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### SPORT HIGHLIGHTS (By Bill Conroy)

In the past my fishing tales have centered around who caught the largest fish and how, but this week's story concerns a fishing excursion that I was lucky enough to witness myself.

The other two members of our crew were Mrs. Peter Kobman and Don Kobman who without a doubt landed a good 90 per cent of the 21 bluegill and perch. The best I could do was snag one legal bluegill.

Mrs. Kobman was the top angler as she hauled 15 bluegill and perch over the side which is the best she has done this season. Kobmans keep their boat on Long Lake just south of Pontiac on Middle Belt Road where they fish about three times a week and so far this year have had good luck with Saturday's catch being a record haul.

According to the Conservation Department Michigan's present high fox population is no local problem but part of a national trend and D. F. Switzberg of the conservation department's game division has confirmed this by correspondence with 18 other states in the red fox range. Fifteen of these states reported more foxes than 10 years ago, and only two registered a decline in numbers in the decade. In the last year, however, five states reported a decrease and seven no further increase, indicating the population has begun to level off in some parts of the fox range. States having long experience

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with foxes (Vermont's dates back to 1724) have no state bounties, and 72 per cent of the game officials consulted believe bounties to be ineffective as a means of control. South Dakota, who has had red foxes only since 1920, pays the highest state bounty — \$750.



"The best ever" was the universal comment one heard after the picnic which Kwanzaans and their wives enjoyed last Wednesday evening at the home of Ray Eichler on Nine Mile Road. Ray and Mrs. Eichler have become noted for the picnics they put on. A goodly crowd gathered between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m., each of the ladies leading with food, and what an array there was when the dishes were all placed on the table, and the guests helped themselves, buffet fashion. They topped off the meal with ice cream, and prettily decorated cakes.

Then the fun began. Mrs. Sam Kosmorsky and Mrs. George Newlin held the tickets which named them to be the power behind the party, and they both started out with vim and vigor, to pump up balloons. Don't know where those balloons came from but we can heartily recommend them to be of the unbreakable variety, for everyone took a turn at trying to break them, but they only grew larger and larger.

There were other games, in which the men proved their prowess at breeding a needle, and the women demonstrated their ability to kick a slipper. As for the latter, all we can say is that Barbara Schutte certainly kicks a mean slipper.

Music was provided, and the crowd gave forth with a song or two.

Mrs. Jim Warner was the lucky girl who brought home a Raytheon clock, as the top prize of the evening.

Many thanks to the Eichlers for a grand evening. This week Kwanzaans are guests of the Southfield Club for an inter-club meeting, and next week Sam Kosmorsky is in charge of the regular meeting.

### WAR DOG STATUE TO BE DEDICATED IN NEW HUDSON

This is to announce the public unveiling of a Memorial Statue to be dedicated to the War Dog of World Wars I and II. The ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 4th, at 3:00 p.m., at the "Happy Hunting Grounds," Memorial Park for Pets, located on the southeast corner of Smith and Eleven Mile Roads. The pet-loving public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Clifton E. Johnson, manager of the Michigan Humane Society, will conduct the unveiling exercises commemorating the services rendered and sacrifices made for man, by his most faithful friend, during the two great conflicts.

### OAKLAND COUNTY RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. L. L. Northrup, chairman of nutrition for the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross, offers many suggestions to residents of Oakland County who wish to assist with the Famine Relief program which has been instituted in this country in order that food promised by the United States may be shipped to hungry Europe. Mrs. Northrup states "You would never let a next door neighbor starve or turn a hungry child away from the door. You would gladly give up some of your own and rather than let anyone starve. Our neighbors overseas are hungry. They haven't enough to eat and we have plenty. Housewives can do many things which will relieve the situation."

Save potatoes instead of bread. The only place that potatoes do not make a good substitute for bread is in a sandwich. Watch bread waste. If every family in the United States would save only 1/2 slice of bread a day the total saved would be 1/2 million loaves a day. Save fats by using tinfoil paper less and the oven broiler and stew pan more. Use fat drippings for baking and seasoning.

Home preservation of foods is a way that much canned goods can be released for the countries which are in dire distress. The Michigan State College at East Lansing, extension division, publishes a bulletin "Wartime Canning." This bulletin with complete directions may be secured from the college. Many other bulletins can be secured from the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C.

The Home Service department of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross continues to serve Veterans and their dependents and active servicemen and their families. During the past month a total of 355 requests were acted upon which came from active servicemen while a total of 257 requests from veterans received action. The Home Service office at 410 Pontiac State Bank Bldg., Pontiac, has recently received many questions regarding Emergency Maternity and Infant Care as administered by the Michigan Department of Health. Veterans wives are eligible for this care if the expected birth occurs within 280 days after the discharge of the veteran and if at the time of delivery, pregnancy the veteran was in one of the four lowest pay grades of the army, navy or marine corps.

As there may frequently be confusion about the time limit of 280 days the Red Cross Home Service department suggests that an application should be filed so that the Department of Health may make a decision. Maternity care under this program pays full hospital bill and physician charges and also allows for prenatal and postnatal care as well as at the time of delivery. Applications may be secured at the Home Service office in Pontiac.

Factors of Gopher Life  
Scientific research shows that the average female gopher raises approximately 10 young each year. Pocket gophers never breed in captivity.

### Service Notes

S 1/c Donald J. MacArthur of 21689 Inkster Road received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy on Monday, July 15, and has returned home.

SC 3/c Joseph Langlais has received his discharge papers after serving his time in Uncle Sam's service.

On Friday, July 19, GM 3/c David Cairns and SSM 3/c Robert Staneck were handed their discharge papers and have since returned home. Cairns lives at 23905 Nine Mile Road and Staneck's residence is at 3508 State Street.

Oscar Auten and Richard Matz arrived home Saturday, both with discharges from service in the Navy. While at the Great Lakes, Illinois, separation center they met Rennie Bacon, who was expected home on Monday, also with a discharge.

George Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Welch, 23123 Inkster Road, is with the Navy at Guam, studying the atomic bomb experiment tests. His wife and baby son are residing in Detroit.

First Lieutenant William C. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter, 33430 Shilawassee, arrived home Friday night, after going through the Army Separation Center at Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Lt. Carpenter entered the Army on June 11, 1945, and has most recently been stationed in Germany.

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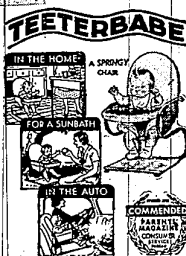
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