



Coho fever, which started in the Great Lakes in 1967, has spread to New York State this fall and an epidemic of salmon fever has hit anglers. Most common symptoms of exaggeration — "They are running up to five pounds at Sibirik," an Onondaga County fisherman told me. He was referring to the Salmon River stream near Pulaski where coho were stocked last spring by the Conservation Department.

His story, of course, was wrong. They just aren't that big — yet. But he can be excused for his enthusiasm, for coho salmon have started fishermen all through the Great Lakes. The thought of a magnificent Pacific salmon on your home is enough to make many a casting arm twitch with anticipation, particularly in waters there was little else but perch before.

Coho fever has hit all the way from Minnesota to New York because this salmon is a big, trophy fish, equal to a muskie taken from the St. Lawrence at Ogdensburg, or a nice striper landed at Montauk.

"Now we have good fishing, and before we had none," is the way a Michigan angler put it. It's true that the Great Lakes have not been a fishing bonanza in recent years, what with pollution, sea lamprey, and commercial fishing cutting into the sportsman's creel. The stage could hardly have been better set for the dramatic entrance of the coho.

Fisheries biologists in Michigan started the trend, and most other states now stocking cohos, are getting either eggs or fry from them. Due to a lowered population of lake trout and other predator fish, there was plenty of opportunity for a hungry species to make a living. At the same time Lake Michigan was infested with alewives, as are Lakes Ontario and Erie, those oily little rascals that die by the millions, wash up on beaches, and foul the air. With living space available and alewives to eat, cohos made phenomenal growth. Twenty pounders in three to four years were not rare.

coho program being carried out in New York looks very good at the moment, and the salmon running up streams are precocious fish called jacks. It will be another year before the project proves out — then the majority of the stocked salmon will be sexually mature and will begin to reach braggin' size. Next year salmon fever should be real, rather than rumor.

Tax Notice

Beginning, Monday, January 6, 1969, I will receive taxes at my home, 11 Maple Street, Andover, N. Y., on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for the months of January and February. After January 31st, 1% will be added to all taxes due. After March 1st 1 1/2% will be added to all taxes due.

RETA K. FOSTER, Collector
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Births

- Dec. 21: To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lyman, Belfast, a son.
- Dec. 21: To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mitchell, Bolivar, a daughter.
- Dec. 22: To Mr. and Mrs. Randy Varley, Wellsville, a daughter.
- Dec. 22: To Mr. and Mrs.

- George Lewis, Wellsville, a son.
- Dec. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fisher, R.D. 2, Wellsville, a son.
- Dec. 24: To Mr. and Mrs. David Sweeten, Cuba, a son.
- Dec. 26: To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lamb, Scio, a son.
- Dec. 27: To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Clark, Friendship, a son.
- Dec. 27: To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Bernard, Cuba, a son.
- Dec. 28: To Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts, Wellsville, a son.
- Dec. 30: To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood, Little Genesee, a son.

Marriages

- Dec. 7: Miss Ann Marie Bartlett of Allentown and Stephen C. Austin, Wellsville.
- Dec. 22: Miss Lois Dickinson, Richburg and Robert Roy Edwards of Clarksville.
- Dec. 24: Miss Meredith Ellen McNinch, and Cpl. David D. Chilson, both of Belmont.
- Dec. 28: Rowena Hinckley of Wellsville and E. Norton Barnes of Petrolia.

Deaths

- Arrin E. Allen, Scio; Dec. 19. His widow survives.
- Lee M. Kent, 66, Hinsdale, Dec. 20. His widow, a daughter, two sons, two sisters and a brother survive.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Giles, 76, Cuba, Dec. 24. A daughter, a son and a sister survive.
- Mrs. June G. Nelson, 49, of Whitesville, Dec. 26. Two sons, and a daughter survive.
- Mrs. M. J. Westfall, 78, Belmont, Dec. 24. A son, a step-son, three daughters, a brother and a sister survive.
- Mrs. Andrew C. Rahr, 72, of Wellsville, Dec. 27. Her husband, two sons, a daughter, two sisters and two brothers survive.
- Francis M. Lockwood, 74, of Canandaigua, Dec. 26. Three daughters, a son, three brothers and a sister survive.
- Walter W. Rossman, 72, Bolivar, Dec. 28. Three sons, three brothers and three sisters survive.
- Walter Washburn, 51, Wellsville, Dec. 29. His widow, a step-daughter and a sister survive.
- Mrs. Myra S. McCrehouse, 99, Bolivar, Dec. 28. A son, a daughter, a brother and a sister survive.

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