

Farmer Brown Catches Big Richmond Hill Fisherman

"A certain Richmond Hill fisherman probably won't return to Saugeen Valley trout streams," says the Durham Chronicle in a recent issue, "not after his painful experience Monday afternoon".

In reporting the incident, The Chronicle said, "The incident took place six miles north of Durham, a few hundred yards east of Highway 6, on the county road to Markdale. It was a hot sunny afternoon, the first fine day in a couple of weeks. Elmer Brown, Glensel farmer drove down the county road and intended to go into his woodlot to skid out some logs.

However the lane into the wood lot was blocked by an auto which obviously belonged to a fisherman.

The farmer shouted for the fisherman to come out of the woods and move his car. But the only answer came from the birds.

As Mr. Brown waited he got madder - and madder. First, he was annoyed because the lane was blocked into his woodlot. Second, he was vexed because the fisherman paid no attention to his calls. Third, he was mad when he remembered his "No Fishing" signs had been torn down the day the fishing season opened.

Midnight Roundup
While Mr. Brown waited impatiently to get into his woodlot, he began recalling other occasions. A couple of seasons ago fishermen entered the Norman Bell property, across the road, built a fire, had a supper of fish, then left the gate open when they departed.

Mr. Bell was called out at midnight to round up 40 head of cattle wandering on the highway. Elmer Brown decided on a plan of action. Behind his tractor was a trailer on which was a heavy log. This load was driven across the narrow lane in such a manner that the fisherman's auto was trapped between the gate and the tractor.

About two o'clock the fisherman emerged from the bushes. In a family journal such as this we cannot report the language used in the argument that ensued.

Among other things that happened, the fisherman, a husky

young business man, offered to fight Farmer Brown. Mr. Brown pointed to his dog and warned: "If you touch me that dog will tear you apart." The dog wagged his tail in agreement. And so the men glared at each other, one at each side of the log - at loggerheads.

Bell Telephone
In the meantime Mr. Brown sent his young son to the Bell farm to telephone the provincial police at Owen Sound. According to the boy, the police promised to send a man right away.

Half an hour later the boy made another long distance call. This time, he said the police at Owen Sound promised to send a constable from Markdale.

As the sun moved across the blue sky, and supper time approached, the fisherman, too, was growing anxious. He also made a trip to the Bell farm house (on foot, of course) to telephone the police.

The police were not rushing into the fray. Possibly they assumed it was up to the owner of the property to lay a charge of trespassing.

During the course of the afternoon the farmer offered to permit the fisherman to go free if he would pay a levy of five dollars. The fisherman balked. He would not pay.

The fisherman was willing to admit he was in the wrong in blocking the lane for an hour (from one till two) but he thought five dollars an hour was too high a price.

The farmer calculated the rate at \$1.25 an hour for himself, a dollar for his son (who made the phone calls and minded the tractor), three dollars an hour for the use of the tractor - and 25c discount for prompt payment.

While all this was taking place a little birdie told the Chronicle a farmer had caught a fisherman with a tractor.

and Premier Aggregates who wanted to open a sand pit on Dufferin Street in the Township. Of this bond, \$5,000 has been paid. Mr. Davidson said that he had taken over all the assets and obligations of Premier Aggregates through Denta Construction. He proposed that in lieu of the second \$5,000 being paid to the Township, that the township avail itself of this company's large tractor for grading purposes whenever such work was felt necessary. Mr. Davidson said that further he was willing to sign an amendment to the original agreement reimbursing the Township for work done by it if the grader should not be available. Council felt it should go along with the proposal.

Go-Cart
Another step toward the setting up of a go-cart race track in the township may have been taken by council. Council instructed Mr. N. Austin, new manager of Maryland Gardens, south of No. 7 Highway on the west of No. 400 to provide it with a drawing of the proposed setup. Council indicated while it would not promise anything, it would review the case.

Mr. Austin has explained that the township's legal, police and fire departments had given him their approval relative to a proposed kiddies' land and concessions, dealt with council a week earlier. He said he now requested building permission to provide for a new first aid station, a change room for swimmers ... and an amendment to the by-law governing race tracks.

The go-cart track, if finally approved, would be for the use of private clubs, not spectator sport. It would provide an enclosed children's track capable of racing up to only 10 or 12 miles an hour, and a barked track for adult racing.

Council granted the building-extension permission, said it would hold its collective opinion on the go-cart question in abeyance until the blueprints had been studied, but indicated there would be no change in the by-law which now insists on a \$500 license fee for the operation of a track.

Engineer's Report
Council heard a delegation from the Normaple Community Club requesting an engineer's report as to the cost of paving in the new subdivision, and promised action.

Kerr Bridge
On a request that the Kerr Bridge approaches, on the seventh concession north of Maple Sideroad, be sodded, council felt that the township could not afford such a project which would run into the thousands. However, it agreed to see if something else could be done toward improving the appearance of the approaches.

Survey
The roads committee will be asked to make a survey of the Elder Mills railway crossing with a view to seeing what might be done to improve pedestrian protection.

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Richmond Hill School Board
Council told a delegation from the Richmond Hill Public School Board that relative to the proposed 1,000-foot drainage ditch for Pleasantville Public School, negotiations need not be entered into between Richmond Hill and the township. Deputy-reeve Ryder and Councillor Ralph told the school board chairman and vice-chairman, L. D. Clement and H. D. Sanderson the matter was one strictly between the board and the property owners who had agreed that the ditch could be cut on their land. The Richmond Hill School Board members appeared before council, they said, to clear the legal air, acting on the principle that a stitch in time would save nine. The Pleasantville school site is to be annexed by Richmond Hill to facilitate proper hydro and water hook-up to the school.

Road Maintenance
Council agreed to a request from a Mr. L. Davidson, new owner of Denta Construction Company that changes be made in a road-maintenance bond for Dufferin Street. Originally a \$10,000 bond agreement had been reached between the township

It was nearly five o'clock when the Chronicle editor arrived on the scene.

Give and Take
Perhaps anxious to avoid making a national issue out of a local incident, the fisherman handed a ten dollar bill over the log counter, while Farmer Brown handed over a five dollar bill in change.

This transaction completed, Mr. Brown signalled to his son to move the tractor.

As soon as the log-laden tractor was clear, the fisherman roared out onto the road and sped away towards the highway. From his big new car he managed a smile and a wave of the hand.

Late For Supper
He was late for supper and he didn't have a fish - not even a little one.

The Richmond Hill fisherman (we have his name but we'll spare it) suffered on account of previous fishermen who had left gates open, broken down fences, and torn down signs.

As the Chronicle publisher turned to head for home, Mr. Brown and Mr. Bell said they wished to order a fresh supply of "No Fishing - No Trespassing" signs.

TESTON

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Anniversary Services were celebrated at Hope United Church Sunday, May 29. A number of friends from Teston attended. The Rev. Charles Fox of Toronto was the guest speaker. Music was supplied by Mrs. Gordon Orr and Mrs. Allan Orr.

Anniversary services will be held in Teston United Church, Sunday, June 19. The Rev. Martin Jenkinson will conduct the service at 11.15 a.m. with music by the Junior Choir of Teston. At 7.30 p.m. the Rev. Gordon Winch of Oak Ridges will be guest speaker with the Joseph family of Gormley as guest singers.

The annual Strawberry Festival at Teston will be held Wednesday, June 22.

We are glad to see that the farmers in our area are "on the land" as we write this and hope that after the long delay the weather will be clear and that they will be able to complete their seeding. We have reports of quite a few gardens being sown with some things up and thriving although many are still too wet to plant.

Glad to see Mrs. Wm. Walker is back in her home in Teston after a lengthy visit with her son.

We are also pleased to report that Mr. Roy Cooper is home from hospital and gradually gaining strength.

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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Mark-Vaun W.I. News

The last meeting of the season will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Roy, Sussex Ave., in the form of a social evening. Weather permitting it will be held outside. Members are reminded of the earlier starting time - 7 p.m.; also of the roll call - What I might do to encourage tourists to our district.

Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. Shearer, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Thompson, represented Mark-Vaun W.I. at the 60th anniversary of York East Women's Institute held at Scarborough.

Members of Mark-Vaun W.I. and many other local residents were saddened to learn of the death on Saturday, May 21, of Mr. Clifford Vanhorn of Willowdale. Mrs. Vanhorn is a long time W.I. member and they were residents of Concord before moving to their present residence in Willowdale.

Langstaff Community Association
Despite a very damp and foggy Victoria Day, the executive of the Langstaff Community Association was encouraged by the good response to the "Firecracker Night" celebrations at Morgan Boyle Park. This was the first fund-raising affair of this newly formed association and thanks to the help of volunteers and from the community as a whole it was a

great success.

Before the firecrackers display there was great enthusiasm for side shows of a rifle range, coconut shies, fish pond and a dart game. The hot dog and soft drink stand was very popular with young and old all evening.

Prizewinner in the draw for the \$50 bond was Mrs. M. Cole of Doncaster. Seller of the winning ticket was Mrs. C. Thompson, No. 7 Highway.

Door prizes of food parcels were won by Mrs. W. Thompson, Miss D. Gordon and Mrs. W. Willett.

Congratulations to all these lucky people. It is encouraging to see such good support of a local activity. Keep it up.

Don't forget the rummage sale on June 18 at the home of Mrs. E. Lepkey, 207 No. 7 Highway E. If pick-up is required, don't hesitate to call Mrs. N. Hicks, AV. 5-2244.

Langstaff Baptist Church
Speakers and singers at the Baptist Church for June 5 are speaker: Rev. H. K. Dancy; singers: morning, Mrs. D. Blair; evening, Oakwood Quartet.

Congratulations to Mrs. W. Heathcote, Ruggles Ave., whose Boston Terrier Pup, won first prize at the Barrie Kennel Club Dog Show.

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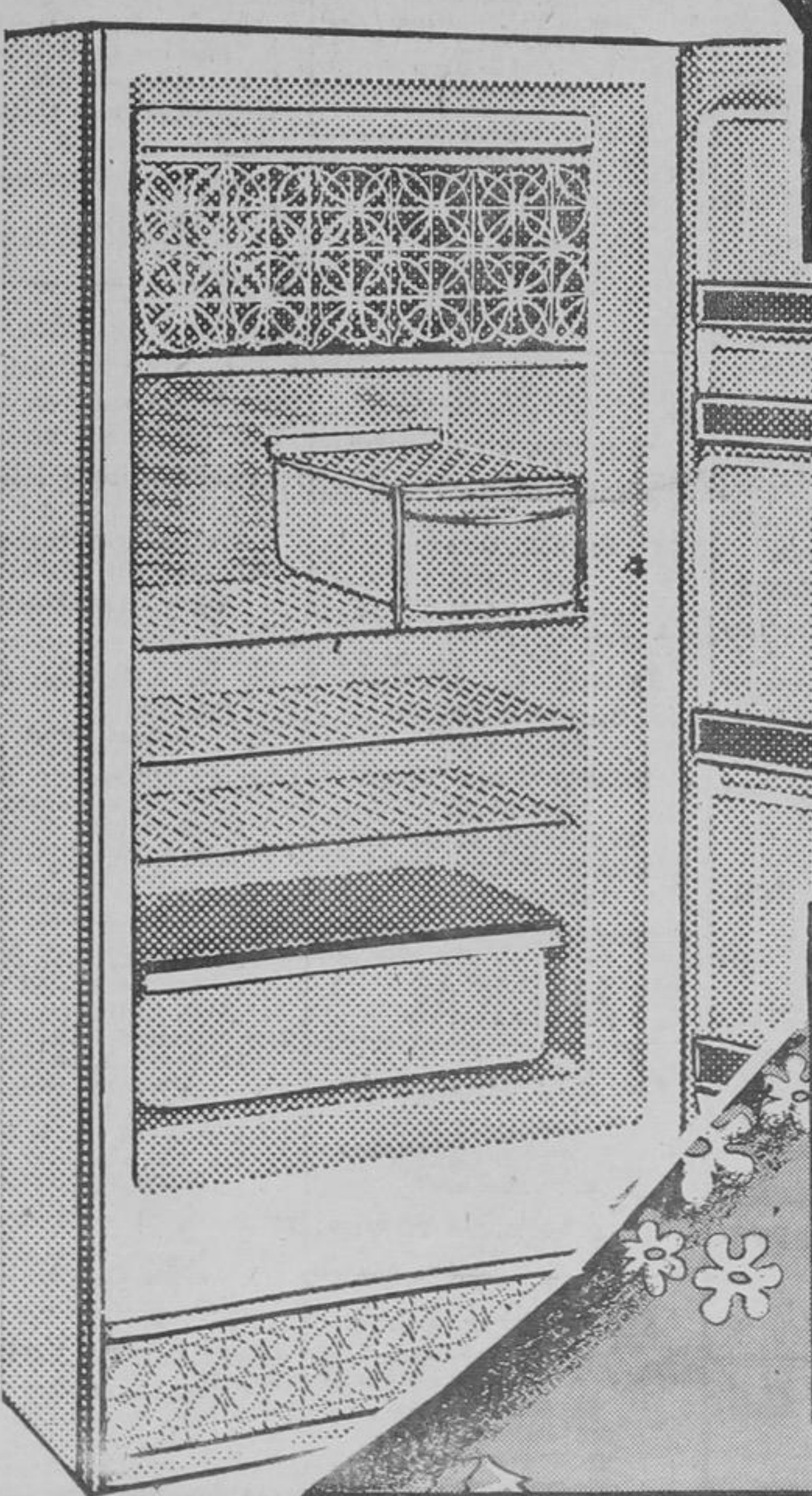
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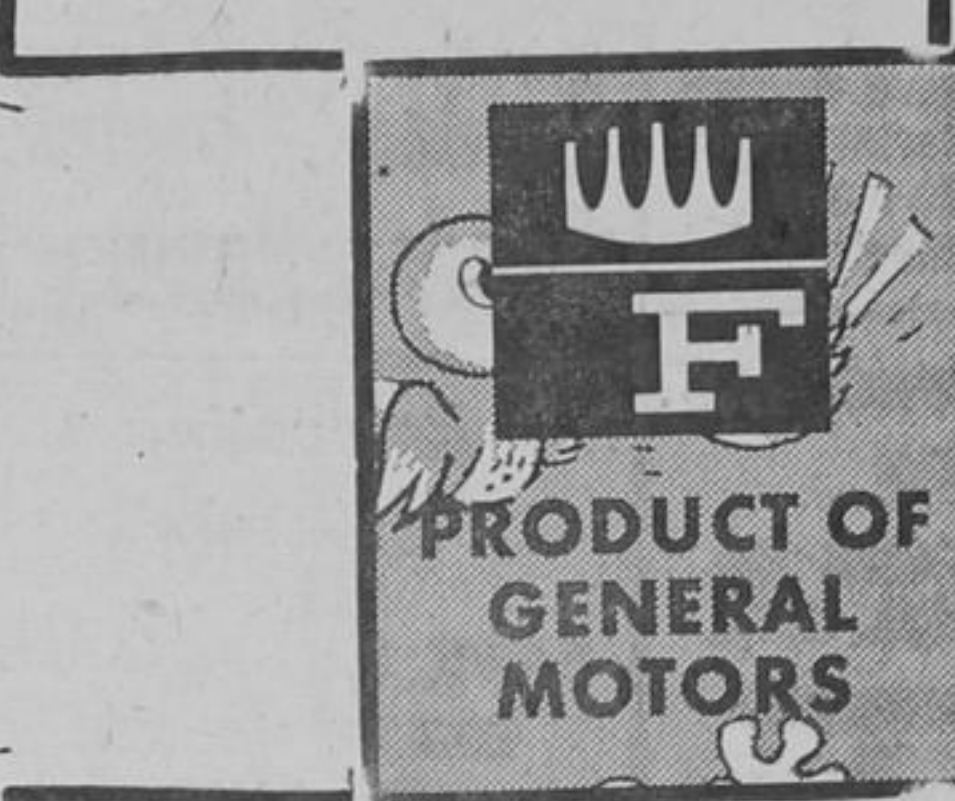
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