

STATE TO BEGIN TEST OF EFFECT OF WEEDS ON FISH GROWTH

Minnow Lake in Metroman recreation area was treated with chemical weed killer last week to check the theory that water weeds in Michigan lakes harbor so many little fish that it's difficult for any to grow properly.

Stunted fish are a common problem in Michigan lakes. Perch, bluegills and other panfish produce terrific numbers of young each year. Stunting occurs where predator fish, fishermen and natural kills can't keep the population in check.

Conservation Department fisheries workers think one reason bass and pike can't keep ahead of these little fish is because they can't catch them in dense underwater weed patches.

The 44-acre Minnow Lake is surrounded by state-owned land and provides an ideal body of water for the study.

Farmington Law Violations

MUNICIPAL COURT

Harlow Manchester, Farmington, running red light, US-16 - M-102, \$10 cost.

Joseph W. Gee, Detroit, improper passing, US-16, \$15 cost.

Ivan P. Sheeldo, Detroit, failure to stop at thru highway, M-102 - Inkster, \$10 cost.

Roland Boyer, Detroit, expired chauffeur's license, US-16, \$10 cost.

Ralph S. Kaniewski, Detroit, reckless driving, city, \$25 fine, \$10 cost.

Peter Sugamostok, Brighton, running red light, US-16, \$10 cost.

Raymond Overall, Walled Lake, no Michigan registration plates, US-16, \$10 cost.

Donald Anderson, Inkster, improper passing, US-16, \$10 cost.

Robert Johnson, Muskegon, no light on semi-trailer, US-16, \$5 cost.

William Schramm, Eaton Rapids, improper passing, US-16, \$10 cost.

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William Weistrak, Detroit, improper passing, US-16, \$10 cost.

Doris K. Baker, Dearborn, improper passing, US-16, \$10 cost.

Amos M. Tummins, Detroit, reckless driving, US-16, \$25 fine, \$11 cost.

Thomas McClosky, Farmington, drunk and disorderly, city, \$25 fine, \$10 cost.

Fred Dumas, Wilson, reckless driving, city, \$100 fine, \$25 cost.

James Thompson, Walled Lake, drunk driving, city, \$100 fine, \$25 cost.

Donald Vierguiz, Farmington, drunk driving, \$100 fine, \$25 cost.

Dennis Koehnig, Livonia, speeding, city, \$10 cost.

Charles Weiler, Farmington, drunk driving, city, \$25 fine.

William Bell, Farmington, reckless driving, city, \$50 fine, \$10 cost.

Clay Taylor, Livonia, drunk driving, \$50 fine, \$10 cost.

Harry Clarke, Farmington, reckless driving, city, \$40 fine.

Nell Vespir, Brighton, speeding, city, \$25 fine.

Clay Deenhurst, Farmington, speeding, city, (fine unpaid, moved to Tennessee).

Robert Hamilton, Detroit, speeding, city, \$20 fine, \$5 cost.

Raymond Blankenship, Detroit, speeding, no operator's license, \$30 fine, \$5 cost.

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT PASSED INTO LAW 20 YEARS AGO

It was 20 years ago, on August 14, 1935, that the Social Security Act became law, Rex A. C. Atwood, district manager of the Pontiac social security office, reminds people in this area.

Generally, when people refer to social security, they are talking about the old-age and survivors insurance program under the Social Security Act, he said. In commemorating the 20th anniversary of the signing of this law, Atwood indicated how it is now affecting the lives of almost all of us. He stated that almost 8 million persons are now receiving over 400 million dollars every month in benefits under the program. Over 70 million people are now insured under the law so that in the event of retirement or death, they or their families will be eligible for benefits.

In Oakland County alone approximately \$975,000 is being paid each month to about 17,000 local residents. These continuing payments are becoming more and more a major factor in our local economy.

The average retired worker in the United States as a whole is now receiving about \$60 a month. However, the average for those who have retired in the past few years is \$80 a month and their wives' benefits average \$41 a month. Moreover, Atwood stated that an important part of the old-age and survivors insurance program is the protection given to widows and children in the event of the workers' death. Today, the average benefit for a young widow with two minor children is \$135 a month. Total family benefits can be as much as \$200 a month. In addition, lump-sum death payments range from \$90 to \$255.

Because of the highly industrialized character of this area, the amounts of the average monthly benefits paid to beneficiaries in Oakland County are even higher than those for the nation as a whole.

Looking ahead twenty years to 1975, Atwood predicted that by then 93 million Americans will be insured under the program.

Local Trucking Firm Joins In Safety Campaign

The E. S. Mather Trucking Corporation of Farmington is participating in the "Partners in Safety" campaign sponsored by the American Trucking Industry, a spokesman disclosed this week.

The campaign is designed to back up the "Slow Down and Live" campaign being conducted throughout the United States in an effort to reduce the number of traffic accidents occurring during the summer vacation season between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

In supporting this all-out effort to save lives on the highways, the professional drivers of the trucking industry have pledged themselves to: (1) extend driving carefully to all users of the streets and highways; (2) drive offensively at all times; and (3) obey all company, city, state and federal safety regulations.

"Because we make our livelihood on the highway, we are well

aware of the traffic accident problem," officials of the company stated. "We are constantly working with our drivers in an effort to make them the safest drivers on the highway. We know only too well the disastrous results of excessive speed and other errors in judgement which are made all too frequently on the road."

U. S. Purchased Alaska From Russia In 1867

The town now known as Alaska was visited by Bering and Chirikof, Russian explorers, in 1741. In March, 1867, the United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 in gold; the formal transfer was made at Sitka in October of the same year. Alaska's name derives its name from an English corruption of "alyaska," which probably meant "The Great Land" or "Mainland."

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VARIETY OF TALENT SELECTED FOR DETROIT RIVERAMA

A big attraction of the Detroit "Riverama" will be the special Rodgers and Hammerstein production to be staged Tuesday and Wednesday, August 23 and 24. Jack Russell, baritone; Vivian Della Chiesa, soprano; Winfred Heckman, mezzo-soprano; and Thomas Hayward, tenor, will bring to Detroit Musical excerpts from the most noted production of this famous team. The Detroit Symphony and the Don Large Chorus will appear in the production, which has been performed with high success in New York and Chicago.

The "Rhythm and Blues" night on Monday, August 22, will start jazz musicians and a top vocalist not yet selected.

Guy Lombardo and his orchestra, with other top entertainers, will appear in a popular music program on Friday, August 26.

A colorful International Fashion Show will be produced especially for Riverama by the Fashion Group of Detroit, headed by Edna Paul. Designers' fashions for both men and women will be modeled against a background of music, with Mary Morgan of the Fashion Group commenting.

The River Theatre events will run nightly at 8:30 from Sunday, August 21, through Saturday, August 27.

Special church services are planned for Sunday, August 21.

One of the most exciting fireworks displays ever seen in the area will climax Riverama week on Saturday, August 27. The brilliant display will be shot from barges on the river and from near-by buildings out over the river.

UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL FLUCTUATES GREATLY SINCE 1900

In appraising the significance of recent levels of unemployment it is helpful to place them in the perspective of a record running back to the beginning of this century.

A striking feature of this long-term record is the exceptionally high levels of unemployment during the 1930's. The peak was reached in 1933, when 25 per cent of the civilian labor force was unemployed. Since 1934, unemployment remained in excess of 14 per cent of the civilian labor force for a full ten years. This level of unemployment has never been reached in any year either before or since that decade.

The unemployment level has fluctuated over a considerable range, even if the exceptional decade of the 1930's is left out of consideration. Unemployment fell to less than one per cent of the civilian labor force in 1907, and rose as high as 12 per cent in 1921. During the years since World War II, unemployment has ranged between a low of 2.4 per cent in 1953 and a high of 5.4 per cent in 1954. In 1954, and the early months of 1955, it has been about 5.0 per cent.

During the twentieth century as a whole, the unemployment level has averaged 4.9 per cent of the civilian labor force. This is a median; that is, there were as many years in which unemployment fell below as above the average of 4.9 per cent. If the 1930's are omitted from the computation, unemployment averaged 3.7 per cent during the remaining years of this century.

The unemployment record since the end of World War II resembles, in its general character, the years prior to 1929, rather than the catastrophic years of the 1930's. Between 1900 and 1929 unemployment averaged 3.9 per cent of the civilian labor force. Between 1946 and 1954 it averaged 3.6 per cent.

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