



FISH KILLS INCREASE

New York State comes out fairly well in a shocking report of fish kills by water pollution just released by the Federal Water Quality Administration.

While it has taken them a year to collect the facts and publish a summary, it appears that 1969 was a bad year for fish.

When compared to some states, New York had no really large fish kills. Although 20,000 dead fish were counted in Haskell Creek near Olean, in July of 1969. And a like number of floaters were reported in the Delaware River near Walton in August.

Those waterways in the 10,000 kill class include: Hoosic River near Pownal, Vermont; Got Creek near Clarence Center; Canadaway Creek near Fredonia; Chenango River near Norwich; Allegheny River near Olean; Bear Creek near Ontario; Walkill River near Walkill; and Endicott Creek near Williamsville.

The sources of pollution were identified in all of these cases except the last. And when one studies them it is clear that most could have been prevented — real accidents are rare in the pollution game.

Nationally, the length of the average fish kill over a 10-year period is about three days. This indicates one of the great problems. We need daily vigilance throughout the year to find fish kills and thereby get at the polluters. Sportsmen, and fishermen in particular have formed the great volunteer corps that has traditionally found and reported fish kills. Your efforts are now needed more than ever before.

Another tactic in the pollution game is to point the finger at somebody else. Municipalities blame industries, who blame farmers or somebody else. In 1969, however it was fairly clear that everyone was to blame.

Both in numbers of cases and of fish killed, industrial activities led the list. This category killed nearly 75 per cent of all the dead fish reported—food products alone killed close to 50 per cent. The paper industry which is often blamed as a heavy polluter was at the bottom of the industrial list killing the least fish of all the classes identified.

Agriculture came after industries, with insecticides beating out manure-silage drainage, and fertilizers as polluting agents.

Municipal pollution was in third place, and transportation came in last as a major category.

One of the disturbing facts in the report is that fish kills by pol-

lution in the last 10 years have a rather steep upward trend. With all the interest in the environment, waterways are getting worse and worse, and we are killing more and more fish.

Now that man himself feels threatened from his own wastes, the pollution focus is shifting away from the destruction of aquatic life. But the point, however, is that if we stop killing fish with pollution, the environment will be a lot more habitable for man.

And we'd have a lot more fish to cast a lure at.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits Period Extended

The 1971 Legislature approved swiftly this week and Governor Rockefeller signed into law immediately legislation recommended by him which extends the maximum period of eligibility for Unemployment Insurance benefits from the present 26 weeks to 39 weeks in times of high unemployment.

New York workers, the Governor said, will be eligible for the extended benefits for the first time for the week of January 11.

The new statute implements legislation enacted by the last Congress which requires that, by January 1, 1972, every state must provide 13 weeks of additional unemployment insurance benefits during periods of high unemployment. The Federal law also gave the states the option to provide such extended benefits earlier than January 1, 1972, if they so desired, with the Federal government paying one-half the cost of such action.

In announcing introduction of the measure, the Governor said existing protections have worked

well in recent years of low unemployment but pointed-out that unemployment "is now rising steadily across the nation."

"While the level of unemployment in New York State has been and continues to be lower than the national average," the Governor said, "that statistical record is of little comfort to the men and women numbered among the unemployment. As I stated in my Annual Message to the Legislature 'to the man or woman out of work who cannot find a job, what the economists refer to as a "mild recession" becomes a full-scale personal depression."

The extended benefits provided under the Governor's bill would — during 1971 — be made available when New York's rate of insured unemployment reaches 4% or more during a 13 week period and 12% or more of the average of such rate for each of the corresponding periods in the two preceding years.

After 1971, the extended benefits would be payable under the foregoing conditions of high employment in New York or when the rate of national seasonally adjusted

insured unemployment is 4.5% or more for a three month period.

An extended benefit period would terminate when the specified conditions of high unemployment cease to exist for roughly a three month period.

Tax Notice

Beginning, Monday, January 4, 1971, 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.

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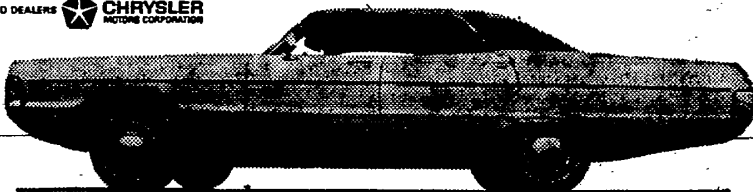
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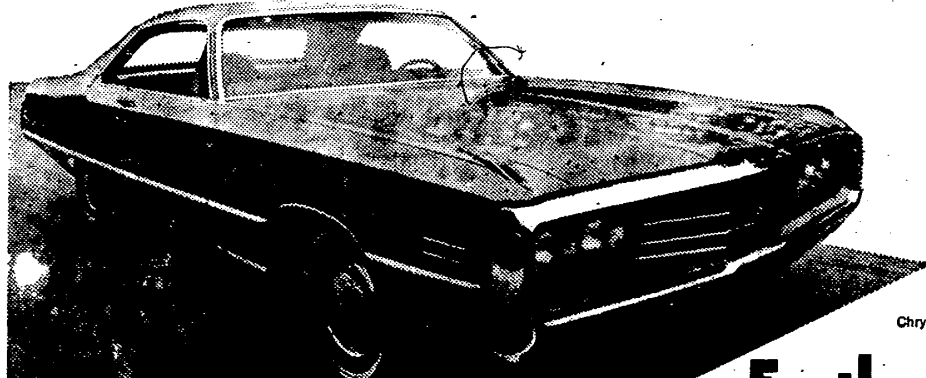
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Births

Jan. 12: To Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDonald, Richburg, a son.

Jan. 12: To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neeley, Belmont, a daughter.

Jan. 12: To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fanton, Wellsville, a daughter.

Jan. 14: To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Curry, Angelica, a son.

Jan. 14: To Mr. and Mrs. James McKelvey, Richburg, twin daughters.

Jan. 14: To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Post, Alma, a daughter.

Jan. 16: To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gross, Fillmore, a daughter.

Jan. 17: To Mr. and Mrs. Kim Campbell, Cuba, a son.

Jan. 18: To Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Roat, Belfast, a daughter.

Deaths

Robert F. Bolam, 80, Wellsville Jan. 14. Five sons and three daughters survive.

Chester A. Gillies, 74, Angelica Jan. 14. One sister survives.

Mrs. Guy W. Moore, 85, Wellsville, Jan. 16. A daughter and a son survive.

Infant Cheryl Burger, Wellsville Jan. 18. Her parents, maternal grandparents and paternal grandparents survive.

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