

Winter angling snags a fisherman's prize

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For safe walking by a single person, lake ice should be at a depth of at least two inches. Small groups can safely travel on three-inch ice. Larger groups should

wait for four inches to form. Dwight Ecklar apparently decided the sign was out-of-date.



Fishing must be a joy for Ecklar — why else venture out in this kind of weather? But clearly it wasn't quite so much fun for the catch itself. Storing fish caught through

the ice presents no problem — fresh-frozen with Ecklar's pike is a rock bass framed against a frozen-over hole a previous fisherman gouged from the ice.



Ecklar's journey onto the ice of Plymouth's Phoenix Lake paid off with this surprise catch of northern pike. Using small minnows through an auger-cut hole, Ecklar

was trying for bluegill, rock bass, crappie or other small gamefish.

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DRIVERS BEWARE The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners has ordered new traffic signals and turn controls at several locations in an effort to increase driver safety. In Farmington Hills, left turns into the driveway of Our Lady of Mercy High School on Middlebelt will be banned. In Bloomfield Township, right turns on red will be banned at the intersection of Lahser and Maple. For those who plan to drive into Troy, left turns into the driveway of the Michigan National Bank at Livernois north of Maple will be banned.

RESIDENTS PLANNING TO attend Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills can register for classes until Friday, Jan. 12. Counselors are available and registration hours will be from 9-11:30 a.m., 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. each day. On Jan. 12, registration ends at 4 p.m. New students can complete an application, be admitted and register at the same time. Counselors can be contacted by calling 476-9400. Under a special program, high school students recommended by their principal or counselor can take college credit courses. A guest student application can be obtained in the high school counseling office and brought to Orchard Ridge. Questions about this program can be answered by Don Nichols, dean of students, at 476-9400, ext. 269.

STEVE KENSLER of Farmington plays a neighbor with fine furnishings that are "borrowed" by a poor sculptor to impress his future father-in-law in the Ferris State College presentation of "Black Comedy."

TELL MA BELL what you think about a proposed rate increase by attending a Public Service Commission-Michigan Department of Commerce public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28, in room 306, J building, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Bell is asking the commission for about \$224 million more in annual revenues over a two-year period. The company proposes to increase its rates by \$142 million in 1979 and about \$92 million more in 1980. The company says that charges for basic residential and business services will not increase until September 1979. Bell also requests immediate interim rate relief amounting to \$42 million. Another hearing for the introduction of evidence and cross examination of company witnesses will begin at 9:30 a.m., March 5, in the offices of the commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing must file a petition to intervene with the commission by Feb. 11.

MORALITY AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY—Some issues for the '80s, will be offered as a Continuing Education course at Mercy College, beginning Jan. 25. Auxiliary Bishop

Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit and Leonard Weber, Th.D., will teach the series.

Weber is associated with Mercy College. Bishop Gumbleton is president of Bread for the World and Pax Christi, America. Weber is associate professor of religion and author of the book "Who Shall Live?"

Affirmative action, test-tube babies, defense policy, consumption and conservation and response to world hunger will be discussed. The noncredit course is open to the public. Classes will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, from Jan. 25 to March 15, at the college, 8200 W. Outer Drive at Southfield Road, Detroit. The fee is \$25. For registration and more information, call the college at 531-7620, ext. 358.

THERE ARE MORE RATE HIKES BREWING in the state. Michigan Bell wants to revise its charges for interzone calls in the Detroit, Grand Rapids and Pontiac district telephone exchanges. According to the company, the combined charges will not increase the utility's revenues. The Public Service Commission-Michigan Department of Commerce will conduct a public meeting at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 22, in its offices at 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing. The hearings will continue on Jan. 23-24, if necessary. Interveners must file petitions with the commission by Jan. 17. Under the company's proposal, residential and business customers in the three exchanges would be charged as follows, for the customer-dialed calls between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

EDISON RATES ARE GOING UP or at least the utility has applied for higher rates. The Public Service Commission-Michigan Department of Commerce has scheduled public hearings about these hikes. At 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13, in room 293 of J building on the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Any interested person may make a statement or testify at these hearings. The company wants a \$166 million annual increase. It is also asking for immediate interim rate relief amounting to about \$50 million on an annual basis. Another public hearing with all parties' cases and cross examination of company witnesses will begin at 9:30 a.m., Feb. 20, in the commission offices at 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing.

Persons wishing to intervene in this hearing must file a petition with the commission by Jan. 16. Edison's last rate hike of \$93.8 million went into effect Sept. 29, 1978.

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