

Sports fish return to Spanish River

Six months after many of its fish were killed by a serious chemical spill, the Spanish River — one of Northern Ontario's better known fishing streams — is returning to normal.

"Surveys of the river show encouraging signs of recovery, but to help things along, plans are being made to stock a million yellow pickerel (walleye) fry below the E.B. Eddy Company dam at Espanola. We'll follow this with another million in both 1985 and 1986," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said recently.

He said sport and commercial fishing along the Spanish River, as well as the spring spawning runs, will be carefully monitored. "The ministry's fisheries staff is confident the river's many species of sports fish will continue to reproduce naturally. But since pickerel is the dominant sport fish species in the river we're concentrating on them," Mr. Pope said.

He said smallmouth bass will be stocked also over the next three years in selected areas of the river.

The Fuels Safety Branch of the Ontario Consumer Ministry wants to remind industry and the general public of the hazards of storing propane indoors.

"Propane is a safe and convenient fuel provided it is stored and handled according to regulations under the Propane Code," says Consumer Minister Dr. Robert Elgie.

Propane vapor is heavier than air and if released in a building where it isn't readily dispersed will settle in a low area. The smallest spark or flame can set it off.

All propane cylinders, such as those used for gas barbecues, should be left outdoors

at all times. Keeping a cylinder in a garage is also dangerous.

Regulations for industry are more complex.

Propane cylinders may be stored in a specially designed room fitted with a sealed door and explosion relief to outside the building. In special cases where portability is required, such as a propane torch, they may be connected for use indoors as outlined

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in the Propane Code.

However, propane tanks, which are generally larger than cylinders, may never be installed or stored inside a

building.

"The propane fire and explosion in Buffalo last December were a tragic reminder that industry and anyone using pro-

pane must follow safe handling procedures," says Dr. Elgie.

"We can never afford to lose respect for propane or any other fuel."

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Dyed-in-the-wool government waste

by W. ROGER WORTH
The auditor general, Kenneth Kye, A goodly man, but not too shy, Checked the books and found them wanting, For our government, the results were haunting.

A learned reviewer might call that atrocious verse, but then, I make no pretense of being a poet.

In his own way Kenneth Dye, Canada's Auditor General, is a reviewer. He and his staff review the federal government's books and accounting procedures to ensure that all of us can understand that our tax dollars are being reasonably spent.

In his latest report to taxpayers, Dye gave the government's bookkeepers a disastrous review. In fact, it was so bad the Auditor General claims the numbers are out by a whopping \$20-billion.

In real terms, it is a bit like claiming on a credit application your expenditures are \$20,000 when they're really much, much more. Bankers doing a credit check would not be amused.

Yet the government of Canada gets away with such inaccurate reporting, and has been for years. How can this be?

The country's Finance Minister says it is a "technical matter," and disagrees with the Auditor General's criticisms. So nothing is done.

There can be no disagreement, however, on some of the blunders Dye emphasized in his report. How to explain, for example, the \$350,000 that Ottawa lost on a New Brunswick motel loan guarantee. The property, which had been appraised at \$500,000, was sold at auction for \$200 in 1982. The buyer resold the motel a day later for \$75,200. A bizarre incident indeed.

Then there is the case of the office space. Late in 1983, the federal government started paying rent at the rate of \$12-million per year on an Ottawa office tower that won't be used until 1984. At the same time, the government owns or rents space worth \$7.7-million per year in the same city that isn't being used.

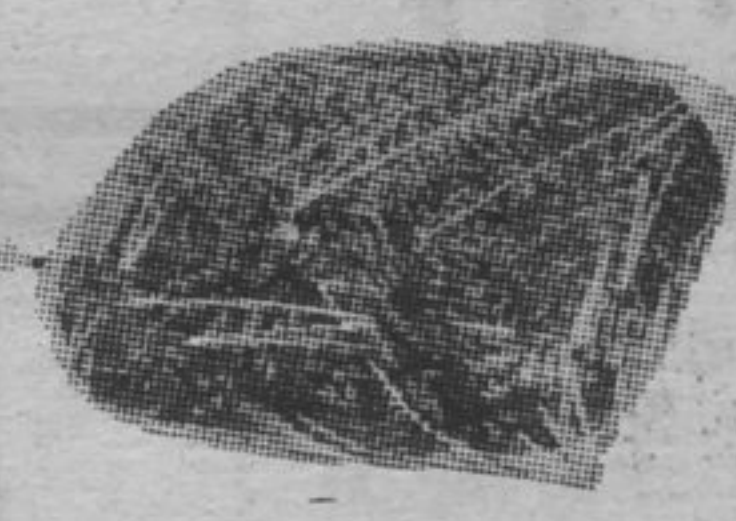

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Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, memorials to the various funds, sympathy cars, and provided care.

Special thanks to the U.C.W. for the lovely lunch and supper they provided after the service, the Pat Cook for her dinner and to Lil McBride and Retta Pearson for their lovely dinner. Many thanks to Reverend Brian Bigelow for his comforting visits and deeply appreciated service, to the Honorary and Active Pall Bearers and everyone else who assisted in anyway.

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