



Across the Editor's Desk

By Roy Downs

Ever since the government began stocking area streams with Coho and Chinook Salmon a few years ago, I've been dying to go fishing for these meaty delicacies. But until last week I just never had the chance.

The opportunity came when the Ontario Ministry of the Environment organized a one-day boat trip for press people, out of Port Credit Harbor and I leaped at the chance. It was a great outing, and I lugged home a beautiful 10-lb. Coho, the first salmon I've ever caught!

Boy, what a thrill, to feel a lunker like that grab your line and fight you every inch of the way. My wrists are still sore from the brief battle to land the creature.

Last week the salmon were to be found a couple of miles offshore near Port Credit. Salmon prefer 52 degree water and we found them, thanks to some electronic wizardry on the part of our Captain, Jim Edwards whose boat the "Blackwater" took us out to the best fishing waters.

Edwards uses an underwater thermometer to find the 52 degree water (it was at the 65 foot level that day) and a depth sounder constantly charts the path of the big fish and schools of fish swimming in the area of the boat.

We must have run into a school of salmon for the first fish struck a lure just five minutes after we began fishing. Bev coke Guardian and New Toronto Advertiser, took the rod and landed a Coho that tipped the scales at just over 10 pounds.

Just five minutes later a second cry, "fish on" rang through the boat and I was elected to bring it in. It was some struggle to land it, for the fish seemed just as determined to stay in the water as I was to bring it out.

The battle lasted probably two or three minutes, but it seemed like an hour. Captain Edwards stood beside me, making sure the tension was adjusted just right on the big reel, and finally I got the salmon close

enough to the boat for him to land it with a net.

My fingers, hands and arms were shaking — partly from excitement and partly from exhaustion — when we pulled the fish on board. Out came the scale, and my trophy nudged the needle just under the 10 pound mark.

A couple of Ministry biologists checked both fish over, to look for special marks placed on the fish in the hatcheries. They said the fin marks indicated both fish were three years old.

It was another hour before the third fish attacked our lures. Tom Maloney, a sports writer at Missisauga Times, found this fish put up the biggest struggle of all. It leaped out of the water on three occasions as it fought his pulls on the line. No wonder, it weighed in at 11 and a half pounds.

Our fourth newspaperman, Barry Wenger of Wingham, was disappointed our morning outing only produced three fish (the fourth would have been his) but nevertheless enjoyed the trip. He also refused my offer to share my Coho with him.

Ministry staffers on the trip explained

how the Ministry is phasing out the salmon in Lake Ontario, and introducing Lake Trout and Rainbows to take their place. The salmon are not reproducing in the lake and new fish must be stocked each year; whereas they believe the trout can survive in the big lake and will reproduce naturally.

To date the government has stocked 300,000 lakers in Ontario and these fish should now be in the 12 to 14 inch range. Give them another year and we'll have some more exciting sport fishing, right here on our doorstep.

The salmon experiment was a limited success, they said. The fish have given anglers a few years of excellent fall fishing but the program is a costly one.

When the salmon head for their home streams along the north shore of the lake each fall for the spawning ritual, they die. Stream conditions are far from ideal and most of the fish die after spawning — and the hatch has a low survival rate.

The fish people catch heading upstream each fall in local waters like the 12 and 16 Mile Creeks are really on their way to die and not very healthy fish. They don't survive long in the warmer water. We noticed the fish we caught became sluggish once they reached the surface of the lake, where the temperature was about 70 degrees F.

Right now, while the fish are still a couple of miles out in the lake in cooler water, they make mighty fine eating. There's a big salmon contest running for six weeks, offering thousands of dollars in weekly prizes for the biggest catches.

Captain Edwards usually operates his boat Blackwater out of Kingston, for fishing and sightseeing trips. But he says he heads for Bronte each fall to participate in the booming salmon run.

I lugged my trophy home and after cleaning it, carefully cut away the belly where, according to the Ministry people, most of the PCBs and Mirex poisons collect. I cut the rest in half and the next night we had a feast of baked salmon that was out of this world.

The other half is frozen, for filleting and frying at a later date. I'm looking forward to another feast, but I'm not brave enough to try eating it all in one week.

Yes, contaminants have meant most of Lake Ontario's fish carry harmful PCBs and there are warnings out about eating too much fish, or eating it too regularly. I'm anxious to eat salmon, but I'm also smart enough to space out my fish meals according to the Ministry guidelines.



ROY AND HIS COHO

Police catch suspected thief

A police chase early Thursday morning has resulted in the arrest of a Milton man, believed responsible for five recent break and enters in the Milton district.

Halton Regional Police Constable Lee Smith was doing a routine door check in the early hours of Thursday

morning when he spotted two men inside Ray's Texaco Station on Highway 25.

The two men bolted through the back door of the gasoline service station, giving Constable Smith a mile-long chase through fields along the highway.

The Milton police officer

nabbed one man near the Steeles Ave. intersection.

A search continues for the second man involved in the incident and believed also to be from the area.

According to police, service stations, stores and small businesses in the community have been the victims of a rash of break and enters in the past few weeks.

Police believe a group of approximately 10 people is involved in the break and enter ring.

No court date has yet been set for the arrested man.

North Halton workers are very well paid

You may not feel any wealthier because of it, but if you're a resident of North Halton you are one of the highest paid wage earners in the country.

Georgetown workers are the highest paid of the three north Halton communities with an annual average of \$11,622 in 1976, followed by Milton with \$11,345 and Acton with an average income of \$10,221.

Incomes for the previous tax year were \$10,345 in Georgetown, \$10,167 in Milton and \$8,970 in Acton.

Oakville led the entire nation with an average of \$12,949 followed by Burlington with \$12,702, according to Revenue Canada.

It is the first year that Milton has been near the top of the pack in average in-

comes. Part of the reason for the surge is the preponderance of people moving into the town but commuting to high paying jobs in Toronto.

Those incomes compare with \$10,019 in Hamilton, \$10,129 in St. Catharines, \$9,371 in Welland and \$9,150 in Niagara Falls.

There were a total of 5,445 returns filed in Acton with total income of \$55,658,000 and that represents \$8,734,000 in taxes.

In Georgetown 11,722 people filed returns for a total income of \$136,237,000 representing \$23,581,000 in taxes payable.

The average percentage increase in wages for 1976 went up 13.9 per cent in Acton, 12.2 per cent in Georgetown and 11.58 per cent in Milton.

Escarpment meetings

The Niagara Escarpment Commission will hold its September planning and development control meetings in St. Catharines and Tobermory.

The 17-member provincial commission is preparing a land-use plan to preserve the natural environment of the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara Falls to Tobermory. It is also responsible for administering land control regulations and issuing development permits in the control area while a plan is being drafted.

The Commission conducts its planning and development control meetings in its central Georgetown offices and in various locations throughout the planning area.

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Car crash sends 11 to hospital

Halton Regional Police are investigating the possibility of brake failure in a two-car crash that sent 11 people to hospital early Sunday evening.

The accident occurred on Derry Rd. at Ninth Line when a car driven by David Richardson, 21, of 51 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection. Mr. Richardson was southbound on Ninth Line at the time of the accident and collided with a second car driven by Neville Clark, 38, of

Missisauga travelling east on Derry Rd. According to Halton Regional Police, Mr. Richardson claims his brakes failed when he reached the intersection.

Mr. Clark's wife Sylvia, 35, a passenger in the car, remains at Milton District Hospital in satisfactory condition, after suffering major head injuries. The couple's two daughters, also passengers in the car escaped with only minimal injuries, said police. Andrea Clark, 6, and Jennifer Clark, 9, were checked at hospital and released.

Mr. Clark had only minimal injuries also, said police. Also riding in the Clark car were a visiting couple from Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Nadell of 30 McEwen St. They suffered only minor cuts and bruises, said police.

Mr. Richardson escaped

with only minor injuries. Passengers in the second car included Bill Bradley, of 35 Normandy Blvd., Georgetown, Kyle Harkins, 21, of 209 Mountainview Rd., Georgetown, Douglas Timpson, 19, of 53 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown, and Gary Nix, 22, of 94 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown.

All passengers were taken to hospital, but later released with the exception of Mr. Bradley. He remains in satisfactory condition with contusions, according to hospital officials.

Damage to Mr. Richardson's car is estimated at \$3,000 and \$4,000 for the Clark car.

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