

NOT EVERYBODY IS TRIGGER HAPPY

Nebula Lake stretched out before us still and lovely in the sunlight of an early summer morning. Dense unbroken forests lined its shores. Here and there columns of mist curled and eddied suggesting that just such a picture had led some old trapper of another day to give the Lake its name.

We had just pushed off on a wild-life survey of the area and were slowly paddling along close inshore silently except for the musical ripple of the canoe sliding easily over the water. Suddenly the stillness was broken by the alarmed quacking and cheeping of a fat mother black duck and her brood of little ones as they skittered wildly out of a tiny shallow inlet into deeper water just ahead of us. Instantly the water began to churn and splash when several huge northern pike rose to attack the ducklings as they scattered in terror stricken panic under the excited quacking of the mother. It was amazing to see how the ducklings seemed to know instinctively how to evade the big fish but even so, before the mother got her brood back to the comparative safety of shallow water, two had been taken by the pike. We felt guilty over having failed to see the ducklings in time to avoid frightening them,

for most of the northern lakes appear to be populated with large voracious pike that will immediately attack anything they can get at.

There were many interesting incidents during a summer spent in Northern Ontario as student assistant to Mr. A. de Vos, eminent wild-life biologist of the Department of Lands and Forests in that province. The work covered a wide field ranging from scientific observation of the large hoofed animals down through the fur-bearing species to bird life and the small rodents. It also included careful examination of the variety, growth and extent of the cover in the wide areas surveyed. Moose were met with in numbers and individual specimens of the rarely seen fur-bearing animals such as the fisher, marten and others were observed. Several martens were taken in live traps and released after being examined and tagged. Much valuable information was obtained.

The Ontario forest and wild-life service is well organized and is staffed by men who are deeply interested in their work. This writer was fortunate in receiving an appointment that took him to the forest station at Geraldton, Ont., some distance northeast of Port



THE "ASP" DEMONSTRATES

Arthur. At the outset the work was done under the immediate supervision of Mr. de Vos and consisted of visits to remote areas where close examination was made for tracks, evidence of browsing, droppings and other indications of the presence of wild-life together with

observation of the cover. Following this preliminary experience the writer was sent on independent surveys accompanied by an Indian guide. Trips were made from the forest stations at Geraldton, Chapleau and Biscotasing.

The forest service in Ontario is equipped with a fleet of aircraft and transportation from the base to the area of operations and back was all by air. A week's supplies together with camping gear would be packed in the plane and a canoe securely lashed to the struts of the pontoons. Soon we would be set down at the head of a chain of lakes deep in the bush many miles away from the base and virtually inaccessible except by air.

Gear would be unloaded, a meeting place agreed upon with the pilot and marked on the map. Motors would roar into high speed and the plane would take off, leaving us completely out of communication with the base until it returned a week or so later with more supplies. This did not worry us but on one occasion towards the end of the season heavy rain and protracted overcast prevented the plane from getting in until about a week after the date agreed upon, with the result that our food supply was almost gone. We had been living for three days chiefly on fresh pickerel, which is delicious for a meal or two but becomes somewhat monotonous as a steady diet, when we finally heard the drone of the approaching plane.

Work would begin immediately and consisted of examination of the bush over the whole area detailed for survey together with recording of weather conditions, temperatures and other required detail. A landing would be made at least once in each mile and we would make our way well back into the bush. Beaches were examined for tracks and droppings and usually yielded

There Will Be A Formal November 18th.

There's been so much talk about the Fall Formal, and especially the date. It seems that everybody was wondering if there ever was going to be a Fall Formal and just who was responsible for the delay in setting a date and not just a tentative date.

Now that the dope is on the line, it is necessary that the matter be presented from the viewpoint of the Social Committee and this will perhaps clear up the doubts and criticism in many of our minds.

We all remember that the first date set for the Fall event was Friday, October 28. Apparently a number of students requested Faith Baxter (president of Students' Social Committee), to change the date, due to the inconvenience it would cause them on that night. As the Committee wished the dance to be attended by all those who wanted to go, they felt that such a request was justified and to satisfy these people, a new date was decided upon by them, Friday, November 4th. However, this change caused much displeasure among the members of the football team, who are playing at Sackville the following day. Although they would be unable to attend, the Faculty Social Advisory Committee stated that any later date would be unsatisfactory due to the coming Christmas Exams. Thus, the invitations were printed and many of us asked dates for that night in November.

Mr. Bob McLaughlin, when the decision to abolish Christmas exams was reached, (Tuesday, October 18), asked that the date be postponed once again, so that his team would be able to attend. The Faculty Social Committee also decided that the Dance on November 4, and the game the next day, (chartered train to Mt. A.), would be too much, so they also petitioned for a change of date. Another factor, that of the U.N.B. Law School's Formal the same night in Saint John, presented complications. As we all know, many each year go to both the Law School Formal and the Fall Formal, but this year that would have been impossible.

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useful information. At the end of each day's work camp was made at some suitable spot, on an island if possible. This was on the advice of the guide who said bears were abundant and very predatory. As time went on, the bush seemed to have a growing fascination for the writer and the occasional visits to town came to be regarded as a tiresome duty.

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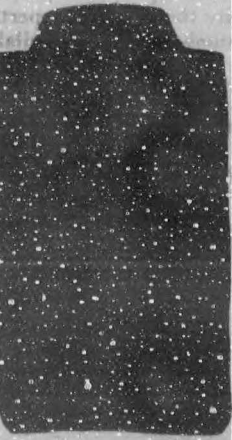
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