

# State Starts Fish Planting Program

## Only 2,300 Bass Available For Area Lakes

By TIM RICHARD

A disappointed State Conservation Department was able to plant only 2,300 black bass in Newburgh and Wilcox lakes Monday.

Officials had hoped to be able to plant 10 times that many in the two Overland lakes that are part of the Middle Rouge River system.

What happened, said biologist Keith Rubin, is that ponds in the Wolf Lake hatchery west of Kalahazoo simply didn't have the number of young bass they were supposed to have.

"We have to get some more bass before it's too late in the season," said Rubin, "or we'll have to ask for the rest next year."

THE FISH planted Monday 1,300 in Newburgh and 1,000 in Wilcox—averaged four inches in length. It will take two summers for most to reach "keeper" size of 10 inches, although some may make it by mid-summer 1969.

They'll feed on aquatic insects and crustaceans, and perhaps on any minnows that survived the clear-out poisoning of the lakes last month.

Rubin said some hybrid sunfish may also be planted later. A cross between the green sunfish and the red eared sunfish, the hybrids are sterile but will compete with any surviving rough fish for food. The hybrids are heavy eaters and a relatively scrappy panfish for anglers. Even if the sunfish are planted,

ed, said Rubin, the emphasis in Newburgh and Wilcox lakes will be on planting predator fish, like the bass and brown trout, to control the rough fish.

THE BASS planted Monday were largemouths, which are a little heavier feeding and more at home in warm water than smallmouths.

Rubin said chances are good the bass will survive and reproduce.

"It would be better if these lakes had firmer bottoms for spawning, but largemouths can spawn in a lot of different conditions. They might even use the streams," he said.

Bass will take a wide variety of baits—worms, minnows, poppers, all sorts of artificial lures.

THE BROWN TROUT planted last week averaged three inches. Rubin said some may be the legal size by opening day, but it's more likely not to happen until mid-summer.

Legal size for brown and rainbow trout next year will be 10 inches, instead of the long-standing seven inches. (Brook trout limit will remain at seven inches.)

The browns are a bigger and harder-to-catch variety than the rainbow trout of Phoenix Lake.

What would Rubin advise for catching the browns?

"I'd use minnows or artificial baits, like the Mepps spinners, and ultra-light tackle," he said, adding that boats may be needed to get to where the browns are.



WINNERS of the Halloween window painting contest at Wonderland Shopping Center were the fifth graders from Parkway School in Livonia. The school received a check for \$25 for

their efforts. Shown decorating a window are: (from left) Annmarie Flisnik, 10; Marcia Walker, 10; Kim Gold, 10; and Sandy May, 11, all of Parkway.

# Plymouth's Donald Scharmen Honored For Vietnam Bravery

S/4 Donald Scharmen, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scharmen, 9101 McClumpie, Plymouth, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with 'V' device for heroism not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against a hostile force in Vietnam.

Scharmen, one of three brothers in the services, was graduated from Plymouth High in 1963 and attended Michigan Tech for two years prior to induction in 1967.

He received training in "search and destroy" at Ft. McClellan in Alabama and was shipped to Vietnam in November, 1967.

The Presidential citation and award of the Bronze Star Medal was announced recently for heroic acts on April 19, 1968. The citation reads as follows:

"For heroism not involving participation in aerial flight, in



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erations southeast of Lai Khe. As the unit proceeded through the dense jungle, the lead element and right flank were suddenly subjected to intense hostile rocket, automatic weapons, and machinegun fire.

"Specialist Scharmen immediately assumed a good firing position and began placing rapid and accurate small arms fire on the insurgents. He observed a wounded comrade lying exposed to the concentrated enemy fire, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, began crawling toward the individual.

"As enemy rounds struck all around him, Specialist Schar-



CONSERVATION DEPT. worker Irv Teggerdine gently dumps a bucket of young largemouth black bass into Wilcox Pond. Newburgh Lake also was stocked. (Observer Photo)

# Phone Calls From GIs Union To Sponsor 'Hi Mom' Program

Santa Claus is coming to the area in the form of the Communications Workers of America (C.W.A.) this year. Anyway, that's what the 15 lucky moms, wives, and sweethearts who are winners in the C.W.A. Local 4015 "Hi Mom" program may think.

The program, in its 12th year in this area, allows overseas servicemen to have a few minutes chat with their families back home, according to Richard Keyes, vice president of Local 4015.

Although moms get top priority, anyone living in Livonia or adjacent areas who has a son, daughter, husband, or sweetheart overseas is eligible.

ENTRIES MUST be received by Nov. 25. All it takes is a postcard with your name and address on it mailed to the Communications Workers of America, Local 4015, P.O. Box 141, Plymouth.

The winning names will be drawn and announced on Dec. 5 so that winners may be notified and arrangements made in time for the holiday calls. In addition to calls sponsored by C.W.A. locals, the International Union will provide 150 to servicemen and women to other counties, and another 100 will be made to wounded Americans confined in military hospitals.

# How Long For Ice Turkey To Melt Down?

A 700-pound ice turkey, sculpted by Charles Stewart of Detroit, will be on the stage Saturday of the Wonderland Center, Plymouth and Middle Belt, Livonia.

In conjunction with the annual, a contest, based on the time it takes the ice to melt, will be held. Entry slips will be available at the scene, and the winner will receive a \$25 pound Thanksgiving turkey from the Wonderland Merchants' Council.

**Hudson Names News Director.**

The appointment of Eleanor Luedke as manager, editorial services of The J.L. Hudson Company has been announced by E. Dawson Fisher, vice-president and publicity director.

Mrs. Luedke will direct the operations of Hudson's News Bureau.

Mrs. Luedke moves into her new position after serving during the past two years as editor of Hudson's teen magazine, Action Age. She will continue as advisor of Action Age.



2,600 OF THESE scrappy young bass were stocked in Newburgh and Phoenix lakes Monday. In one or two summers of feeding, this fellow will reach legal size of 10 inches. (Observer Photo)

# Clarenceville Sets Jan. 20 For 9-Mill Renewal Vote

Clarenceville School District voters will be asked to renew nine mills for operational purposes at a special election set for Jan. 20.

The election will ask voters to renew the tax levies of three separate millages which expire in 1968 and 1969, said David McDowell, school superintendent.

If approved, the millage would not mean any increase in the school tax rate. Nine mills would equal \$9 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

McDOWELL SAID that the Clarenceville School Board set the special election at a meeting earlier this month.

The superintendent reminded voters that the levy, if approved, would remain in effect through 1980.

"This millage represents \$410,847 this year or about 30 per cent of the money raised by local taxes," he said.

"It also represents 15 per cent of the total budget of the district."

"It would be next to impossible to reduce operation by that amount and still provide quality education for the students of the district."

He also said that it is "unrealistic to reduce revenue at the very time that cost of operation for schools, for industry and for individual continue to escalate."

THE superintendent also pointed out that the Clarenceville district ranks 27th out of 54 school districts in the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies in total cost of operation per student during the past school year.

"This could indicate to the voters that their money is being spent carefully and wisely," he continued. "We have been able to provide quality education and services at a considerably less cost per student than most other districts."

The nine-mill levy, if approved, would renew the total of three other millages passed since 1965. These include a ten-mill levy passed April 1, 1965 and expiring next year; a three-mill levy passed June 12, 1967 and expiring next year; and a two-mill levy adopted June 8, 1964, and ending this year.

"YEAR AFTER YEAR, school men and school boards hope that the state Legislature will assume more responsibility for financing the schools," McDowell said.

"The state is currently financing about 45 per cent of the money for school operation and none of the money for school construction. This places the major portion of

financing schools upon the local property owner."

Clarenceville voters will have two precincts to cast their ballots at the special election. Precinct 1 is at the junior high school, 2010 Middle Belt, with Precinct 2 located at the senior high, 20155 Middle Belt.

HERE IS THE exact wording of the millage proposal as it will appear on the ballot:

"Shall the operating millage increase of four (4) mills for the period of five (5) years, from 1965 to 1969, both inclusive, heretofore approved by the electorate on June 8, 1964, which expires with the levy of 1968, and as a renewal and extension of the millage increasing of two (2) mills heretofore approved by the electorate on June 8, 1964, which expires with the levy of 1968, and as a renewal and extension of the millage expiring and rescinded herewith, shall, the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against all real and personal property in the Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, for all purposes, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan by nine (9) mills (9/10ths of 1 percent) of the assessed valuation, as finally equalized, of all such property within said School District for a period of twelve (12) years, 1969-thru 1980, both inclusive, for the purpose of paying general operating expenses of said school district?"

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