

**Inland Barracuda****Maskinonge Fisherman in Pursuit**

Distilling trout, bass and all day, not less than 30 inches in front, some giant fish are taken every year.

Between North Bay and Sudbute, Ontario now on will there be a site.

If you want muskies fishing here are some of the places which may provide a good catch, pike and pickerel. It's a fact though that in the Gaudet River north of the Sudbute, a few times you can pick up a muskie almost any day.

Not until you get west of Port Arthur and East Williams, however, does the true muskie deer believe that the fishing is really good. There are plenty of them taken east of the Lakehead, of course, half the west will be that the Hudson River, Lookout River, the Red Lake road, Eagle Lake near Dryden, and the dally of them all, Lake of the Woods, the best on the continent.

Most common method of fishing for muskies: trolling, using big spoons or spinners, piano with bucktail trailers, or double jointed muskie plugs. Surface baits with "propeller" heads which kick up a tremendous fuss are popular. There doesn't seem to be any way to scare a muskie, the noise and splashing the better, the better. Sticks about 12 or 13 inches long are used as live bait.

No one in the Department of Lands and Forests will guarantee that anyone will catch a muskie anytime. The fish is "muddy," particularly in the hot months. Some believe a sore mouth is responsible for his ignoring baits, others believe this is a myth and that the fish is simply lazy in hot weather.

It's still true, however, that many a fisherman has watched a muskie lazily follow a bait right to a boat and then swim off with a contemptuous twist of a giant tail. Experts advise dropping the rod tip in the water and cutting quick figure eights to create all the splashing possible. This, they say, makes the fish mad enough to strike. It may not work every time, but it is claimed that it does work on occasion.

There are times when the muskie fights desperately and madly, others when he subsides almost as soon as he's hooked. He's eagerly sought and although many large fish are not regarded as "good eating" when they grow to oversizes, that is not the case with muskies.

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Congratulate Graduates

Mrs. R. Roy, president of the Eden Crest Women's Institute, entertained their children and members of the Eden Mills Women's Institute at a picnic held on the spacious lawn at the farm home of Mrs. G. Nesbitt.

After a scrumptious pot-luck lunch, games and races were held for the 68 children and 30 adults attending, while shade trees provided ample protection for those less ambitious who wished to just sit back and enjoy social time.

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**Notes on Nature**

By WES FOUNTAIN

**WOODLAND POND No. 6**

A visit to a woodland pond at dawn is an interesting place. The deep-throated chumming of the American bittern is drowned by the hysterical cackling of gallinules and coots. Ruddy turnstones and pintail, least bitterns and white marsh wrens bubble and chatter. Ducks quack and swamp sparrows trill musically.

It woods are very close to the edge of the pond, the most hand-some of ducks, the multi-colored wood duck, will hunt a hollow tree (perhaps using the abandoned hole of a pecked woodpecker) and the female will lay her eggs there.

**Escape-Injury**

When the young day ready to leave the nest, they leap out in rapid succession, even though they may be 20 feet or more above the ground. cushioned by a "pillow" of fat, they escape injury, pick themselves up, and follow their mother, who leads them unerringly to the water.

Once they reach the pond, the mother wood duck conveys her dutiful family into well-hidden channels. Unseen from above, the duckling may have been spotted by the terror of the pond, the snapping turtle.

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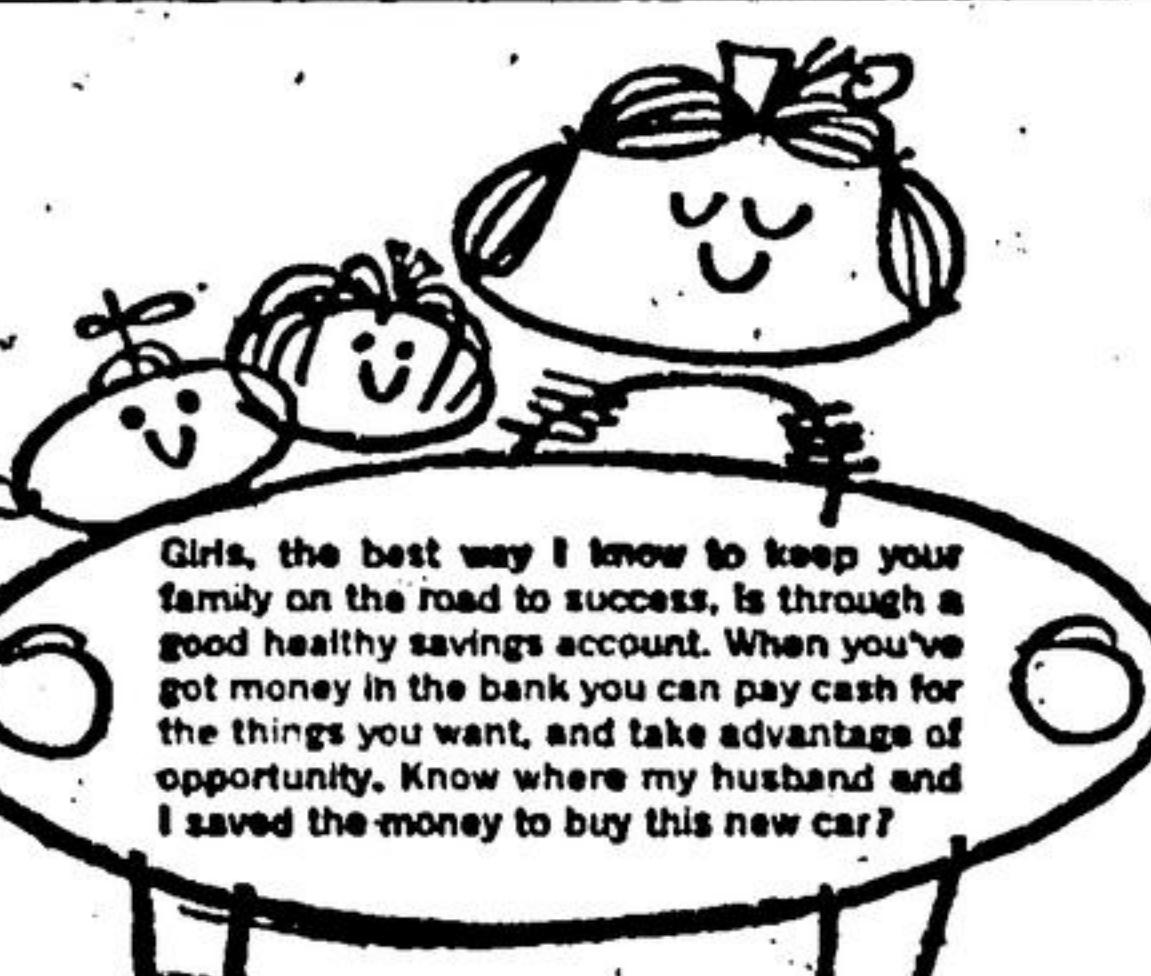
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**Right at Bay:**

During the Forest Fire Season, normally from April 1 to October 1, five hundred men on average of eight per day. During the six to eight outbreaks in June and early July in Northwestern Ontario, three reached a peak of 85 in one day.

Other working experience in the regular protective staff during the Fire Season numbers 2,000. This staff is augmented by extra fire fighters when needed, 2,622 were added to the regular staff during the Northwestern Ontario fires this year.

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**TROOP NEWS:**

The Patrol Standard contest is now over and our patrol managed to reach the standard. The final standings were as follows: Night Hawks 482, Panthers 400, Black Cats 380 and Musketeers 300. Well, better luck in the next one which begins September 4, and ends December 11. Instead of the French River, the winner of this one will go on an ice-fishing expedition.

The date for our Father and Son banquet has been set for the 3rd of October.

**Weekend Camp:**

Five Scouts spent the weekend at our cabin in Blue Springs Scout Reserve and from the looks of the rations they took with them, they were going to make eating the main topic at this camp. They were David Clark, Neil Franklin, George Ware, Roger Ladouceur and Max Haggerty.

"Buttons", the straw Colle

that found its way into our Cub camp last week and was prominently displayed in the last

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