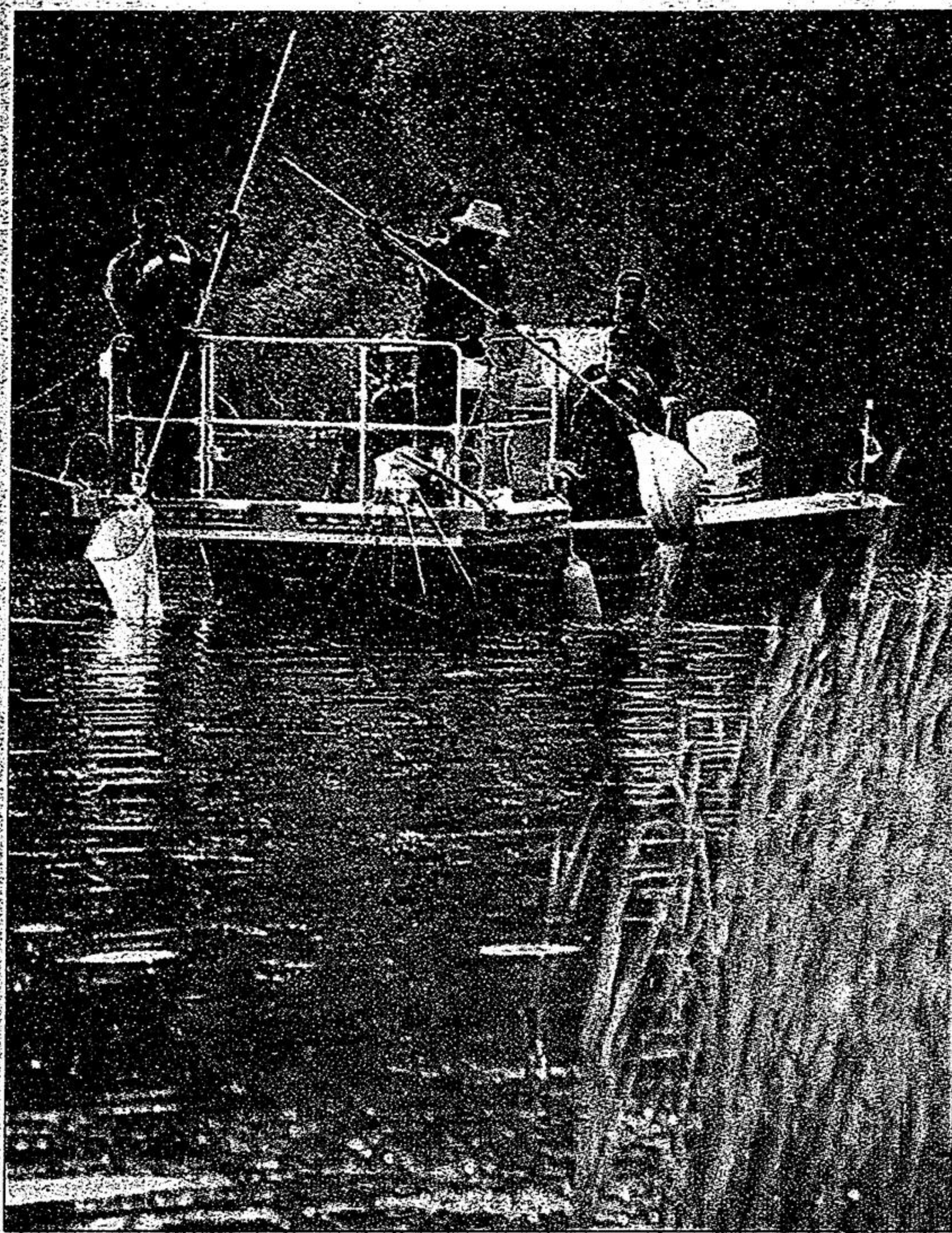


Ralph Toninger of Toronto Region Conservation Authority and Mark Carroll of Friends of Musselman's Lake pick up freshly electro-shocked fish using nets, with help from volunteers Bob James and Steve Brown. Boat operator is Mike Correa, environmental specialist with the authority. The anode, a spidery device in front of the boat, sends an electric shock current into the water, which stuns nearby fish and causes them to float to the surface, where they are netted and examined.



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## Variety of fish pulled from lake

The first electro-shock fish survey in Musselman's Lake history Monday night yielded a variety of fish.

Staff from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority were on the electro-shock boat, along with Mark Carroll and Bob James from the Friends of Musselman's Lake, and Lucas Dyk from the Rouge Valley Foundation.

The lake group asked for the survey so they could keep track of the health of the lake.

Final results aren't in yet from the conservation authority, but several varieties of fish, including northern pike, large mouth bass, rock bass, sunfish, crappie, suckers, catfish and perch, were hauled out of the water.

Electrodes hung over the side of the boat stun fish in the vicinity, bringing them to the surface. The fish are weighed, measured and classified into species before being released into the lake.

The lake group would like to conduct more surveys to assess the fish populations and the health of the lake.

This type of survey is a "good thing for a community organization to get started", Mr. Carroll, the group chairperson, said.

The survey was supported by the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

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