ONTARIO OUTDOORS

The first sign of spring

R. C. (Bob) Ollivler Member-Outdoor Writers of Canada The Sportsmen's Show, 28th annual that is. The

harbinger of springl. You have heard by now, of the huge crowds that are flocking to the show. This in Itself tells of the excitement that it generates. This year is better than the one last year and I rated that one as one of the best ever. The ministry of natural resources has changed their display and it is very impressive to say the least.

Last year I wrote about the Minissing swamp, its importance to the local environment, and the controls that the ministry is applying to it. Well you can see for yourself



now as the ministry has a display on the swamp as well as the many other areas of interest and they are staffed with very knowledgeable personnel and are always willing to talk and answer questions.

The Toronto Star booth has a display of taxidermy and the chance to see what can be done with that trophy you will be getting this year. That's positive thinking for you. Of course the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has an excellent display. This one is well staffed and these boys will be ready to sign up you and your friends in the organization.

The Sportamen's Show is primarily an information show, and that is what I always try to get, information. With this in mind I buy a program and sit down to study it as soon as I get in the show. I then find that I don't miss any of the booths that I wish to check, due to the fact they are all listed in the back of the program. Following are some of the manufacturers I looked up and I will follow this try with more next week. this up with more next week.

I do not wish to promote any particular company but want only to get information out to the sportsman. I realize that not everyone can or wishes to go to the Sport-smen's Show, and I go to the show with this in mind and thus can pass on unbiased information.

Vibro-Tall, by Normark; this is the one I wrote about last year as being one of the best lures you could use when fishing for Bass or Walleye and even Pike. Normark now has a demo tank and you can see for yourself the action



An al-luring attraction

of this year's Sportsmen's Show

that is imparted by the tail on this ture. It is available in both Minnow shape to attach to ilga or to the spinner baits, and worm shape for various types of rigging. Look up Roger Cannon and tell him I sent you if you want more than just a look at the tank. Ask him for a look at his photo album. It will unbalance your thinking for hours just looking at the fish he has taken on these lures.

With regards to the Salmon fishing that is so much in the news these days, the method of deep water fishing for them, called down rigging is well shown this year, and this can be seen at the Big Jon booth. There you will meet Peter Stickles the well known writer who is now the rep for this company in Canada. He will be glad to tell you all about down rigging.

Diawa: Once again Diawa have done themselves proud. The display of their fabulous tackle is on display. I use Diawa rods and reels and count them among the best that I have ever used. The skirted spinning reel spools are the thing for preventing line slipping behind the drag and in to the mechanism. If you want more information on the

show call me and I will try to help you all I can as this is one of the reasons for me writing this column.

I feel I would be remiss if I did not thank publicly the Knights of Columbus local council for the opportunity to address their group recently and for the fine reception.

Metric comes to Canada on the first of April of this year and it will be hard for some to understand. There is a booth at the Sportsmen's Show that will assist you in making the change but I want to let you know that I will try to do everything in metric from now on, even though I have my own thoughts on this type of measurement. It is here and we must use it. There are many benefits that will acrue to its use in Canada with world trade so important to the economy.

As promised last week, a word on spring fishing. Walleye can be taken right now, and last weekend was a perfect one with the fine weather. I feel that there should have been a lot of fish available and very few if any fishermen out. The Midland area of the Georgian Bay shoreline and the district that reaches from there to the Moon River is one of the early fishing areas due to the breakup of ice from the force of the Trent Canal pouring in to the day there. This is one of the places to try the aforementioned Vibro Tail lures, worked very slowly on bottom, with very little, if any, jigging motion. The season there is of course open all year. The water is cold and for this reason you must fish any lure slow.

Try it and let me know, I will always be willing to go fishing with you even though most folks don't ask a writer as they think he would tell all and ruin it for them. Another reason is that some fishermen think a writer is just too good for them. Not so. Ask me and find out for yourself.

I am always ready for a trip in Ontario Outdoors.

Three GDHS gymnastic champs

not fare as well, finishing second. However, three of the superlative performances.

of 205.65 points.

a whole that dominated, win- Georgetown was second, ac- Division, accumulating 29 ning the meet. This past cruing 220.45 points and T.A. points. Kelly Frost was the Georgetown, teams from Ac- In the Intermediate Division, Thursday, in the Halton Blakelock High School of Oak- Intermediate All-Round Champ ton, Aldershot, T.A. Blakelock, on the uneven bars, Eva Championahlps, the team did ville finished third with a total with a total of 28.05 points and Burlington Central, Lord Elgin, Smarda took top spot, while The real story for the Senior All-Round honors by



DIANE STRACHEN, the All-Round Cham-exercise routine. Georgetown was second to pion in the Junior division of the Peel-Halton Lord Elgin for the team championship. Championships goes through her floor



KELLY FROST, the All-Round Champion in the Intermediate division in the Peel-Halton

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Lord Elgin High School of three All-Round Champions, three All-Round Champions, Diane Strachen was the only nastics Championship, it was Burlington won the meet, with a Diane Strachen was the All- speaks well for the coaching GDHS Junior to qualify, and the GDHS gymnastics team as total of 241.15 points. Round Champion in the Junior efforts of Joyce Finley and with a beautiful exercise, Sheila White. As well as finished first.

Roseanne Herrmann took Nelson, Oakville-Trafelgar, Kelly Frost finished sixth. Queen Elizabeth Park, M.M. GDHS placed three girls in the Robinson and White Oaks top ten in vaulting. Eva Smarda participated in the meet.

> the Peel-Halton Championship tenth. On the balance beam, this Tuesday (18th) but unlike Janet Burns and Kelly Frost the previous meets, individuals finished fourth and fith, and not Junior, Intermediate or respectively. Marianne Senior teams, compete. To Nemeth was the only GDHS. qualify, an individual had to gymnast to place in the top ten place in the top ten in an event in floor exercise as she edged at the Halton Georgetown will into tenth spot. have four Juniors, five In- For the Seniors on the uneven termediates and five Seniors bars, Roseanne Herrmann was competing in the Peel-Haltons. second and Jane Aggies placed There is a team trophy fifth. Ruth Agiss picked up available and Georgetown is in sixth place and Roseanne a good position to make a Herrmann was seventh in the

definite challenge. into her stronger exercises, was ninth place. second and Laura Yerka placed The Peel-Halton a are an seventh. In the floor exercise, important meet for the par-

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Haltons and show their gymnastic versatility in several events. A girl's standing in an articipated in the meet. was second, Kelly Frost was
The next meet for GDHS is fourth and Diane Ridley placed

vaulting. Three GDHS girls In the Junior division, Diane gained ranking on the balance Strachen placed fifth on the beam. Roseanne Herrman was uneven bars, while Cathy third, Jane Aggiss was fifth and Furlotte finished ninth. In Vickie Herrmann finished vaulting Val Phillips placed eighth. In the floor exercises fifth and Diane Struchen took Ruth Aggies placed fourth, ninth place. On the balance Roseanne Herrman was sixth beam, Diane Strachen, getting and Jane Aggiss locked up

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ticipating gymnasts. This meet event does not necessarily i is the last step to the All-Ontario's, which will be held at York University at the end of April. To gain an All-Ontario berth, the gymnasts must perform well in the Peel-

qualify or disqualify her from the All-Ontario's as the final] choices are made at a coaches meeting following the champlonships.

The Peel-Haltons were held on Tuesday, unfortunately the results were not available at press time.



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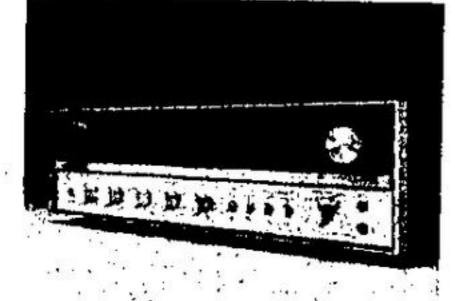
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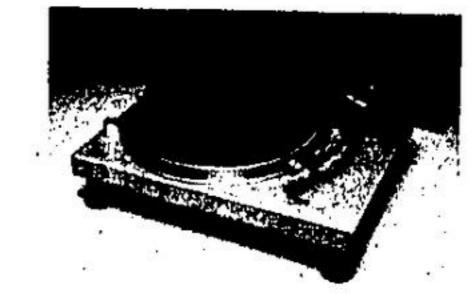
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