

About the largest Wahoo of the deeps

by Ray Baker

I guess everyone enjoys a good fishy story. Sometimes they even turn out to be true. This week's column brings you all kinds of fishy stories, one of which is definitely true (with unattached authentic photographs to prove it). Eyes down for the first one.

Story One: The incredible expanding monster fish of Penetanguishene Bay

Last summer (or was it the summer before?) the word spread like wildfire. A gigantic fish had been landed near Asylum Point in Penetanguishene Bay, after a death defying struggle in which time the fisherman and his family had been towed around the bay by the fish.

The local radio station CKMP gave out the news that the fish, a sturgeon, was nearly six feet long and weighed in around 90 pounds. The landing had taken around four hours and the fish was on display in the North-West Basin.

Too late, news travels faster than a speeding bullet. By the time I heard about it from my boys the fish had grown to 125 lbs. and was six two, and still growing.

Whether this accelerated growth rate stemmed from the fact that it was suspended upside down, and with all the weight involved it was simply growing longer but thinner, was the point I raised.

My boys reassured me categorically (I hope they don't grow up to be lawyers) that a friend of a friend knew somebody who had nearly seen it. Not only was it six two and still growing, but the weight had also increased. The last available estimate being 180 lbs.

Luckily the summer was hot. So it went somewhere pretty quickly. I was assured that a private helicopter had taken it to a Toronto downtown restaurant for the 1000 dollars of caviar inside it, and that was a male fish.

Story Number Two: The incredible dinosaur of Lake Simcoe

This goes back to the early days of Simcoe County, when anything North of Hogtown was "uncharted wilderness". The Indian legends of a "Sea Serpent" in Lake Simcoe were ratified in the nineteenth century by two gentlemen, one was a man of the cloth, the other a funeral director. These two, Rev. Williams and Mr. Lathangue with their wives and children were boating in the Lake when it appeared. It had dorsal fins and was between 30 and 70 feet long. It had the face of a dog and the neck was as big as a stovepipe. The name given to it was Ogopogo. Which seems to be a universal name in Canada for any large lake monster from B.C. to P.E.I.

For those of you who go ice fishing in Lake Simcoe, take heed. How would you like to get pulled down the hole by old Ogopogo?

Story Three: The leviathan of the deeps, the 'Wahoo'

This is the true one honestly, on my word as a fisherman. It concerns a friend of mine and his bride of a few days. We were in the grip of Winter. He was lounging at 90 degrees in the fringes of the Bermuda triangle on his honeymoon.

As we all know some funny things happen in the Bermuda triangle, so when he said to me on his return "hey Ray, did I tell you about the giant Wahoo?" I was prepared to believe anything. His wife does not fish, and they were out deep-sea fishing. As the line went in, it went under and stayed there. The other lines were pulled out. The boat was stopped. His wife was into a big one. After three attempts by him and his wife the giant Wahoo was landed in the boat. At 74 pounds on a 70 pound line, and at five feet, 11 inches it was just slightly short of an all time world record.

In fact I'll go out on a limb right now and say that it is the largest Wahoo ever caught by a 21-year-old Midland girl on her honeymoon in the Bermuda Triangle.

Her name is Debbie, wife of Bob Henderson of 248, 6th St., Midland.

And here is the Wahoo of the deeps... It is going to be stuffed and mounted. It will be good for towing boats around Penetanguishene Bay. But it would make an ideal bait for old Ogopogo.

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Whee!

Roads at this time of year, are seldom in good shape and drivers never know just what to expect. This oversize puddle is situated on the road to Lafontaine.



Learning a few tricks of the trade



Michael Webb, 5, discovers water colours at St. Paul's nursery

The nursery school experience

Learning to share with others

charge of activity. Enrolment has grown over the years, and at present there are 15 three-year-olds and 33 four-year-olds in the school, which operates in four rooms rented in St. Paul's United Church.

There is a craft room with large painting easels, and a "sand" table filled with corn meal, where junior engineers energetically build roads and mountains. The playroom has a miniature kitchen where young homemakers can practice their dish-washing skills, and there's a lot of visiting back and fourth in the little wooden play house.

Over the years, money has been well invested in a large number of wooden educational toys and puzzles, and building sets of every conceivable sort. There is also a well stocked library.

Field trips are an important part of the program. This week the youngsters are going to visit the dentist, and they'll probably be invited to have a ride up and down in his chair. There are also trips to the farm, the zoo, the library and the park playground. A travelling puppet show visits the school periodically, and is a big hit with the children.

When a mother registers her child in the Co-op, she promises to work in the school for 10 sessions within the year. Fathers are welcome too, and some of the most memorable nursery school days have been when somebody's Daddy came to work and play with the youngsters.

In February, a Fathers' Night is held, when the full program is run in miniature. Fathers, the executive has found, are also very good at fixing toys and painting equipment!

This year, there have been three classes of four year-olds in the school, and their sessions are scheduled Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons. Three year olds attend Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Enrolment will be limited to 65 for the coming year, and registration is open from April first to the 15th. During this time, the school will be holding an Open House during all sessions. Barbara Nicholls recommends that prospective Co-op mothers bring their youngsters in for a visit.

Sentenced to serve 18 months in jail

Bad cheque

Clifford Millar was sentenced to 18 months definite, six months indefinite with concurrent six month and three month jail terms in Provincial Court in Midland Monday.

Millar pleaded guilty to passing a cheque he had forged for \$80 at the Municipal Savings and Loan Company in Midland January 9.

Millar also pleaded guilty to breaking into an office building on Midland Ave. and taking a calculator and some cash March 13 and admitted possession of a pair of stolen boots removed from a shoe store in Midland March 14.

On December 18, 1972 Millar had been convicted on 20 counts of break and enter, and an additional charge of escaping custody in Brampton.

Court

A 17-year-old Don Mills was placed on probation for one year, in provincial court in Midland Monday morning, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of break and enter.

Elias Qubty admitted breaking in to the Midland Canadian Tire store on Bay St. December 18 with 18-year-old Kevin Buchan, who also appeared in court Monday.

Qubty and Buchan were found in the stock room of the Canadian Tire by Midland police constables Evans and Campbell after they kicked in a wooden panel of a service entrance door to gain entry to the building.

Buchan, who was on probation at the time of the break-in, will be sentenced in Barrie April 15.

IGA break-in

Denis Cruise, apprehended by Midland police constables Dorian and Shulman January 30 during an attempted break-in and theft at the Midland IGA on Russell St., was placed on probation for one year in provincial court in Midland Monday morning.

Cruise was unemployed at the time of the break-in and badly in need of money it was stated in court. When arrested in the store he had loaded a quantity of steaks and cigarettes and four cans of dog food into a paper shopping bag.

It was his first offence.

Stolen boots

Ernest Goldstone of no fixed address pleaded guilty to breaking in to a Dominion Ave. shoe store March 14 in provincial court in Midland Monday.

Goldstone also pleaded guilty to charges of possession of marijuana following charges laid August 22 and February 20.

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The provisions of the By-Law are as follows:

1. No person shall set a fire in the open air to burn grass, leaves or debris on streets, roads, public highways, and privately owned property during the period from April 1st to October 31st of each year without first obtaining permission and a signed permit from the Fire Chief, and/or the Deputy Chief.
2. No person shall set a fire in the open air to burn grass, brush or other debris without first taking all reasonable precautions to prevent the fire from getting out of control, without first having:
 - a) a sufficient number of adult persons available to control the fire;
 - b) sufficient water or other equipment available to keep the fire under control;
 - c) an incinerator or a receptacle or place to light a fire that is approved by the Fire Chief.
3. No fires shall be set in the open air if there is a dangerous wind, fires shall not be permitted to burn within twenty (20) feet from any wooden buildings or buildings and fifteen (15) feet from any other buildings, all fires must be guarded until completely extinguished.
4. Any person who sets a fire in the open air without permission or otherwise requiring the attendance of the Fire Department shall be responsible for the costs of the Fire Department.
5. Any person convicted of breach of the provisions of this By-Law shall forfeit and pay at the discretion of the convicting Magistrate a penalty not exceeding the sum of \$50.00 for each offence, exclusive of costs.

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Elmvale 8:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Sunday

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Phonics: The Church 322-1411, The Manse, 322-2453
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Applications will be received up to 5 p.m. on the 23rd day of April, 1976 by the undersigned.

Duties:

To administer the local Building By-law and the new Ontario Building Code.

To administer the Property Maintenance and Occupancy Standards By-law in conjunction with O.H.R.P. and R.R.A.P. Programs. And other duties as assigned by Council.

Successful applicant must demonstrate his/her ability and willingness to carry out his/her duties in close association with the local residents. **Qualifications:**

The applicant must be experienced in the building construction trades, including older residential building construction. He/she must possess a working knowledge or exposure to The Ontario Building Code. The applicant must demonstrate his/her familiarity and/or ability to interpret and enforce municipal building and property codes including a Minimum Standards Property By-law.

Exposure to basic building officers' courses and property standards officers' study session, although not required may prove beneficial.

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