

Probe Fertility Of Salmon Eggs

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP)—Fisheries department scientists have devised a method to determine whether salmon eggs, if laid in a particular stream, will live or die. Millions of eggs are lost annually because they suffocate before hatching due to lack of oxygen.

The device measures the oxygen content of the mere trickle of water which percolates through gravel to where the eggs lie. It was perfected by R. A. Pollard and W. P. Wickett.

By knowing what streams are poor for egg-hatching, scientists hope eventually to solve the problem of salmon egg fertility.

Parents To Blame Not TV Programs

MONTREAL (CP)—It's not television programs directly that turn children into juvenile delinquents, say two of Montreal's 20 policemen, but the attitude of parents towards TV.

In poorer districts where she works, says Regina Cloutier, TV sets are apt to outnumber bathtubs. The parents take care to see that the television set is paid for and neglect other, more essential things.

"They will often rent a TV set and let the insurance policy lapse," she says. The parents spend most of their time watching the set and ignoring the children.

People in the poorer areas rarely get a chance to get away from their surroundings, she admitted, and their tendency to watch TV is understandable, but still hard on the children.

Genevieve Proulx, who patrols a beat in the middle-class working district, said she finds parents there have a more solid set of values, pay more attention and do their best for them. TV is rarely a problem.

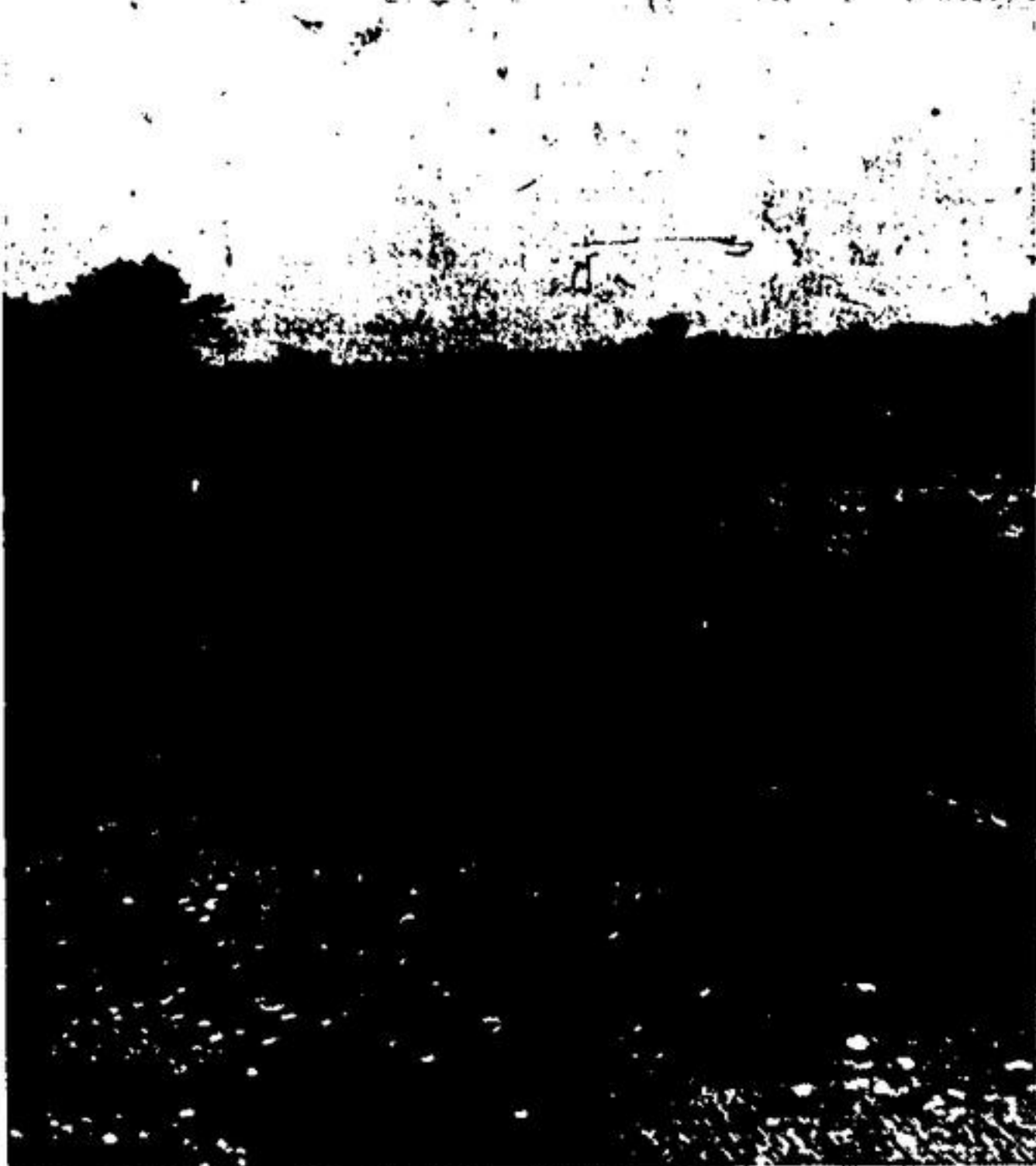
Former Actonian Dies in Georgetown

Ill for the past two years, Mrs. John McMenemy died at her home in Georgetown on Friday, August 6. She had lived in Georgetown since her marriage 26 years ago.

Born in England she was only a month old when her family crossed the Atlantic. They lived for a time in the States, came to Canada and lived in Oshawa and district, then settled in Acton. The former Lillian Helen Woods, she was the daughter of Mrs. George Woods, Acton, and the late Mr. Woods.

Surviving are her husband and one son, Wayne, her mother in Acton, three brothers and four sisters, Joseph Woods, Guelph, Herb and Perc Woods, Mrs. Fred Stuekey and Mrs. Clifford Bradley, Acton, Mrs. Frank Gibbons, Rockwood and Mrs. George Louth, Georgetown. She was predeceased by one sister, Mrs. Harry Smallman.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service on Monday, August 9 at Georgetown and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Frank Gibbons, George Louth, Clifford Bradley, Thomas Hill, Bill Bailey, Brampton and Joe McMenemy, Thorold.



THIS WEEK'S SCENE: A normal sight on many farms in Halton is the stocks of wheat that dot the fields and indicate the harvest. Here a field south of Speyside on No. 25 Highway awaits the arrival of the wagons and men to haul it to its place in the barn.

Wedding Accented In White, Yellow

In a mid-summer ceremony, Shirley Joan McCutcheon exchanged wedding vows with Bertram Lorne Bentley, Rev. J. A. Dilts officiated at the marriage in Stone United Church, Kramara, on Saturday August 7.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert McCutcheon of R.R. 1, Rockwood, and the groom the son of Mrs. E. Bentley and the late Mr. Bentley of Streetsville.

Ferns, white and yellow gladioli decorated the church.

The bride wore an ankle length gown of white organdy over tulle, fitted bodice of embroidered Swiss organdy. An overskirt of embroidered Swiss organdy was gathered to an apron effect. A cap of matching Swiss organdy held her fingertip veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of pink roses and stephanotis.

Miss Wanda Johnston of Guelph and Mrs. Donald Russell of Kitchener were the bridesmaids wearing white embroidered organdy over yellow tulle. The sleeveless gowns featured low round necklines with fitted bodice and bouffant skirt. Their matching accessories included yellow shoes, cummerbunds, and caps of yellow tulle with pearl centres. They carried baskets of yellow and white shasta chrysanthemums.

Miss Diane Hindley was flower girl for her cousin. She wore an ankle-length gown of yellow tulle with fitted bodice and full skirt, and a matching poke bonnet tied under her chin with yellow ribbon. White and yellow shasta mums filled her basket.

Groomsman was Gordon Bentley of Streetsville, the groom's brother, ushers were Earl McCutcheon, Rockwood, brother of the bride and Gerald Patterson of Streetsville.

Liston Powsell played the wedding music and accompanied Miss Barbara Rice who sang The Wedding Prayer before the ceremony and because while the register was being signed.

Attending the reception in the Sunday school room of the church were about 100 guests from Oakville, Streetsville, Hornby, Toronto, Minden, Guelph, Rockwood, Acton and Woodstock.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. McCutcheon wore a dusty rose dress with navy accessories, and a corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Bentley chose a figured black dress with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses.

When the couple left for a wedding trip to the United States, the bride was wearing a suit of pink linen with a hat of black and pink. Her purse and shoes were of black patent leather and her corsage of white carnations.

They are making their home in Streetsville.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolyn P. Clarke

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a full day's gain? Or would it? Perhaps farmers with spring crop to cut or thresh think otherwise. But still, when you think how much every other kind of vegetation is needing moisture a good rain would surely do more good than harm.

Yesterday I was setting out geranium cuttings—50 of them—and there wasn't a bit of moisture in the ground. And near here a farmer was taking out old fence posts, four feet down in the ground. He said he could have split the wood and burnt it in the kitchen stove for kindling it was so dry. Partner is having his trouble with fences, too. He is rebuilding a field gate and a section of fence and, of course, his main obstacle is also the hard, dry ground.

And then there's the garden. After a lapse of a few days I went out to pick string beans. I expected to get quite a lot as the last time I looked there were plenty of little beans and all kinds of blossom. All I got was handful. The little beans had dried up and all the blossom had dropped off.

Harvest apples are still falling off the tree but I am picking out the best of them, cooking them with the skins on, forcing the pulp through a rotary colander and canning the apple sauce. One needs to make the most of every bit of fruit that comes along this year otherwise there will be a lot of empty jars this winter.

And it is more than human beings that go short of fruit these days. Have you thought what it means to the birds? So many of them feed on wild fruits and berries. For instance, we generally have quite a few cedar waxwings around in the late summer as they love the wild honeysuckle berries. This year we have very few of either berries or birds. Even the poor little frogs seem to have an unnatural brownish, shrivelled up appearance. But yesterday I saw something that was really green—as green as a tomato worm.

It was some kind of praying mantis. Any I had seen other years were a brownish shade but this one was a beautiful color. This mantis was among my geraniums and I took great care not to disturb him because the mantis is a desirable insect to have around the garden as it destroys many insects injurious to plant life. The mantis is a fascinating thing to watch and it doesn't seem to mind being handled at all. You don't need to be afraid of it either. It doesn't bite or sting and the average human is too big for it to eat. It will cling to your finger as quietly and contentedly as if it were on the stalk of a plant.

The mantis is common in Europe and the tropics but apparently it made its first appearance in Ontario about 1914. It probably came into Canada without a passport under cover of imported fruits and vegetables.

The mantis is no ordinary insect. It has been connected with various legends and superstitions for thousands of years. The ancient Greeks thought it had supernatural powers and the Moslems claimed the praying mantis, when in an attitude of prayer, always turned towards Mecca—Mohammed's birthplace.

In southern Europe it was known variously as saint, preacher, nun or soothsayer and, according to an old legend, a mantis alighted on the hand of St. Francis Xavier, who thereupon commended the mantis to sing the praise of God. The mantis, according to the legend, uttered a very beautiful canticle. Perhaps that legend has something to do with the superstition that for a person to have a mantis alight on his or her person betokens saintliness or else a token of good fortune.

Well, a mantis certainly crawled over my hand yesterday but as I don't expect to shine as a saint maybe it will bring me good fortune instead. In fact it has brought me good fortune already as it was when I began writing this column we have had a lovely shower of rain so I won't have to carry water to revive my geranium cuttings.

It wasn't a whole day's rain but it was certainly a nice refreshing shower. It will make Partner's Scotch thistles grow a little taller. You see Partner has a thistle project out in the back yard. When he was cutting weeds he left two Scotch thistles just to see how tall they would grow. They are now over four feet high. Every day lovely little canaries perch on the sturdy thistle branches and have a wonderful time feeding off the seed. In fact they fight over it. The other day there was a battle royal and the bushy thistle awayed back and forth while the little birds fought for undisputed possession. Also in the backyard we have a groundhog who loves to sit up eating apples. So far Tippy hasn't seen him. The yellow-bellied sap-suckers are with us again and just recently blue jays have greeted us with their unmelodious cries.

And we had another transient looking for a meal this morning. We asked him why he didn't try to get something to eat in town. To which he replied—"No good. Town people won't never give a man a meal." As to that, I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

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ROY F. SMITH,
County Engineer

Readings, Plans On W.I. Program

The August meeting of the Busy Bee Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Howard. The meeting opened with the Mary Stewart Collect and the roll call. A good quality of the lady on my left. The thought for the day was given by Mrs. W. Kennedy and current events by Mrs. S. Cox. Mrs. Roy Lindsay gave a paper on Citizenship, Canada today and tomorrow. Mrs. Little arranged program of readings and a contest.

A number of articles were brought to the meeting including a good supply of aprons for the bazaar and a quilt. More pillow cases are to be made. An invitation for the president of the district to attend the October meeting was arranged.

Nearly all members were in attendance with one guest, Mrs. Hudson from Bertram, who is an active member of the W.I. there.

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