

JONQUIL ANTONY'S COLUMN



Our new feature "mainly for girls" by the writer of the famous MRS. DALE'S DIARY

There has not been time yet to get any letters in reply to my request, last week, that you should tell me what you want to read about. But if you haven't written to me, it's not too late now—all views and ideas will be welcome!

Does it ever seem to you that mother spends hours and hours in the kitchen when there can't be any need for her to take quite so long standing over the cooker or at the sink? Well, try to do it yourself—and see how long it all takes!

Elizabeth Farnham, who writes in *The Birmingham Post*, recently gave an account of what happened when her 12-year-old daughter Angela said she wanted to run their home for a week! Her nine-year-old sister, Marilyn, offered to help.

When they got the housekeeping money they thought it was a huge amount—until they started planning the menu for the whole week. They decided to share the household tasks, but they soon got swamped with the washing-up which kept on piling up faster and faster, and at the end of the first day the girls were in despair. But they still refused to give up. Unfortunately Marilyn, the next day, poured hot fat down the sink so they had to phone the

plumber, to come at once and unstop it.

But in spite of all their mistakes, in the end the two of them were running the home quite efficiently. Said their mother, "Secretly I think the children were quite thankful to discard the reins of responsibility!"

One of the sad things about this modern world of ours with its traffic on the roads is the number of cats killed every day. You can't control a cat, or stop him going on the main roads.

Frances Adams (16), of Light Oaks Filling Station, Milton, has been recommended to the R.S.P.C.A. for a reward for her courage in trying to save a cat from being run over in the middle of a busy road. She attempted to snatch the cat to safety—a dangerous thing to do—and she herself was hit by another car, and taken to hospital.

I hope you get that medal, Frances—you deserve it.

Serena Sinclair, writing about clothes in *The Daily Telegraph*, said recently that the citrus colours, yellow and tangerine, are a combination that is going to be



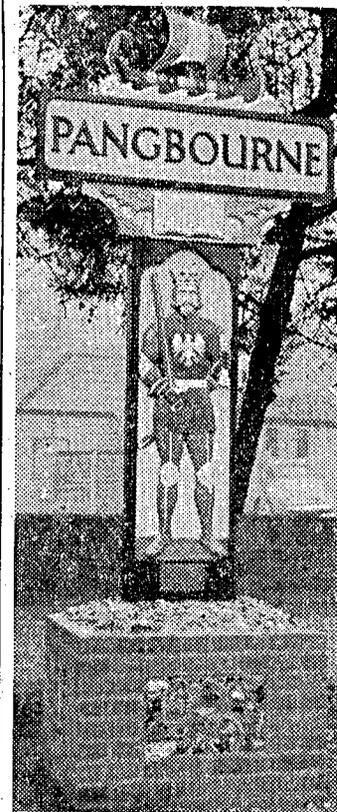
one of this spring's winners. This set me thinking—a tangerine skirt with a lemony jumper would be a sure-fire success, or a pair of orange slacks with a plain linen blouse in yellow could be really smart, as you can see in my drawing. And what about a blouse patterned in all the citrus colours, with perhaps just a touch of green or black for contrast? Look out for these colours when you're shopping.

Yellows and oranges always make an impression on me, and a favourite recipe of mine is Apricot and Pineapple Jam. It looks so pretty in the making, but as it tastes rather good, too, you may like to know how to make it:

Soak half a pound of dried apricots overnight in 1½ pints of water. Stew until tender. Sieve, and add the contents of an 8-ounce tin of chopped pineapple, 1½ lb. of sugar, and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. Boil fast, stirring quite often. It is ready to set in 15 to 20 minutes. This makes about 2 lb.

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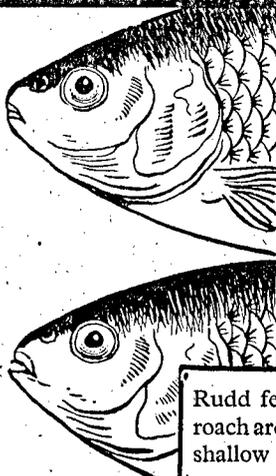
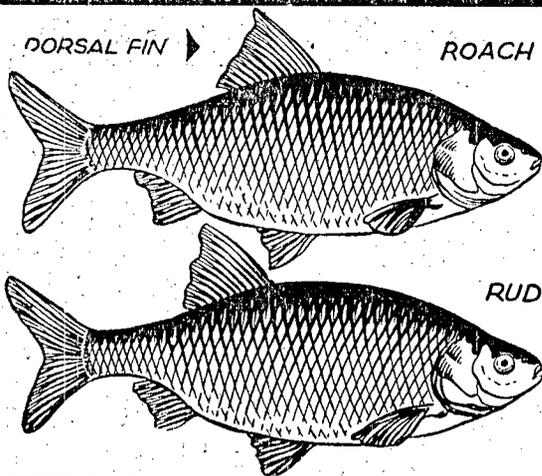


This new sign is at the entrance to a car park in the Berkshire village of Pangbourne. The figure, carved in oak, represents Berhtulf, king of the Mercians, who gave land to Pangbourne church in the year 843.

Oat Krunchies Fishing Facts by HAL MOUNT

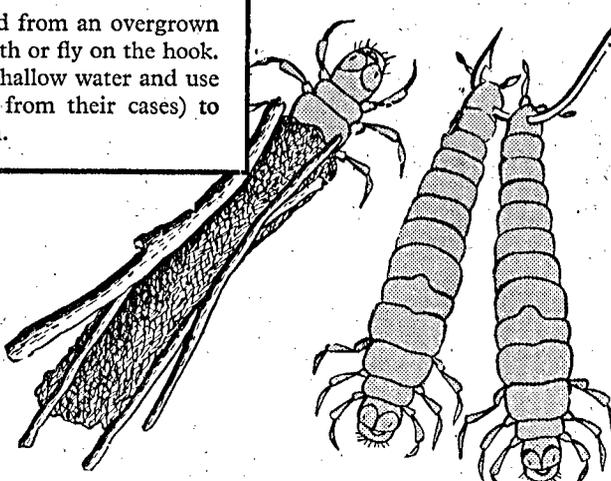
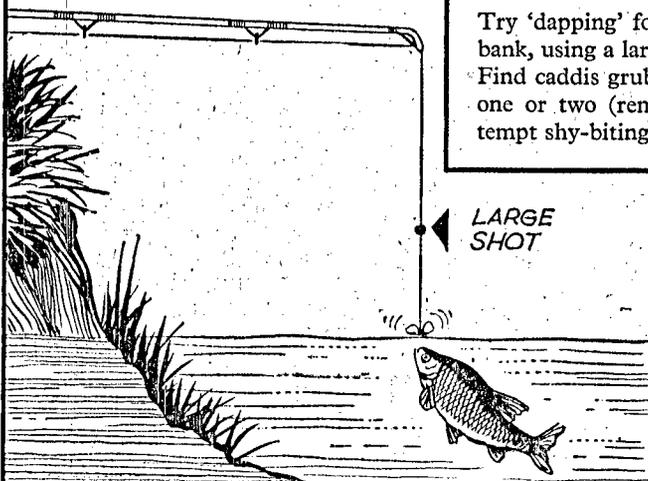
No 1 ROACH & RUDD

Although very similar in appearance, roach and rudd can be identified by their dorsal fins and mouths. The rudd's dorsal is set further back than that of the roach, and his bottom lip projects. Roach have a projecting top lip. Rudd, too, are much less slimy than roach.



Rudd feed mainly on or near the surface, while roach are usually found near the bottom—except in shallow waters—when both species roam freely.

Try 'dapping' for rudd from an overgrown bank, using a large moth or fly on the hook. Find caddis grubs in shallow water and use one or two (removed from their cases) to tempt shy-biting roach.



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