

# Outdoors

by George Hoare



The wild turkeys are back on Ontario soil after an absence of 85 years. And this writer hopes to see the day when he will see one of these 20 pound giants flush like a grouse.

Concerned Sportsmen and Government officials plus a lot of input by The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters were responsible for 75 wild turkeys being live trapped in the U.S.A. from pure wild stock and released at preselected sites near Simcoe and Brighton.

They have adapted quite well despite the weather conditions they were faced with. A number of the birds have been fitted with radio transmitters so that the movement and behaviour of the turkeys can be monitored to determine the success of the reintroduction, and to provide information that can be used in managing this protected species.

While the turkeys are classed as a game bird, it is currently not lawful to

hunt them in Ontario.

The program is expensive and large public donations are needed to carry it through. For that reason, a Wild Turkey Trust Fund has been set up with the donations to be used solely for the Wild Turkey program.

Any person donating 10 dollars or more to the "Wild Turkey Trust Fund" in care of the OFAH, Box 28, Peterborough, K9J 6Y5, will receive a handsome "I Support Ontario's Wild Turkeys" crest and a receipt for the full amount of the charitable tax deductible donation. The project has every indication of being a great success and wild turkey populations are once again expected to flourish in this province.

For further information, please contact: L.B. (Lance) Males, Provincial Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Services, (705) 758-6324.

Remember the reward is hearing these 20 pounders flush like a grouse.

### White Pine

To commemorate Ontario's Bicentennial, May 25 will be Arbor Day—a day when thousands of White Pine trees will be planted across the province. The white pine will soon be named Ontario's official tree.

"White pine seedlings will be supplied to schools participating in the planting program. This is an excellent opportunity for school children to become

involved in bicentennial celebrations, and learn something about the magnificent white pine." Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said.

Education Minister Bette Stephenson agreed: "It's an ideal way to teach young people to appreciate Ontario's past as well as learn the value of its natural resources."

White pine was abundant when Ontario's first settlers arrived here 200 years ago. It formed the backbone of their economy, and remains an important part of our heritage.

Doug Kennedy, the Mississauga South MPP who initially proposed an Arbor Day for Ontario, said the day will be a time "to encourage the planting, preservation and conservation of trees and reflect their importance to this province." Margaret Birch, MPP, parliamentary assistant to the Premier in charge of bicentennial affairs, said municipalities can request a white pine free-of-charge for tree planting ceremonies.

We are trying to involve as many people as possible in the spirit of Arbor Day during this bicentennial year," she said.

For more information: Call Phil Brennan, Forests Resources Branch, Toronto (416) 965-2785.



The Beardmore bowling league play-off champs were back row; Ben Rody, Bill Cripps and Emmet O'Rourke. Front row are Val McGinn, Wally Ella, Dodie McGilloway and Dee DeForest.



Consolation winners at the Beardmore bowling banquet were back row: Lyle Cripps, Harvey Bur., Gary Grace and Brian Cole. Front row are Gayle Butler and Ruby McCauly.



The Beardmore Bowling League Champions were back row: Bill Patey, Dorothy Milson and Tom Fickling. Front row are Neil Abbott, Gloria Jennings and Jim Markle. Claude Nadon was absent for the photo.



The Beardmore League's Individual Ladies' trophies were awarded to Sue Robson for the high average, Gloria Jennings for high triple and to Brenda Hillier for the high single at the Beardmore bowling banquet Friday night.

## Juniors' batting dumps Rebels

Despite the unseasonably cool weather the Acton Junior A's were hot Monday night as they devastated the Cambridge Rebels 9-2.

Gord McArthur opened the Acton scoring drive in the bottom of the first inning after a walk to first base. McArthur then stole second base and scored on a double by Dave Wilson.

In the second inning the A's game remained pretty much the same as Glen Scott strolled to first after being struck by the ball, then stole second and third and ran home on a passed ball.

The third inning saw Gord McArthur's mighty bat blasting the ball over the fence to give the A's a commanding 3-0 lead.

Tim Baker followed McArthur to the plate and a single put him on first. Baker stole second while Mark Duval was being struck out and single by Dave Wilson had Baker in scoring position. Thanks to pinch hitting by Glen Scott both Baker and Wilson crossed the plate to increase the Acton lead to five runs.

At this point the Rebels came to life briefly as they grabbed a pair of runs to narrow

the A's lead and then held off the local squad for the next inning.

The A's however were not to be held off for long as Mark Symes, Scott Kennedy and Peter Cargill notched a run each to set the record at 8-2 midway through the game.

The A's final run was notched by Roy Spear, who walked to first, stole second and was sent home by a double by Mark Symes.

Pitcher Roy Spear struck out 11 of his opponents while the Rebel pitcher managed to thwart 12 of the A's batters.



Lila Atkinson was awarded the most improved lady bowler, Neil DeForest had the league's high single, Dee DeForest had the high average, Richard Cripps had the high triple and Brian Cole was the most improved male bowler.

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**DOREEN URANICK**  
Doreen Uranick, 18, is a grade 12 student at AHS and she is proving to be one of the school's top athletes. Currently, Doreen is thwarting her opponents on the track with her most recent accomplishment being named most valuable Senior Female Athlete at the Father John Redmond Track and Field meet this weekend. Doreen is also involved in basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and cross country running.

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