

Outdoors

by Bryan Berriault

Class bass

Bass fishermen from all over the United States and Canada flocked to Rice Lake last weekend for Ontario's biggest bass tournamen!.

One hundred and fifty two-man teams sat at the docks at 6 a.m., waiting for officials to search boats and anglers. No boat was allowed to leave before getting checked out. Rules were simple: no live bait and no booze on board. All bass had to be over 12 inches in length or penalty ounces were taken off. All fish were released, which brought tears to the eyes of one competitor as the largest bass he had ever caught went back to the waters of Rice Lake after it hit the scales at over five pounds.

Six fish could be entered on each day of the derby, with total weight deciding the winner. The final top-catch was had by a team from Ohio which tallied 45.3 pounds of fish on Sunday.

I was good fishing, even with the winds urning up the lake on the last day. The winds were close to hurricane force, but no less than 110 of the 150 pairs of anglers headed out for that last try.

The Peterborough Rod and Gun Club deserves the thanks of all participants. As most anglers slept, winds blew up filling boats with water. Club members and a few anglers worked all night bailing and pulling boats from the lake.

A few could not be saved, however, and anglers were greeted in the morning by the sight of opponents' boats sitting on lakebottom.

It was one of the best organized derbies I've ever seen. Officials were always on hand to answer any questions or help out contestants. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters set up the rules, with live release being the main regulation. On Saturday 92 per cent of fish caught were released to fight another day and Sunday produced almost 100 per cent live release. Many anglers spent the week prior to the derby finding the bass. During this practice week we heard three bass over six pounds were taken.

First prize earned the boys from Ohio \$2,800, a boat, motor and trailer. Sponsors for he derby were Labait's Breweries, Lund Boats, Mercury Marine, Boy-O-Bouy, and a host of sponsors from the Peterborough area:

The Labatt's Rice Lake Bass Derby was well-organized and well worth entering. If you're planning on getting in on the action nex: year, you'd better enter early. All 150 teams were registered before June with 10 eams sitting on the sidelines waiting for a noshow.

Finally, a special thanks to the members of the Peterborough Rod and Gun Club who pulled eam 87's boat out of the water. If it hadn'i been for them we would have missed he last days' fishing (not that it did us any good).

See you next year in the Labatt's Rice Lake Bass Derby.

MNR concerned about bullfrogs

If you think that little boys with patched jeans are the only ones who huni bullfrogs, you're in for a surprise. There are a lot of lovers of frogs' legs out there and, as a resuli, Ontario's bullfrog population is suffering.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is so concerned it has made changes which affect his year's bullfrog harvesting regulations.

"I believe he changes will help to maintain bullfrogs as a harvestable resource in our province," Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said.

First of all, the season will open later - on July 21 instead of July 1. I: will remain open until October 15, inclusive.

Those wishing to take bullfrogs for personal consumption now need a licence - available free of charge from any ministry district office. The \$25 licence fee for commerical bullfrog harvesters remains unchanged.

Also, the daily bag limi! and possession limit of bullfrogs for personal consumption has been reduced to 10 from 15 bullfrogs.

To preven people from taking immature, undersized bullfrogs, size restrictions have been introduced in Lanark County and the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. In these areas, bullfrogs must have a lower leg (libia) length of at least five centimetres. The lower leg length indica es the maturity of bullfrogs and is easier to measure than the total length of a live. struggling frog.

Camp experts at Awenda

Provincial Awenda Park will have a representative from the Canadian Coleman Company on hand omorrow o demon-

strate products and answer any questions about camping gear.

The display will begin abou' 1 p.m.



Island dumps printers 4-3

Christian Island surprised league-leading Midland Printers with a 4-3 decision in Olympia Fastball League action Monday a: Midland's arena diamond.

In the only other game Monday, Mr. Submarine defeated the Pizza House 6-4.

Two games were played last night -- Wye Heritage Marina met

the Barrelworks and Cave Restaurant faced Dial-a-Movie -- bu! results were unavailable at press ime.

Play continues tonight

with Mr. Submarine meeting Christian Island in a 7 p.m. en-

counter and Midland Printers aking on thirdplace Pizza House at 8:30.

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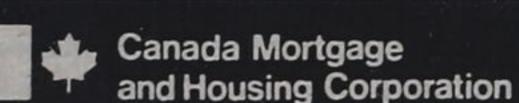
In 1982, the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation will be making available housing opportunities under the Rural & Native Housing Program in the Municipality of Elmvale.

The program offers the following features:

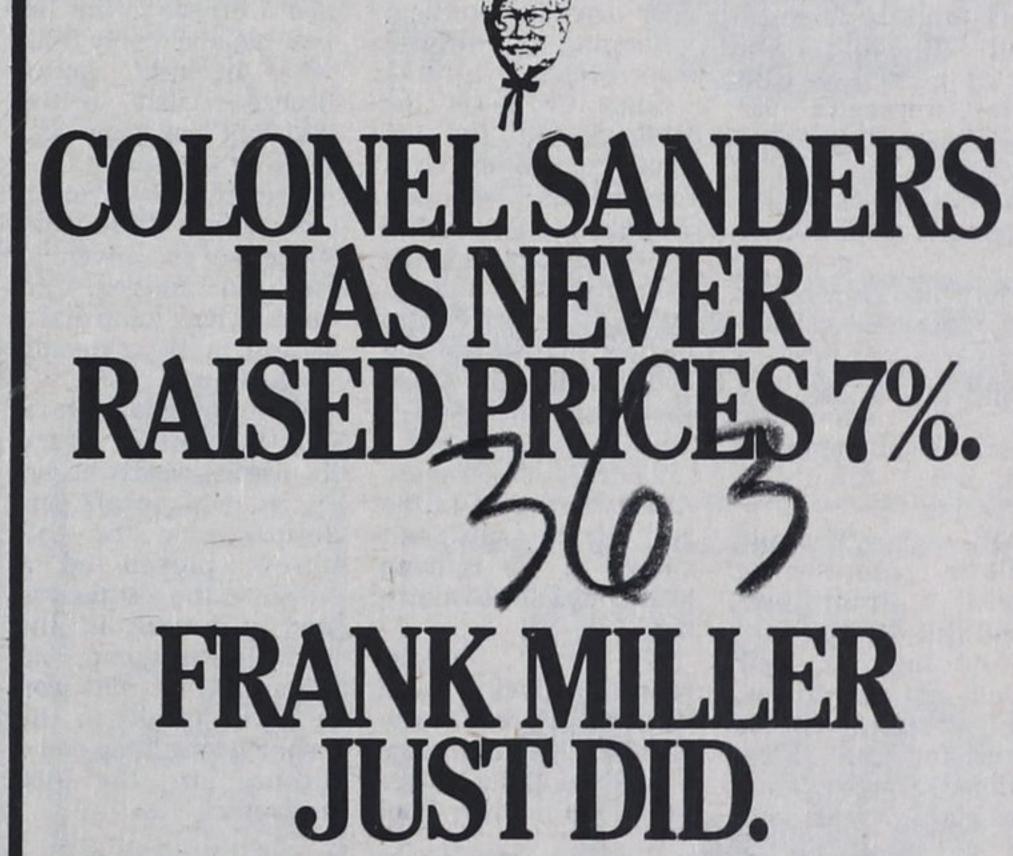
- Homeownership for first-time homeowners and those families living in substandard housing conditions
- Geared to income mortgage payments
- Minimum equity requirements
- New and existing units sold to qualifying families

A representative of CMHC will be in the community to consider applications for this program and provide further information.

For details please contact Mrs. F. M. Townes at the Municipal Offices or the Barrie office at CMHC at: P.O. Box 378 70 Collie St. Canada Barrie, Ont. L4M 4V1



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n June 14th Ontario Treasurer Frank Miller applied a new 7% tax to all foods sold at eating establishments including take-out foods.

This means students, children, people on fixed incomes, and anyone else who buys an inexpensive meal at our stores will have to pay 700 more than they ever have before. Up to the present, meals under \$6.00 have been tax-free.

Some people seem to think a 7% tax is not very significant. The fact is, Colonel Sanders have never had'a price increase like this at one time.

The frightening part of this unfair tax is the chain reaction it will have. Not only will people who can ill-afford it have a chunk taken out of their food budget, but many small catering services, cafeterias, and private fast-food operations will inevitably suffer loss

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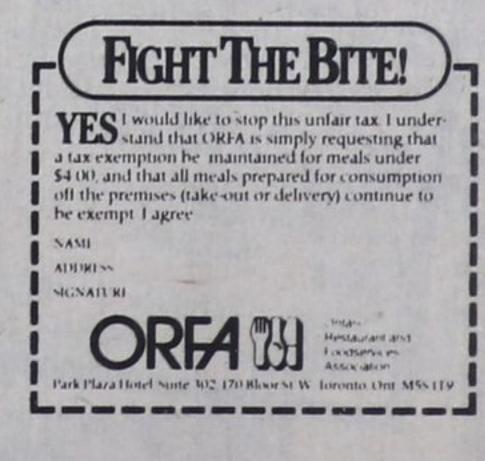
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of sales. Mr. Miller's budget was meant to highlight job creation. Instead, it is bound to cause job losses and business. failures throughout the food service industry.

If that bothers you as much as it bothers-us, join us in our campaign to fight this inane tax. Simply fill out the coupon below and send it to the Ontario Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

Tell Frank Miller you'd rather have your chicken before he takes a bite.



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