

Survey Farmers

Urge More Sportsman-Farmer Co-Operation

A survey among 63 farmers in one township in the Lake Erie District to determine why 6,340 acres were posted against hunters has brought this conclusion: If organized sportsmen would spend a little time and effort in building up better relations with the farmer, conditions would be vastly improved.

The survey was reported by Conservation Officer Gordon Greenwood of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests during the Sportsmen's Conservation Workshop at the Western Ontario Agricultural School, Ridgetown, first ever held in Canada, last summer.

Questions Submitted

As a guide, to hunter-farmer relations, here are the questions submitted in the sample survey and the farmers' reactions:

Number of acres posted, wording of signs, reasons for posting, number of farmers who hunt, and specifically these queries:

Do you allow hunters on your farm if permission is requested?

Do you find that hunters disregard signs?

Would you consider posting your farm with "Hunting with Permission" signs?

If hunters obeyed the rules given by you, could they hunt on this property?

Do hunters' dogs cause any damage?

Do you have any damage to crops by pheasants, rabbits, mice, deer?

Which hunter gives you the most trouble — pheasant hunter, rabbit hunter, raccoon, crow or fox hunter?

Survey Results

Result of the survey: Only two farmers among the 63 questioned didn't hunt; 29 stated that they would allow most people to hunt on their farms if permission was requested.

Eighteen said they would allow their neighbors and relatives only.

Six stated that if the crops were off, they would allow hunting on their property.

Ten would not allow any hunting at all.

Mr. Greenwood reported 38 of the farmers interviewed said they would consider posting their farms with signs reading "Hunting with Permission." They would allow hunting if the hunters would obey the rules set down by the farmer.

Do Some Damage

All farmers felt that dogs did some damage to their soy bean crop; five said they had damage to their poultry and one that his dairy cows had been chased by dogs belonging to raccoon hunters.

Two farmers claimed to have suffered damage from pheasants and three from rabbits and mice; 19 had damage from raccoons. None claimed damage from deer; 41 thought the longer pheasant season was much better in all respects.

Conclusion in the report to the Sportsmen's Workshop:

"If organized sportsmen would spend a little more time and effort in building up better relations with the farmer, conditions would be vastly improved. Farmers should be encouraged to change their signs to 'Hunting with Permission.' The practice of so-called sportsmen leasing farms in regulated areas and posting them should be discouraged."

(The successful "Sportsmen's Workshop" was sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.)

Exhibition Is Royal Oak Win

The Oakville Royal Oaks, playing their first exhibition tilt of the season last Friday night at Milton Arena, skated the Woodstock Athletics into a 9-2 defeat. The Oaks, after holding earlier practices in Milton due to the lack of ice facilities at their home rink, were brilliant in the win as they allowed the A's to score first in the opening period at 17:34 and then came back to tie the score at 18:25.

Woodstock took the lead momentarily at the 7:06 mark in the second and then Oakville notched five goals before the end of the period with a sustained attack on the Woodstock net.

Three more tallies in the third put the game on ice for the Royal Oaks playing their first game under a new name and sponsor. 13 penalties were called in the affair by referees Bev Hamilton of Hamilton and Jack Clancy with Oakville drawing seven of these.

Irish Setter Club Holds Annual Trials

The Irish Setter Club of Canada held its fifth annual field trials at the "Caramia" home of Mary and Jim Southcott, Five Sideroad, Esquesing, on Sunday. President Bob Allan of Ancaster was the judge.

Seven braces were run, with Kelly of Ken-ten, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Honsberger of Streetsville, winning the open puppy brace for 18-month and under dogs. The class open to all ages was won by Prince Rory of Ken-ten owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dafoe of Burlington.

A picnic lunch was served at noon in the valley.

Point and Hold

In the field trials, live pheasants are placed in "hides" throughout the valley and the judges and assistants ride horses. The dogs quarter and range the field and upon finding the birds, are required to point and hold the point until they are given the signal to flush the bird.

The second dog in the brace is supposed to honor the first dog's point and he also points and holds.

Following the trial, the 18 members enjoyed a dinner at Hawthorne Lodge.

Start Sked Tuesday

Stouffville Takes Exhibitioner 8-3

The hockey Merchants took it on the chin in Stouffville Tuesday night dropping the second of their two exhibition encounters by an 8-3 count.

Gary Hughes and Jim Hoffert, both new faces in a Merchant uniform, opened the scoring in the first period giving Milton a 2-0 lead before the Clippers fired three by Ross, Gayman and Lehman in that order to put Stouffville out in front 3-2 at the end of the period.

Put it Away

In the second Gayman scored his second for Stouffville, then Milton's Cracker Evans drew the locals closer with his tally at 17:11. Two quick markers at 19:11 and 19:54 of the second period put the Clippers out in front 6-3 and then Rusty Forfar and Gayman with his third put the game away for the hometowners.

Nineteen minor penalties were called with Stouffville drawing 12 of these. Milton had two misconducts called against them and goalie Fred Lever and rookie Glen Dance were the bad men.

Georgetown Next

The Merchants start their

schedule next Tuesday when they travel to Georgetown and then host the Raiders back here in the opener of the season. Booster tickets are still on sale and the holder gets admitted to the first ten home games for four dollars. Two lucky draws are to be held at each home game with Scotty's Delicatessen donating a fried chicken and Stonehouse Sales an oil change for the winners whose program lucky number is called.

Mayor Childs will be on hand to officially open the puck season for the town of Milton.

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Members and officials of Halton's rural softball teams—both the boys' and girls' teams—attended a banquet in Trafalgar Hall Friday evening to see Omagh boys and Palermo girls receive their Halton championship trophies. Close to 150 attended the banquet and a larger crowd gathered for the dance which followed.

League president John McDougall presided at the banquet and introduced the managers of the boys' teams. Al Hall, manager of the Trafalgar team which lost out in the finals to Omagh, had the pleasure of presenting the league trophy to Graham Gillies of the winning squad.

While congratulating the Omagh players on the win, he pointed out the reason his team lost—too many players absent on holidays at the wrong time.

Most valuable players of their teams were Dave Leslie of Hornby, Glen Richardson of Nelson, John Willmott of Omagh, Vern Galbraith of Palermo, and Len Coolidge of Trafalgar. John Willmott, hard-working executive type and top hurler for the Omagh champions, won the trophy as the league's most valuable man.

Girls' Trophies

Mr. Willmott presented the Hayward Transport trophy to Helen Bridgman, captain of the girls' champion Palermo entry. Ruth Ford of Omagh accepted the shield for the team finishing first in the

regular schedule, and Ray Englehart, manager of the Omagh girls' team, was presented with a gift from the players.

"Hunt" Disturbs Morning Sleep Of Area Farmer

Hunters are again causing a disturbance in the Milton district.

H. Hayes, R.R. 6, Milton, went looking for "no hunting" signs to post on his farm Saturday morning after early-rising hunters woke him from his bed with their shooting and yelling near the barnyard.

He said they took as many as 15 shots at one rabbit and scared the ducks in the pond. None of the hunters, reported Mr. Hayes, appeared capable of speaking English.

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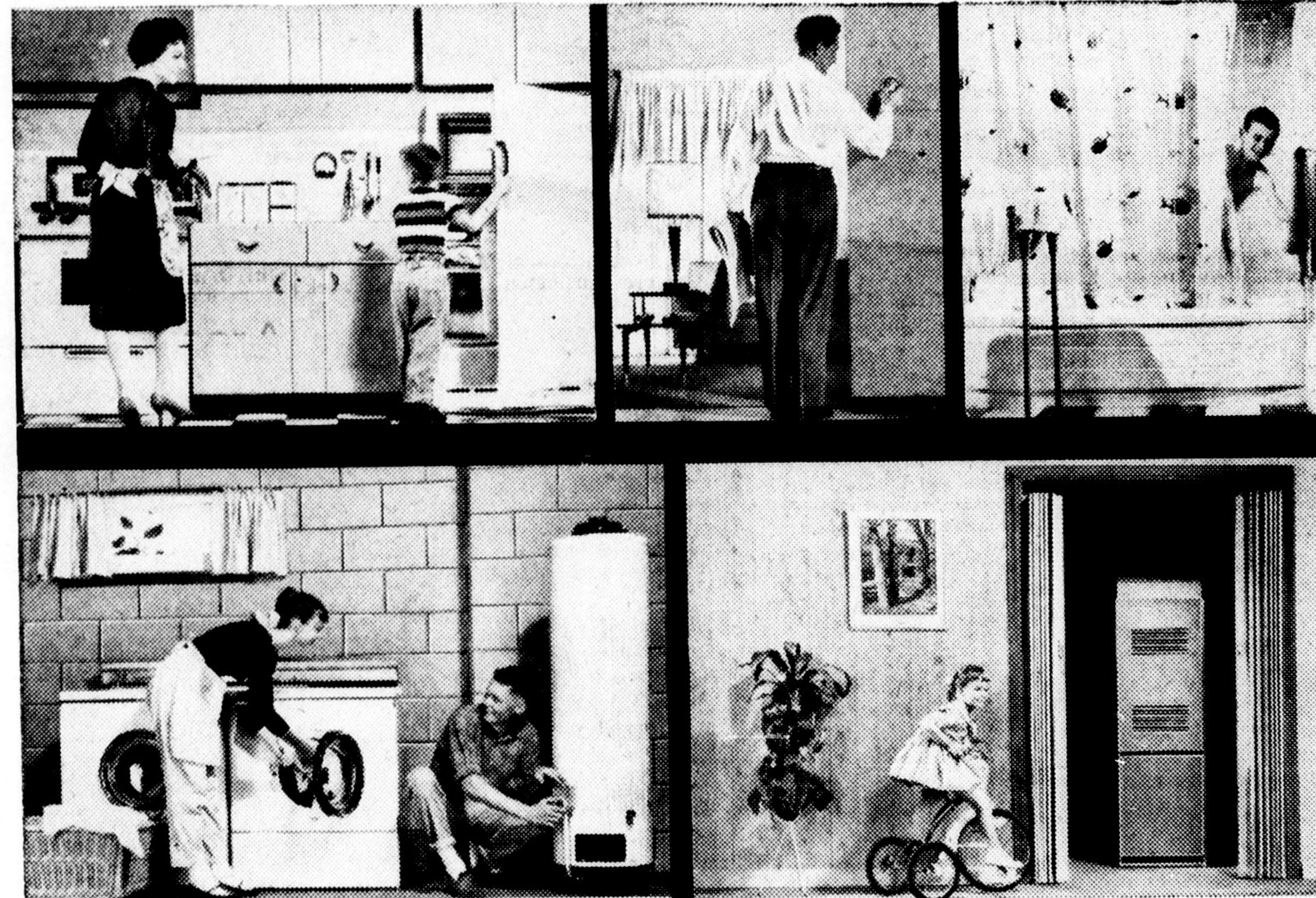
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Hallowe'en Food

Make it Look Interesting

Make your Hallowe'en refreshments look as interesting as they will taste! Serve the salad in scooped-out apples, cut to look like miniature Jack-O-Lanterns, set them on a leaf of lettuce with mounds of fruit dressing made with whipped cream around the apple base, to resemble ruffled collar. Corn sticks and cookies should be passed in attractive woven baskets.

Make your beverage the hi-spot on the menu. Serve the punch from an enormous punch bowl; made by hollowing out a large pumpkin, and sinking a large mixing bowl therein to hold the drink. Scallop the top edge to make your pumpkin bowl a thing of beauty! If you prefer a hot beverage, serve it from a steaming iron pot by all means—straight from the witch's den!

For the younger set, milk drinks are "the thing" but let them be something a little different. Try frosty dessert shakes, made by beating four tablespoons of flavored rennet dessert powder with one tablespoon milk until smooth, and then adding this to four cups of cold milk, and beating until well blended. The milk drinks are now ready, sweetened, flavored and colored with a simple twist of the wrist. You will find that there are many flavors and colors of powders from which to choose.

Doughnuts have become part of

the Hallowe'en picture for both younger and older sets but they too should be fancied-up for the occasion. Covered with yellow-tinted frosting, then studded with multicolored little gumdrops, they become "magic jewel rings." Serve on a large platter.

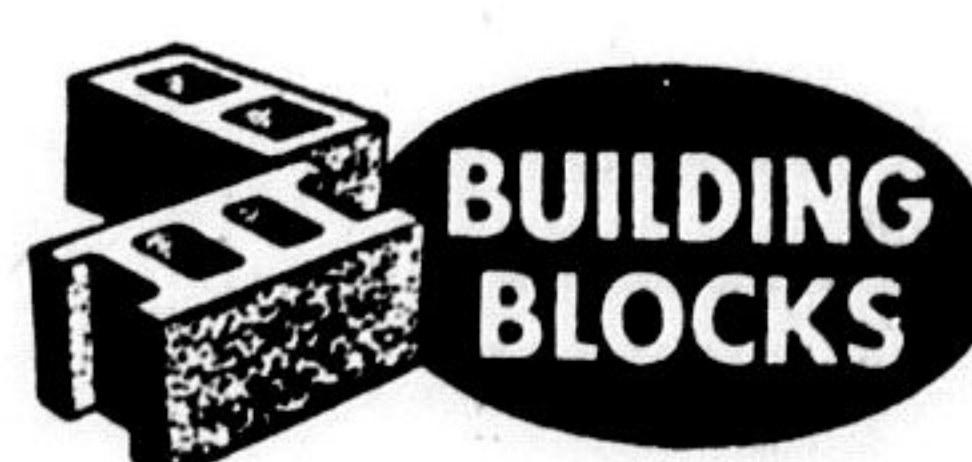
These may also help with the table decoration if a large jack-o-lantern is filled with extra doughnuts and placed in the center of the table.

Big Rush

Hunting season is here and the big rush is on for "no hunting" signs. (They're available at the Canadian Champion office.)

Let's All Help

Over 50 local merchants have signified their interest in good local hockey by undertaking sponsorship of the "Merchants" intermediate hockey club. The man-on-the-street can help, too, by giving the team the support it deserves. (Home opener is a week from Friday.)



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