

Big Fish Contest This Weekend \$60 Prizes for Adults, Children



Report Fish To Champion Win Awards

Let's all go fishing this weekend—it may be a profitable trip! Anglers who can outwit the trout Saturday or Sunday and turn in the longest or second longest local fish are eligible for part of over \$60 in merchandise prizes offered by six local merchants and the Champion, in this newspaper's annual trout opening weekend contest. There's a first and second prize in the adults' class, plus a first and second prize in the class for children of public school age.

No Problems
The only regulation is that it is caught between season opening time at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, and midnight Sunday, in waters within 25 miles of Milton. Trout are expected to be available in swarms, and with the excellent waters of this district being a choice of fisherman for dozens of years, the rules present no problems.

Main item is to remember and telephone the Champion at TR 8-2341 or Roy Downs, TR 8-4460 or Jim Dills, TR 8-6061 to report your fish as soon as you can. Entries will not be accepted after Monday. And don't eat it right away—wait a photo of it.

Small, Big Winners
It might not take a big trout to win the contest. When this contest was started in 1952, Mel Whitney's 17 inch won the award. Next year, Tommy Parker won it with an 18 inch and Ken Sanmiya took the 1954 prize with a 15½ inch trout. In 1955, a 16 inch by Bill Hilson took it and the granddaddy of them all, a 22 inch speckled caught by Hank Artt, won the 1956 awards.

Then in 1957, a children's class was added and Bruce Evans had a 21 inch beauty to cop the kids' award while Mrs. Ellen Mountain won the adults' contest with one measuring 16 inches. Mel Whitney returned to the running in 1958 with a 19 inch weighing three pounds, and Brian Crucifix held that year's children's honors with one at 11 inches. Last year, Betty Bundy hooked a 15½ inch brown for the children's award and John McTrach won the adult prize with an 18 inch brown.

Naturally anything over 18 inches is in the running for an

award, but the small ones are important—especially this year when first and second prizes are offered in each class. So report them all, large and small.

Excellent Prizes
The prizes are excellent this year. First adult prize includes a spinning or casting rod, spinning reel, minnow bucket, \$5 merchandise voucher, subscription to the Champion and a photo of winner with fish. Second prize is a casting reel, \$5 assortment of baits, and photo.

Children will be glad to receive their prizes. First prize fish wins a spinning rod, reel, \$4 voucher, hardball, subscription and photo, while second prize brings the lucky angler a \$5 assortment of bait, \$2 merchandise voucher and a photo.

Merchants contributing are McKim Hardware, Milton Sports and Cycle, Crest Hardware, Milton Department Store, the Canadian Champion, Milton Hardware and Canadian Tire.

Anyone could win, and besides it's lots of fun to get out fishing in the springtime. Have fun!

Burning Desire

Grass Fires Can Ruin Trees
"If you have a burning desire to clean up around the yard and start a bonfire—watch out!" warn foresters of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. "Gusty winds, dry grass and fire unattended can turn neighboring evergreen hedges a sickly brown. If those stark, black tree skeletons belong to your neighbor, that burning desire may have cost you both friendship and hard cash."

Kill Bark of Tree
A fire creeping along the ground in dry leaves among large maple and beech trees may not seem to do harm, they advise. But it doesn't take much heat to kill bark and tender inner layers where all growth takes place. When this outer protective bark

falls off, disease often sets in and kills the tree.

Three plantation owners find it a good plan, foresters say, to leave a 15 foot belt between travelled roads and their first row of trees. By keeping this belt cultivated, roadside grass fires started accidentally may be controlled.

Similar fire lanes and intervals through plantations reduce risk of total loss. The proverbial ounce of prevention here is worth more than the pound of cure.

Dew on Grass
That ounce of prevention, too, might be common sense, they say, in deciding when it is safe to start a fire. Calm weather in early morning or in the evening

Urge Bait Caution As Season Arrives
With the approach of the fishing season, extreme caution should be used by anglers in the use of minnows for bait.

So warns the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, which points out that certain kinds of fish which may be used for bait may have a serious or even dangerous effect on the game fish should they be introduced from the bait-pail to fishing waters.

It is illegal to use live alewives, carp, dogfish, gar-pike, goldfish, perch, rock bass, sunfish or smelt as bait. Lampreys or their larvae may not be used anywhere, although live alewives or perch may be used in the Great Lakes.

Spoil Trout Waters
"Live minnows or bait-fish must never be liberated except in waters from which they were taken," the regulation states. Many excellent trout waters have been spoiled by the introduction of perch; it is believed that carp have resulted from the introduction of goldfish—which are a species of carp—into many waters.

If minnows are used, however, when there is dew on the grass are preferable times. A good supply of water on hand and a few wet gunny sacks also could prove helpful. A round mouthed shovel to put moist soil on the fire if necessary is another good precaution.

Finally, once the fire is started, don't leave it until it is out!

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CLASS 1

CLASS 2

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Old Pal floating minnow bucket from Crest Hardware
\$5 Merchandise voucher from Milton Department Store
Year's subscription plus 8 x 10 photo of winner and fish from Canadian Champion.

Second Prize: Casting reel from McKim Hardware
\$5 Assortment of Baits from Milton Hardware.
8 x 10 photo from Canadian Champion

First Prize: Spinning rod from McKim Hardware
Spinning reel from Canadian Tire
\$5 voucher from Milton Department Store
Hardball from Crest Hardware
Subscription and photo from Canadian Champion

Second Prize: \$5 Assortment of bait from Milton Hardware
\$2 merchandise voucher from Milton Sports & Cycle
Photo from Champion

BIG FISHING CONTEST will be held Saturday and Sunday this weekend to see who catches the largest trout in Milton and district waters. Adult winner in last year's contest was John McTrach of R.R. 2, Campbellville, with an 18 inch brown he nabbed near home. The Champion and six local merchants are offering over \$60 in prizes to four winners in this year's contest. See advertisement for details.



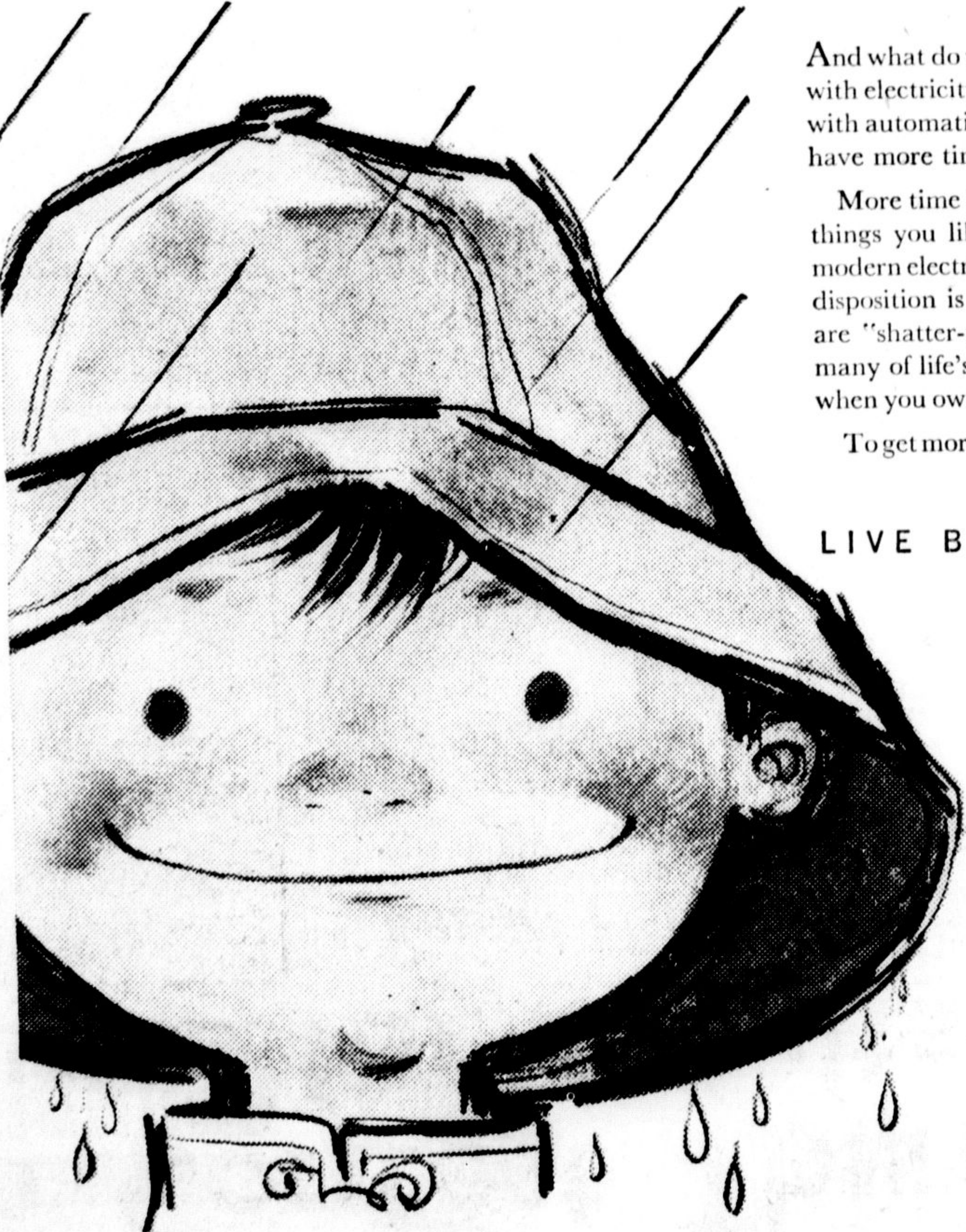
Betty Bundy of Milton won the public school age class in last year's annual trout season opening contest, and won \$25 in prizes with a 15½ inch brown trout caught at Christie.

It was said: "He who is of a calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age, but to him who is of an opposite disposition, youth and age are equally a burden."—Plato.

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