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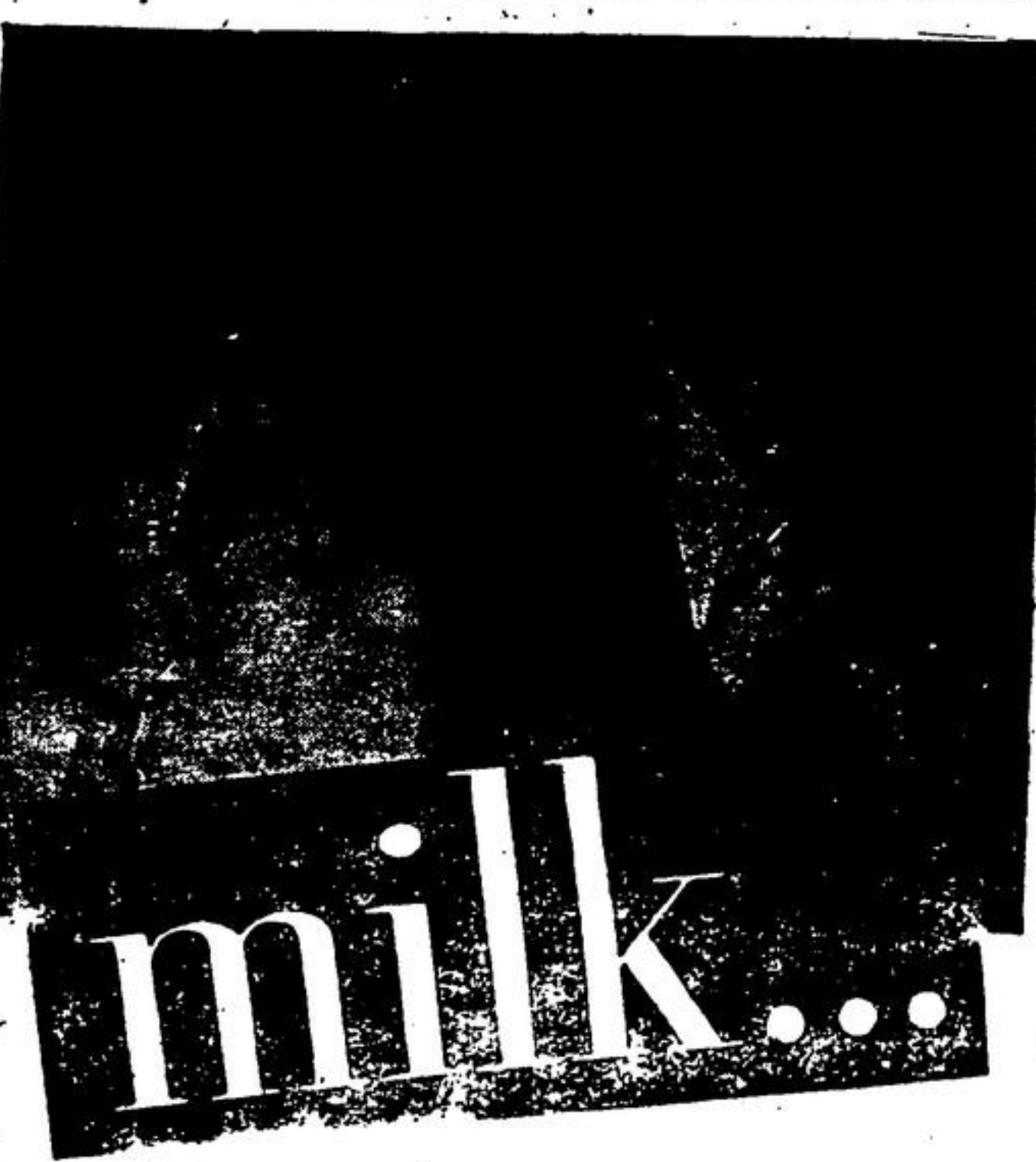


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FARM NEWS

NIGHT SCHOOL CLASSES POPULAR FOR FARMERS

The special Night Classes initiated last November in Milton have now reached the half way period. According to A. T. Woodley, chairman of the Local Committee, interest is being maintained but nearly everyone is highly delighted with the various courses of instruction. While illness and other activities have interfered in some families nevertheless between 250 and 260 have been present each of the past two Tuesday nights. Inquiries are already being received concerning plans for next winter.

Spinning fishing is becoming more common among Canadian anglers and is highly delighted with than it was formerly.

With Rod and Gun

by George Hoare

This article on the black Bass was written by J. R. Diamond, Associate Professor of Systematic Zoology in the Dept. of Biology, University of Toronto. It was prepared at the request of the Federation of Anglers. The article is quite lengthy so it will be necessary to continue it from week to week until finished.

The Small-Mouthed Black Bass and Its Conservation

The black bass is not only the gamest of North American game fish but the habit of the male of guarding his nest and young so faithfully arouses the admiration of those acquainted with the life history of this splendid fish. The instinct which prompts the male to attack anything which comes near his nest leads to the destruction of many of these faithful fish by anglers who fish near bass nests too early in the season. Among our game fishes, no species surpasses the small-mouthed black bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) in popularity, and it is a matter of regret that in many lakes and in streams where they were once common, the bass are now badly depleted. Even in areas where they are still abundant there are fears that with the more intensive fishing, due to the increase of summer visitors, these splendid game-fish may soon become scarce. There is, therefore, developing a keen desire to discover the means for aiding the propagation of bass in our waters.

One of the first essentials in planning to increase the numbers of any fish is to understand its life history, such as where and when it spawns, what is likely to destroy the eggs and young, and what constitutes its food. There are still many facts we need to know, but the main outline of the life history of the black bass is known, and if this were understood by all who fish for the bass, it is believed that it would aid in the conservation of this interesting species.

Life History

In late May or June and in some places much later, depending on whether the season is early or late, the male bass begins to make his nest. He likes a shallow place where the bottom is covered with coarse gravel, and where there is a log, a big rock, or a bank to afford protection from the waves and so that he will have to look out for enemies on only one side.

Carefully he sweeps away the mud and rubbish from an area two or three feet across. The female does not deposit the eggs on any particular day according to the calendar but waits until the water is fairly warm (61 to 65 degrees F.) In some years and in some districts the water does not reach this temperature until quite late in June or even in July.

After the female has deposited the eggs she goes away from the nest but the male stays on guard to keep away fish and other enemies that would destroy them. He also fans the nest with his fins, thus keeping the water around the eggs fresh and pure. The adult bass doesn't incubate the eggs as a hen does. They hatch into little fishes as they lie on the nest and at quite a low temperature as compared with bird's eggs, but it is just as necessary that the male guard his nest when the eggs are hatching as it is that a hen guard and hatch her eggs. Some kinds of fish eggs can be hatched in hatcheries much as hen's eggs are hatched in incubators, but this cannot be done with bass eggs. Sometimes the adult bass are put into artificial ponds where they build nests and raise their young just as they do in rivers and lanes under natural conditions.

The eggs of the bass are very tiny. It takes ten or twelve placed side by side to reach an inch. They contain yolk just as bird's eggs do, on which the little fish lives after it is hatched. Before it is able to eat food for itself from the water. When the little bass is first hatched there is so much of the yolk hanging in a little sac beneath it that it cannot swim but sinks into crevices between stones in the centre of the nest. The food material diminishes as the tiny fish grows larger, but until it is totally absorbed the yolk continues to weigh him down so that he cannot escape from the many enemies such as perch, sunfish, catfish, snapping turtles and many other hungry creatures in the water. If it were not for the male bass who guards them from their enemies while they are helpless, few of the newly-hatched bass would ever grow to be very big.

By the end of August the young bass are generally from two to four inches in length. More rapid growth takes place in some localities than in others, and especially in ponds where bass are hatched and reared under semi-artificial conditions. It requires several years for bass to reach a length at which they build and guard nests of their own, and many of them are caught before they reach such a size.

In Ontario, bass may be legally caught when they are ten inches in length, but not many ten-inch bass are seen guarding nests. This is usually done by fish of twelve inches and more in length.

MEN IN UNIFORM

TRANSFER AIR FORCE OFFICER TO ENGLAND

Flight Lieutenant Gordon McDonald has received a new posting from Aldergrove, County Antrim, Northern Ireland to the Royal Air Force Station at Linton-on-Ouse, Yorkshire, England.

Flight Lt. McDonald, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDonald, Queen Street, has been overseas for three years on attachment to the R.A.F. He consorted with the RCAF after service overseas during the war.

His wife the former Lois Nielsen of town and their two-year-old son Alan will move to England with him and expect to make their home in York.

Recount Changes Seats Brampton Councillor Back

A recount unseated a new Brampton councillor who had already attended two meetings of the 1951 council.

Councillor W. George Thompson was returned for a ninth term with a three-vote majority over W. E. McCartney following a recount before County Judge A. Cochane. On election day Mr. McCartney, who is manager of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association was credited with 916 votes as against 912 for Mr. Thompson. In the recount Mr. Thompson lost 3 votes and Mr. McCartney 10 votes, giving them respective totals of 909 and 906.

Takes New Position Western Paper Mill

A former employee of Provincial Paper Ltd., here, Allan Law has a new position as chief engineer with a new paper mill which has opened at Nanaimo, B.C.

He served with the Canadian Navy during the war and then worked with Price Brothers paper company at Riverbend, Quebec, and for the past two years in Montreal. His wife, the former Gene Kirby of Glen Williams has been in town for a month and left last week to join her husband in the west.

The food eaten by the bass varies from one body of water to another. The small ones eat tiny microscopic animals, which they find in the shallow water they frequent. As they grow they take larger and larger animals, the adults eating chiefly crayfish and fishes of various kinds, including small perch, and minnows. Unfortunately, other fish often found in the same water with bass eat the same sort of food as the bass. And so when there are many such competitor fish in bass waters, they reduce the supply of the food which might otherwise go to the support of the bass. The rock bass is one species that has almost the same food habits as the black bass in many waters. (continued next week)

Lucky Hunters

On Saturday, January 13th the following were out in a group after the fox: B. McMenemy, C. Spence, A. Bailey, J. Holden, F. Test, F. Johnson, J. Roe, B. Lockhurst, E. Stapleton and B. Schenk. 2 jacks, 4 cottontails and 1 fox were the bag.

Roy and Floyd Hills were out with two foxhounds last Thursday and by all reports the dogs really take their hunting seriously. When it was time to leave for home the dogs were not to be found. When last seen they were hot on the trail of a fox. To make a long story short, they returned footsore and weary Sunday morning much to the delight of Roy and Harold, who own the dogs.

Statement of Convictions for the Month of December, 1950

There were 198 convictions in December, 1950:	
Offences	Convictions
Having fish taken out of season	2
Fishing by means other than angling	5
Fishing with more than 1 line	1
Guiding without a licence	1
Hunting in prohibited hours	16
Hunting without a licence	52
Hunting with unslugged shotgun	12
Hunting pheasants in closed season	1
Illegal possession of furs	6
Illegal possession of gill net	2
Jacklighting deer	1
Killing female deer	1
Killing male deer under Lyear	1
Killing two cow moose	1
Loaded firearms in motor vehicle	18
Possessing firearms in game preserve	17
Possessing firearms in lumber camp	15
Possession ruffed grouse in closed season	1
Possession fish in closed season	1
Possession undersized fish	1
Possession SSG shells in open area for deer	1
Ruralising deer	1
Transporting deer without seal attached	1
Trapping in closed season	1
Trapping without a licence	3
Violation of condition of licence	1
Allowing dogs to run at large	2

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