

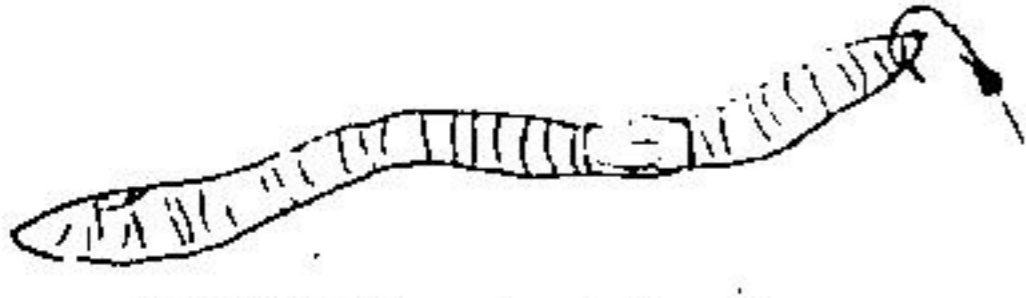
Ontario Outdoors

By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER

.....NOTICE, ATTENTION: The trout season does not open until Midnight Friday night which makes it Saturday April 28th 1979.

Anyone fishing before this time, is fishing illegally unless he can prove he is fishing for course fish. Rough fish are not taken with spinners or similar types of tackle.

If you see anyone violating our fishing laws, please report it to the Ministry of Natural Resources at ZENITH 2 5800, a no charge number. For those who are taking advantage of Saturdays opener, here are a few more tips.



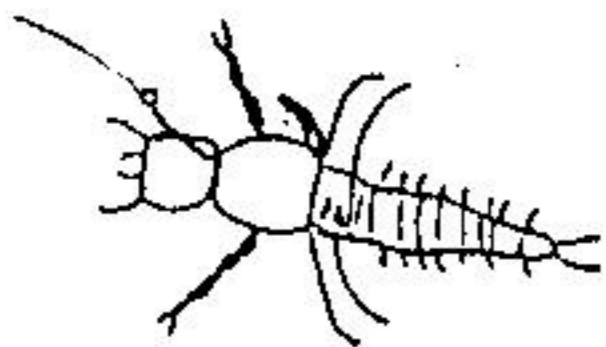
EARTH WORM

Use number eight or 10 short shank hooks in streams for brook trout, when fishing with worms. Make it a small earth worm and the accompanying sketch shows how to hook the worms to best advantage and more trout. The same goes for ponds with few differences.

The use of weights should be carefully considered. I very seldom use sinkers, unless the current is strong and then only light weights to keep the bait down but not impede its flow with the current.

HELGRAMITES can be obtained by using a regular kitchen strainer and sifting the mud at the edges of ponds and lifting stones in streams and catching them as they scoot down stream.

Hook Helgramites under the collar with the eight or 10 size hooks and watch they don't pinch you.



HELGRAMITE

COHO SALMON

MAPLE DISTRICT has been stocking COHO SALMON in the Credit. Please take note of what you catch and release any salmon carefully. I watched them stocking these fish and talked to the Conservation officer.

He tells me that people actually try to catch these baby fish and even use nets to take them. By the time you read this, the fish should be long gone as they were stocked at NORVAL, but please be sure that local kids don't fish for them and that ADULTS don't keep them either.

This could be a fantastic weekend for the fisherman, the Smelt peaked in Lake Simcoe last weekend, but there should still be some. Lake Ontario smelt could be peaking today (Wednesday) and the Rainbow Trout fishing may be

the best in years. The poor weather stopped the runs and they are just now regaining their pace. The CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY stocked TERRA COTTA CONSERVATION AREA this week, and it should be good for a family outing.

A lot of "holdover" fish are taken that escaped being caught last year and even the year before. These often fall to the early morning (or night) fishermen at Terra Cotta on Opening day.

Several other conservation authorities stock each spring and a full list may be had by calling them or me at 877-9290. If you are the kind of fisherman like me, you will seek out your favourite stream or pond and while away some peaceful times away from the crowds.

I will not mention these places here, as there are several thousand readers and this would take away from the solitude. Not being mean, just practical.

LURES

For the lure fishermen, in clear, low water situations, use a No. 0 MEPPS spinner and a little larger in discolored water. Keep the spinner close to bottom, and remember that if you are not losing lures or hooks, you are not where the trout hide out. I often drift a number eight hook and earth worm under overhanging stream banks and under overhanging branches and take the biggest fish in the stream, some of them 3 and 4 pounds from "jump over" streams.

Just a reminder that I could use all the fish stories you can get to me for next week and through out the year.

Photographs would be most welcome, so please keep this in mind. The gathering of the material for this column each week takes a lot of time and work, and your response makes it a little easier for me. Watch for me on the streams this weekend and say hello. I will be pleased to meet you and talk ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Girls midget team here this summer

For the first time ever Georgetown will have a midget girls fastball league competing in the Halton Rural League.

The team is being run by Brian James and Don Fendley. Midget age is 15 and 16, but James said that girls aged 13 and 14 will also be welcome to try out for the squad.

The team's first tryout will be this Saturday on Diamond C at the Georgetown Fair grounds. It will begin at 10

am. Girls interested can go to the ball park. If they can't make it to the first tryout, but are interested in playing for the team they can phone James at 877-2930 or Fendley at 877-1797.

The team will play its home games Wednesday nights at Glen Williams Ball Park. Home night will be Wednesdays with 8:30 p.m. starts.

The team is still looking for a sponsor. Interested parties may contact James or Fendley.

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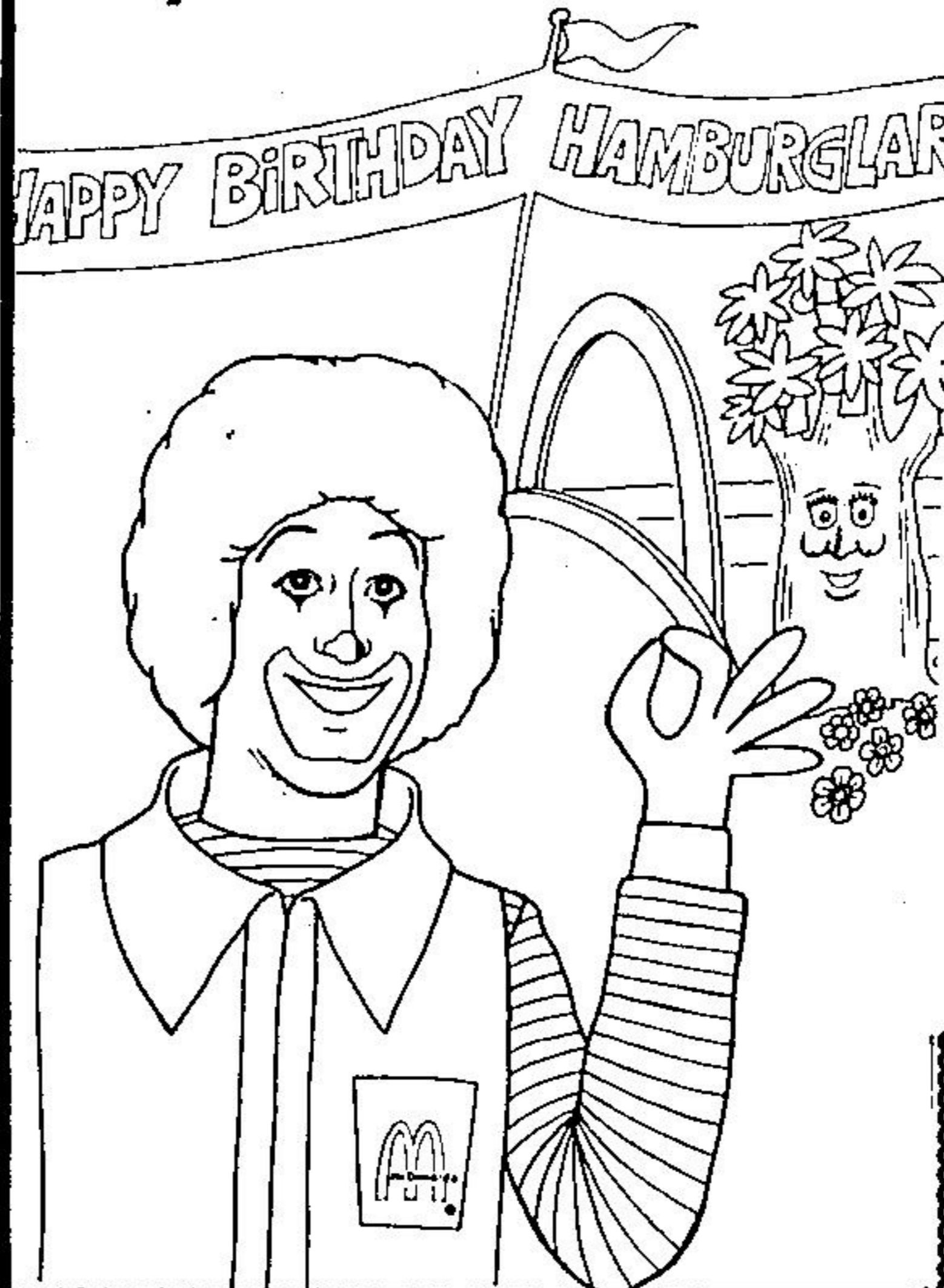
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