



# MICHIGAN OUT-OF-DOORS

FOREST OPENINGS NO LONGER CLOSE UP RAPIDLY

Rapid natural reforestation is a thing of the past for most old cut-over and burned-over areas of northern Michigan. Norman F. Smith of the conservation department's forestry division has found upon investigating the rate at which forest openings are closing up.

Areas which have been open for the last 20, 30 or 50 years are likely to continue open for at least as long longer, Smith says. He also has found open areas that "appear likely to continue open indefinitely."

Quick natural reforestation of forest growth frequently following fires, logging and attempts at farming at the turn of the century and earlier. Trees such as oak, aspen and red maple "sprouted" while exposed soil furnished conditions favorable for reseeding over large areas. But on those areas where dense and mosses have become established, the closing up, with forest growth now comes only at the edges, where encroachment of the trees is slow.

To date Smith has examined 87 forest openings of known history in northern Michigan. Twenty-five were in jack-pine-oak type woods, 10 in pure jack-pine, 10 in mixed pine woods in which white or red pine predominated, 20 in hardwood, nine in aspen, seven in oak. Three in cherry and three among swamp conifers.

Besides being important to forestry management, the rate of natural closing of forest open spaces has a direct influence on game, which thrives best in "edge" between heavy cover and clearings.

## WILDERNESS PARK TO GET NEW CAMP BUILDINGS

A construction program that provides for three bunk houses with kitchen, mess halls with kitchen equipment, an improved water system and sanitary facilities is getting under way in Wilderness state park, eight miles west of Mackinaw City.

The new developments will facilitate study of wildlife, for which the park is popular by naturalists' groups, wildlife organizations, Audubon clubs, camera clubs and the like. For years there has been a demand for such accommodations.

Of log and stone construction, the new buildings are to be erected by WPA labor and completed for the 1942 summer season. Each of the three bunk houses will accommodate 16 persons. Equipment for removing iron from the park's water supply which has been its accessible to campers is to be installed.

These buildings for accommodation of groups will be on the site of the old CCC camp and adjacent to the present camp ground. Plans call for completion of the unit with funds appropriated in the 1939 Legislature. A second similar unit will be built by the conservation department's parks division if recommended plans are approved by the Legislature now in session.

Wilderness is one of the largest of Michigan's 56 state parks, enclosing more than 6,300 acres.

## FISHERMEN LOOK FOR SIGNS OF SMELT RUN

A principal topic of speculation now in scores of towns along the Great Lakes coastline and some of Michigan's inland lakes is when the silvery smelt may be expected to leave the deeper waters and crowd up small streams by the million to spawn.

While dates of the runs are fairly constant for each locality, they vary a little according to the time the ice breaks up. Smelt fishing is legal on designated waters after March 1, but the runs usually begin after March 17, according to conservation department records. Escanaba has fished April 17-19 as the date of its smelt jubilee. Boyne City's festival will be during the first week in April, and Beulah and other northern towns are planning celebrations which make a gala event of the smelt's spring migration into shallow and tributary waters.

Since a handful of Beulah residents dipped a few hundred pounds of smelt from Oak Creek in the spring of 1918, smelt dipping has grown to a seasonal event that attracts tens of thousands of anglers, many from considerable distances, and produced over 1940.

about 7,000,000 pounds of fish worth \$70,000.

Equipped with rubber boots, flashlights, and dip nets made of anything from barrel hoops and gunny sacks to scoop forks covered with wire, dippers wade the streams at night when runs are at peak to take hundreds of pounds of the silvery little fish. In spite of growing acceptance of smelt on midwestern tables, prices slumped from a high of 15 cents a pound to less than a cent. Tons are needed for tax farm food and similar uses.

A proposal advanced by commercial fishermen that dippers be prohibited from selling their fish has aroused popular opposition. State and federal agencies are looking to development of new uses and canning, salting, pickling or smoking of smelt to relieve the spring price break and waste.

When commercial fishermen once considered smelt a nuisance to the netting of other fish, they now fish for smelt regularly throughout the winter. Their 1940 production of more than 2,300,000 pounds was exceeded in quantity last year only by their herring, lake trout and sucker production.

## Patience Required in Trapping of Grouse

Patience in abundance is a prime requisite in the live-trapping of sharp-shinned grouse, according to Albert "King" Cole of Watersmeet. Several weeks of coaxing often are necessary to convince the birds they will find food in the cage-like traps which Cole, working for the conservation department, sets on hills frequented by the grouse. Sharptails, trapped where they are plentiful are used to establish flocks, where these birds are lacking.

Even before setting the traps, Cole invites the birds to the general location with corn. And more birds are attracted, Cole says, so that surroundings are not changed too sharply. Gradually the cage, a triangular frame of wire netting, is put together and the entrance is again baited.

When Cole feels the time is ripe, he sets the trap so the birds may enter as before, but no longer leave it. The veteran woodsman often has captured 15 to 20 grouse with each setting of the trap. But it takes patience, Cole says.

## HIT PICTURES TO BE SHOWN AT CIVIC THEATRE

Recent hit pictures are included in the Civic Theatre's schedule for the coming week. On Friday and Saturday Gene Autry's picture "Ridin' on a Rainbow" will be shown. The picture concerns Gene's assistance to the owners of a showboat. Featured in the cast also Mary Lee and Smiley Burnette. Accompanying feature is one of the popular Dr. Christian series "Remedy For Riches." It tells the story of a youthful promoter of a new proposition, who, with the aid of the town gossip, succeeds in persuading the home folks to invest in his get-rich-quick scheme. Dr. Christian shows the townsfolk how gullible they are and wins the plaudits of the people.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the Civic will show "Second Chorus" featuring Fred Astaire, Paulette Goddard and Artie Shaw and his band. It is a story of the backstage lives of a popular band and marks Paulette Goddard's first appearance opposite Fred Astaire. Also to be shown is another of the Baby Sandy series, this one entitled "Baby Sandy Gets Her Man." Supporting cast includes Stuart Erwin, Una Merkel and Edgar Kennedy.

The story of "A Night at Earl Carroll's" which will be shown Wednesday and Thursday at the Civic, is laid against the background of the world's most luxurious night club-theatre, and deals with the attempt of a gang boss to humiliate a reform mayor at the celebration of his victory at the polls. The other feature is "The Devil's Pipeline" co-starring the team of Richard Arlen and Andy Devine, and laid in the East Indies oil fields.

FAWN IS HOUSE PET  
Fritzie, pet fawn of Mrs. Blaine Brannon, wife of the manager of Casino state game area, is still in the spirit of 1918, right dipping has grown to a seasonal event that attracts tens of thousands of anglers, many from considerable distances, and produced over 1940.

## LOCALS

Honoring the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley on Saturday, the following were dinner guests at their home: Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Bradley and sons Pat and Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coon and son Frank and Mrs. Charles Pettibone and son, J. Severel members of the Farmington Legion Republican Club attended the banquet and election of officers of the 17th Congressional District Federation held at Milford Tuesday evening.

Mrs. R. G. Rousier, Detroit spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Norman Barrons. Miss Norine Erwin has returned to her nursing work at Cleveland, after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Erwin of Tea Mile Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Lapham and Mr. and Mrs. John Lutz attended a dinner and dance at the Hotel Statler in Detroit, Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin have moved from their home on Grand River avenue.

Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Walling and son of Lum, will be Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, Charles Walling and Miss Marie Walling.

When Homer Watson has returned to her home after visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pauline. Mrs. Nina Whipple entertained the auction bridge club, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker of Haggerty Highway returned on Saturday from a two weeks' trip to Texas. They accompanied their son, Richard, and his wife, of Detroit. While in Texas they visited Mrs. Roberta Baker, Bell at Houston, and another daughter at Westaco.

Miss Norine Erwin and brother, Edward Erwin, spent last Sunday in East Lansing with their brother, J. W., who is a student at Michigan State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willabee announce the birth of a 7 pound daughter, Jacqueline Ann, born Saturday, March 15 at Pontiac General Hospital. Mrs. Willabee is the former Dorcas Landrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lymna Farrand.

Miss Dorothy Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, was elected president of the chapter of Alpha Omicron Psi, social society at Randolph-Macon Women's College. She is a member of Omega, secret sorority, and has played on her class basketball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel E. Johnson of Maplewood avenue entertained a dinner Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Kristensen and son Erik of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward G. Swarts of Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gault are entertaining at a birthday dinner Sunday honoring John Z. Gault of Ypsilanti on his 71st birthday anniversary. Guests will be his daughter, Mrs. Mary Gilbert and family, another daughter, Mrs. Don Matthews and family, his son Charles

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## WEST FARMINGTON

The Walled Lake Youths' Temperance Council, which was to meet at the home of Miss Evelyn See Monday evening, postponed their meeting to a later date.

Bruce Dickie left last week for a trip to Florida.

Leon Bachelor spent Monday with her aunt and cousin, Mrs. Arthur Lamb and Marietta, in Farmington.

Ruth Tuttle is very sick at her home on Thirteen Mile Road.

Arthur Heiler and Bob Colestock were in Class B in the South-eastern Michigan Band and Orchestra Association held at Walled Lake. They went to Ann Arbor, Saturday to compete with the winners of other schools in Class B. Birmingham was included in the first class.

Mettie Bachelor, Mrs. Aldo Smith and Leona Bachelor called on Mrs. Edith Graham, Sunday.

William Knapp is confined to the house with a bad cold.

## House Growers' Meeting To Be Held in Pontiac

A meeting of fruit growers will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, 131 Mt. Clemens street, Pontiac, Friday, March 21, at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. Don Hootman, Extension Specialist of Michigan State College, will attend the meeting, purpose of which is to enable growers to express their opinions about changes to be made in the present apple market laws.



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## Merchants

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and his band. The accompanying feature is "Sandy Gets Her Man" Wednesday and Thursday are merchants' family night and the double bill program will consist of "Devil's Pipeline" with Richard Arlen and Andy Devine, and "A Night at Earl Carroll's" with Ken Murray. A late newsworld will also be shown on Wednesday.

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A powerful drama comes to the Redford Theatre Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It's "Back Street" and its stars are Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullivan. It's a show you won't want to miss. Also on the program is "This Thing Called Love" which co-stars Rosalind Russell and Melvyn Douglas.

## New Dam to Flood Upper Muskegon River Flats

When the new dam on the headwaters of the Muskegon river near Roscommon floods the lowlands of the Dead Stream area this spring, game men of the conservation department will begin a program of improving the area of wildlife and will check closely on the effect of the impounded waters on muskrat and waterfowl populations.

The dam will be operated so that the water level in the lands flooded will be raised gradually from week to week, to prevent killing of much vegetation already on the land.

Experimental plantings of flood plants for both ducks and muskrats will be made in the area. Periodical investigations to check on changes of vegetation growth due to flooding, and their relation to muskrat numbers will be made.

Waterfowl, fish and other wildlife besides muskrats are expected to benefit materially from the flooding program, which will make available a great increase in the territory furnishing them food and homes.

The taste of cheese can now be photographed by the use of the X-ray. The picture of taste is fuzzy.

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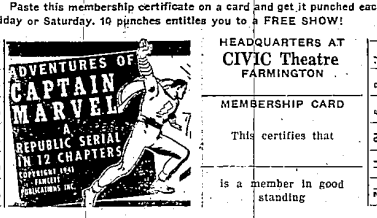
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