

OUTDOORS

Trout Are Running The Geese Return

By JACK McANDREW

Well, the weatherman co-operated to the fullest, and to judge by some of the pictures that have been appearing in these newspapers all week, the fishermen took full advantage of the fine days and landed some mighty fine catches.

I took a turn through several country areas last weekend, and it was difficult to find a pond or stream that didn't have at least one person wading a line.

The causeways at Vernon River and North River were popular spots as usual, and Scales Pond was under heavy pressure with about 20 cars parked along the road. The same could be said for all the best known spots I expect.

At one dirt road bridge I passed the young fry were out in force and were having pretty good luck with alder and cane poles and a bit of line. There they were, hanging over the bridge railing, casting furiously into the stream below, ferociously intent on yanking pan size fish from the brook. It looked for all the world like a scene from 50 years ago.

And while the fish get what for over the next few weeks we have some visitors with us who have their troubles in the fall of the year.

GEESE ARE BACK

The geese are in and in huge numbers. I spotted a good sized flock near Victoria, and there have been other reports of heavy flights trickling in over the past week or so.

But I saw for myself what geese in numbers really looked like near Mermaid last Sunday. It was a magnificent and an unforgettable sight. There they were, spread out over an area a half mile long and pretty near as much wide. We got tired counting after a couple of thousand and never did get to the end of them, but one thing for sure, I've never seen so many geese in one place at one time.

We approached to within 100 yards of the nearest of them, and they simply scooted about 50 yards further out and settled back to bobbing on the bay again. You'd swear they knew it wasn't hunting season, by the casual way they went about moving, and I guess they probably can tell in that instinctive way wild things have about such matters.

It was, as I say, an unforgettable sight, and I only hope as many like this same route as well when it's time to go south next fall.

ENTRIES CLOSED

Entries have closed in the Fish and Game Association Essay and Poster contest and the results should be announced

shortly. I've had a look at some of the entries, and altogether they show a surprising degree of understanding and enthusiasm about this thing called conservation.

As a matter of fact, there are some real nuggets of wisdom to be mined in these contributions by island youngsters of all ages and I'd like to quote from a few of the essays at hand to show you what I mean.

Here is Lorie Gaudet, a grade three student at the Anglo School in Tignish: "Fish are being killed by being poisoned. The farmers spray their crops and some of the poison gets in the spring or brook and the fish get it and die."

And Russel Shea, a grade four student at the same school:

"When the birds nest around your home you should keep your cat or any animal that might hurt them away. They could fall from the nest and some animal might get them but you could help by putting them back in the nest. You could feed them and not destroy their nests. Some small children don't know the difference. If you see anyone harming the birds make them stop it. If you see any kinds of birds limping around take them and look after them."

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to his elders: "If you have wild animals on your land leave bits of it undisturbed and natural for brooding. This will encourage them to stay around."

"Some Canadians are spending millions of dollars just to enjoy this resource while others are spending hundreds to destroy it. Remember, wildlife is beautiful so preserve it!"

And how about this admonition to all of us from Gaylene Misener a 12-year-old attending Stanhope School: "We the younger generation should and I hope will obey all the rules for the conservation of wildlife and plant life. It is our duty to protect wildlife, not harm it. Our ancestors killed for necessity. We need not kill. We have everything we need. We should

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raise funds for the prevention of cruelty to wild animals, and for that matter all domestic animals.

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You know, I think I feel a little sheepish about my motives in wanting the geese to stop in on their way through this fall.

I'll be back next week....

take over Canadian Industrial Gas and Oil Ltd., it was announced Friday.

The announcement said only that officials of the two companies have been discussing a possible offer from Northern for Canadian Industrial.

If a deal develops, it would be the second for Northern within six months. Late last fall the company—then known as Northern Ontario Natural Gas Co. Ltd.—acquired almost all the outstanding shares of Greater Winnipeg Gas Co. Ltd.

Canadian Industrial was the most active industrial issue on the Toronto Stock Exchange Friday, gaining 75 cents and closing at \$14.50, with 40,500 shares traded.

Northern traded only 380 shares and dropped 50 cents to \$31.50. Canadian Industrial has

\$23,000 Park Heads The List

Heading the list of four projects for Prince Edward Island under the Federal-Provincial Centennial Grants programme is a \$23,000 park for the village of Sherwood. Approval for the grants was announced yesterday in Ottawa by the Honorable Judy LaMarsh, secretary of state of Canada and federal minister responsible for Centennial affairs and by the Honorable George Dewar, provincial sec-

retary and minister of education and provincial minister in charge of co-ordinating Centennial celebration in that province. Other projects provide for a community centre at Wellington, and parks in Cornwall and Parkdale.

The Centennial Commission, Ottawa, is the agency of the Government of Canada responsible for the promotion of Centennial activities. Under the Federal - Provincial Centennial Grants program, the Federal Government undertakes to contribute \$1 per capita per province for approved projects of lasting merit provided the provincial government and the municipality or other initiating agency concerned together pay \$2 per capita.

The projects at Wellington and Parkdale are expected to cost \$10,000 each and the playground at Cornwall \$1,500.

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