

MICHIGAN OUT-OF-DOORS

BASS, BLUEGILL SEASON OPENS ON JUNE 25

Tuesday, June 25 is that day which is awaited so eagerly every year by considerably more than a half million Michigan fishermen—the day when the black bass, bluegill and sunfish season opens. And this season, unless all present indications are upper, Michigan fishermen will be joined by record number of out-of-state anglers.

June 25 is marked by the lifting of restrictions on fishing on all inland waters of the state not open to fishing and it will be legal to take all species of fish except grayling and sturgeon.

The fish division of the conservation department reports that an unusual number of inquiries concerning places to fish and kinds of fishing in Michigan has been received to date from outside the state. Residents of eastern states, particularly, are displaying increased interest in what Michigan has to offer the fisherman.

More than eight hundred thousand fishing licenses may be sold in Michigan this year. Resident fishermen for the first time, are buying \$1 licenses which entitle holders and wives to fish for all legal species, including trout. Of the \$1 license fee, 40 cents is earmarked for acquisition of lands which provide public access to fishing waters, for research and lake and stream improvement.

Non-resident anglers pay \$2 per license and \$10 for a year's license. Special 10-day licenses in the case of non-resident fishermen, who may obtain licenses upon payment of a 50-cent fee.

STATE TO BEGIN AUCTION OF LAND IN JULY

Disposal of 225,000 of the more than 2,000,000 acres of land in northern counties reverting to the state last November will begin about the middle of July, the lands division of the department of conservation reported this week.

Lands to be auctioned beginning July 15, are those which former owners asked, within 30 days of their reversion, be put up for sale. Public auction of these properties, which include about 1,500 platted lots, will begin in a few upper peninsula counties first, and will be held in courthouses of other counties during the summer and fall as records are completed.

Former owners have preferential rights at the auctions, being able to regain their properties with a 20 per cent down payment and having 10 years to pay the balance without loss of mineral rights. Others than former owners may pay cash and do not get mineral rights. Minimum sale price is 10 per cent of the 1935 assessed value.

Now ready for printing are revised maps showing state owned lands in the 47 northern counties. Land use maps which will aid classification of the remainder of the 2,000,000 plus acres are still in preparation. Regional meetings at which officials of 150 northern municipalities are discussing local acquisition of tax reverted lands within or near their boundaries are now in progress.

Anglers to Get Prizes For Hooking Tagged Fish

Jaw tagged trout, the tags supplied by the conservation department, will win prizes for lucky anglers who hook them in the Marquette Yacht club's fishing contest. And the department's institute for fisheries research hopes to get information about the lake trout's traveling habits.

Tagged trout are to be released in waters near Presque Isle. If hooked in waters nearby during the contest anglers' lucky strike will bolster the belief held by some that the trout do not move about much.

Michigan's exotic game species include ringneck pheasant, Hungarian partridge, sharpshinned grouse, opossum, carp, smelt, rainbow and brown trout.

STURGEON SEEMS TO BE MAKING COMEBACK IN LAKES

Is the sturgeon staging a comeback in those Great Lakes waters where it is protected? Reports of commercial fishermen, received by the fish division of the conservation department in recent weeks, appear to justify the complete protection which has been given the fish in Michigan waters since 1929.

Veteran commercial fishermen of Manistee have been taking three or more small sturgeons in their nets daily and claim that in all their years of fishing they have never caught so many.

Twelve sturgeon ranging to 130 pounds in weight were taken in a single day in a single nine-foot dip net below the Allegan dam on the Kalamazoo river while men of the fish division were securing adult black bass for brood stock. Recently, a 160-pound sturgeon was lifted in a sucker trap in Suttons Bay.

Sturgeons are now protected in all except Canadian waters of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair, in Lakes Ontario and Erie, and in Ohio, waters.

The fish, not so many years ago, was threatened with extinction. Commercial fishermen had destroyed them in great numbers because the fish fouled and tore their nets. The sturgeon is the largest fish known to occur in the Great Lakes.

State Completes Four New Picnic Grounds

Completion of four new camp and picnic grounds sites on Michigan state forests in coming weeks will increase to 38 the number of these sites which last season attracted 18,146 registered camping parties.

These sites are of the new Allegheny state forest, recently turned over to the state by the federal government, and the fourth is on Little Wolf lake near Lewistown in the Au Sable state forest. At the CCC camp, employees are working at the latter site, expected to be ready next month.

In addition to the 38 camp sites soon to be available for public use on state forests, the forestry division of the conservation department has scattered many smaller, more isolated sites through the 13 forests. These smaller sites accommodate one or two camping parties which seek greater seclusion, in more primitive settings.

Forest Fires Decrease As Rainy Season Starts

Reflecting directly the dryness of the early days of spring and the wetness of its later phase is the record of the first two months of Michigan's forest fire season. In the first month there were 493 fires, in the second just 14. In the first month these forest fires burned over 10,861 acres, in the second just 442 acres.

The second week of the season had the greatest loss, when 217 fires swept through 6,309 acres. In the sixth week there were no fires anywhere in the state. In the last week of the two-month period there were 14 fires covering 40 acres.

Regardless of the influence of weather on the forest fire hazard, officials of the forest fire division of the department of conservation urge visitors to wooded regions not to relax any caution in the use of fire.

Dog Saves Master From Angry Mother Bear

Herman Gaede of Farmington thank his dog that torn clothing was all he suffered in a recent encounter with an angry parent of three bear cubs.

The mother bear chased Gaede up a small tree. The tree bent with his weight. The bear tore his clothing but let go when the dog started to chase the cubs. Gaede went away from there.

ORE SHIPMENTS LARGE

Since the beginning of iron mining in Michigan more than one-half billion tons of ore have been shipped from ports on the upper lakes. The value of these shipments amounts to approximately one and one-quarter billion dollars.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT TO GRADE PART OF HIGHWAY M-59

The grading of 2.3 miles of highway M-59 in Livingston County between US-23 and the Oakland county line in preparation for paving is included among the projects which the State Highway Department plans for construction this year. It was announced today.

Cost of the improvement on the so-called Howell-Pontiac road is estimated at \$40,000.

"The project is one of more than 50 estimated to cost a total of \$5,556,688, on which we plan to proceed this year," State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener said. "These projects will be financed by Federal Aid and gas tax funds."

Development of the route was begun by Commissioner Van Wagener several years ago. The road is paved as far west as the Livingston county line, and is marked as far as US-23, the 5.5 miles of existing road in Livingston county being surfaced with gravel.

A considerable part of the project to eliminate the gravel road will be a relocation, and only grading and the construction of drainage structures will be undertaken at this time. If the grade is not ready for pavement this fall it will be undertaken as early as possible next spring.

It is hoped by the Department to initiate work on the final section of M-59 between US-23 and Howell in the near future.

Construction scheduled in the state this year by the State Highway Department is of vital character. It includes the elimination of many existing highway inadequacies and hazards.

INDIANS HIRED TO REMOVE BONES OF ANCESTORS

Under the terms of a unique contract between the State Highway Department and Ojibway Indian tribesmen the bones of the Indians' forefathers are being carefully removed by the Indians from an ancient burial ground on Keweenaw Bay on Lake Superior and reinterred as part of a Highway US-41 relocation project.

Only the Indians are permitted to dig in the cemetery, located near Assinins on the west shore of the bay. The skulls and skeletons of more than 200 Indians have already been removed.

The highway relocation project was set up to eliminate a dangerous railroad crossing on the vital tourist's trunkline. Scores of Indian relics have been unearthed, including two peace pipes, some arrowheads, copper knives, hatchets and other artifacts.

Older graves in the Indian cemetery contained the ones of Indians wrapped in birch bark. Most of the graves are without markings of any kind, although yellowed records kept at the Indian mission at St. Assinins list the deaths. The Rev. Father Anthony Wachter, priest at the mission, blessed the bones before they are reburied.

E. P. REYNOLDS NAMED HEAD OF PHONE CHAPTER

In a state-wide mail election, members of Wolverine Chapter, No. 10, Telephone Pioneers of America, have named Earl P. Reynolds of Grand Rapids the chap-

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The fireplaces in local, state and national parks make it easy to cook at the picnic grounds. One can prepare meat and vegetables at home and then reheat them over the picnic fire. Canned foods can be heated quickly at the picnic or steaks or hamburgers can be broiled.

Raw vegetables as a relish or salad should be included in the picnic menu. If greens are crisp in the refrigerator they will stay quite fresh wrapped in waxed paper. Pack carrot or cucumber sticks, celery, radishes, or green onions into a covered glass jar.

For the beverage, plan to have milk for the children at least. If there is no way to keep the bottles cold, the milk will keep best in a vacuum bottle.

Fruit is ideal for the picnic dessert. Apples, bananas, grapes, plums, fresh pineapple, melons or other fruit in season are suggested. Crunchy-cookies, tarts, turnovers, or cup cakes also make good desserts for the outdoor meal.

STRAWBERRY CROP VALUED AT TWO MILLION DOLLARS

Michigan's strawberry crop, which last year was worth in excess of two million dollars, already is two weeks later in starting this year but appears in condition to total more berries of better quality in 1940.

Reports gathered by the federal crop statisticians' office in Lansing indicate acreage to 14,700 this year as compared with 15,000 in 1939. Frequent rains have deposited sufficient moisture to carry the crop along even if additional rains are not so plentiful.

In the past, the men at Michigan State College are continuing to play a part in service to strawberry culture as a phase of Michigan agriculture.

R. E. Loree, specialist in fruit culture, cites the principal problems in marketing. One of these necessarily prominent because strawberries are picked by hand, is that of uniformity of size and ripeness. There is a need for speed in handling to get the berries to the market while they are still in good condition.

Insulated trucks with refrigeration are helping, but even more of these could take berries to more distant markets, says Loree. When the Chicago wholesale markets get more berries than consumers desire, then more distant cities might prove more profitable.

Another man who has played a part in strawberry handling is H. A. Cardwell, recently returned from Hammond, La. He made studies and observations of the southern berries while on loan from the college and in a month observed the handling of 3,054 carloads. H. D. Hootman, extension specialist in horticulture, has been helping Upper Peninsula truck growers plan berry production for the profitable midsummer tourist and hotel trade.

COAL MINED SINCE 1835

Coal has been mined in Michigan since about 1835. The earliest workings are recorded at Jackson, Jackson county, and at Grand Ledge, Eaton county.

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County Department to Hold Landscape Tour

A landscape tour is being sponsored Tuesday, June 25, by the Home Extension Department of the Oakland County Extension Service under the direction of Mrs. Lois T. Dudgeon, County Home Demonstration Agent.

All garden clubs throughout the county as well as members of home extension groups interested in landscaping their homes are invited to participate in the tour which will be conducted under the direction of Mr. O. I. Gregg, landscape extension specialist from the Michigan State College.

The tour will visit a number of farm homes in the west part of the

After Dark!! ... by Rice

PEDESTRIANS WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE

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REMEMBER! Most Street Lighting to-day is not adequate for your safety!

HUDSON RIVER FERRY IS VERY ACCOMMODATING

A ferry service that is available by telephone exists between Snodens Landing and Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., on the banks of the Hudson River.

It is believed to be the second oldest ferry service in New York State, and next only to the Staten Island service in New York harbor. The ferry was founded in 1638, and until recent years transportation was by sailing craft, operated much of the time by the Dobbs and Snodens families for whom the communities were named. Though not an aquatic counterpart of the "Tomberry Trolley," the Snodens Landing Ferry has shown similar concern for its patrons' convenience, and those detained in the city too late to catch the last boat have only to telephone ahead to the shipper, in order to be accommodated by a special trip.

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