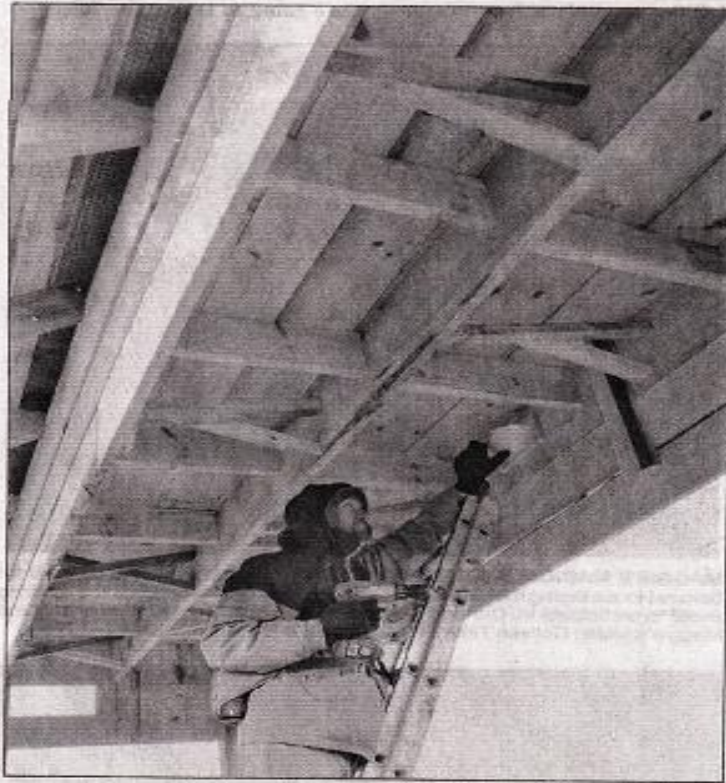




WOODEN STRUCTURES IMITATE BARN — Two long wooden structures on poles were erected at a Drumbo area residence this past week as part of a research project by Bird Ecology and Conservation Ontario. Placed on poles a dozen feet off the ground, the wooden houses are meant to imitate barns and the research group hopes that barn swallows will begin to use the beams and pods placed inside as nesting locations. Above, Zoe Lebrun-Southcott (left) a wildlife biologist with BECO and Kevin Dance (right), look at one of the eight pods that were placed inside the wooden house. The Dance property is one of eight sites to be chosen for the project in areas from Norfolk County in the south to Erin in the north. A prerequisite for being chosen as a site is that a barn or similar nesting area must have been on the farm at one time. The structures will be monitored and studies to see if the swallows are in favour of using the site as a nesting ground.

Page 2 The Age News, May 6/15.



GIVING THE SWALLOWS A PLACE TO NEST — Andrew Campomizzi, a research scientist with Bird Ecology and Conservation Ontario, places a nesting pod in one of the beams of a wooden structure in an effort to attract barn swallows back to a former nesting location at the home of Ken and Janet Dance, RR 1, Drumbo. In its second year, the project is attempting to bring barn swallows back to areas where barns had been located and torn down in recent years. A community-oriented bird, the barn swallow will nest in colonies high off the ground, to avoid predators. Two of the wooden nesting structures have been built at eight sites from Lake Erie to the upper Grand River watershed. Bird decoys and recorders playing swallow calls are used to try and convince the barn swallows to use the wooden houses for nesting.

Page 8. The Ayr News. May 6/15.

THE AYR NEWS

Verified



Circulation

PAID

Published by Ayr News Limited
P.O. Box 1173 - 40 Piper St., Ayr, ON N0B 1E0
Phone: (519) 632-7452 Fax (519) 632-7743
email: ayrnews@golden.net

HEIDI OSTNER, President/Publisher

HELEN HALL, Advertising Sales

PAUL SCHMIDT, News Photographer

We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Periodical Fund (CPF) of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Canada