



THE MONSTER OF GLEN EDEN, a record-breaking 25 inch, 7 1/2 pound Brown Trout was hauled from Glen Eden Lake at Kelso by Dick Cairns of 325 Kingsleigh Court, Milton, Thursday evening. He hooked it with a small wet fly and a fly rod with an eight pound test line. (Staff Photo)

Kelso "monster" caught Angler lands big Brown

The "monster" of Glen Eden Lake has been caught. Dick Cairns, who has to go down in the books as a persistent fisherman, caught the legendary big one at Kelso last week. When the shouting was over, he had a 25-inch Brown Trout that tipped the scales at seven and a half lbs. and measured 15 and a half inches around the girth—a real trophy fish. Mr. Cairns, elated at his prize catch, said "I'll probably never catch another one like it in my life. His persistence paid off. For the past three weeks, he has been fishing at Kelso almost daily, trying to land the big brute everyone has been talking about. Several anglers have seen or hooked onto a giant fish there, but until Mr. Cairns got there, nobody had been able to land him. "I tried flies, I tried minnows and I tried worms, and then I went back out with flies again, he said, waving the big hunk around for all to see. "This crazy fly I've got here finally got the brute." The fly is one he has doctored up to suit himself. It's only a tiny brown and white fly, quite dull and unappealing in appearance....but it did the trick and that's what counts. Mr. Cairns said it took about 15 minutes to bring the fish to shore. He went for the fly near the west end of Kelso's lake. Officials at Halton Region Conservation Authority, the owners of Kelso, say Mr. Cairns' brown is the biggest to date from those waters. Browns have never been stocked at Kelso so the fish must be an original that was there when the stream through the park was just a trickle, five-years ago. Speckled Trout and Rainbows have been planted and the record Rainbow was a 23 inch, five lbs. two ozs. fish. This fish, ironically, was never caught. It was washed ashore after being killed by a lamprey and two young boys found it and took it to the Conservation office. "I have never heard of anything over five pounds from Kelso before," said an amazed Dave Murray, field officer for the H.R.C.A.

Discuss amalgamation of group at St. Alban's Parish Guild

St. Alban's Parish Guild resumed their monthly meetings Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the home of Mrs. V. Bristow. The president, Mrs. E.A. Pratt, was in the chair. The meeting opened with the Guild prayer and a scripture reading by Mrs. C. Holmes. The minutes were read by Mrs. D. Lindsay followed by the treasurer's report by Mrs. R. Hall. The proposed amalgamation of the various women's groups in the church was discussed and Guild members were encouraged to attend the Deaconsy meeting in Erin during October, at which time a speaker will discuss that topic and answer questions. It was decided to hold an "Old-fashioned Tea" at the home of Mrs. E. A. Pratt in December. Miss Brenda Denny showed beautiful colored slides taken by her father on the family's recent trip to Fort Henry and Expo 67. A lovely lunch was served by the group in charge.

Crocuses bloom in Pratt Garden

Crocuses in September? Mrs. Sydney Pratt, 126 Longfield Rd. has two beds of the attractive spring flowers blooming in her flower gardens. She is mystified. "They just came up," she explains, "we did nothing special. The crocus, of course, is one of the first spring flowers to peek out of the spring snow. Their appearance is unseasonable. Their engagement is still a secret. So everybody is saying.

Deplore untidy Esquusing dump

Reeve George Leslie complained about the untidiness of the township dump at the last regular meeting of Esquusing council. He urged some action to keep the dump more tidy. "We're going to have to put a lock on the gate someday," agreed Councillor Pat Patterson. "It isn't only the dump," remarked Councillor Tom Hill, "there's garbage all over the road, too." Some people from Georgetown choose to use "our place" instead of their own said Mr. Patterson and this doesn't help matters. No action was taken.

\$55,180 issued township permits

Nassagaweya Zoning Administrator S. W. Savage reports building permits with a total value of \$55,180 were issued in the township during August, bringing the year's total to \$861,980. No industrial or commercial licenses were applied for, but the list included two residences, a garage and \$15,500 worth of renovations and repairs.

Disputed Glen road allowance can be closed only by judge

Solicitor Terry Baines told Esquusing Council it was doubtful if the township has the right to close Glen St. in Glen Williams as requested by Norm Norton, a property owner seeking clear title to his home. Mr. Baines, the township solicitor, said the old road allowance was in a subdivision defined in Reesor's survey which dated back in the 1800's and he quoted a precedent set in 1900 by a judge which said: 1. If the road allowance is not assumed by a municipality for public use, it may be closed only under the Registry Act. 2. If the road allowance is assumed it can only be closed under a by-law. Mr. Baines said the township clerk could find no record of a by-law assuming responsibility for the road allowance so the case falls under the first category. "The only person with the power to close the disputed road allowance is a judge," the solicitor stated. Procedure for closing the street would be the same with someone else handing down the decision, he continued. Mr. Norton's request to close the road allowance was postponed until the Sept. 5 meeting when Councillor Pat Patterson objected to the solicitor representing both the township and Mr. Norton. Neighbouring landowners Jack Lucas and Gary Cooper objected to closing only a portion of the street without closing it all. A ratepayer, Jack Wagstaff, present at Tuesday's meeting suggested that the township solicitor "look at these things beforehand so he doesn't take up the time of council". This initiated a spirited discussion of legal cost, labelled "fantastic" in some instances. Mr. Baines objected to the insinuation maintaining the law society had a watchdog keeping a close eye on legal fees and quick to pounce if they were out of line. He had an unsympathetic audience. Further discussion was terminated when deputy-reeve George Currie said the trouble could be traced to the last few months when the township started closing streets. Reeve George Leslie said the next move would be to take the application to a judge to have the street closed.

Esquusing Council briefs

At their regular meeting last week Esquusing Council: •Arranged to meet with the Blue Chip Building Restoration Co. to discuss fixing up the township office. The company had made and inspection of the building at council's request and reported the entranceway wall had 60 to 65 per cent of the bricks cracked. •Discussed raising the township trailer license fee to \$20, from the present \$10. Building inspector Tom McLean reported he had difficulty collecting the present fee sometimes. Council also discussed what action to take against a trailer park operator who enlarged his residence without a building permit. •Road superintendent Bud Snow told council dead elms in the township were causing a problem. Some trees were posing a road hazard and the superintendent's understanding of responsibility for the elms stretched to any tree which might be a hazard to traffic. He said township equipment would not handle some of the trees which were two or three feet in diameter—so he couldn't cut them down. Councillor Jim Goodlet felt present equipment was adequate but council decided to wait and see if they could qualify under the winter works program for aid. •Gave permission to A. Neumann, R. R. 1, Acton, to run a garden and lawn implement business on his property on Lot 25, concession two.

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