

Pigeon fancier

TOUFFVILLE secret, says Mr. Jackson, is to delay feeding the birds until they return: apparently this gives them an added incentive. "They're all trained to come into their cages when they're called," said Mr. Jackson. "I don't let them fly loose in town."

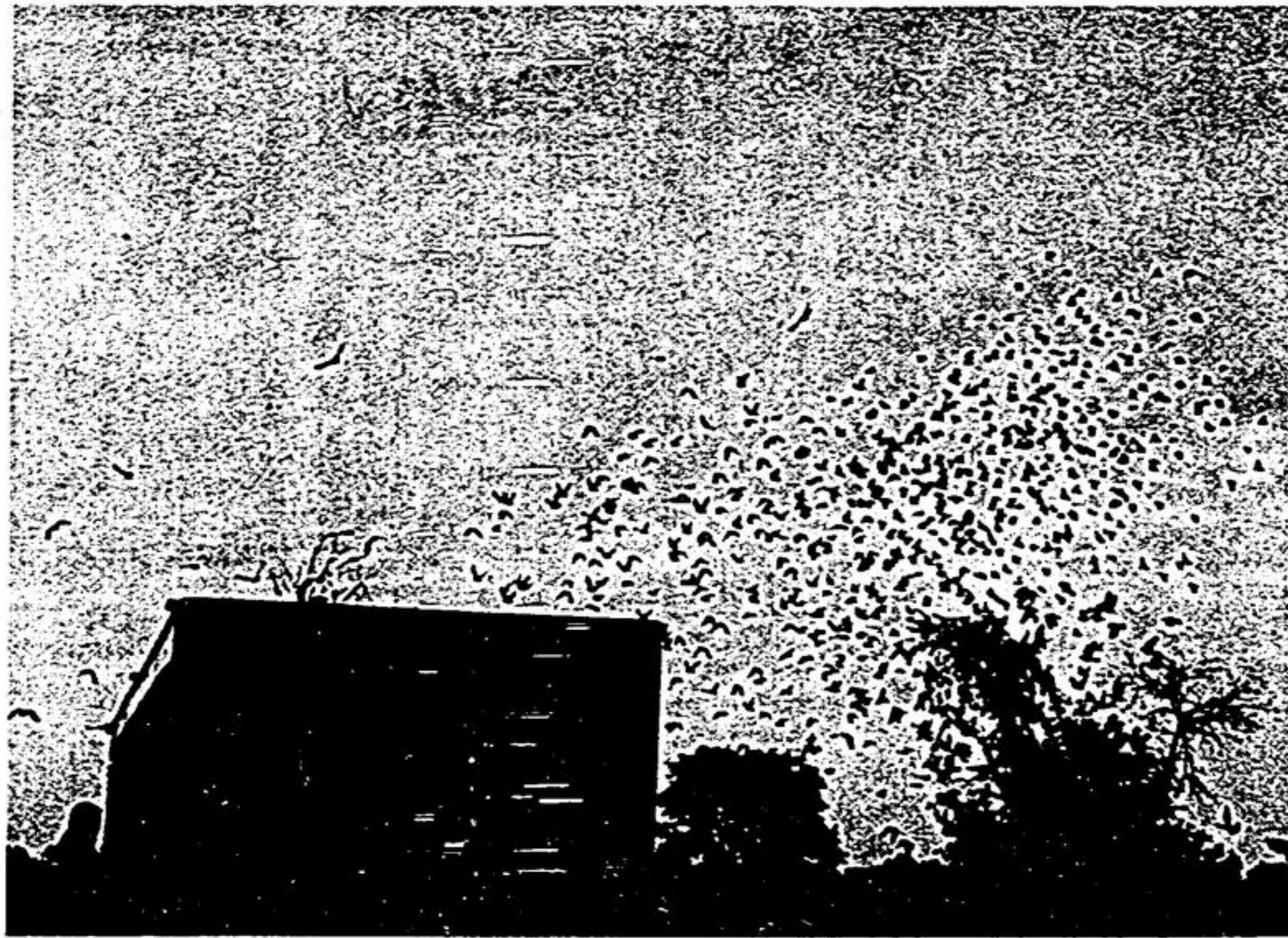
There are a number of pigeon-fanciers in this area, according to Mr. Jackson: enough that local enthusiasts are planning to form their own club. To be called the Stouffville Racing Pigeons Club, this group will pit their birds against other members, and against birds from other clubs. A special clock is used in racing, impossible to defeat, which shows the exact time each pigeon completed the course.

"They're fascinating birds," said Mr. Jackson, looking around his small pigeoncote. "One man in Guelph owns one that flew home all the way from Texas. Nobody really understands how they do it."

These enthusiasts are keen about their hobby: a recent sale saw one bird go for \$8,000. Mr. Jackson has some pigeons which he would expect to sell for \$50 or more. An average price, though, is about \$10.

The cote on Mr. Jackson's back lawn doesn't hold all his birds: the breeding pigeons are in a different shed. He has several different breeds and crosses. Sometimes mass releases of pigeons are staged, an unforgettable sight. An upcoming race will see 3,000 of the birds released at once. Mr. Jackson is what you might call a real aficionado.

Mrs. Jackson? She can't stand pigeons.



Several local pigeon fanciers turned up Saturday to see a visiting club release a couple of thousand racing birds. The event took place on the farm of Frank Bolton, Highway 47. The visitors were from southwestern Ontario, and were racing their birds back to Sarnia, London, and other cities. —Mark Niblett.

Re-building of Hwy. 47

YORK REGION - The re-building of Highway 47, north from Stouffville, seems to be coming closer all the time.

The topic most recently emerged at Regional Council, Aug. 10, when a request was received from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. The Ministry plans construction on several highways in the Region, and wishes to assume extra footage to do the work. A statement, however, was requested to the effect that the municipality will re-assume those portions of their own roads affected by this.

In connection with Highway 47, the Ministry's letter observed, "Part of this work involves reconstruction and improvements of York - Ontario County line, approximately 1050' southerly of the new intersection of Highway 47."

Without discussion, Council approved the necessary resolution, undertaking to re-assume the roads after construction on provincial highways is completed.

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Beat sixteen teams in tournament

By Rene Rennie
CLAREMONT - Local ballplayers recently defeated 16 other teams to emerge with top honors in a Novice Girls Baseball Tournament. Held in Bay Ridges, the tournament was marked by keen competition and a heavy turn-out. This is the second year running that the local girls have brought home the trophy: one more year, and it's theirs for keeps.

Mrs. Myrtle Hill has returned from Collingwood where she enjoyed a visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill.

Mrs. Doris Lake and daughter, Wendy recently spent a week at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Redshaw and Brian are on a two week vacation, travelling to the East Coast.

Mrs. Aldene Evans is in Newmarket Hospital for surgery and is wished a speedy recovery.

August 27 will be the last Sunday for union services at the United Church with Rev. Luck in charge. Rosemary Timms and Jean Drake will sing "Amazing Grace".

Mr. and Mrs. K. Etcher from Windsor, parents of Mrs. Shirley Pilkey have been visiting at the Pilkey home and other relatives and friends in the Claremont, Oshawa area. They also attended two weddings, both of nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Redshaw opened their home after the final game of the tournament on Sunday to all the players and parents. They enjoyed hot dogs, watermelon and pop and a fun party and were treated to a swim at Dunbarton pool. During the party, Mr. Norm Uzzel, the sponsor of the uniforms for their Peevee team, arrived and the girls presented him with a home-made life-size birthday card signed by all, sang happy birthday to him and honored him with many of their cheers. This Peevee team, with a few changes because of ages, will meet Wainfleet on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m., in Claremont for the second game of the O.R.S.A. series. If a third game is necessary, it will be played Sunday, Aug. 27 in Claremont.

Mrs. Randy Carruthers and some of the younger children are enjoying a holiday

at a cottage at Bear Lake. The Claremont Juvenile C. boys team lost to East Gwillimbury in their O.A.S.A. series, on Sunday at Newmarket, with a score of 11-2. This puts Claremont out of the series.

On Friday evening, at the home of Mr. Norm Uzzel, his family and friends honored him with a birthday celebration, with a card party and fun night.

Mrs. Valerie Budd and Mrs. Marilyn Torrance attended a Trousseau Tea for Miss Pat Hobday in Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Timms attended the wedding presentation and dance of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wright of R.R.4, Brampton.

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