

Locust Hill Farmer, Silas Toole Builds Pheasant Stock

Good hunting was largely taken for granted last weekend by the 500 well-bundled sportsmen who flocked to Pickering Township's snow-flecked game haunts during the district's annual two-day pheasant shoot.

Few hunters realized, as they trudged contentedly through river-threaded woods and over rolling fields, that one man has been largely responsible for the good hunting enjoyed each year by hundreds in this area.

Silas Toole is the man's name. Now hale and hearty at 71, Mr. Toole has devoted his life, his own money and a large portion of his rolling hilltop farm at Locust Hill, Pickering, to the task of bringing pheasants to Pickering, and keeping them here as a lasting lure to Southern Ontario hunters.

Since 1930, most of Silas Toole's energies have been devoted to the creation of an 11-acre pheasant sanctuary within the limits of his farm. Almost 20 years have been spent by the weather-tanned farmer in hauling swamp grass, bracken and swale to furnish his sanctuary, and in keeping exhaustive records of the comings and goings of his colorful guests.

The information gleaned from his statistics, combined with the work done by an organization he heads—the Pickering Game Conservation Association—have combined to make this township a leading pheasant haunt. And for Mr. Toole, it has all been fun.

"They're the prettiest, and the most intelligent game birds you'll find anywhere," he claims, adding that he begrudges not one of the thousands of hours and dollars he has spent on his hobby.

Swathed in two or three heavy coats, his legs encased in high rubber boots, Mr. Toole still patrols the heart of the Pickering pheasant grounds during the annual shoot, in spite of the fact that the provincial government long ago installed a full-time Department of Lands and Forests office to take care of licensing and patrolling.

"You can't keep him home," says Pickering and Markham con-

servation officer Harry Meighan. "Every year, during the shoot, he's up at the crack of dawn with a copy of the Migratory Birds Act in one hand and a pair of binoculars that must have come with Columbus in the other. Then off he goes. Covers more ground than most of us, too."

Pheasant hunting in Pickering didn't reach its present status until 1938, when licensing became the order, and officials began stocking the woods with government-raised birds to supplement the hundreds provided by Silas Toole.

Now, under the direction of Meighan, who like his friend Mr. Toole has spent a lifetime in working with game, more than 800 birds are acquired each year from provincial hatcheries. These are fed in pens, and turned loose in late summer—to reach full size by hunting time.

"With this data," says Mr. Meighan, "we're gradually reducing the matter of restocking to a science. We can now be relatively certain that each year in turn will see Pickering woods and fields stocked with enough pheasants to satisfy all the hunters who wish to come."

BETHESDA

Bethesda Women's Institute will hold a sale of work and cooking on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15th, at the home of Mrs. C. Burkholder. Come and help us along with this work. Everyone is very welcome.

Bethesda Young People's Union will meet Friday evening of this week in the church. Plan to attend this meeting.

The 48th annual convention of Central Ontario Women's Institutes was held last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Royal York Hotel. Bethesda members attending Thursday afternoon were Mrs. C. Burkholder, Mrs. H. Pugh, Mrs. A. Paisley, Mrs. F. Harwood and Miss M. Nicely. Mrs. C. Ratcliff and Mrs. H. Ratcliff attended Friday's session. Mrs. C. Hicks spent the three days there.

More Than Six Hundred Enjoy Turkey Banquet

More than six hundred persons made their way to the Stouffville United Church on Tuesday evening to enjoy one of the greatest turkey banquets spread here in many years. Astronomical quantities of food were prepared for the "feast" which was held in conjunction with special services on Sunday marking the opening of the new church wing.

Seven hundred pounds of turkey was cooked to a turn, and these three dozen fine birds were garnished with dressing which required seventy loaves of bread. Three hundred and seventy-five pounds of potatoes were cooked for the affair. Salads, pies, cakes, and the remainder of the trimmings which went to make up the supper, were supplied by the wagon-load.

Following the supper a concert was enjoyed in the church auditorium by the Borden's Golden Crest Male Choir.

Are You Interested In Dramatics?

Within recent years, there has been a revival of interest in dramatics. The cultural advantages offered by the study and preparation of a play are many. The study of voice, stage grouping, poise and expanding knowledge of literature are of a distinctly educational character and a definite means of enriching one's life and contacts. Dramatics can enlist the interest and talent of quite a large group. Some of course, are the actors, but in addition, there must be a group responsible for production, which is most important to the success of a play. Stage managing, scenery designing, and building, stage lighting, costume designing, and makeup, are some of the necessary parts which can be taken by those of the group not interested in acting.

The Stouffville Hobby Club is sponsoring a dramatic group, which meets at the High School each Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. This group is directed by Mrs. Wm. Lampton who has spent some years on the staff at Community Programs and has had much experience in all types of adult education.

Persons young and old, interested in acting or stage production, are urged to join this group as soon as possible, and plan for a season of study, work, and fun.

Albert Edwin Dobson Passes in Brierbush Hospital in 79th Year

Albert Edwin Dobson, who had been a resident of Uxbridge for the past sixteen years, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, at the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville in his 79th year. The deceased suffered a stroke over a year ago, and had been in failing health since that time. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Nov. 4th from the Chapel of McGuire and Low in Uxbridge by Rev. L. E. Atkinson, with interment in Uxbridge Cemetery.

Born in the County of Ontario, Mr. Dobson was a well-known farmer throughout the Uxbridge District. He was united in marriage with Jean Leask, who predeceased him. He is survived by two sons, Fred and John, who farm in Reach Township. The late Mr. Dobson was interested in the progress of the community, and was identified with the United Church.

Clock and Fan Depot Opened in Markham

Coinciding with Hydro's frequency standardization program in Markham and district, the Commission opened a clock and fan depot in the Tremont Hotel on November 6.

In making this announcement, Hydro Chairman Robert H. Saunders said that the many rural customers could use the depot as well as Markham's domestic customers. The first changeovers for the customers served by Markham Hydro-Electric System are scheduled for January 5, and the work is expected to be completed about January 9.

In addition to the depot in Markham, a mobile unit will be operating in Agincourt to serve the customers being changed over there.

Such a depot is set up like a modern store with new 60-cycle clocks and fans attractively arranged in well-lighted display cases and on shelves. It functions in this manner: Household residents in an area which is being "cut-over" to 60-cycle power supply are advised by letter to bring their portable fans, 10 inches in diameter and under and 25-cycle clocks to the depot. There they can either leave them to be altered for 60-cycle operation, or exchange them for new 60-cycle models on display. Exchange prices

Displays Unique Checker Board



Checker board made, without nails, of birds' eye maple and walnut by his grandfather, the late Bill Fleming, a champion player, is displayed by Dr. William Fleming, who keeps the old board in his

modern dentist office. Dr. Fleming is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fleming of Markham, well known couple in Stouffville. He recently opened his new dentist office in his father's familiar block on Main Street.

are reasonable, and there are many attractive models of 60-cycle clocks and fans from which to choose on this basis.

Mr. Saunders also announced that a Frequency Standardization Division Area Sub Office had been opened in the Orange Hall, Church Street, Markham. This office will continue in operation until Feb. 1,

and customers desiring service or information regarding the change-over program are asked to phone number 10, Markham.

Canadians own more than two million motor vehicles of all kinds, according to this year's vehicle registrations.

\$50,000 Fire at Oak Ridges Motel

An amateur boxer, his hair afire, rescued a four-month-old baby on Monday as flames destroyed the \$50,000 garage restaurant at Bill Stunden's motel at Oak Ridges, west of Stouffville.

Mat Kirk, staying with Mr. and Mrs. George Oswald in a second floor apartment, ran into the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nichols, next door, grabbed the baby, Judy, from her crib and made a dash over a flaming floor to the stairs, shielding her with his body. The swirling flames set his hair on fire as he descended.

Fire brigades from Aurora, Richmond Hill, Willowdale and North York fought the blaze which started under the Oswald apartment. When the Oswalds jumped out of bed on smelling smoke, their slippers caught fire, but they managed to get out. A two-month-old puppy they were forced to leave behind was burned to death.

As Mr. and Mrs. Oswald left their rooms, an explosion rocked the buildings. They were met in the hall by Kirk with the baby in his arms. He thrust it into Mrs. Oswald's arms and she carried it out as he ran back into the fire to rouse Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes in another apartment. They ran out in night clothing.

Mrs. Hughes was able to carry out her year-old baby, Robert. Her other son, Russell was at school. Mrs. Nichols, mother of Judy, was outside hanging out clothes when the fire broke out. She tried to get in to get her baby when Mrs. Oswald came out with it.

In the lower apartment, Henry Lee, Chuck Wong and Wong Gee, proprietors of the restaurant, tried to carry out all the chairs and furniture they could even though some items were burning. Expensive ranges and other equipment in the ranch-style restaurant were lost.

"I never even stopped to think," said Kirk. "I knew the baby was in the apartment alone and I just went for it. The flames were only inches away from its crib when I reached it. I tried to grab a blanket to throw around it, but I couldn't seem to make my hands do what I wanted them to."

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