

Fish and Game news

with ARN COULSON



Fall fishing is underway

Fall fishing is now upon us. The lakes and rivers are cooler and those prize winning fish are coming out of hiding.

The Ontario Anglers and Hunters operators of the Molson big fish contest, report that the spring and summer fishing season has been very successful. This year's entries are up 65 per cent.

However, all 10 categories are still open for entries. Jim Smith of Milton has the only one I see who has entered a fish so far from the Halton Sportsmen Assoc. All anglers that catch a decent fish should enter as there are 15 cash prizes for each category. Also, those anglers meeting the minimum weight requirement receive a Muskellunge print by one of the best outdoor artists in America—Michael Dumas.

No big surprises yet on the Star's Great Salmon Hunt, although some nice fish in the 10 to 15 lb. class have already been caught. Salmon fishing should hit its peak about the middle of the month when the fish start to school up just a mile or less from shore.

Now that the nights are getting cooler, sportsmen turn their thoughts to hunting, moose, deer, etc.

Speaking of hunting reminds me of the wonderful days I used to spend up around Sharbot Lake with the boys on our annual Thanksgiving weekend, and the beautiful feeds of partridge we used to have after we got home. Partridge or Ruffed Grouse call them what you like has saved many a hunting trip for deer or moose from being a complete disaster just as lowly sunfish, perch, and bluegill has saved many a fishing trip from a mere few big fish to a beautiful feast of these several tastings fish.

Ontarios most widely distributed and sought after game bird is the Ruffed Grouse or as it is better known in the beer drinking circles the Partridge. In some parts of the province the bird is barnyard tame, and that is why the Indians used to sometime call it the "Pool Hen".

In other areas, it is so wild some hunters have yet to see their first one on the ground.

Eastern Ontario is defined as that part of the province east of a rough line from Ottawa through Smith's Falls to Kingston. Generally this region is relatively flat limestone country with small rivers and creeks formed here and there, a scattering of well wooded woodlots, and the occasional mosquito swamp and bog.

The number of grouse vary from place to place and from year to year in cycles that are not fully understood. Never are there too many birds.

There will be no column of mine for a couple of weeks as Roy and Eleanor Coulter, George and Frances Breckan, myself and wife Mary leave for a two week trip to the east coast.

Milton Junior 'B' Steamers

A good news — bad news story

By JOHN CHALLINOR
Champion Editor

It's another one of those good news-bad news scenarios for the management of the Steamers, Milton's rejuvenated Junior 'B' hockey club.

Steamers general manager Bob 'Pie' Lee is in what many of his Central Ontario Junior 'B' loop peers consider to be a very enviable position—that of not being able to make planned player cuts before this coming weekend because of an abundance of talent in training camp.

It's a situation that he, Steamers coach Tom Martin and Steamers assistant coach Chris Meloff are viewing with mixed blessings.

After Friday night's 9-8 victory over Grimsby Peach Kings, Martin was so distraught with the play of his defensive corps and some of his forwards that he figured he would have the team picked by Monday. He was very concerned about the lack of hustle shown by the players and wondered aloud if any of them really wanted to earn a spot on the club.

However, following Milton's 8-4 decision over Grimsby in Hamilton on Saturday, Steamers management found themselves back at square one.

According to Lee, the entire team played well enough to earn jobs.

"We were very pleased with the hustle shown by the boys on Saturday," he said. "They didn't stop working."

The Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) will permit Milton to dress 19 players among them seven

players imported from outside of town.

To date, Martin, Meloff and Lee have signed the following:

- Paulo Zulian, a 17-year-old Milton native who played goal last year for Milton Junior 'B' Flyers.

- Randy Perusello, an 18-year-old defenceman who played for Milton Junior 'B' Flyers last year.

- Rick Brown, a 17-year-old defenceman who played for Milton Major Midget Comets last year.

- Kevin Dowling, an 18-year-old defenceman who will be signed today to play defence. He is an import and played for Mississauga Juvenile Terriers last year.

- Rob Bourbonnais, a 17-year-old forward (right wing) who played for Milton Major Midget Comets last year.

- Bob Landry, a 17-year-old forward (centre) who played for Milton Major Midget Comets last year.

- Bob Mills, an 18-year-old forward (left wing or centre) who played for Mississauga Juvenile Terriers. He is an import.

- Jeff Vandevorst, an 18-year-old forward (left wing) who played for Milton Junior 'B' Flyers last year.

- Tim Pollen, a 15-year-old forward (centre or right wing) who played for Milton Junior 'B' Flyers and Milton Major Bantams last year.

- Jeff Martin, a 17-year-old forward (centre) who played for Milton Junior 'B' Flyers last year. He is expected to be signed by today.

- Scott Sanders, a 16-year-old import forward (centre) who played last year with Waterloo Ma-

for Midgets.

- Grant Notto, a 19-year-old import who is equally adept at left wing or defence. He played with Burlington Junior 'B' Cougars and Hamilton's Tier II Junior 'A' entry.

- Mike Monahan, an 18-year-old import forward (centre) who played last year with Acton Junior 'B' Sabres. He is expected to be signed today and Milton may be required to compensate Acton for his services.

- Dean Warren, a 19-year-old Milton Junior 'B' Flyers veteran who is equally at home at either right wing or defence.

- Bill Lynch, a 19-year-old forward (right wing) who has played with Milton Junior 'B' Flyers.

Lee says he is considering signing Ken Schaefer, a 17-year-old forward (centre or right wing) who played with Stoney Creek Junior 'C' entry last year, and Joe Stone, an 18-year-old forward (right wing) who played for Perdue High School last season. Both are imports.

He is also looking at Doug Riding, an 18-year-old defenceman who played for Milton District High School last year; Brian Anderchek, a 20-year-old defenceman who is returning to hockey after a two-year absence; Stu Anderson, a 17-year-old defenceman who played for Milton Major Midget Comets last year; Randy Heggie, a 17-year-old defenceman who played for Milton Major Midget

Comets last year and John Turner, a 17-year-old defenceman who played for Milton Major Midget Comets last year. Lee will sign those in that group who he feels can best help the club.

Asked where, if anywhere, there are weak spots, Lee said the right wing and defence are areas where he, Meloff and Martin will be concentrating their efforts.

Goaltenders Lee is looking at include Duane Martens, a 17-year-old import who played with Brampton Major Midgets last year; Todd Foley, a 17-year-old import who played for Burlington Triple 'A' Midgets last year and Shawn Dainard, a 17-year-old import who played in Toronto last year. Lee is also expected to look at Derek Neelands, an 18-year-old tender who played with Milton Junior 'B' Flyers and Milton Juveniles last year. He is not an import and, as yet, has not visited camp.

"There are others still coming to camp," Lee said. "We are not hurrying to set the team and have done a complete housecleaning from last year. There's going to be a different attitude on this team compared to last year—that's understood by everybody."

Lee expects to have a set team by Steamers' first league game against Burlington on Sept. 30 in Burlington. Steamers' first home game is Oct. 1 against Oakville. Milton plays Buffalo here on Friday night and is in Buffalo on Saturday.

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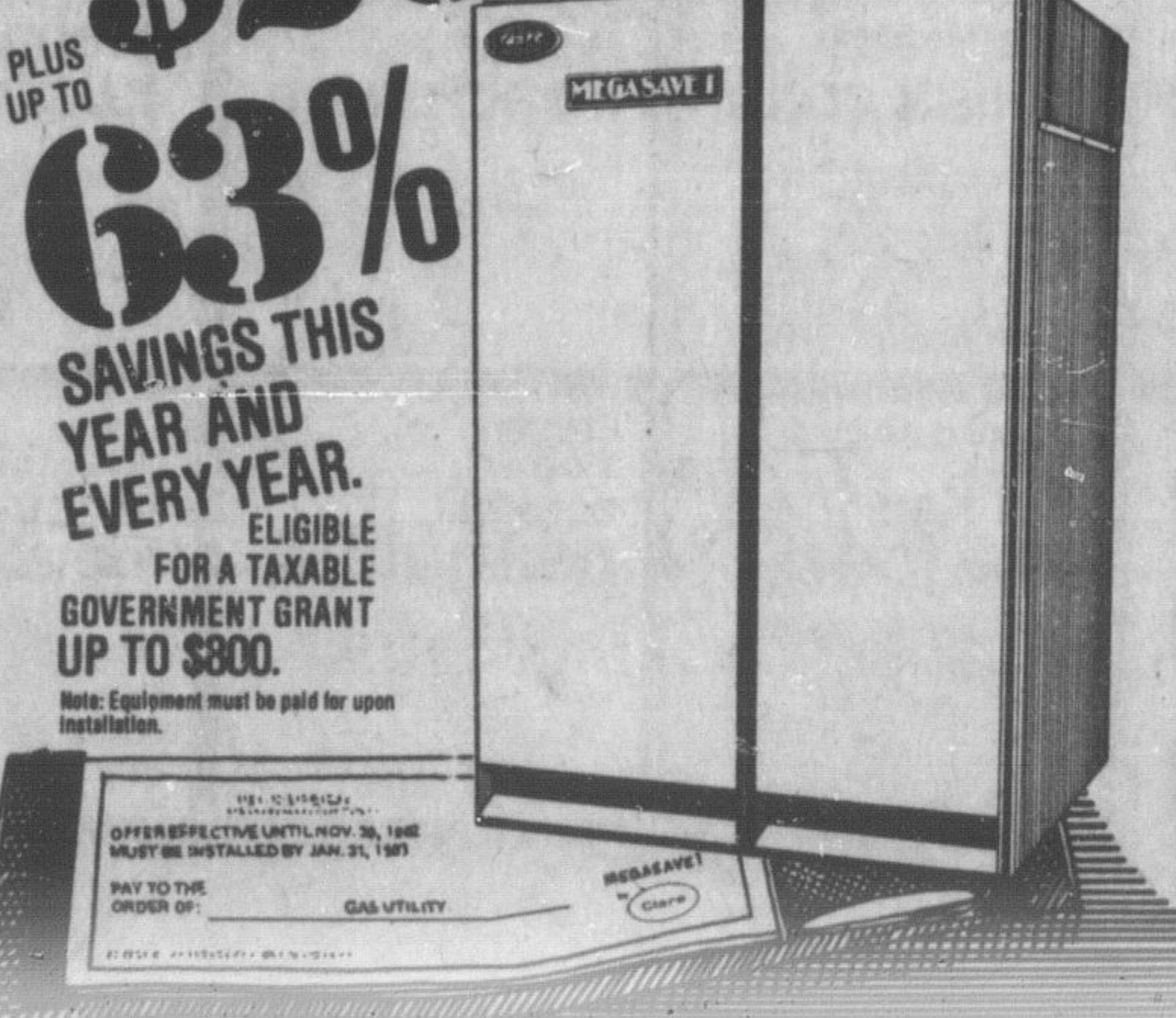
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