

Plan To Transplant Western Fish To Great Lakes

A Richmond Hill fish biologist with a team of experts from the Maple research division of the Department of Lands and Forests may be responsible for launching a multi-million-dollar commercial fishing industry in Ontario.

Kenneth Loftus, who heads the research division and lives on Arnold Crescent, has been investigating the planting in Lakes Ontario and Huron of the small, land-locked kokanee, a 32nd cousin of British Columbia's famous salmon.

The plan is still however far from a certainty.

The kokanee, kikaninny, silver fish or redfish, depending on where you're fishing and at what time of year is well-known in B.C. and western U.S. and is the only known type of salmon which successfully adapts itself to a complete life-span in fresh water.

During its fall spawning, the little creeks and rivers of British Columbia turn blood red as hundreds of thousands of the little two-to-five pounders fight their way upstream to spawn in gravelled beds. Some have been known to grow to eight

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BELL LINES

by R. J. MacDonald
your telephone manager

Now that the festivities are over and the Richmond Hill area is looking forward to a happy and prosperous 1965, I hope we won't forget those friends and acquaintances for whom the New Year has not started out so well.

I'm thinking in particular of "shut-ins"—people who can't get around easily and are therefore confined to the house. Day after day can get terribly monotonous for them (tragically so if they're alone) and yet it's so easy to break that monotony and cheer them up a bit! A simple telephone call—even if you don't have anything special to say—can mean a great deal.

We sometimes forget people when we don't see them around as usual. But if the reason they're not around is that they're ill and confined to the house, then this is precisely the time we SHOULD be remembering them. So let's NOT forget! — Let's make that simple call, and often!

★ ABOUT TIME

On the morning of her fourth birthday, a miss named Nancy came into the house after playing in the yard. "Mommy," she asked, "did I get a phone call this morning?"

"No, dear," her mother said, a little surprised but equal to the occasion, "were you expecting a call?"

"Well," said Nancy "I'm four years old now, so it's about time someone called me."

Would someone special like to hear from you? Someone special who's far away? Birthday or Not, Long Distance calls go over big with friends—and they're pleasant for you, too!

★ THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

This little story, reported by a telephone company in Florida, is too good not to pass along to telephone users up here. It certainly points out the importance of calling the right number!

A chap, belatedly realizing he would be detained at his office, hurriedly dialed his wife, dialed wrong and, when a woman answered, blurted out that he'd be late getting home. Before she could set him straight, her own husband who had overheard, grabbed the phone and said, "Okay, Buddy, no hurry at all, TAKE YOUR TIME

YHIII!

A. MacDonald

Some of the eggs are already hatched at Lands and Forests hatcheries at South Bay on Manitoulin Island and at Glenora on Lake Ontario.

With annual plantings, the department hopes that cyclical fluctuations in fish-spawning can be avoided because they expect most of kokanee will mature in about four years.

They will be tried out in Lake Ontario and Lake Huron where it is hoped the sea-lamprey which has taken disastrous toll on the lake trout and whitefish industry will have less effect on the kokanee.

Flesh of the kokanee is similar to sockeye salmon which on the west coast brings about \$1 a pound although the small kokanee may not sell as high.

In part of the States, small smoked kokanee are sold in taverns as accompaniment to a glass of ale.

Officials said there isn't enough known yet to predict the certain reaction of the little fish to water the size of the Great Lakes but are hopeful that in five years of searching they may have found a commercial fish to revive the Lakes industry.

In mid-January, the department is going to swap Ontario fish eggs, mainly pickerel, for 500,000 to 750,000 kokanee eggs from Colorado and another 500,000 from Montana.

The kokanee, which eats plankton, may have a tougher time competing for its food than out west but the supply of food, particularly a small crustacean known as "misus relicta" is richer than in western lakes.

Spawning spots for the stream-spawning kokanee have already been chosen but work is continuing in search of seeding spots where the shoal-spawning fish can be put.

In a survival-of-the-fittest story, it was learned that in smaller western lakes, the kokanee, considered a delicacy by adult rainbow trout are successful competitors with young rainbows.

In larger lakes, the kokanee stay out in the colder deeper lake centres while the rainbows stayed closer to the shore but in smaller lakes where the temperatures are similar, both fish compete and these lakes are now filled with kokanee.

If the experiment is successful the Maple biologists hope it will be the kokanee project may boost the lakes fishing to what it once was.

It may also mean a considerable boost to the tourist industry as fishermen angle for the flashing silver game fish, the kokanee.

Victoria Square Happenings

Sunday School Annual

The annual meeting of the Sunday school was held on Monday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. DeFoe, when very encouraging reports were given.

Officers elected for 1965 were: Superintendent Percy Bennett, Assistant Superintendents Clarence Steckley and Ralph Boynton, Secretary Bruce Mortson, Treasurer Roy Glover, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Morison, Missionary Superintendent Ralph Boynton, Assistant Mrs. W. Sandle, Projector Operators the girls from the intermediate class, Pianist Barbara Empringham, Assistant Mrs. S. DeFoe.

Following the meeting, dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. DeFoe, after which Mrs. J. Boyd extended thanks.

Lions

The Victoria Square District Lions Club held its regular meeting by visiting the King City Lions Club in the Temperanceville United Church on Tuesday evening of last week. The supper was catered by the ladies of the church.

A return visit of the King City Club to Victoria Square will be made in March.

The next regular meeting of the Victoria Square Club will be held in the community hall on January 19 at 8.15 p.m. It will be agriculture night and the farmers of the district are cordially invited to attend.

SPEBSQSA

The York North Chapter of SPEBSQSA Barbershop meets every Monday evening in the old library, Aurora.

Members from our district attending are: Harry Barber, Roy Brookling, John Nigh, Bill Nigh, Clarence Steckley, Aubrey Stephenson and Carl Walker.

Euchre

Despite the inclement weather, there were 11 tables of euchre at the community hall on Friday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Ladies: Mrs. G. Brands; Mrs. John Warwick; Mrs. Helen Matthews; Most Lone Hands: Mrs. R. Glover; Men: Herman Mortson; Lloyd Beatty; Jack Warwick; Most Lone Hands: John McCague; Lucky draw was won by Clarence Steckley.

Church News

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Keith of Ringwood were visitors at Sunday school on Sunday morning in the interest of the Markham Township Sunday School Association.

Dr. A. F. Binnington was in charge of the church service on Sunday morning when the service of Holy Communion was held.

On January 17, at 11.30 a.m.

HEADFORD NEWS

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Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Acreman were, Mr. and Mrs. H. Acreman, Keswick; Mrs. D. Morris, Mrs. Acreman's mother from Toronto and her sister Mrs. Fred Scholes with her husband and daughter Gail, Leaside, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ewart, Shelley and Jamie, Scarborough; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bickford, Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming, Richmond Hill.

Wicker doll carriages are seldom seen now but little Mary Acreman is enjoying one she received as a gift. It is all wicker with wooden wheels and was made at the Institute for the Blind, Bayview. Wee Mary is finding it a great support as she learns to walk.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Acreman spent the New Year holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Porter, Scarborough.

Mrs. George Barker and Mrs. W. Wellman attended the annual dinner of the Unionville Horticultural Society. Mrs. Barker received awards representing accumulated credits of the year, first for decorative arrangements, second for specimen display and best of show specimens.

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BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Buttonville WI catered Monday of last week, when the Markham Township Council entertained approximately 30 guests at a luncheon in Buttonville WI Hall following their inaugural meeting. In the afternoon, most WI members attended the funeral of Mr. Wm. McGimpsey, a former resident in the area, whose wife has been associated with Buttonville WI for many years.

Mr. Dick Jones spent some time at Wallaceburg last week with Bruce and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black and sons of Balinford were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid last Sunday.

It was a busy day at the Adam Brown home on New Year's. There were 28 guests present at a family gathering.

Don and Sue Gohn's newest son will be known as Michael Eric.

There is new furniture built to specification at the Brown's Corners United Church nursery to delight small children. This addition comes through the good offices of Mr. Kenneth Silver, a friend who supplied the lumber and assisted with the carpentry.

Euchre Series at WI Hall

Attendance at the first euchre of the winter series was dampened by fog, Friday evening of last week at Buttonville WI Hall, but the 13 tables of players who did attend were enthusiastic.

High scorers of the evening was Jim Tooley, 98, and Mrs. F. Shadlock was a close second

with 94. Other winners were Messrs. Pete Trimble, H. Mizen, Frank Mason; Mrs. E. Weidmark, Mrs. M. Barber, Miss D. Stephenson. Mr. Mason won the lucky draw, a hamper of apples.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Adam Brown, Mrs. Lloyd Baker, Mrs. Fred Leaf, Mrs. Dick Pralet and Mrs. Gordon Purves, with assistance from WI members present.

The next game will be held January 22.

Pedestrian Injured

Mrs. Martha Kennedy of Maitland St., Toronto, was seriously injured in an accident near the Donway Fruit Market recently, when she started to cross Don Mills Road and stepped into the path of a south-bound car driven by John Sliz, Charlemont Cr., Agincourt.

Mrs. Kennedy was taken to Scarborough General Hospital with a fractured left leg and arm, and two fractured knees, as well as scalp lacerations. Markham Township Police Constable Mashinter investigated the accident, and Dr. Seaver was at the scene. Ogden's Ambulance was called to take the injured woman to hospital.

The federation of agriculture, Markham Township branch, will hold their annual banquet at the Victoria Square Community Centre, on February 3.

George McCague, chairman of the Farm Products Marketing Board, will be guest speaker. Directors have tickets for sale, or you may contact Mrs. Joe Robinson, 285-1024.

Sunday School Convention

The 98th annual convention of the Markham Township Sunday School Association will be held in Victoria Square United Church and the community hall on January 21.

The adult sessions will be held in the United Church, while the children's meeting will be held in the community hall. The meals also will be held in the community hall.

The president this year is Lewis Heise.

Neighbourhood Notes

Birthday greetings to: Gordon Berta, January 15; William Sande, January 17; Margaret Gee, January 19.

On Thursday of last week Jeany Vanderkooy entertained her little friends, Misses Barbara Mackness and Betty Sande, the occasion being her eighth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Minaker and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong and family of Toronto had New Years dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd and Jimmy.

On Saturday, Mrs. P. Bennett, Mrs. G. Brands, and Mrs. J. Boyd visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart and family at Newmarket. Clarence was able to be home from the hospital and is improving following his recent accident, but will be out of school for most of the winter.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orr and family in the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Orr's sister-in-law, Mrs. Victor Orr at Maple.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Keith of Ringwood, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett had Sunday dinner with Mr. Ralph Boynton.

RICHVALE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: Mrs. Anne Hewitt, 78 16th Avenue TU. 4-7645

Bowling

Team standings in the second half of East Richvale Mixed League as of January 5 are: Hawkeyes and Biew Angels 5; Spooks and Loudones 4; Ringings and Hy-Flyers 3; Beetles and Silents 2. Silver dollars were won by a husband and wife, John and Sue Hills, each with 727. Other three highs are: Peggy Longstaff 667, Louise Anderson 674, Bob Anderson 729 and Jack Danyer 696.

Cubs and Scouts

1st Richvale Cub and Scout Mothers' Auxiliary recently held an election of officers. President is Mrs. Hudema, Secretary Mrs. W. Ball and Treasurer Mrs. A. O'Brien. Next meeting will be held January 18 at the home of Mrs. Rita Douglas, Avenue Road, at 8.30.

Socials

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Keating, 101 Spruce Avenue, on the recent birth of identical twin boys weighing 5 lbs. 10½ oz. and 5 lbs. 14½ oz.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Graine, 16th Avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. A. Joynt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cyr, Mr. and Mrs. L. Byrek, Mrs. L. Portsmith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mothers' Auxiliary recently held an election of officers. President is Mrs. Hudema, Secretary Mrs. W. Ball and Treasurer Mrs. A. O'Brien. Next

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