



OUTDOORS

— with —
GEORGE HOARE

Gannet's Big Catch

George Firth is a slight-built, Scotch lad, 26 years old, weighs 137 lbs., stands 5 ft. 7 inches. He was born and raised on the Orkney Islands north of Scotland. He informed me that farming is the main industry there. The main crop is oats which they grow for cattle feed. Commercial fishing is the other source of income.

Scapa Flow the huge bay of war-time fame is not far away. George tells me of the ships that were sunk between the islands that guard the approach to Scapa Flow. This was necessary to keep the enemy ships from passing through.

Apparently the shore line of the islands are high, rugged and rocky, except for small areas that slope down to the sea.

OLD MAP

During the war only one person was killed on the islands, and apparently that was by accident.

George tells me of a map, that was at the school where he went, that was brown with age and showed the British Isles as one piece of land.

It's fantastic to say the least that the sea when in an angry mood can wear away the rocks over the years.

George Firth first came to Canada in Dec. 1967. His mother, father and four sisters still live on the islands.

After working at several jobs near Milton, Ont., he decided to travel to Nova Scotia where he joined the crew of a 250 ft. commercial fishing trawler called the Gannet. The wages, for a 10 to 14 day cruise on the trawler were \$50 plus \$1. (one dollar) for every 1,000 lbs. of fish caught. A good haul for the trawler would amount to 300,000 lbs. Which meant \$300. plus \$50 base pay.

GRAND BANKS

The trawler Gannet operated off the east shore of Nova Scotia and north one and a half days to the Grand Banks, of Newfoundland. The catch consisted of Haddock, of 3, 4, and 5 lb. each. Cod from 2 lb. to 20 lb. Graysale and flounder of 1 and 2 lb. Halibut from 50 lb. to 400 lb.

The catch was stashed away in the hold until it was full. Then some of the catch were piled on deck. In fact, they were everywhere, but in the bunks where they slept.

Sometimes when heavy seas

were encountered much of the catch on deck was washed overboard and lost.

WILL IT LAST?

The best months for the trawler Gannet were Nov., Dec., Jan., and Feb. It's difficult to believe that so much food can be taken from the sea especially when one stops to consider the number of trawlers of every nation that are operating out there to catch their share. "Will it last?"

George Firth at present is employed at Abitibi Provincial Paper Mill in Georgetown. His home at present is with friends at No. 17 1st Line, Milton.

So... that's the story of George Firth and, you can believe it he is as Scotch as his name implies. I might end this story by saying to my friend George "you won't catch any 400 lb. halibut here, but your chances of a 10 lb. rainbow trout are very good. So light lines and enjoy our great outdoors here in Canada.

THE EXPERT

Jerry Dewar of Georgetown surprised me when he stopped by to show me a 19 1/2" speckled trout that he caught at Terra Cotta Conservation area.

It was 12" in girth and weighed 3 1/2 lbs. It was caught on a yellow jig. The jig was used after several other lures failed to connect.

Jerry was also skilful enough to hook and land 14 rainbow trout from 3 to 10 lb. in the Owen Sound and Thornbury area.

COHO NEWS

Bill Norton Sr. and son Doug had good luck with Coho in the lower Credit River. Bill tells of catching one 16 inches that weighed 1 lb. and one 18 inches that weighed 2 lb.

Which goes to show how much weight they put on per inch of length after they attain a certain size.

Many others were caught last fall and every one had lamprey scars on them. They were all caught on roe and worms.

YES SHE HELPED

Jerry Steringa would like to know just what our black Lab dog knows about cooking breakfast at Craigleith Provincial park. "You sure put me on the spot, all I can say is this. She can sure look after the Maple Leaf bacon. All in her training, I guess."

That's all for this week. So enjoy the outdoors, safe journey, and tight lines until next time.

Field Hockey Adds New Recreation, Both Sexes

Hockey without skates? It's just as exciting as the winter variety and what's more, both sexes and all ages can participate. John Owen of Fagan Drive, who is one of a group attempting to promote field hockey here.

He has an ad elsewhere in this issue of the paper which he hopes will bring some local experienced field hockey players and others willing to try their hand at it to his attention.

John came to Canada four years ago with field hockey experience and started playing with the Orinda field hockey club. When they closed down their facilities he was instrumental in creating the Huronian Field Hockey Club in the east end of Metro which attracted some 35 players.

Of late he had been beating the bushes in an attempt to find some interest in creating a club here and he has found it.

LOCAL INTEREST

"So far I've got six experienced field hockey men and a good number of youngsters 13 years old and up," he told The Herald. "About 40 per cent of the list are girls and women" he said, "which speaks well for the chances of forming a girls team as well."

He pointed out that other than softball there is not much in the way of competitive sport for local teen girls and young women.

In countries where field hockey is popular mixed teams with both men and female players are common as well as leagues specifically for men and women, he said.

"With the training in ice hockey which men here get from boyhood, they should find they can adapt to field hockey

without "too much difficulty," he said.

MAKING INROADS

With the promotion of the Ontario Field Hockey Association the game is making inroads on the sports scene.

It is played on a field 100 yards long and 60 yards wide with 11 players on each side, ranks as a major sports attraction in 63 countries.

Sports historians say it is one of the oldest team games. It was first played in Persia in 2000 B.C.

Pakistan, Australia, and India are the three top field-hockey nations. Canada, thanks to some star players on the west coast ranks ninth in world standing.

In keeping with its former

private school image, the rules don't call for penalties as such. A player caught high sticking by the umpire is sent to the sidelines for a five minute cooling out period. If a check is rough enough or if players start fighting they may be requested to leave the match.

The player lineup is similar to that in soccer: goalkeeper, two backs, three halfbacks, and five forwards. The idea is to propel the small cork ball into a goal 12 feet wide and seven feet high which is guarded by a goalkeeper wearing cricket pads. Shin guards are a necessity for the other players since their legs and ankles are tapped quite frequently during the two 35 minute halves that constitute a game.

Tanners May Join Raiders in 'A' League

Georgetown Raiders may not be the only team stepping from Intermediate B into Intermediate A company when the OHA's 1970-71 hockey season starts. Acton Tanners are considering making the step up.

Raiders played their regular schedule as Intermediate B, but went A for the playoffs, and will play their next full season as an A team.

PICKED UP TAB

Acton Tanners, who enjoyed a respectable season, were fortunate enough to have Beardmore and Co. pick up the tab for their losses at the rate to start next season with a clean slate.

The pressing question in Tanners town is whether the team should stay in the Intermediate B bracket or climb into A, in

which case they would be allowed six imports.

HELMETS MANDATORY

At an executive meeting last week it was decided that if suitable players are available the Tanners will move up the ladder to take on teams like Georgetown, Dundas, Brantford, Burlington, Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Simcoe.

Intermediate hockey watchers may not be able to pick out their favourites without a program next season. It has been mandatory by the OHA that all intermediate players wear helmets, starting this year.

Georgettes Will Compete in Rural Softball League

Georgetown Georgettes under the guidance of manager Paul Robinson and coach Bill James will play in the Halton Rural Ladies' Softball League this season.

The team has had three practices in the Georgetown Park and with a couple of exhibition games between now and the season's opener about June 18, should be stiff competition for the rest of the entries, even

without ace pitcher Marilyn Eagles.

The return of Gail Young, Peggy Given, Adele Hickey, Georgia Lewis, Jane McNally, Ann Marchment, Judy Cater, Janet Armstrong, Eve Smith, and the addition of some talent should make them tough to beat.

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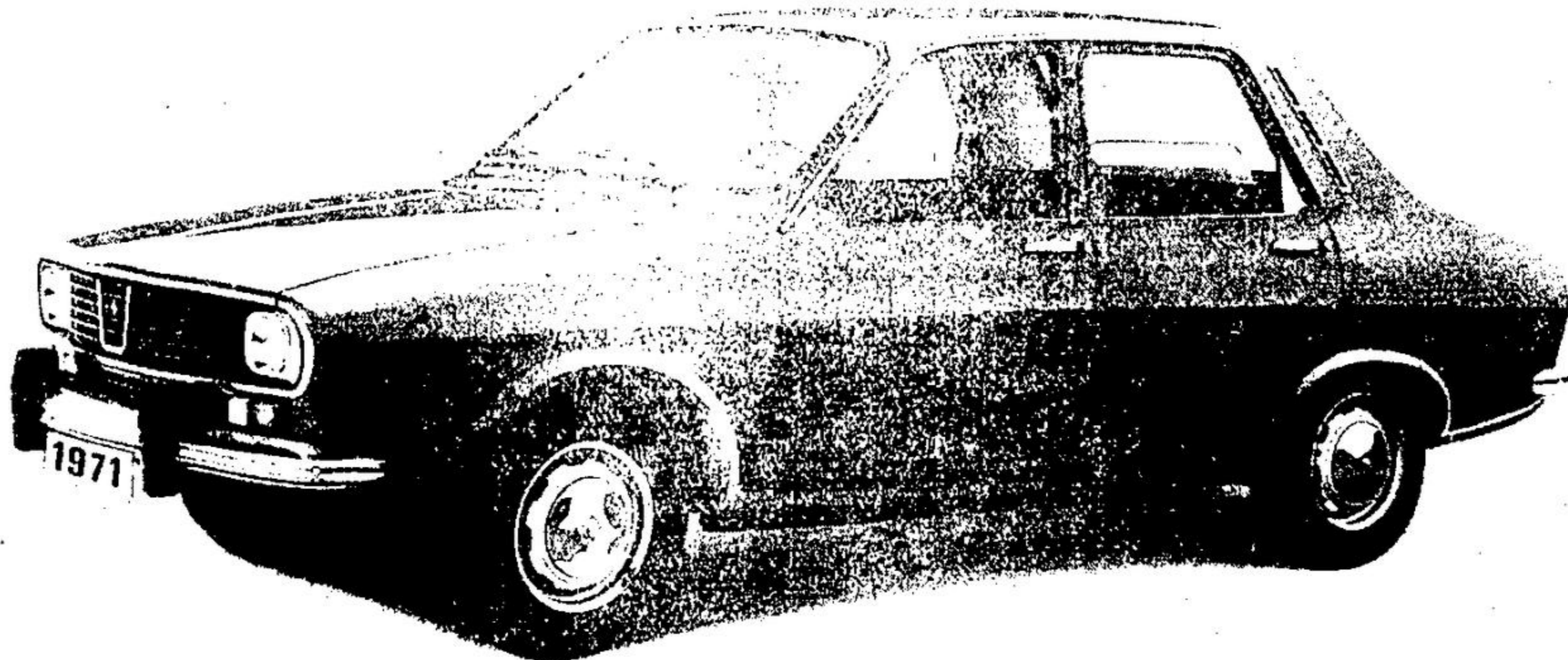
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Trounced Once Tykes Bounce Back, Even Score

Swamped 10-0 by Brampton in their first game of the schedule, Georgetown Tykes gained a measure of revenge Saturday when they doubled the score on the flowertowners 6-3 in Georgetown park.

Larry Burns pitched the entire game for Georgetown and allowed just 8 base runners.

BROKE OPEN

Georgetown broke the game wide open in the fifth inning when they scored three runs to break the 3-3 deadlock. Jeff Freestone scored the winning run.

Joe South and Larry Burns were the winners' big hitters. South doubled to score a pair of runs in the early inning and Larry Burns backed up his pitching performance with a double and single.

TYKE ROSTER

Included on the Georgetown Tyke roster are Larry Burns and Dave Barber who play third and pitcher, catcher Mike Richmond, first sacker, Joe Louth, second sacker, Craig Morton and Scott Beckelt, shortstop Greg Schenk, left fielder Jeff Freestone, center fielders Dave Townsend, and Mark Harris, and right fielders Mark Rasmussen and Steve Brunski. They are coached by Ron Dubien and managed by Vaughn Thompson.



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