

Claremont Bridge Subject of Renowned Artist



Langley Donges of Toronto whose paintings are to be found in local art galleries across this country and in private collections all over the world, has been inspired for a number of his works by landscapes in this area. Two of his best known works being a bridge at Claremont which appears here, and a bridge at Unionville.

The Claremont piece is the prized possession of a private collector while that of the Unionville subject is in the permanent collection of the Art Gallery at London, Ontario.

Langley Donges, by the way, began his artistic career doing wax-works. Today his paintings, mainly landscape, are to be found in private collections in India, England and the United States—and of course in Canada. The Toronto-born artist, for some 30 years a painter, is not one to follow new schools, though he has gone on steadily developing his painting powers.

The abstract does not appeal to him as a personal style, though like all serious artists he has experimented as he has gone on.

He is a naturalist to whom the spirit consistently informs his fine landscape work.

Mr. Donges has recently returned from a painting trip which took him to Banff and Lake Louise, the Yoho Valley and Field. He has brought back with him a dozen or so oils, nearly all of them completed on the spot; also a number of sketches to be developed later.

Presently he will make what is almost a yearly pilgrimage to Haliburton where, perhaps especially in autumn, artists find inspiration all about them.

His Mud Road was in last year's Royal Canadian Academy Show.

Almost at the outset of his career, young Donges spent three months in New York, the one period in his life he has been non-resident in Toronto.

That brief time was spent creating figures for the famous Eden Musee, and the painter of today recalls with a touch of amusement that one figure he worked on was that of Henri Landu Landru, the French Bluebeard.

He had already, however, some experience working in wax, had

done mannequins for The T. Eaton Co., as well as functioning as "window trimmer." When the Santa Claus parade became a feature of the Christmas season, he did papier mache figures for it.

His free hours are devoted to painting landscape. Interesting fruits of this industry in "leisure" have appeared in various group shows and have provided sufficient materials for two excellent one-man shows in the last year or two. These shows, at The Little Gallery, attracted much favorable attention.

An Illinois policeman was suspended for flirting with girls. Girls are supposed not to resist an officer.

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Mennonites Hear Soviet Kin Routed

One thousand Mennonites, closing their fifth world conference in Basel, Switzerland, last week, were told that the once 50,000-strong Mennonite community in Russia and East Prussia has been "almost entirely destroyed" since the start of the Second World War.

Dr. Harold Bender, dean of the Mennonite seminary at Goshen College, Indiana, and chairman of the conference, said that one-third were killed in the war and most of the rest fled to other countries.

"There are still a few isolated communities in Russia," he said, "and towards them we have a special responsibility of prayer."

The extremely conservative, 15,000-strong "Old Amish" Mennonite group in the United States and Canada, which refuses to use either automobiles or electricity, was not represented at the conference. Dr. Bender explained "they don't believe in having their photographs taken, so they cannot get passports."

A world church conference aimed at over-coming age-long barriers to Christian unity opened in Sweden with a solemn religious service in the centuries-old cathedral of Lund.

Some 230 churchmen from points as distant as Australia, gathered in the Swedish university town of Lund for two weeks of theological discussion on church unity.

The meeting officially is called the third world conference on faith and order. It is sponsored by the World Council of Churches, with a membership of 156 Protestant churches.

Approximately 100 churches have sent delegates.

Five delegates have come from Communist Hungary and others are expected from Czechoslovakia.

A spokesman for the World Council of Churches said no reply was received to invitations sent to the Patriarchate of Moscow and of All Russia or from the Baptist Churches in Russia.

UNIONVILLE

Mrs. Charity Wilson of Litchfield, Conn., recently visited her brother, Dr. Chas. R. MacKay and his daughter, Mrs. N. Sanderson.

Robert Macklin Armstrong, a resident of Unionville for over fifty years, died at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, Aug. 17, at the age of 86. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. F. M. Brunton at the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham, on Tuesday, Aug. 19. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Mausoleum.

The deceased was the son of the late Peter and Eliza Armstrong and a grandson of the late William Armstrong, one of Markham Township's first pioneers. He received his early education at Markham High School, a pupil of the late Dr. Crowell.

After the turn of the century he became interested in exporting mounted specimens of Canadian wild life, and with Mr. Edwin Duon, the noted taxidermist as working partner with headquarters at Unionville large numbers of moose heads were shipped to all parts of America at fabulous prices as decoration for the hundreds of lodge rooms of the popular "Order of the Moose." An extensive business was carried on for a number of years. After Mr. Armstrong's retirement he spent the remainder of his life living quietly at his home on Main St.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Jos. Bond, Bert Hurrell, Myrl Smith, Wilbur Latimer, Clark Young and Bert Snowball, all of Unionville.



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Bird Seasons Announced

W. S. Gemmill, Ontario minister of lands and forests on Tuesday announced provincial open seasons and bag limits on migratory birds.

Ducks, geese, rails, coots and gallinules: Hudson Bay, Sept. 15 to Nov. 10; northern zone, Sept. 20 to Nov. 15, and southern zone Oct. 4 to Nov. 10.

Woodcock: Hudson Bay, Sept. 15 to Oct. 22; northern zone, Sept. 20 to Oct. 27, and southern zone, Oct. 4 to Nov. 10.

Wilson's snipe: Hudson Bay, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15; northern zone, Sept. 20 to Oct. 20, and southern zone, Oct. 4 to Nov. 3.

Bag limits: Ducks, seven a day, of which not more than one may be a wood duck; geese, five a day; woodcock, eight a day, and Wilson's snipe, eight a day.

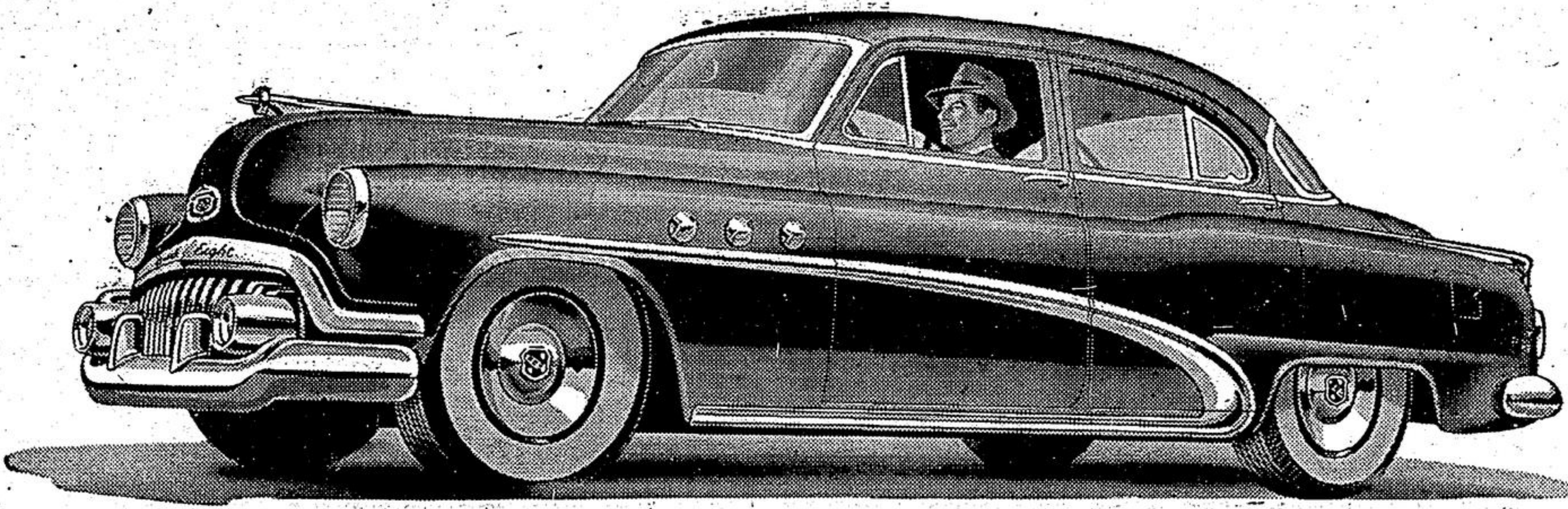
Dates for partridge season will be announced later.

Catch Two Thieves Who Stole Sheaves

At midnight Saturday P.C.'s Norman Cowie and Roy McDonald, O.P.P. patrolling the 2nd con. of Whitechurch, became curious when they overtook a panel truck with sheaves of grain hanging out at the back. Signalling for the driver to stop, two Lake Wilcox residents admitted they had stolen the sheaves to feed their pigs. Fred Britz, Joyce's Point, and Murray R. Spence, Benson Ave., were lodged in Newmarket jail.

The following morning when released on bail the officers told them to drive back to where they had picked up the grain. They were instructed to shock it up for the farmer. Manager Leo Doran, Kenrara Farms, north of Aurora, was not aware of the theft until informed by the officers.

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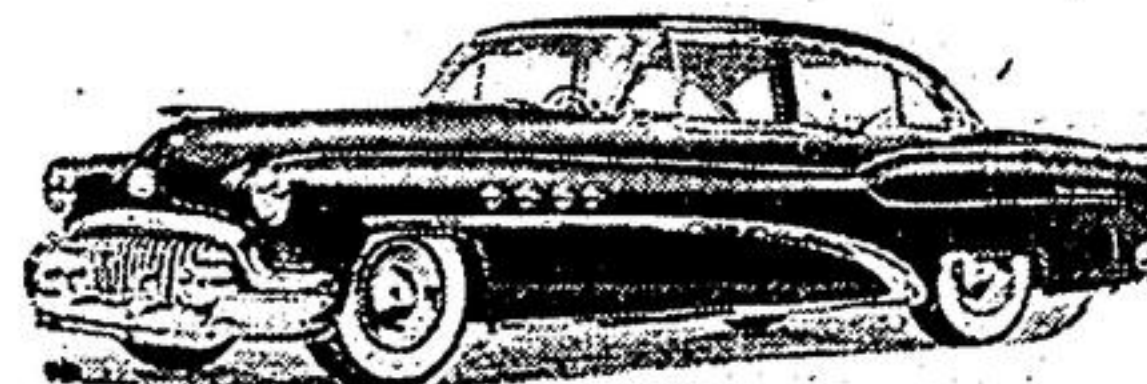
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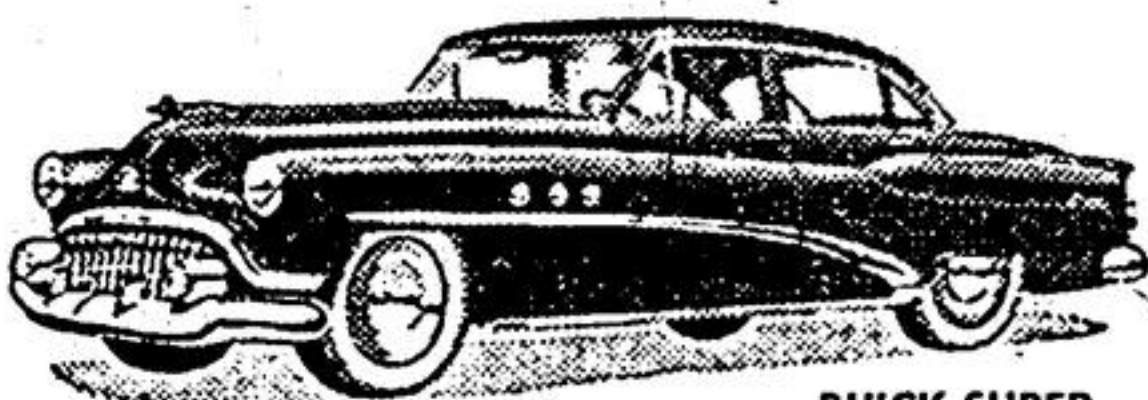
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