

Grandma Sharpshooter Wins Award For Bagging Wolves

By The Canadian Press

BLIND RIVER, Ont. — Algoma's top woman wolf-killer is eagerly awaiting the day she can add another notch to her rifle butt.

Mrs. Roy Beharrel, trim and whose appearance belies her age (she's a grandmother) is now beginning to look out and enjoy life," says the sharpshooting farmer's wife.

Known throughout this north-ern Ontario countryside for her prowess in killing wolves, she doesn't go hunting for them. They seem to come to her, with fatal results.

WOLF KILLER BADGE

The Canadian Tourist Association presented her with a wolf killer's badge following her third wolf kill Oct. 12. She is one of the few women so honored. Oct. 29 she got her fourth wolf in a nearby field as it attempted to prey on the Beharrel sheep flock.

"I never shot anything bigger than groundhogs and squirrels before these wolves," Mrs. Beharrel admits.

The former Agnes Draper, born at Iron Bridge, first learned to shoot as a girl of 10. At that time her father had a maple sugar bush where the children shot squirrels while he was making sugar.

Mrs. Beharrel shot her first wolf back in March of 1951. She spotted the sneaking predator through a dense fog behind the farmhouse and stopped him cold less than 100 yards from the barn.

"REAL SCARE"

Her second wolf, shot in March of 1953, gave her a "real scare." Her young adopted son Wayne called out that he could not shoot the big grey "dog" off the road. She ran out to find a wolf on the road with the child. Grabbing her 30.30 rifle, she killed it with one shot, and dragged the supposed dead animal into the house. The wolf, revived by the warm kitchen, began growling and snapping. In sheer panic, Mrs. Beharrel grabbed a hockey stick which was handy and clubbed it until it stopped moving.

THREAT TO FLOCKS

The Beharrels live on a 160-acre farm near Dean Lake. They have about 70 sheep in their flock. With a thoroughbred ewe costing \$75, three wolves must be shot at the present bounty of \$25 in order to pay for the loss of one ewe.

Hungry wolves have played havoc with their flock. "The few I have killed still do not cover our losses to these hungry, preying beasts," Mrs. Beharrel said.

Norwegian Ship Officers Call Strike

OSLO (CP) — Norwegian ship officers went on strike today in a walkout which may tie up most of Norway's merchant navy, backbone of its economy. Deck officers complain they are not making as much as men in the engine room.

Only a few ships were involved in the initial walkout but shipping officials estimated that at least 400 vessels may be idle within a month.



EXPULSED BY REDS from China were these two members of the Roman Catholic Order of Foreign Missions. Rev. Antonio Bonin (left) and Rev. Alphonse Caouette of Matane, Que., have reached Hong Kong and will soon return to the order's headquarters in Montreal. Rev. Bonin has served in Manchuria since 1929 and Rev. Caouette since 1936.



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Pullen Denies Moron Charge

CALGARY — Rear Admiral H. E. Pullen, chief of naval personnel, has denied a news report from Vancouver which quoted him as saying most of the men rejected by the Royal Canadian Navy are "morons."

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PERSONALS

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wood of Fisheries, returned yesterday aboard the Prince George on a six-week holiday trip. They took them to many B.C. points.

Charles S. Foreman, purchasing agent for Columbia Cellulose, returned yesterday on the Prince George from a business trip to Vancouver. Travelling with him was George T. Swangler, purchasing agent for Canadian Cellulose.

Also arriving yesterday was Norman Standing of Toronto, who is visiting his brother, Douglas Standing, Suite Six, and Christopher Block.

Mr. Martin Eriksen, president of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Club, and K. S. Harding, manager, have returned from a trip to Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo where they attended membership meetings of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rowbotham, 1000 Avenue West, also returned aboard the Prince George yesterday from a trip to Vancouver and points.

Mr. L. Bell, Fourth Avenue, returned from a trip to Vancouver and Victoria. Accompanying her on the return trip was the George was her aunt, Jessie Dunkley of Victoria who will spend Christmas here.

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