

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

April 6 - 12

Next week, Ontario joins with other provinces in observance of National Wildlife Week. April 6 - 12, a week annually dedicated to turning the mind and heart of everyone towards the welfare of the denizens of field, forest and stream and the conservation and wise use of all renewable natural resources.

Established by the Canadian Parliament in April, 1947, the week is a memorial to Jack Miner -- John Thomas Miner, of Kingsville, Ontario, who died in 1944. He is credited with having done more for wildlife conservation than anyone on the North American continent.

Jack Miner and other true sportsmen organized one of the first game protection associations in this country, a movement which has since spread from coast to coast.

The famed Bird Sanctuary at Kingsville in southwestern Ontario was started by Jack Miner on the once-a-wilderness spot on the north shore of Lake Erie. His work became internationally known and he was honoured in 1943 with the order of the British Empire by the late King George VI.

He took a special interest in teaching children to protect their rich wildlife heritage and urged that every child build a bird house "because that child would not allow any person to harm a bird that was apt to build its nest in his bird house."

Parry Sound District Biologist, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, observes in respect of National Wildlife Week: "It behooves us to pause for a moment and consider that virtually our whole economy revolves around the fish and game and the woodland and water resources. This is a period when we might consider how we can put something back,

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or do our part in the work of conservation.

"Fish and wildlife management is the means used to obtain the maximum sustained yield of a part of our capital assets which is particularly important in our tourist industry. There are many opinions, some now outmoded by discovery of new information as to the best means of doing this. For instance, what is the point of stocking smallmouth bass in our many bass waters when our research has shown that water temperature is the important feature controlling the size of our bass population?"

"On the other hand, many of our lake trout waters show distinct improvement in fishing as a result of stocking. In fact, one of the principal fisheries projects in Parry Sound district is restoration of lake trout waters in which, for some reason, the species has disappeared."

"Wildlife week, then, is a period for contemplation respecting our great heritage of the living out-of-doors. It might be a good time to visit the local library and find out what books are available on the subject."

Just in case you forget about it, why not let the honking of the wild geese as they move north in that second week of April be a reminder?

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There is a car-load of manure on the ground behind the South Camp Carpenter Shop. This manure will be distributed on Saturday April 5th starting at 9:00 a.m.

The charge of \$1.00 per load may be paid to Frank Ginn or J. Shivas either prior to Saturday or at time of loading.

Arrangements have been made for truck transportation but each person desiring manure must assist in loading.

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More than 100 of the 565 Model Payroll jobs at Kimberly-Clark's Terrace Bay Mill are held by persons living in the surrounding district, mainly Schreiber.