

Pheasant hunting time Licence lineups are expected

By Joy Morning
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VANDORF — During the first week of October, the Whitechurch Conservation Club will be releasing pheasants on unposted land and offering licenses Saturday, Oct. 6, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Vandorf Community Hall. "They line up from 3 a.m. on," says Arlene Thomson who manages the hall. "You can hear their dogs all night long. They get their licenses and then go off hunting." Four hundred licenses are available, but 100 are held back for resident hunters and may be obtained any time at the Vandorf General Store or Card's Hardware in Stouffville.

Since this activity is now the only visible work of the Whitechurch Conservation Club, the club has come under attack by people who perceive it as "only a hunting club." The once popular Conservation Club annual dinner has not been held for four years, as long as Jim Doble has been president. "We were subsidizing those dinners," says Jim, "and people were not staying for the business meeting. They enjoyed a good dinner and left. That's embarrassing when you've gone to all the trouble of getting a guest speaker." In the past, the sale of licenses has gone back into buying pheasants at \$4 per bird and into sponsoring the Whitechurch Resource Rangers, a group which dropped out of existence this year. "The Ministry of Resources has not seen fit to allow the township to raise the \$5 license fee," says Jim, but he sees that situation changing and predicts a \$10 license. The club intends to use present revenues to develop its conservation area in Stouffville as a miniature wildlife sanctuary. The pond would be stocked with fish, footpaths cut, and trees planted to attract birds and wildlife. Jim points out that the Conservation Club has always maintained that "there's room for everyone." The tract in Stouffville would not allow hunting or trail bikes and snowmobiles. However, there are conservation areas where hunting is permitted and trails provided for motorized vehicles. "I'm a super pessimist. Unless new people and a new direction be taken," Jim maintains, "the Conservation Club will only last two or three years more." Jim has spent much time analyzing the causes of the club's decline: "We've tried to work with the landowner, but in the past, we were dealing with farmers. Now there's new people, new priorities... We just don't have access to properties anymore... There's no use stocking a stream if no one can fish in it. We build million-dollar arenas since the new landowner doesn't want people to climb over his fence and use his pond... People don't know each other any more. I think (the late) George (E.) Richardson hit the nail on the head when he said people simply don't have roots in the community anymore." When the provincial Bill 101, a revision to the trespass act, is given its third reading in October and royal assent, all land will be automatically posted, and written permission will have to be obtained to enter the property. "I feel the club has become redundant," says Jim. "There's little use in releasing pheasants without accessibility to property." Other executive members include: Ollie Hilliary, Ed MacDonald, Kevin Oxbury, and Dennis Sainsbury.

mothers two years ago. Last week, as the last plastic tube was set in place, Candy McGregor and her mothers' group finally had time to reflect on their efforts to bring safe and creative equipment to the school's empty ten acres. Candy's committee of Sandy Booth, Eva Groves, Terry Hodges, Jane Kennedy, Joyce McLarty, Lela Murby, Donna Noble, Louise O'Grady, Shirley Roberts and Linda Wheeler, ran a mammoth garage sale during two consecutive springs. A couple of small Aurora businesses - Bill Perkins' Butcher Shop and the Aurora Bicycle Shop - surprised the mothers with their generous donations to those sales. There were major snags in the project as well. After the Ministry of Culture and Recreation had promised to match the funds raised by the Highlands mothers, the promise was withdrawn. Highlands had been caught in the provincial

government's general freeze on capital-expenditure Wintario grants. There is still bitterness over the incident, and the parents plan to approach MPP Bill Hodgson on the matter. Five men - Glenn Brooks, Ted Coward, Ray Donn, Larry Orlich and Herb Probst, all members of the Stouffville Kinsmen Club, financed the unit and installed it. The playground also received 12 free loads of fill from Gormley Sand and Gravel, lumber and stain at a nominal price from Ratcliff Lumber, the donation and installation of a metal swing set from Dale Baranesti Well-Drilling, and free ground-moving from Hutchinson Grading and Bulldozing.

Carmen McCabe was the guest speaker at the Vandorf Womens' Institute's first meeting of the season, Sept. 18. Carmen, a former nurse, changed the whole direction of her life and

is happy with that change. After raising her family, she threw aside her career, took art lessons, and now pursues every form of art including macrame and weaving as well as painting. She urged the ladies to overcome impediments to pursuing their own innate creativity. If, for example, one had no transportation, one could form a group and invite an artist to come to her home to instruct that group. The next special event for the ladies will be a bus trip to the Ontario Seed-Tree Plant in Midhurst with forester Bob Staley of RR 4, Stouffville, Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. Those interested may phone Mary Foote at 727-6950.

The meeting for prospective and present Vandorf Cub parents was cancelled, Sept. 20, but has been re-scheduled tonight, 8 p.m., at the Vandorf Community Hall.

Late Orval Roach

Born in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — Rev. Laurence Barber of the Uxbridge Baptist Church, conducted the service, Sept. 18 from the Low Funeral Home for Orval Newton Roach following his passing, Sept. 14.

Born in Uxbridge Twp., May 8, 1893, the son of Hezekiah Roach, the deceased resided in Dundalk and Toronto before moving to town. He was a decorator by trade.

In 1918, he married Thanks

Dear Jim: On Tuesday, Sept. 11, hockey star Lanny MacDonald of the Toronto Maple Leafs visited our Main Street store.

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Verna Victoria Hisey who passed away Sept. 19, 1971. His second wife, the former Beth Larkin survives along with seven sons, Stan of Dundalk; Howard of Simcoe; Arnold in Peterborough; Lorne of St. Catharines; Ivan in Burlington; Floyd and Grant of Oshawa and four daughters, Lillian (Mrs. Melvin Barkey), Markham; Erma (Mrs. John Keeler), Stouffville; Doris (Mrs. Reg Inkster),

Dundalk and Gladys (Mrs. Lois Marshall), Toronto. There are 35 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Six grandsons served as pall bearers - Don Barkey, Markham; Allan Roach, Dundalk; Wayne Keeler, Toronto; Donny Roach, Toronto; Brian Inkster, Dundalk and Stephen Marshall, Toronto. Interment was at Dickson's Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Irwin Perkin is convalescing at home following surgery in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Lisa McTaggart attended the United Church camp at Quin-molac on the weekend. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Butler on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary, Sunday.

By MILDRED McTAGGART GREENWOOD — Carol Ann Beach, Marylou Morden, Mrs. Don Pegg and Mrs. Milton Pegg were local models in a fashion show held at the C.E. Centre, Sept. 18. The lovely clothes were provided by Ann Gifford's Shoppe, "The Welsh Dresser" of Pickering. A travelogue of England and Scotland, presented by Lorna Bates, was also enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens have moved into the former Tait house.

The W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Young, Wednesday

evening. The program on the International Year of the Child was taken by Mildred McTaggart.

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