



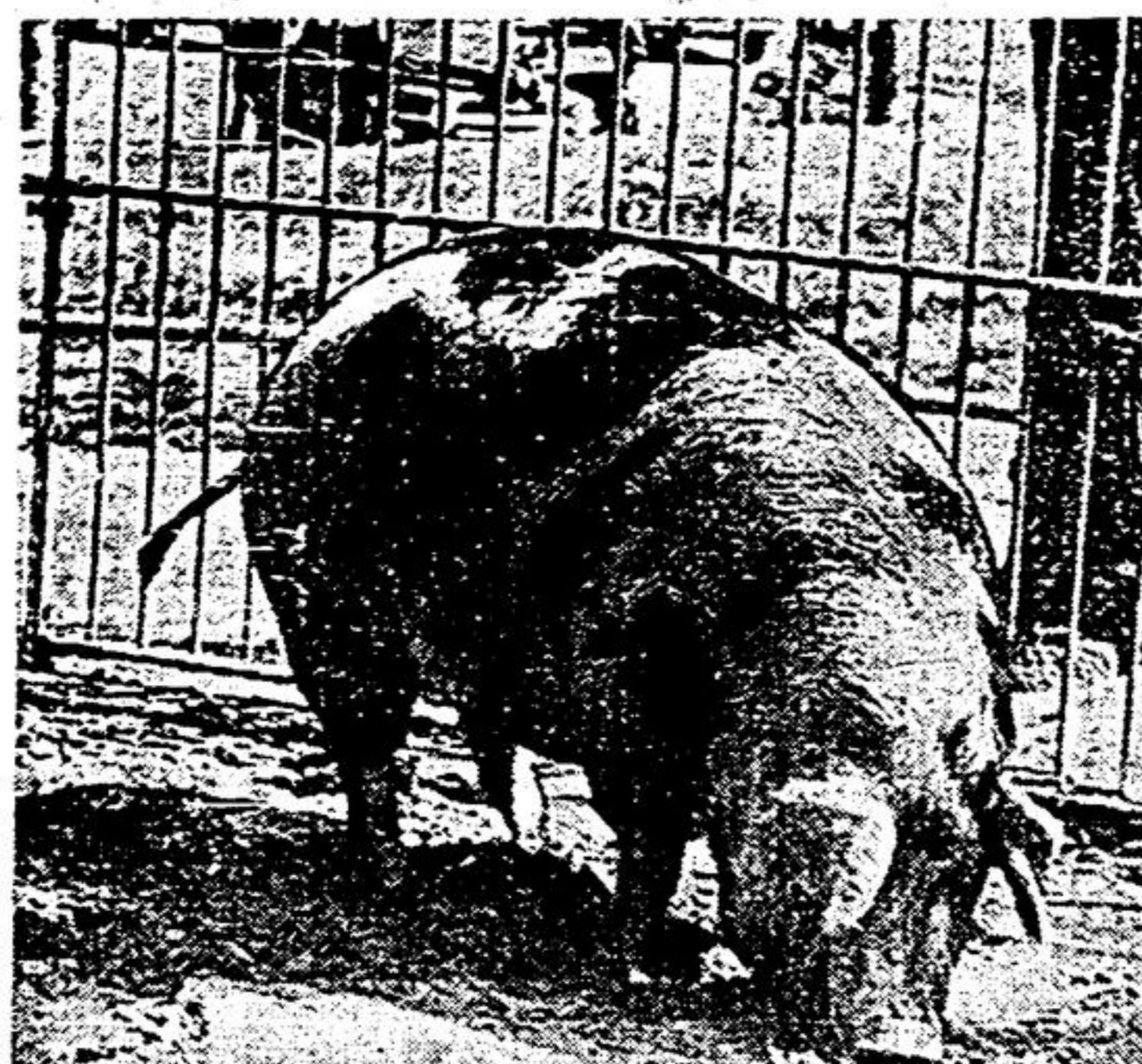
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**GEESE GOBBLE GRAIN, FARMER TEARS HAIR**  
Gobden, Ont., April 16 — Huge hungry flocks of some 5,000 Canadian wild geese today are busy gobbling up some 60 bags of grain provided them by the Ontario government.  
They are the persistent annual visitors to the nearby farm of the despairing Harry Berry, just a short distance from the shores of Muskrat Lake, some 50 miles north-west of Ottawa.  
The big honkers, famished after their long trip from the south, have been landing by the hundreds on Berry's farm lands during the last week, waiting for the northern waters to unfreeze.  
Searching for food, they tear up his meadows each year on their annual trip northward. In addition he provides them with 300 pounds of grain out of his granary to feed them every day.  
Berry's plight began 25 years ago



**"Atom-ized" Pig Receives Navy Discharge**  
Pig No. 311, the world's only "atom-ized" porker, is shown in her new and less colorful surroundings at the National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C., after she was mustered out of the navy. No. 311 is a survivor of the Bikini a-bomb tests of 1946, when she went through the atomic-goings-on locked in the washroom of a captured Japanese cruiser. Since that time the pig has been under observation at the Naval Medical Research Institute. But now the bomb-proof sow has received an honorable discharge and is ready to settle down and lead a peaceful life.

**Vivian Forest Started Twenty-five Years Ago**

First tree plantings in Vivian forest were made twenty-five years ago now. At that time the forest comprised only 160 acres, and today the township of Whitechurch has some 2,800 acres with an assessment (tax free) of \$27,000.  
The area that comprises the Hollidge farm was the first holding purchased and planted. Mr. Martin of Midhurst came down to superintend the work of planting the two-year-old trees, Jack Pine and Scotch Pine. The Jack Pine was considered most suitable for blow sand. Twenty-five men were engaged to do the planting, but today with mechanical tree planter, three men could do the work in

when he befriended a flock of a dozen geese. Since then the bock has grown and they keep stopping at the Berry farm.

Berry's representative in the House of Commons, R. M. Warren, a Renfrew North Liberal, appealed to Health Minister Martin to do something about the birds. Mr. Martin said he would refer the matter to the Agriculture and Resources Departments.

Meanwhile yesterday, Ontario wildlife officers, armed with 60 bags of grain, rushed to the Berry farm to provide free food for the hungry birds and so save the fields from devastation.

Members of the Renfrew Fish and Game Club and Ottawa Fish and Game Association helped to spread the grain.

Each year they arrive with the regularity of clockwork and remain for two or three weeks before moving northward. Luckily, they don't stop on their way south.

This was the first year the Ontario wildlife department has fed them, to save the young grass and clover in the meadows.

There was some discussion on the Berry farm yesterday on the possibility of building a sanctuary at Muskrat Lake for the protection of the birds against poachers.

One of the spring hats for women is shaped like a coal scuttle. Now a man won't be so embarrassed in a stove pipe.

three or four days.  
There will be many trees at a mature age in another five years, but in the meantime thinning operations are going on, and pulp and paper mills provide a market for the discarded trees, that must be removed to make room for expansion of other timber. For three successive years now 200,000 trees have been planted annually, mostly in Whitechurch, and a few in East Gwillimbury where additional holdings have been purchased.



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**Old Indian Axe Head Dug Up On Church Street Site**

C. E. Heise, formerly of Gormley, while excavating at his property in Welland, recently, found an odd-shaped smoothly polished stone which attracted his interest so much that he decided to have it identified if possible. It turned out to be what Mr. Heise expected, an Indian artifact.  
The stone, polished and worn smooth, is shaped much like the head of a small hatchet, the blade chipped and the butt broken by hard use. It was brought to the Welland office of The Welland Tribune and referred to George H. Smith, Port Colborne historian and authority on Indian relics.  
Mr. Smith identified the stone as an Indian artifact, an axehead or wedge, probably axe head. It had been used a great deal, said Mr. Smith, so much that it was practically worn out and had been discarded by its owner. It had been sharpened many times and its butt split from hammering. It was rubbed to an amazing smoothness.

**Dates Far Back**  
It was made, said the authority, by a Neutral, a tribe between the Iroquois and Algonquins, wiped out along with the Algonquins by the war-like Iroquois. It was a pre-European era, he said, for few were made of stone after the Europeans brought iron utensils and weapons to the country.  
Such wedges and other artifacts were quite common in the Niagara district, said Mr. Smith, particularly in the Point Abino section.  
Mr. Smith displayed to The Welland Tribune several other pieces from his own collection of wedges, axeheads and ornaments.

**Births**  
PAINTER—Ruth and Jim Painter of Ringwood are happy to announce the arrival of their son on April 5, 1949, a baby brother for Murray.

WILSON—Mr. and Mrs. Deward Wilson (nee Lois Westland) announce the birth of their daughter Patsy Diane, on April 9, 1949.

WRIGHT—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright (nee Hazel Pegg) are happy to announce the birth of a son, David Herbert, on April 9, 1949, at St. Catharines General Hospital, a brother for Joan.

LAFACE—Mr. and Mrs. Brian Laface, Enniskillen, wish to announce the birth of a son at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ethel Brown, on Sunday, April 10th, 1949, (a brother for Lynda).

MILNE — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milne, Unionville R.R.1, wish to announce the birth of their son on Sunday, April 10, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

KELLAND—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelland, Uxbridge, wish to announce the birth of their son on Tuesday, April 12th, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Hall—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a son, stillborn.

Melville W.M.S.  
Melville W.M.S. held their Easter Thankoffering meeting at the home of Mrs. Edgar Nigh on Tuesday, April 5th, Mrs. Chapin, president, presiding. There was a record attendance of members and friends. The Thankoffering Program outlined in "Missionary Monthly" was carried out by members. Mrs. Muir of Stouffville was guest speaker, giving an interesting talk on experiences in China where she and her husband served as missionaries. Special music by Miss Bruce, piano solo, "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (Melita) by Dr. J. B. Dykes, was rendered. Following the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess. A pleasant profitable time was enjoyed. Miss Janet Bruce, secretary.

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