families in Oakville. An avid historian, Dr. Gregg provided information of Ennisclaire's past, displaying an early uniform from the hunt.

The name Ennisclaire comes from the town of Ennis in the County of Clare in southern Ireland, hometown of hunt founder, Herbert Cox. Cox was an active equestrian also founding the Mississauga Horse—a cavalry militia unit of which he became Honorary Colonel. After World War I, polo became very popular in Oakville and the hunt found its membership dwindling until it had to close.

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New-old club house
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The original farm house has been restored in better shape than it ever was. The hundred year old log walls have been exposed for interior charm. The whole has

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Dr. Peter Rice, former chairman of the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee, (EEAC) and an expert on Dutch Elm disease also played a major part in assembling the demonstration forest for the region.

The woodlot is to be planted on land adjacent to the regional headquarters building on Highway 25. It will be representative of all the types of trees native to Halton Region, many of which have all but disappeared due to farming and development.

Osprige Youngsters practice for Christmas concert

by Doris Fines

A bridal shower was held in the church basement on Saturday evening for Linda Pankratz. As the guests assembled Jackie Vander Vuigt conducted a tree contest, which was won by Shirley Fletcher, and Mrs. George Fletcher had a bow contest won by Dianne Fuller.

Assisting Linda open her gifts, were her sister Karen and girl friends. Linda thanked everyone for their gifts, and those responsible for the shower, namely, Gladys and Bonnie Lang, Jean and Karen Jackson, Margaret and Shirley Fletcher, Kelly Tunney and Jackie Vander Vuigt.

The children of Knox Sunday School are diligently practising for the Christmas Concert, which will be held on Sat. Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. They extend an invitation to everyone in the community to come and enjoy the evening performance.

Doreen Vander Vuigt has arrived in England where she will be spending the next six months. She has obtained a position in a florist shop in London.

Brenda Bruce of Oshawa visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and Bradley. Brenda was an attendant and soloist at the wedding of Elizabeth Rankin and John Crowley, at the Metropolitan United Church in London, Ontario.

The primary grades of Osprige and Eramosa schools had the pleasure of seeing a Grande Theatre production "Shortshrift". The teachers and pupils were very pleased with the presentation, and there were many interesting follow-up activities.

The class and individual photos taken at the school have arrived back. They were taken by Ruthersford of Kitchener, and are of very fine quality.

Ebenezer Area man dies first candle lit

by Mrs. H. McLean

Mrs. Belle Taylor is a patient in Guelph General Hospital; and Mildred Wilson is in Joseph Brant, Burlington. Their friends hope they will soon be feeling better.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Erwin Shepherd. He is survived by his wife, the former Gertrude Freeman, his daughter Marlene, (Mrs. Albert Home), his sons Bob, of (Oshawa and Mack, of Kitchener, also by five grandchildren. His sister Mabel, Mrs. Jack Freeman, now resides at Gorrie. Burial was in Appleby Cemetery.

As an infant, Mr. Shepherd was at the opening of the present Ebenezer church, in 1915. His mother, Mrs. Wilbert Shepherd, donated the pulpit.

The Sunday School Christmas concert is to be on Dec. 14 and the Choir candlelight on Dec. 23.