Rambling with The Oldtimer

across a bunch of old-fashioned have been told that he mixed the He married Sarah Ann Atkinson death cards that my good old greater share of the concrete and lived on that farm, later mother had carefully stored for that large house with a sho- buying the fifty acres on the cy and Patrick and I had put one that Robert had out to his away years ago. I undid the vel. That was before the power west side of the fifth, directly our horses in at the Franklin farm one day. He had a large package and started to read cement mixers came. them over. I read thus: (I have | I will now mention Lot 10. there until he passed it over to dinner at a four-chair table. That would be along between Prices for Eggs mentioned this old gentleman 'east side of the fifth. Albert his son, Fred, who married a Will Sanders, the old-time pho- 1922 and 1925. This foreman and several times before.) Richard John Allen owned that farm Miss Graham over on the third, tographer came and joined us Robert got into a heated dis-Chapman died at Bethesda, Ap- years ago but before buying it a sister of Russell Hunt's wife. at our table. It must have been cussion and the foreman threatril 26th, 1905, aged 60 years, 29 he owned Lot 8 which ran out days. There is a house that to the fourth, back of Isaac

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In looking through my book- this old gentleman helped Byer | married Albert's sister.

Bird Retrieving Novelty For Sportsman's Show

Retrieving by trained birds of The eagles he uses for this prey, an old and exciting sport unusual act have been trained which has become almost ex- by falconer John Hamlet over tinct, will be one of many novel the past three years. They have features of the 1957 Canadian a wing span of seven feet and National Sportsmen's Show to weigh in excess of 20 pounds. be held in the Coliseum in To- A zoologist for many years ronto, from March 15 to 23.

Historical records prove that Service, Hamlet also was in birds were used to kill and re-charge of a project in the Philtrieve game, in China as far ippines which collected and shipback as 2,000 B.C., in Babylon ped 2,600 monkeys a month for 3,700 years ago and in England the experiemnts which produced after the Norman Conquest, the Salk polio vaccine. He is Hawks, falcons and eagles are now operating his own "trainthe birds most commonly used ing school" in Florida for the for this sport, with the eagle killer birds. Each year he capgetting the preference because tures for enrolment unwilling of its more powerful claws and young fledglings in their native its courage to tackle the biggest | habitat high on the sheer walls

Using several golden eagles, Colorado. as well as some falcons, John Other outstanding acts, in-Hamlet of Ocala, Florida, will cluding stars of stage, screen give indoor demonstrations of and radio, will round out the retrieving by birds of prey dur- ful two-hour program of entering the 8 days of the Canadian tainment at the stage and water National Sportsmen's Show, revue which is one of the high-This is the first time anywhere lights of the Sportsmen's Show. such a feat has been attempted Other features will include indoors. The act has been book- Canada's largest boat and mared by Loyal Kelly, general man- ine show, an International moager of the Sportsmen's Show, tor show, a travel show, a cotto add novelty and spice to this tage show and three dog shows. year's big springtime exhibition, which is commemorating | The famed swallows of southits tenth anniversary. If suc- ern California's mission of San cessful in Toronto. John Ham- Juan Capistrano are cliff swallet and his birds of prey will be lows, one of the few western launched on an extensive tour birds that live close to man. of sports shows, exhibitions and Square-tailed, they build globu case a few days ago, I ran to build that cement house. I Percy Allen bought Lot 10. fairs across the continent.

Jonas Byer built on Lot'33, be Pike's place. If I remember right nearly as much as some other, Well, we got into conversation. would give him the weight of tracks right south of the old for home. Robert had a large hen. Jones elevator that Ray Brillin- cane with a rule in it. It was a I had better describe those ger now owns. Raymond is a very heavy cane; you could take two farms, Lot 10 and 11 on the strong supporter of "Tiny" Ca- the top off and pull the rule up fifth. I mentioned before that thers and you would wonder at and tell exactly the height of W. B. Sanders owned both of that, when his wife was a daugh- the horse. I have seen that kind those farms, and Mr. Taun ter of the Summerfeldt family. of cane several times since but bought the north one, Lot 11,

west of his east fifty. He lived house stable and were eating our stalwart foreman at that time. When Percy Allen had the on a Tuesday when he and Doc. ened to strike Robert. Robert east fifty, he grew as much or Barker were to be at Markham. told him that if he did so, he low Stouffville on the tenth, and he sold it to Will March who farmers did on their hundred. I don't remember all that was this heavy cane. Well, the storm know, for I have helped to told that day, but likely the all blew over. It puts me in thresh on that farm. I well re- truth was pretty well stretched. mind of the song composed by member when Percy had his lit- After we ate our dinner, we Robert Brooks and the old-time tle span of dappled greys. They went out into the hotel yard and sawyer, Will Chase. Those two were an extra fine team. In the Robert Miller and another so fellows were brothers in-law and winter of 1914 or about that called horse judge (very likely were some pair! There had been time, we used to draw wheat to from some farmer's college) a combat at the sawmill where the old Ward Milne grist mill were out in the yard buying and they worked and I guess it did at Markham village. Patrick looking at horses to send to the not amount to much. They used Cooney was drawing at the army. Well, we all watched Rob to sing this song. I remember same time. Percy used to draw ert and this expert horse judge only the last two lines of the one hundred bushel at a load examine a few horses before chorus, but in order to show a and take it across those four Cooney and Allin and I headed little blood, they had to kill a

lar mud nests under eaves.

with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

I well remember one day Per- that was very likely the same also the west fifty of lot 10, and Percy Allen bought the east fifty. His son now has the full 100 acres. The barn on Percy's farm was remodelled in 1921 but I don't just remember whether it was Morley Symes or John Ashenhurst who did the

Lot 9, west side, was the Martin Brillinger farm. I suppose that is another barn that was ples in there. I don't know of built by Richard Atkinson. It another bush as large except was likely built along about the one that John Atkinson own-1890. I know it was there be ed between the townline and the fore 1897, and you can see that 2nd concession of Uxbridge on barn and house a long way off. Lot 8. The Brillingers kept first class. The Mennonite people from stock. They never were adver- Dickson's Hill bought some timtised in farm papers, like some ber there and skidded some good people's were, but just the same big logs on a skidway off Brilthey had some wonderful Short- linger's bush. They made a bee horn cattle and first-class horses of drawing those logs. The bee before the beginning of the pres- composed most all the church

into the barn. He was hooking the machine onto the back end of Preston's heavy old Sawyer & Massey on Lot 11, and George Preston told Joe not to let the team go too fast to hang onto them. The old greys started to dance and Joe told them to quit their dancing. That old team could sure draw, and soon landed the machine up that steep

barn bridge and into the barn. Joseph never married. Louis married Minnie Hoover and they had one boy, whom I have mentioned; he married a Miss Scott. Leonard now has that fine farm, the third generation of the Bril lingers of my time. Louis bought steam threshing outfit and ran it for a few years. John Empringham, the old-time thresher referred to already, took the barn work, for Louis had asthma and could not stand the dust. I understand he traded that machine off for a motor car, or on one. Christopher Brillinger had the farm south of Allin's farm and there is the third generation

on that farm. Chris's son, John married a Miss Hare from Markham, a sister of the late Harvey Wideman's wife. I think they have two boys. One married a daughter of John Lehman from Stouffville. As I said before, Joe Brillinger was a good horseman and he owned the farm across the road from the old Brillinger homestead. There was a wonderful hardwood bush on the back end of that fifty acres. It is years since I walked through it. There were some good big ma-

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they will reach 37c by the end of the week and remain steady."

people. Henry Grove was in the There were two boys or maybe gang and he always wanted to three. I believe there was a be the bell sheep. Henry wanted Samuel, besides Joseph and to draw the biggest log, which Louis and a sister Annie who was to make one good big load. married a schoolmate of mine, He waited his turn and when Ralph Connor from Lincoln the boys came to the big log ville. Joseph was a first-class Henry was called. Of course horseman. I well remember a none of those boys would be fine bay team he owned and Wes Wideman or Anthony Hoodrove in the beginning of the ver or anyone like them. They century. He also went threshing rolled the big log onto Henry's with George Preston and drove sleigh and broke both bunks the dancing greys, Jim and and the sleds down, and Henry Prince, and I remember the day had to go home without any Joe was drawing the machine load at all. (I wonder if that -OLDTIMER

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