

Ontario

Outdoors



By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER

The Lake Superior Provincial Park is to be a multi-use park and still be classified as a natural environment park. This may be difficult but, will go a long way to maintaining its natural beauty in my humble opinion.

An example of a park that has actually deteriorated is Ontario's Algonquin. Deer are seldom seen anymore and the same goes for a wide variety of wildlife. At one time you never failed to see deer and often bear on the road side in Algonquin, but the extremely restrictive logging practices and the type of logging left it unfit for deer use, whereas Lake Superior will receive the benefit of recent studies in wildlife management and logging.

These park uses can assist each other and actually improve the habitat in the area, as only about 50 per cent of the park will have logging permitted and the forest management plan will ensure the cutting will provide cover and feed as well as essential new growth of food and cover. The Superior park has also been extended to include MacGregor Cove and other natural features in that area. This will make an extra reason to head up to Wawa and take in the recreation aspects of that country.

EXCELLENT BIRD PROGRAM

Closer to home is Kortright Centre for Conservation near Kleinburg. They have an excellent wild bird program and demonstrations on how to build feeders and maintain the wildbird populations around your home. Hiking trails and wagon rides provide an opportunity to view wild birds at their feeders and lunches and hot drinks are available. Dec. 9 and 16 Bruce Hood of the MNR will present a program on birds so plan to take it in.

Pioneer Christmas or Christmas pre-confederation style is always interesting and great fun at Blackcreek and the program runs daily through to Dec. 30. A 19th Century toy collection is housed in the Dalziel barn and Santa has set up his workshop there also.

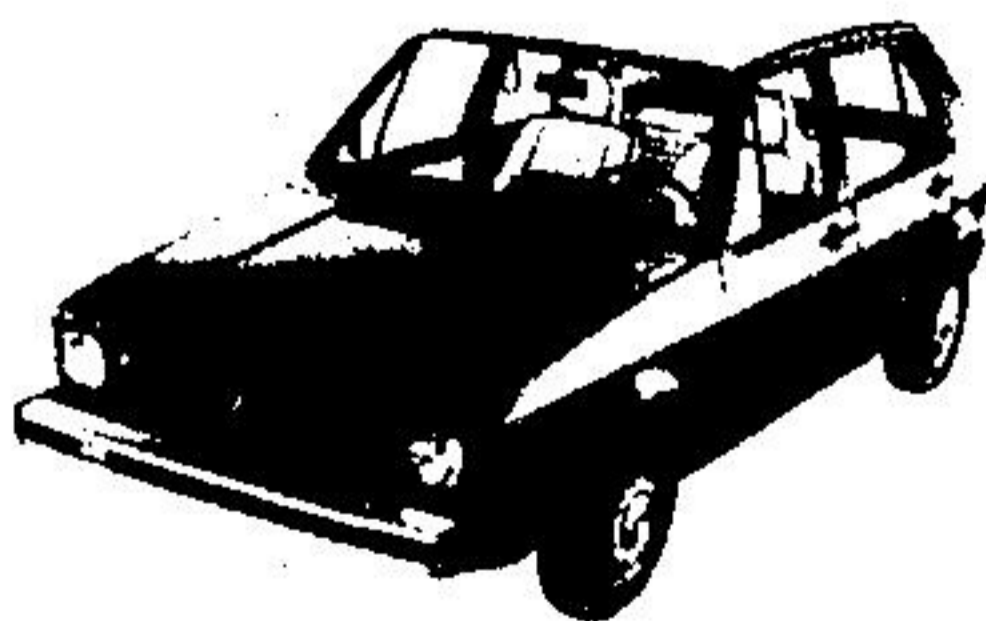
Looking for a Christmas present for yourself or someone special on your list? Then consider a Graphite fishing rod. There are many makers and a multitude of styles now to choose from but I have found the Diawa series to be of top quality. Sensitivity, distance and accuracy are three prime reasons for choosing graphite although graphite will not take the same stress as a glass rod. The benefits are worth the extra care required: some of these benefits are lighter weight and less fatigue, and it is usually easier to cast into the wind with graphite. If someone wants to buy a Graphite rod for you for Christmas, then it would probably be wiser to give a gift certificate and let them choose the rod best suited to their needs and likes.

ANGLERS AND HUNTERS CONVENTION

The 52nd annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will be held at the Sky Line hotel on Dixon Road in Rexdale Feb. 21-24 1980. Plenty of speakers, draws, discussions and general good fun. The annual awards banquet is always a highlight of the convention and remember that this is also the annual general meeting, so plan to be there. More than ever before it is essential that we join forces and do OUR part for the preservation of our outdoors heritage and there is no better way than to join the OFAH.

Next week a few hints on cold weather and winter (there is a difference) photography. It is different than summer and the tips will provide you with some of your best photographs. By the time snow flies (probably the end of December) you should be ready to take advantage of it. 'Til next week enjoy good luck and good fun in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

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Wrestling season opens

By CAYLEY GRESSWELL

In the history of the Halton and Peel-Halton Wrestling Championships, GDHS has never failed to win titles. Training to keep up this tradition is now underway at Georgetown high school.

GDHS teams win

By CAYLEY GRESSWELL

The GDHS boys basketball teams are well into the third week of their exhibition season, having already played in three games and two tournaments.

The two games played in November were against Brampton-Centennial, and Acton High School. Both Georgetown teams, junior and senior, had no problems in defeating the Brampton teams, but ran into a bit of difficulty with Acton. The junior team just couldn't seem to get the baskets, while the senior team played an excellent game losing by just one point.

Wednesday, Georgetown was host to the Erin High School basketball teams. Our junior team won easily, 71-38, with Andy Brake being high scorer. The senior team also won, beating Erin 61-42. The top scorer was Mark Nelstrop.

The teams are, in fact luckier than most other teams in Halton county, who haven't started practicing yet. The regular season play in Halton doesn't start until January, but in order to keep up to the teams in other counties, Georgetown plays several exhibition games and in a few tournaments before their season starts. This gives GDHS a chance to have a very long season, and hopefully be in top form by the time of the Peel-Halton.

Since these tournaments began, about ten years ago, the GDHS wrestling team has proven to be a major wrestling power, by always finishing on top.

The first meet of the year will be held here on December 8th. It will be a "Peel-Halton warmup" and will include all schools in Halton, about one-half the schools in Peel County, and a few from Kitchener-Waterloo. This meet is different from others in that no victors are declar-

ed. Every wrestler wrestles and no-one is eliminated. This is a scrimmage without worrying about first or second place, or team standings, strictly a practice meet.

Coach Smith feels that his team is "a little stronger this year", and has an excellent chance of retaining their titles. According to the coach, "the kids have really worked hard, and have shown good spirit", so far this season. And, although the team has

lost Pete Fournier, who graduated last year, the incoming rookies will be the ones to watch. "The whole crew of rookies look pretty good." Some moving up from Centennial are: Bob and Mike Sweezie, and Doug Gillespie. The veterans that are expected to do well this year are: Frank Miedzinski, Mike Taylor, Kevin Brown and Joe Ibuki.

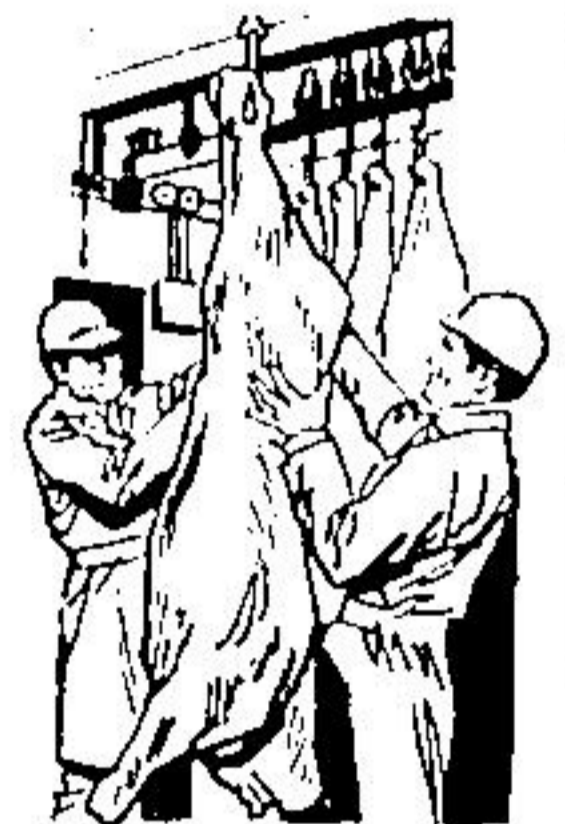
The vigorous training has been going on for about three weeks.

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