

## OUTDOOR

### ADVENTURES

by Les Nyuli

Each year I look forward to hunting with my boss.

When I was in the office and he said to me "Let's get Allan and John Young out on a pheasant shoot" I was pleased. I got in touch with John at his sporting goods store in the Toronto Dominion Centre and he was pleased to accept the offer.

We decided that Friday, early in the morning would be a good time. The weather during the week was cool and snappy and dry.

#### COOL

Friday morning came and as luck would have it, it was damp, drizzly,

cool, with dark foreboding skies. We were sitting in the farmhouse having a coffee and talking about how Dan'l Boone wouldn't want to shoot with us and all the other idle prattle that goes before the hunt.

Lady, Cam's English setter, was barking and straining at her leash. She was anxious to go. Her tail danced merrily as we came out to untie her and away we went. Lady has given me many a pleasant pheasant shoot, and while she is getting up in years she is still a lovely dog to have in front of you.

The conditions were not the best and Lady worked

## GOOD DOGS, GOOD HUNTERS

scenting the air and looking in all those birdy places that her experience has given her. Nothing in the first field but no sooner than going through the date to the second field we saw Lady on point and Allan received the honors.

Lady was shuddering with excitement and the hen pheasant was beautifully camouflaged and almost impossible to see. One step further and the beating of wings surprised Allan but his gun came up quick and the shot gave a clean kill with the bird having moved out at a good clip to nearly beyond gun range.

John, Allan's father, was proud. Lady was pleased and brought the bird back to Allan who was beaming with excitement.

#### PEEK-A-BOO

It didn't take Lady long to work the bales of hay to find a cock pheasant that took refuge from the

weather in the dry beneath the bales. Lady was having a tough time with this bird as he kept running out the other side while Lady couldn't see him. It was hide and seek and round the mulberry bush which all in all gave us a laugh, and once again when the bird became air borne, he too was shot at a good range by Cam.

John Young flushed a partridge as he was walking on the edge of the bush that borders the

cornfield and a snap shot from the waist surprised everyone including John.

The competition this morning was real stiff. Three shots, three kills the hard way made me wonder if I would be able to stay with these sharpshooters.

I wasn't disappointed when my Browning Over and Under let fly and the bird folded as Lady's point proved good. It was a cock pheasant and I was pleased.

It was a great morning

even though the conditions were less than ideal. The only disappointing feature was that we all had to get back to work just when everybody was getting into the mood of shooting.

The little walk was just enough to let you know that more walking was in order. It made us wonder what Lady was thinking about as she lay quietly near the car. It was a pleasant moment with good people. It was good fun but the day ended.

## MISSISSAUGA

## MEMO

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

William Davis, Minister of Education will be guest speaker at the official opening of Erindale Secondary School at 8.15 p.m. 2021 Dundas Highway. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will follow a tour of the school.

A Christmas dance and social held by the St. Alfred's Council Catholic Men in the Spanish Room of 27 Tavern and Restaurant, West Mall. There will be dancing, favors prizes and buffet plus a grand draw. For tickets call Ed Juras, 625-1562 or Sam Frizzell, 625-2359.

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

The official opening of Mississauga Travel Agency 2275 Speakman dr., Sheridan Homelands, at 11.30 a.m. Mayor Robert

Speck will do the ribbon cutting.

#### Saturday, Dec. 14

Story hour, Port Credit Library, 10.30 a.m., stories and a movie for children ages four to 12.

The Snow Ball! Four Corners Square Dance Club at T. L. Kennedy High School, Mississauga. Open to all from 8.45 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. Santa will also do old time square dancing.

#### Sunday, Dec. 15

The Ontario Humane Society, Mavis rd., are holding an annual Christmas party for the animals. The highlight of the day will be a 10-pound hamburger cake which will be cut and served to the animals. Invitation goes to children and pets in

the area. There will be gifts for the children who in turn will bring small presents for the animals. For more details call the shelter, 279-5960.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 18

Fashion show of hostess gowns and sleep attire, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Peel Branch of the Ontario Humane Society at Forest Avenue Public School, at 8 p.m. Refreshments and prizes. For more information call Mrs. C. Larking, 278-3248.

Wednesday afternoons, there are tap and ballet dancing classes for children five to 14 years of age at Munden Park Public School. Classes will continue until May 7, 1969. For further information call 279-7600, ext. 281.

#### Saturday, Jan. 4

Annual meeting of the Ville Riders will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, Streetsville, under the direction of Rev. David Busby. Films will be shown of past meetings and various activities. Parents and friends are most welcome.

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