

Week-End Catch

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"O H, STOP laughing and help me get loose!" Sue wailed as she looked up into the mirthful eyes of the stranger.

"I didn't mean to make fun of you, but you do look queer stuck there in a foot of water," he said, unfastening the seat of Sue's masculine trousers from the barbed wire fence running out into the lake. He helped her up and, as their hands touched, neither spoke. "You must be Pop Sorensen's daughter and you're seining minnows for the week-end tourist rush. You don't believe all that witchcraft about thunderstorms, boat colors and such foolishness, do you?" he asked.

"I have faith in what Dad says. Our guests never go home empty-handed and they think he's the best guide around here," she replied.

"Well, your dad has scientific competition now," he warned.

She gathered up the two tails of live minnows and started back to Piny Point. She reproached herself for listening to the stranger's talk, but there was something about his calm assurance and the gentle way he had helped her to her feet that held her interest. "There's no way of getting around fisherman's luck—no new scientific tricks we don't know about, are there Dad?" she asked at dinner.

"You're darned tootin' there ain't. Say, you haven't been talkin' to that new guide, fresh out of the marines, feller named Ted Holbrook have



"I'm warnin' you to keep away from Susan."

"You?" Sue felt the color rush to her cheeks.

"Ah ha, I thought so. Well, see it don't happen again," he warned. "The boy's been farin' pretty well, even ignorin' all the signs a feller in his right mind ought to heed. But it's all fisherman's luck."

But Ted's luck didn't change and, as the word spread that he was sending his guests home with full strings, Pop Sorensen lost a lot of business. On week-ends when Sue went out on the lake, she could see Ted and his guests in Ted's new white boats and more than once her heart stood still when she knew he was watching her across the still water. One evening he appeared at the Sorensen cabin.

"Howdy, Miss Sue," he said. "We haven't met much lately and I was wondering if you'd like to go to the dance with me Tuesday."

"Oh, Ted, you shouldn't have come. I'd love to go with you, but Dad..." Just then Pop Sorensen stormed into the room.

"I'm warnin' you to keep away from Susan and off my property, young feller," he roared. "Anyone who's been sayin' the things around town you have isn't welcome on Piny Point."

"See here," Ted proposed, "we can prove who's right and decide about the dance at the same time. I bet I send my week-end guests home with more fish than you do, Pop Sorensen. And if I win, Susan goes to the dance with me."

Saturday was gray at first and Ted's party went into the lead as folks all around Chippewa-Lake anxiously awaited the outcome. Later the sun came out. During the afternoon Pop Sorensen's luck changed and his boats began to fill with bass and sunfish.

As they compared totals after dinner Ted's party trailed by ten. "It's just what I was sayin', young feller, your beginner's luck has changed. You got to abide by the tried and true rules to come out ahead in the long run," Pop chided. Ted looked around for Sue but she was nowhere to be seen.

"And if you're huntin' fer Susan, I don't know where she went. You won't be seein' her after tomorrow's haul is counted, anyway," Pop added.

Pop Sorensen, sure his fisherman's luck had changed the day before, was dumbfounded to learn at dusk that Ted was ahead two sunfish in the two-day total. "That's a pretty slim margin," Ted observed as he stood with Sue on the Piny Point dock. "There must be something in old-fashioned fisherman's luck, after all. But we'll never leave anything to chance again, you and I, he said, taking her hands in his as she looked fondly up at him. "Say, what's this on your hands, Sue?"

"Oh, that—that's just some green paint that wouldn't come off," she answered. "Your white boats looked so terribly bright when the sun came out yesterday, and painting even the bottoms after dark is a messy job."

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material for the project then was not available. There was then no choice but to leave the whole scheme temporarily in abeyance.

It is expected that the situation will improve in 1947 and that it will be possible to commence this project. In the meantime the present deplorable condition is being aggravated by the building of new homes and extension of industrial plants. The earliest possible installation of a sewer system and disposal plant should be given first priority in town improvement.

Members of the 1946, 1946 council, who have done all the ground work and have brought the plan so close to fruition, deserve the thanks of the people of Georgetown. Anyone who obstructs or delays this project is doing Georgetown a great injustice.

Control of Communicable Diseases in General — The Local Board of Health had no occasion to deal with any outbreaks of communicable diseases for which special measures were necessary. The diseases of diphtheria, small pox and whooping cough for which extensive immunization has been done have practically disappeared in Georgetown. There were two cases of whooping cough during the year; neither child had been previously protected by inoculations. A small number of cases of chicken pox, measles, and German measles occurred during 1946. There were 3 cases of tuberculosis, none of which developed during 1946; of these there was one death.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Chickenpox	16
German Measles	2
Measles	17
Tuberculosis	3
Whooping Cough	2

(2) Prevention: A general campaign of immunization was carried out in the public school during the past year. This was done by the Local Board of Health. During February all public school children were given the opportunity for vaccination against smallpox and in the fall to be immunized against diphtheria. Reinforcing doses were given to the latter where required. This work was done without cost to the parents. No treatments

were given except with the written consent of parents. The response has been very gratifying. As a result of the current campaign and those of previous years it is estimated that 94% of the public school population is protected against diphtheria and 82% against smallpox. Scarlet fever inoculations have not been given because it is not considered by your medical officer of health that they are satisfactory for mass inoculations. School children are not given whooping cough vaccine, which is useful chiefly during infancy.

The records of the Local Board of Health show for Diphtheria, 28 immunized and 78 reinforced; Small pox 28 immunized and 27 certificates granted.

Maternal and Child Hygiene — Instruction in prenatal, infant and pre-school care has been given by the family physician. It is expected that more attention will be given to this work when the proposed county health unit is established. Public health nurses will largely be responsible for this important branch of public health activity. Our Public Health Nurse, Miss O. Chant, divides her time equally between the municipalities of Acton, Georgetown and Milton. It is impossible to undertake this programme with the limited time at her disposal.

Tuberculosis Control — The occurrence of tuberculosis in Georgetown has been rare. No new cases of tuberculosis, human nor bovine, have been reported during 1946. Three individuals (all adults) were under treatment and of these one has died. Since all milk sold in this municipality is pasteurized, no cases of bovine tuberculosis have been reported. The low incidence of tuberculosis can be ascribed to several factors.

1. The comparatively high standard of living enjoyed by the town people.
2. A safe milk supply.
3. Early diagnosis of tuberculosis. The Mountain Sanatorium at Hamilton, the Gage Institute at Toronto, and the Chest Clinic at Guelph have all facilities for examination of suspects. Such examinations are made free of charge at the request of the attending physician.
4. Examination of all contacts. All contacts of tuberculosis are examined

from time to time and if found infected are admitted to sanatorium for treatment.

5. After-care of tuberculous patients, individuals are not permitted to leave sanatorium until they are found non-infectious and until the municipality assures them of proper living conditions at home and that they will receive adequate medical after-care.

V.D. Control — These persons were treated by family physicians at their own expense. Investigation of sources of infection almost invariably disclosed that the source was outside of Georgetown. The Ontario Department of Health is advised in order that they may be placed under treatment.

Cancer Control: Such control consists of education, early diagnosis and treatment. There has been no municipally sponsored programme of education during 1946. The family physician has the most modern facilities for diagnosis and treatment in neighbouring centres. No person suspected of suffering from cancer need forego necessary attention on account of inability to pay for it. The municipality bears the expense if the patient is unable to meet it.

Health of the School Child: A list of children who will enter the primary grade of the public school is given to our Public Health Nurse each year. These children are examined by Miss Chant and gross defects are noted. The parents are advised to have these defects corrected before the child enters school.

During the school year all children (with parents' consent) are protected by immunization and small pox. Regular visits are made to the school throughout the year by our Public Health Nurse. Children are weighed, eyes and hearing tested, teeth and throats examined. A careful watch is kept on other communicable diseases is kept. Children who do not seem well, physically or emotionally, are investigated by Miss Chant, and a mother, parent, nurse, physician liaison is established. This work has been of inestimable value to school children.

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