

Cats Close To Home

So you don't have the time or money to head into Ontario's northland wilderness areas in pursuit of this Canadian province's more challenging game fish.

Well, how about a common-to-the-south species that frequently runs to more than 15 pounds, can be found all along the Ontario shore of Lake Erie and is good for a healthy tussle on light tackle?

The catfish—much-maligned as an ugly, useless scavenger—will provide the action and almost any creek leading into Lake Erie from the north will provide the location. Granted, he is ugly and a scavenger. But he's far, far from useless.

And don't discount this weighty bottomfeeder in the dinner department. Properly cooked, (look for the best recipes in any cookbook originating in the deep south), the catfish makes a tasty, white-fleshed dish that's hard to beat.

Although most creeks and rivers have a small year-round population of catfish, they do not see the arrival of the great spawning run each year until "ice-out" conditions. Angling gets hot

about Easter and continues throughout the summer and into September.

Bait—they've been caught on anything from cheese to soap and from leeches to nightcrawlers—with a gob of nightcrawlers good at any time. Other winners are soft-shelled crayfish and fresh liver. Tackle varies from the newest ultra-light spinning outfit to the long-time favorite bamboo pole and bobber.

Study Moss Effects

CAVENDISH, P.E.I. (CP) — Divers using under-water sleds and cameras are studying the sea bed near here to determine whether Irish moss harvesting is having an adverse effect on lobsters. The survey will attempt population counts of lobsters inside and outside moss beds. The lobster industry is worth \$5,500,000 annually to the island province's fishermen while the moss industry has grown into a \$1,250,000 a year enterprise.

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Pruning Evergreens

Pruning of spruce, pine, and fir trees must be completed shortly after new growth has begun in the spring, say horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. These plants do not regenerate as deciduous trees do, so only parts of branches should be pruned off.

With spruce and fir, pruning should be confined to the new growth just after the growing points have begun to elongate. This will allow new shoot buds to form normally. Pruning later than this may remove buds that have already started to develop and result in thinning the growth.

Pine trees should be pruned by pinching back the new "candles" on growing tips while they are still soft and the needles have not yet expanded. The amount of subsequent growth can be controlled by the amount removed at this time.

When pruning is confined to new growth the result can be a noticeable increase in the density of the tree. The usual number of buds are produced later on, but over a reduced area, hence the density of the growth increases.

Triple Play Helps Bounce Bad Boys

Jarvis Merchants by way of a triple play downed Stoney Creek Bad Boys 8-3 in a Tri-County Fastball League Game played Saturday.

The triple play, although not a deciding factor in the game, pulled the Merchants and their pitcher Bob Proracki out of a hole.

The Merchants took a jump ahead in the first by scoring two runs. They added a third in the fourth, on a solo hit by Proracki.

The Bad Boys fought back by scoring three in the fifth to tie the score on a homer by Claud Bailey.

The Merchants rebounded in their half of the same frame with a double by Bill Prince. Prince scammed home with a winning run on a wild pitch.



Looking For Fight

HAMILTON (CP) — Six years ago Joan Marsh went into the Ontario Heart Foundation looking for a fight.

When she took on the job of Hamilton area co-ordinator, her husband, W.J. Marsh, had been dead only about four months.

The cause of death was a coronary. Mrs. Marsh calls it a "classic coronary," meaning there was no history of heart disease—just a sudden, killing attack.

Mrs. Marsh says now she can see two reasons why she went to work for the Heart Foundation.

"I was looking for therapy as much as anything. I knew I had to do something, and I didn't want to leave Hamilton just then."

"When I first went to the Heart Foundation, I was very belligerent. I was furious at the thing that could take my husband away."

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