

### Vivian Vachon Takes Up Wrestling

MONTREAL (CP) - It's a long way from a charm school to a wrestling ring. Vivian Vachon can tell you all about that route. She has travelled it. She can tell you about the night in Tuscaloosa, Ala., when a little girl belted her with a two-by-four. When Vivian grabbed the board, the kid threw sand in her face. She can also tell you about the night in

Rimouski, Que., when a drunk ripped off her bathing suit. She can tell you of growing up with her brothers, wrestlers Mad Dog and Butcher, as the youngest of 12 children in Montreal. Vivian, 20, a five-foot six-inch blonde who tips the scales at 160 pounds, is a woman wrestler and her goal in life is simple.

She wants to be world champion. In her dressing room before a recent match in Montreal - a first for the city with women in the ring - Vivian was restrained, articulate and introspective as she discussed her plans for the future. A few minutes later, as she entered the arena to a chorus of stentorian boos and practised obscenities,

she assumed an entirely different role. "You tramp," screamed one dowager as Vivian made her way to the ring. Hated School Shepherded by her two brothers - total weight 540 pounds - she did not have to worry about two-by-fours and facefuls of sand. After the charm school bit and a brief fling at modelling, Vivian decided to be a wrestler "because it sounded interesting." So, for the last two years she's wrestled in places like Oklahoma City, Raleigh,

N.C., Minneapolis, Waterloo, Iowa and Stillwater, Okla., averaging five cities a week. "I hated school," she says. "So I quit after Grade 10. "Injuries? Sure I've had a few. "One night in North Carolina, I busted my sacroiliac - I was in hospital for 14 days." She says the catcalls and obscenities don't bother her. "I enjoy it, it's a challenge." In her Montreal appearance, Vivian wins the

third fall and the match and her brother holds her hand up in victory. Projectiles arrive in the ring at about the same time as the first chorus of boos. Vivian tries her best to look the heavy. It doesn't work. Perhaps that is because a few minutes before the bout, she had been seen in her dressing room with her brother's young daughter. She held the child in her arms and was gently rocking her to sleep.

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Dr. John Kelso, fisheries biologist with the department of Lands and Forests, is the Project Director of an on site investigation - the Anticook Project. Dr. Kelso has a permanent staff of

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**Hope To Crack USSR Market**

ST. BONIFACE, Man. (CP) - A suburban Winnipeg company whose products have already filtered through the Iron Curtain more than once is hoping to crack the large Moscow market soon.

Dennis Herbert, general manager of Spiroll Corp. Ltd. in St. Boniface, said the firm was one of two Canadian companies invited to send machinery to a non-public exhibition in October in Moscow and has a foot in the marketing door already.

The company, founded seven years ago to produce and sell a range of patented machinery for the pre-cast concrete industry, has since acquired two subsidiaries in Britain and made several sales in Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Herbert said selling in the Soviet Union is an immensely complicated and lengthy effort requiring the approval of the money people, the import people and the industry people. An invitation to a non-public exhibition was a sign of near-acceptance.

The machines which Spiroll hopes to sell in Moscow cost about \$65,000 to \$70,000 each but are normally sold in packages which include support parts and maintenance. By the time the machine is installed and operating, the customer has usually spent about \$500,000 including labor.

Far Ahead "The Russians and the Poles are way ahead of us in terms of systems buildings," he said. "They have huge and growing populations and are building whole cities on the tundra."

The type of building Spiroll is trying to promote can be assembled quickly with all parts factory produced and no pouring of wet concrete, enabling construction to continue year-round. The company began with a patent on a machine which produced pre-cast concrete floor sections and by next year expects to have a machine to turn out pre-cast hollow-core wall panels.

Mr. Herbert said more than 95 per cent of Spiroll's production is exported with about 50 per cent of that to United States markets. However, an order from Moscow is not expected for another 12 months.

one - Captain Max Harris - four summer students, and resource technician, spent the summer of 1971 tracing the fishlife of Lake Erie from Hoover Point to Long Point.

Captain Harris and the 40-foot craft, the David M, spend most of their time on the Lake. The project is largely interested in small mouth bass, large mouth bass, yellow perch, northern pike, and yellow pickerel, as indicators of patterns in movement and distribution. These species comprise the commercial fishing as well as angler harvest in this area of the lake.

On a "typical" afternoon in Lake Erie recently they pulled an eight-foot trap net from the Inner Long Point Bay aboard the David M with more than 150 bass and several other hundred fish in it. Imagine the confusion and frustration of a half dozen fishermen who sat just outside the net with no takers for their hooks

while Dr. Kelso and his crew casually threw 3-foot Catfish, 10 to 15 pound Northern Pike and a wide variety of fish, large and small, back into the lake. The crew handles the fish very carefully, loss of life is near to negligible since the trap nets used permit live releases; the wet glove handling of the fish further reduces loss in handling. Species important to anglers

and commercial fishermen are selected for tagging. Information taken involves several lengths of any one fish, a scale sample which tells growth rate and age of the fish, and the general health of the fish, i.e. parasites, diseases, lamprey scars. The loss of a scale or two and the tag which the fish get in return apparently offer no harm to the fish.

### Farming The Catfish

Using farmland to grow fish for the market is beginning to be big business in North America. Farmers on the Canadian Prairies in the next five years may take as much as 10 million pounds of rainbow trout from useless "pothole" lakes, ice-age remnants which dot farmlands of the West. Needless to say, there is a ready market for them. The estimate comes from the University of Manitoba which has pioneered experiments in stocking such lakes with fingerlings and fish fry. The yield is about 120 pounds an acre, an impressive figure in comparison with the three pounds an acre from commercial fishing areas like Lake Winnipeg. Profits can be immense - better than grain. And there may be just as much profit for Canadian farmers in the lowly fish.

The National Geographic News Bulletin reports that catfish ponds are a big business in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. Once dismissed as a lonely scavenger, the catfish has been found to be an important food crop on flooded cotton fields.

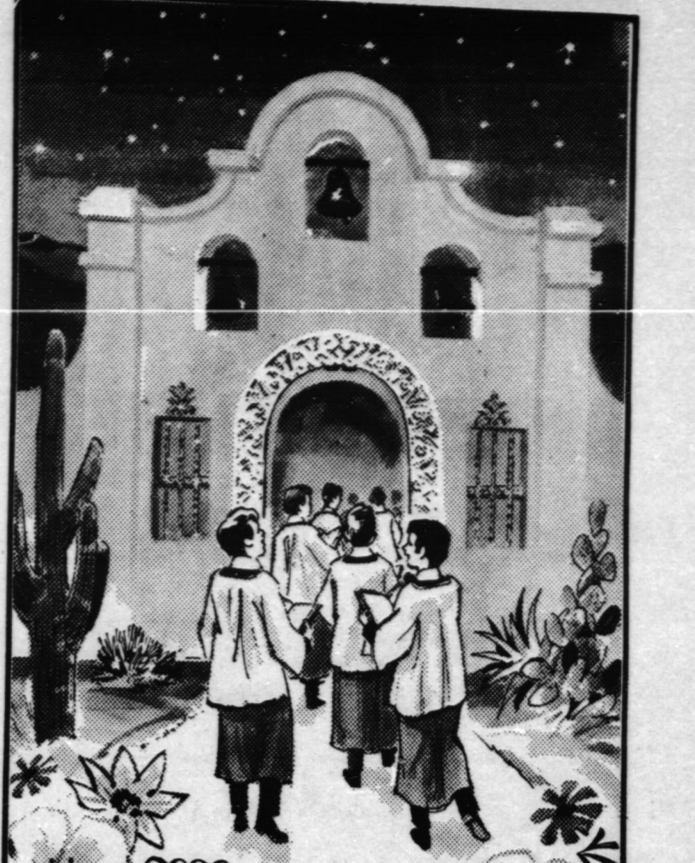
The American South changed to catfish from the less lucrative traditional crops, among them peanuts, soybeans and tobacco. Some 1,300 farmers in 1969 turned about 40,000 acres into watery ranches. In that year they sold 25 million pounds of fish. The harvest is expected to double in 1972.

"Switching to catfish farming makes reasonable financial sense," said a Georgia spokesman. "Fish require less care, less labor and sell for 35 to 45 cents per pound live weight. In terms of profit per acre, this figures out to be about \$280, equal to or better than crops previously grown on the same land."

Often shunned as a denizen of polluted streams, the catfish pulled from clean farm ponds is related only by heredity to his murky ancestors. Pumps keep ponds free of parasites and disease and automatic feeders blow protein-rich pellets into the water to assure a plump, tasty crop.

This is a far cry from the memories of boyhood, of barefoot boys in straw hats with home-made fishing poles and lazy afternoons on a riverbank. The whiskered quarry hardly gave any trouble. It obligingly swallowed any bait and flopped on the bank with ease.

Oldtimers in Georgia remember a 148-pound catfish and two Illinois fishermen claimed a 195-pounder. But when they're farmed for the market the eager farmers will never let them get that size before they travel towards the table.



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