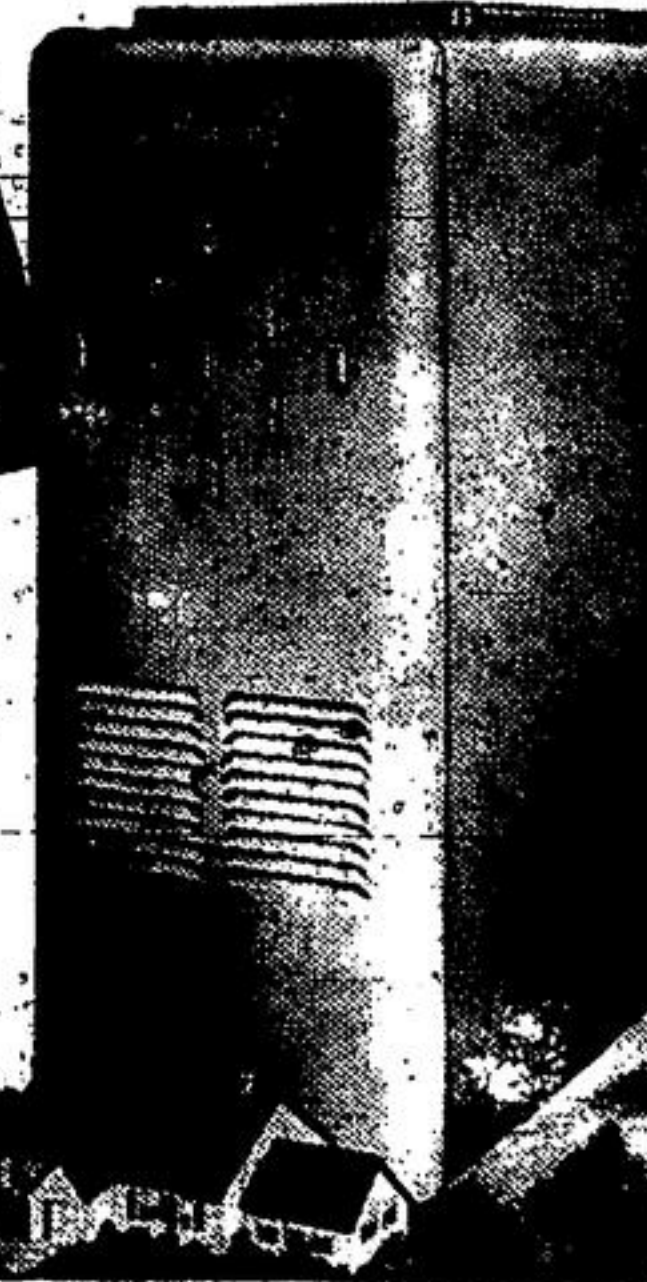


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Chatting . . .

With M.H.B.

JUST AT THE moment a couple of aspirins have given us enough impetus to sit down and chat with you for a little while, anyway. We feel today as if that busy little flu bug has caught up with us — but the bright blue skies and warm sun seem to tell us we just can't stay cooped up, and flu-ridden on the first really spring like day of the year. Here's hoping they're right.

LOOKING FROM the living-room window, we can see the branches of a large shrub turning yellow with renewed life. The lawns are sodden with melted snow with just a hint of the greenness to come. Yesterday, we drove down to the Glen to see how the river was behaving. Most of the ice has disappeared and although very swollen, luckily there are just a few homes where river-filled yards are a problem.

WE ALSO DROVE out Ashgrove way, and were filled with our usual admiration for the fine farm houses and buildings in that district. Noted on the way back that the warning sign for the dangerous curve on Stewarttown hill has not yet been erected. It is a bad spot, particularly when the road is wet, and unfamiliar. Mute testimony is the demolished roadside fence, with poles uprooted and wires twisted and ground into the earth.

TODAY WE CAN hardly believe how horrible the weather was on Saturday. In fact today, we can hardly find it in our heart to envy all those winter-time vacationists in Florida. However, the dear old knows what kind of weather we'll be having when you are reading this column — so there's no telling what kind of March prank the holidayers will be missing yet. Three more couples to add to our Southland list are newlyweds, Mr and Mrs. Fred Nelson (formerly Margaret Hoare, who motored to Florida and also are planning to visit Cuba. Mr and Mrs. Reuben Carter, Toronto, Mr and Mrs. Carter were formerly proprietors of the Hollywood Hotel, Norval, for a number of years. And Mr and Mrs. E. D. Sheley, Birmingham, Mich. (She is the former Melrose O'Neill of Georgetown. They were visiting their son, Dick, who lives in Florida.

THE MODERN trend seems to be for women to take a more active part in public and political life. This year's elections showed that more than ever before, the electorate in many towns and cities considered their genuine candidates for municipal office fully capable of handling their jobs. This year, in our neighbouring town of Acton, for instance, Miss Esther Taylor headed the polls and was elected a councillor, on her first run for office.

A week ago Monday night, Miss Taylor, together with 10 other

CANADIAN SPORTS PARADE

DURING a recent reception at Toronto's new Radio Station CKFH, 500 or more were to suddenly collapse, the cream of the sporting world would vanish irretrievably. Newspapersmen, sportscasters, promoters, hockey and football players were crowded into one jovial mass—honoring Foster Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt shook hands and talked with Major Conn Smythe, Joe Primeau, Ted Reavey, Happy Day, Joe Perlove, Bob Heaketh, Dave Price, Jim Coleman, Frank Tunney, Deacon Allen, Bob McGill, Dr. Harry Goldthorn and others too numerous to mention. For several hours the talk rolled up and down the studio, and (by actual count) the word sport was mentioned 3-million, 223-thousand times. Our best wishes to CKFH (Dial 1400) and to all its merry crew. For Foster and Bill Hewitt, a dream has come true, while "W.A." looks on approvingly.

Hockey Fan—1951

They say the more rabid NHL hockey fans are usually perched high in the bleachers and green. From their lofty position these hardy souls command a sweeping view of their fellow spectators but the players performing below seem to rotate on the ice like leisurely puppets at play.

A body-check delivered by a Harry Watson or a Leo Reise, while it seems dynamic and vicious from a seat near the rail, looks like a gentle protest to our friends in heaven. "Aw, step into him, Harry! Don't be afraid of the lumber" scheme through the hall. The Maple Leafs roar to the attack and Ted Kennedy breaks through, going like the wind. "Aw, turn on the steam, Teesler! You're practically standing still!" scream these rabid fans, failing to catch the tremendous strain creating Kennedy's face.

In the older days, before Maple Leaf Gardens and the other arenas, hockey was played right under the nose of the spectators. Each intent to murder was clearly seen by the crowd before the killing took place. The fans were already enjoying the body-check before it actually came. This personal touch doubled the excitement of the play.

Old Myth

The myth of invincibility attributed to so many of the great old players (to the disparagement of those of today) may be partially explained by the changed view of the fans.

A body-check in the Good Old Days was a crushing blow to everyone in the rink—but then the crowd was small like the rink. Nowadays, only the few by the rail hear the heartbeats, but the great loyal majority (13,000 strong) can make up in opinions and cat-calls what they miss from the greys and the greens. Undoubtedly television should revive the ancient drama of hockey by giving us all a close-up view!

Sportsmen's Show—1951

We're informed that arrangements are practically completed for the 1951 Canadian Sportsmen's Show to be held in the Coliseum, Toronto, March 9 to 17, under the auspices of the Toronto Anglers' and Hunters' Association in the interests of conservation.

Among the highlights of this year's Sportsmen's Show will be a stage and water revue, a conservation show, dog show, boat show, motor show, travel show and an Indian village. In the sports demonstration area, sports such as golf, tennis, judo, badminton, archery, boxing, fencing and so forth will be demonstrated by expert and champions.

Again this year the four floors of the Coliseum will house hundreds of commercial exhibits including all the most up-to-date equipment for fishing, hunting, camping, ski, skiing and other sports. Also, "Sharky," the amazing seal, will star in the big stage and water revue in the arena of the Coliseum, so set aside several evenings for this most unique and worthy show.

TEACHER'S CONVENTION AT LEASIDE SCHOOL

Principal J. I. Lambert, Alan Prouse, A. M. Baxter, and Misses Marjorie Inman, Florence Luké, Rose Piercey and Edith Allison attended the regional conference of District 8 Federation at Leaside High School last Tuesday.

Mr. Prouse is president of District 8 and welcomed the teachers. Opportunity was given during the day for an inspection of Leaside's fine new school.

ROD AND GUN

What Government Does Black Bass Conservation

(continued from last week)

In its efforts to prevent depletion in those waters where bass still occur in satisfactory numbers, and to restore the bass in waters already depleted, the Government is adopting as many as possible of the methods outlined above. In this work it is naturally hampered by the lack of public support for some of the methods suggested. It is with a view to assist in the development of such public support that the present pamphlet has been prepared for the Ontario Federation of Anglers.

While restocking with fingerling bass is of limited application for reasons outlined above, there are, nevertheless, many waters in which such stocking is necessary and advisable. The Government is, therefore, developing a number of ponds for our bass culture, and is meeting with very encouraging success in this work. For instance, from the Lake on the Mountain, Prince Edward County, where the bass spawned naturally on gravel nests provided, 123,000 fry were collected and introduced in protected areas (among

aquatic vegetation in shallow waters) of suitable small-mouthed bass lakes, in the same and neighbouring counties.

At the Mount Pleasant Hatchery six ponds were used for bass culture during 1950, two for spawning and four for rearing. From thirty-four successful nests in two ponds approximately 300,000 fry were produced, and of these 241,500 were planted in suitable waters.

Provision has also been made, under lease for a rearing pond at Ingersoll covering twelve acres. This pond has so many favourable features that excellent results are expected from it.

In addition to the rearing of fry and fingerlings in artificial and semi-artificial ponds, the Government has set aside a number of especially productive small lakes in various parts of the province, to serve as bases of supply for bass fingerlings and yearlings for stocking purposes.

The End

Believe it or not for several years some 43,000,000 pounds of Carp have been sold annually. As a food, Carp is high in proteins. That's what John Patrick Gillose of Vancouver stated in his article in last week's Star Weekly anyway.

Proteins or not the sportsmen of the Province are all out to exterminate the Finny gangster.

George Hoare

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Baby Daughter of Ballinafad Minister Dies

The Community was greatly saddened by the death of the infant daughter of our minister, Mr. W. Gibb and Mrs. Gibb. Our sincere sympathy goes out to them in this time of bereavement. The funeral took place Monday afternoon from the Rumbly Funeral Home in Acton with interment in Mount View Cemetery, Galt.

The WMS met at the home Mrs. J. Kirkwood for their February meeting. There was a splendid attendance which was very encouraging. Mrs. A. McKay was in charge of the Scripture Study which dealt with "Conflicts of Loyalties" teaching us we should observe the Golden Rule in all individual, national or international relationships.

Plans were made for the spring thank-offering at which the Rev. W. A. Hunslett of the Fred Victor Mission will be special missionary speaker. A splendid reading on Christian Stewardship was given by Mrs. F. Smith. A bible Quiz was led by the president, Mrs. F. W. Shortill and the roll call was answered by a promise found in the Bible, Miss B. Hills led in the topic from the study book on Japan and was assisted by other members. The meeting closed with repeating the Mizpah benediction.

Mr. Wm. Herbert of Emmanuel College, Toronto, had charge of the Sunday morning service here.

Some taxes are well hidden. For example, the common chicken egg meets 100 different levies before it reaches the breakfast table.



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