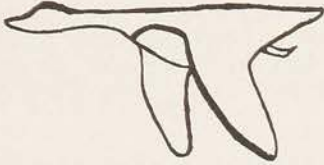


were being tested on a weekly schedule to measure the detoxification rate.

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning is a natural phenomenon which has proven to be very lethal under certain conditions to coastal black ducks and other species of mollusc-eating birds in this area. It remains to be seen if this is a "one shot" problem (1972 only) or if it develops into an endemic condition which may occur in future years.

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WINTERING BALD EAGLES AT QUABBIN RESERVOIR

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Quabbin Reservoir is located on Route 9 in Ware, about 40 miles west of Worcester. When its waters freeze, the deer that summer on its islands, try to go ashore to find food. Sometimes they fall on the ice, breaking a leg. Unable to move, the deer starve to death, providing a ready supply of meat for the eagles.

The best sites for viewing these birds are from the Headquarters parking lot, near Winsor Dam at the south end of the reservoir, or, even better, from Enfield Lookout, between the dam and Quabbin Dike near the stone tower. The latter has a large parking lot, where there is a green wooden sign that tells the history of the area.

But - during winter - Quabbin Reservoir is one of the coldest and windiest places I know!

JOKE

Once there was a boy who wanted a bird. He went down to the store and said to the man, "I want some bird seed." The man said, "What kind of bird do you have?" The boy said, "I want to grow one."

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