



**WAYNE HOARE OF SPARLING CRESCENT** shows the 44-inch Northern Pike he caught weekend before last at Great Pike Lake north of Timmins. Mr. Hoare's son, Landon, looks the fish over. The fish

weighed in at 28 lbs. 9 ozs. and is 23 inches in girth. Accompanying Mr. Hoare on the fishing trip were John Pellizzari and Bob Mills - their catches weren't quite as big. *June 25/80* (Staff Photo)

## Lakeside Problem Under Control

A problem with rats at the Lakeside dump is under control.

Lakeside area resident Jim Janse who works with the environment ministry's

regional office in London said Friday the situation is under control.

Mr. Janse had noticed about 50 rats at the site on a weekend visit in April.

He altered the Oxford County engineer's office. Action was taken and an exterminator hired to kill the rats with poison.

Since then there have been few rats.

Mr. Janse said he was there two weeks ago and noticed only one rat.

He said the county has retained the services of the exterminator for a year to monitor the dump.

Mr. Janse said the dump is baited with food in strategic locations. The food has been poisoned to kill the rats.

Oxford County Engineer Don Pratt said last month the news of rats at the Lakeside dump was the first

*June 25/80* time he had ever heard of a problem.

The garbage is usually covered as soon as it comes in.

Mr. Pratt said there had never been a rat problem on the site before.

He suggested the rats might have arrived via a load of garbage. They multiply quickly.

Mr. Janse said the time he noticed the rats there had been a quantity of garbage which was not covered because the ground was wet and muddy. Also, the day he visited the site was the first warm one of the year.

The dump is about a mile south of Lakeside which is about five miles southeast of St. Marys.