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HOW GREEN IS OUR POND. The once-scenic mill pond which faces Martin St. has been reduced to a waterless hole where junk has been deposited. Now grass and weeds are growing and getting quite green. The pond was slated

for improvements under the town's centennial program but the centennial committee resigned in disgust, claiming interference from council. The council to date has done nothing with the project but is considering a spillway.



Fish and Game News

by arn coulson

Hot, dry weather, just the weather Mr. Fire loves. This is a game and fish column but we think every fisherman, hunter and lover of the outdoors should be and is interested in the prevention of Forest Fires.

At the time of this writing there are 117 forest fires burning in the province of Ontario. Ontario's Northland forests are proud, magnificent retreats from the hectic pace of life. It is your heritage to protect, to love, to use wisely. Please do not allow fire to take it away from you.

Last year the Dept. of Lands and Forests spent \$8,000,000 of the taxpayers' money for fire protection in all its phases. Here are some facts that we should be ashamed of: In 1965 fishermen were the cause of 164 forest fires, children while playing with matches started 138 fires, and 54 with firecrackers. Teaching your children to be careful with fire while camping is your job.

Also in 1965, smokers caused 329 fires. Put that match or cigarette out before throwing it away. Camp fires left burning caused 149 fires. Soak your camp fire one half hour before you leave camp. Forest fires do concern us as sportsmen.

While fishing in Hollow Lake at Dorset on the holiday week-

end, Gus Parchem of Kilbride caught a 12-lb. Lake Trout, while brother Dolph was not far behind with a nine pounder. Jack Dewson of Burlington caught a nine pound Pickerel at Moon River using a mepps spinner. Wayne Auckland caught an 8½ lb. Walleye at Parry Sound while fishing with Jimmie Coulson of Lowville. Bert Cleaves of No. 1 Sideroad, Burlington caught a four and one half pound Small Mouth Black Bass over the holiday weekend at Blue Lake in the Rideaus.

Mrs. Joe Rummery and daughter Jean of Lowville caught a four and one half pound Black Bass while fishing in the lake at their cottage at Orville, Ont. Arn Coulson of Lowville caught a six pound, 21 inch Small Mouth Black Bass while fishing with John Readhead of Lowville on the holiday weekend at Arn's cottage at Sturgeon Lake. John also caught a smallmouth bass. Minnows were used as bait.

The pike, as we call him here in Southern Ontario is a much sought-after fish, in spite of the fact we call him all kinds of names, such as "snake"; in the West he is called "Jackfish", but to most good fishermen he is a "northern" and anyone that has caught a "northern" of 10 to 20 lbs. knows he has caught

a fish, especially on spinning rod and gear.

The pike is long and slender as fish go with a large head and powerful toothed jaws to go with it. A large female (and most large pike are females) may produce as many as a half million eggs. Hatching occurs about two weeks later and not long after at a mere 1-1½ inches long pike become fish eaters. They grow at a normal rate of about 1 lb. per year. In some lakes under ideal conditions pike have grown 10 lbs. in five years.

At Parry Sound a bear weighing 451 lbs. was struck and killed by a car last month on Highway 69 near Magnetawan. Bears usually weigh no more than 350 pounds and the greatest weight recorded for an Ontario bear shot is 405 lbs.

Results of a wolf survey carried out by Lands and Forests, flying in Beaver Aircraft in and around Algonquin Park, shows one single track in one township. The tracks of two packs were observed inside the Park boundary. The present efforts by trappers in the area are helping keep the wolf population at a reasonable level. While six moose were observed on the inspection there were no deer seen, as does are in hiding with their fawn at present.

On a recent survey made in Northern Ontario, 467 American fishermen caught 2,675 fish on a two-day visit to Ontario. The fish were caught in Lakes in Port Arthur, Sioux Lookout, Geraldton, Fort Frances, Kenora and Sault Ste. Marie.

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