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Pickeral Season Opens Saturday

May 14 marks the opening of the season for angling for yellow pickerel in Ontario, except in Lake Ontario, where there is no closed season and except in Lake St. Francis where the season opens on May 7th. Creel limit is still six in one day; there is no minimum length. (The size limit on trout was removed this year, leaving maskinonge, with a 28-inch minimum limit, the only game fish in Ontario still limited as to size.)

Highly regarded by anglers, the pickerel is no fighter and is relatively easy to catch. It is plentiful, takes lures or live bait and, during May and June and again in October and November, provides more sport for the average angler than many gamed fish.

Yellow pickerel is known also as pikeperch, dore and walleye pike. The name dore, used by the early settlers in Quebec, is descriptive of the golden colour of the fish. Walleye refers to the glassy appearance of the eye and the name pickerel means a diminutive pike, a misnomer since there is nothing pike-like in its form or habits, except possibly the large mouth and the canine teeth.

The fish is found throughout Ontario and is particularly common in the Great Lakes basin. In Northern Ontario, it is incredibly abundant. The range of the species has been greatly extended by stocking, officials of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests say.

Fished commercially in the Great Lakes, particularly Lake Erie, where shallow, warm waters provide ideal spawning conditions, the yellow pickerel is easily distinguished from other game varieties by the large luminous eyes. It's a nocturnal feeder and is more readily caught at night.

Methods of fishing pickerel vary. In some large lakes such as Temagami, the fish may be taken from considerable depths of water in what is usually regarded as lake trout trolling grounds. In the St. Clair River, between Lakes Huron and St. Clair, residents have for many years "skittered", usually using a long bamboo pole, short line and leader with a hook baited with a live or lifelike minnow. This is "skittered" on the surface of the water or just below it and,

not infrequently, the fish can be seen approaching the bait, adding greatly to the thrill.

In other areas, the fish may be taken on flies, plugs, spoons, spinners and other tackle, not infrequently in very fast running water.

Although many fishermen use boats and troll for pickerel with such baits as the June bug spinner and worms or minnows, it may be taken off-shore in considerable quantities at such places as North Bay where the "government dock" on Lake Nipissing is lined with fishermen of all ages and sizes as soon as the season opens.

Value of the fish is impossible to estimate but, one thing is certain, the pickerel or wall-eye brings thousands of American tourists to Ontario each spring. The limit is six per day, with no size limit on the fish. It's a poor fisherman indeed who can't get his limit in most Ontario lakes.

80th Birthday

Mrs. Sam Craig quietly celebrated her eightieth birthday on Friday, May 6, at her home here. A number of friends and neighbors called during the afternoon and evening, to offer congratulations and best wishes to this popular lady. Gifts, flowers and cards were received to mark the occasion.

Mrs. Craig is one of the North's early pioneers and has seen many changes since arriving in the early 1900's.

Federated Teachers Meet at North Bay

The Regional Assembly of the Federated Women's Teachers Association met in St. Andrew's United Church at North Bay on Saturday, May 7, 1960.

Approximately 130 delegates and visitors from Cochrane to Barrie and west to Sault Ste. Marie attended. Delegates from this area

were Mrs. S. Kangas and Mrs. D. E. MacPherson. They were accompanied by three visitors, Mrs. M. Cotton, Mrs. Ida Beach, and Mrs. F. Hawn.

Following registration and devotional exercises the meeting got under way. The following candidates were elected: Miss D. Cramer, North Bay, to the Board of Directors, Mrs. Crouthers of Barrie, Regional Convener, Mrs. Cameron of Barrie, Goodwill, Miss Laura Loach of Kirkland Lake, Legislation, Miss Edith Fulcher of North Bay, Educational Studies, and Miss Gladys White of Sault Ste. Marie, Superannuation.

The morning session was followed by a delightful dinner, served by the ladies of St. Andrews.

Miss Annie McLennan, president of the Federated Women's Teachers Association was guest speaker. The theme of her address was "The Forward Look". Mr. Trussler, Public School Inspector for the North Bay area, also addressed the assembled teachers.

At the close of the meeting, the North Bay group extended an invitation to the Assembly to hold their next conference at North Bay.

The Weather

Week ending May 10, 1960.

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	67	37
Thursday	75	49
Friday	50	39
Saturday	48	35
Sunday	46	40
Monday	39	34
Tuesday	35	31

Flood Waters Continue to Rise



Liskeard Business Section Threatened By High Water

The entire district is fighting the third worst flood in memory. According to old-timers the present inundation isn't as bad as the 1922 and 1947 floods, but with the water still rising these records may be topped yet.

According to M. Allan, Dominion Meteorologist at Heaslip, 4.8 inches of water have fallen from 1:30 a.m. Friday until Tuesday morning. At the experimental farm in New Liskeard, 3.78 inches were recorded in the same period.

The latest weather reports indi-

cate some easing in the downpour, but from Gowganda reports are that there is still lots of ice on the local lakes, and plenty of water in the bush.

Elk Lake is the hardest hit of all towns in the area. The town is cut off with water flooding all highways leading to the town. Matachewan and Gowganda are also isolated in the same rugged mining and lumbering area.

The waters of the Montreal River are now washing over the top of the main bridge which connects the two halves of the town. The approaches to the bridge are also covered with water.

At the Elk Lake Lodge, Paul DeLong reports that the flood is within a few feet of his hotel. Many homes are now without water for heating or sanitary purposes, as their pump houses have been flooded.

Dr. A. R. Harris, Temiskaming Medical Health Officer has issued a warning to all persons in flooded areas to boil their drinking water.

Several families living close to the Montreal River have been forced to evacuate. At Bear Creek in Elk Lake, the wooden bridge is under two feet of water, and residents have weighted the bridge down with rocks and tied the bridge with cables.

Food supplies in Elk Lake are running low, but a bread truck managed to get through from Englehart Tuesday. It was towed through floods by the Department of Highways.

And to add to the general gloom, beer supplies are running low with no prospects of getting more.

Matachewan is cut off from Elk Lake with the road flooded in several places.

A warning to Elk Lake, Matachewan and Latchford residents was broadcast Tuesday night when the hydro removed a log jam near the floating bridge just above Matachewan on the Montreal River. It was feared that there might be a crest of major proportions sweeping down the river, but latest reports are that the water level rose gradually.

The flood situation at New Liskeard has the Town Council hopping. The biggest danger is that the storm sewers in the downtown area will back up.

The town gang is working round the clock on flood control measures. Wednesday the council ordered the protecting wall around the sewage disposal at the mouth of the Wabi to be raised.

Inside the plant two electric pumps and a gasoline auxiliary are pumping 24 hours a day to keep the storm sewers from backing up. The pumps and outlet pipes are also being raised as there is some danger of them being blocked if the river continues to rise.

In New Liskeard three or four homes have been evacuated. One is on Murray Street, another on May, and another near the New Liskeard Beach.

At the beach the water has (Continued On Page Three)

Flood of 1928



Local Students Win At Music Festival

Public School pupils in choirs and solo classes won twenty-eight awards.

Choirs:
Three part, Grades 6 to 8, 1st, "For the Beauty of the Earth"—88.
Unison, Grades 3 and 4, 1st, "Easter Morning"—86, Grade 1 and 2, 3rd, "Carpenter, Carpenter"—85.

Solos: Boys five and under
1st, Danny McKelvie—82; 3rd, Roger St. Louis and Stephen Young—80.

Girls: Five and under
2nd, Donna MacDonell—82.

Boys: 6 and under
4th, George Cooke—81.

Girls: 6 and under
2nd, Denise Daley—83.

Boys: 7 and under
1st, Tommy Sroka—84; 2nd, David Prichard—83; 3rd, Bruce

McDiarmid—82; 4th, Jamie Campbell—80.

Girls: 7 and under
2nd, Debbie McLaughlin—86; 3rd, Marlene Cook—85; 4th, Debbie Murphy—84; 5th, Debbie Fitzgerald—83.

Girls: 9 and under
2nd, Joanne Cooper—86; 3rd, Linda Green—85.

Boys: 9 and under
2nd, Michael Wigley—85; 3rd, John Churchill—83; 4th, Teddy Whitby—82; 5th, Dennis Nielson—81.

Boys: 10 and under
1st, Harold Kenty—87 (winner of \$10 award); 5th, Gary Dunn—83.

Girls: 11 and under
3rd, Gayle Gibson—84.

Boys: 11 and under
Equal 3rd, John Atchison and Douglas Smallman—79.