

Fish: *They're where you find them*

Friend of mine thinks his wife is good looking. He also says he can get all the bass he wants out of Orchard Lake on plastic worms.

I don't see it that way—on any count.

Now, maybe it's just as well for social order that his wife doesn't appeal to me and makes him very happy.

But Orchard Lake and the plastic worm are two other matters. The way I see it, what lakes and rivers produce fish for you and what baits you catch 'em on are very personal matters—as personal as your taste in a wife.



You get used to a lake over time and learn its good spots and its moods, the same way you "grow accustomed to her face," in the words of the popular song.

We publish those reports from the DNR which say Pontiac or Lakeville or Union Lake is producing such-and-such a fish this week. Now that I think of it, we probably should add "for those anglers who are accustomed to those lakes."

A lot of sports get skunked on those late summer, early and mid-fall days at Kent Lake when I'm catching my fill of crappies and perch. Maybe they give off bad "vibes" there the way I give off bad "vibes" on Orchard Lake.

No point telling you where I get 'em at Kent, because it's my spot, and it wouldn't do you any good to try.

I display my fancy spinning rod, but when no one is looking and my image as an affluent suburbanite isn't at stake, I get out the old cane pole and fish small minnows nine feet deep. The action is so fast that my beer sometimes gets warm before I can finish it, and I have to put liniment on my arms, they get so sore from hauling in fish.

It's my spot on my lake, and my style of fishing. It took me a couple of seasons to find it. No point wandering out to Stony Creek or Belleville or Pine

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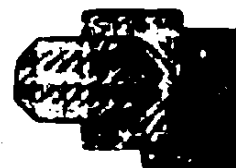
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