

# Phoenix Lake Still A Small Trout Producer

Phoenix Lake, near Plymouth, was stocked last fall with 7,000 young rainbow trout, but it has yet to become a big producer of catches for fishermen.

Although the trout season is now two weeks old, Phoenix hasn't shown up yet in the weekly reports of the State Conservation Department on fishing luck.

A casual survey along the lake's shores and on the Middle Rouge River to the north reveals a few fishermen are catching a few small ones.

The rainbows are there. One can see them feeding when the water is quiet at dusk. Most fishermen, however, are out during the daylight and head for home when the fish really begin to feed.

PAINT CREEK in Orion Township and the Bald Mountain Recreation Area has produced "very good" 12 to 14 inch brown trout, the Conservation Department district office reported.

Trout Lake yielded an eight-pound, 26 and 3/4 inch brown trout last week. Pettibone, Davisburg and Fenton ponds have received little attention, but rainbows are being caught there daily.

Little walleye activity has been reported.

Increasing numbers of good bluegill and crappie catches



WARREN GUTHRIE

were reported from various lakes.

ALTHOUGH MICHIGAN has no size limit on panfish, many fishermen throw back the ones under six inches—but a Michigan State University fisheries expert advises against it.

"Bluegills, sunfish and perch that are only a few inches long may already be 'full grown,'" says Eugene Roelofs, professor of fisheries and wildlife at MSU.

"Often times our small lakes in Michigan are so overcrowded with these panfish that they never grow large enough to keep."

"Fishermen always keep the large bass," he says, "and toss back the small panfish, but for home when the fish really begin to feed."

It would seem that the more "forage fish" there are for the bass to feed on, the more and larger bass there would be in the lake.

"Not true," says Roelofs. "The over-populated small sunfish or perch compete with the young bass for food, and sooner or later start feeding on the newly hatched bass. Then the lake turns into a big bowl of stunted sunfish."

"So, it is better to keep all the sunfish, bluegills or perch that you catch from a small lake or pond. As cat food or rose bed fertilizer these little fish are excellent, but put back into ponds they'll undoubtedly die of old age and still be three inches long!"

## Demery's Manager Dies At 39

Warren Guthrie, manager of the Demery Department Store in Farmington, died suddenly May 8, in Providence Hospital following a heart attack. He was 39.

Guthrie had been at the Demery store in Farmington since its opening and had been store manager since Jan. 1. He was a member of Farmington's Board of Commerce.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 19, 1928, Guthrie attended MacKenzie High School and the University of Illinois. His residence was in Birmingham.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; six children, Barbara, Tom, Charles, Bruce, Warren and Deborah; and a brother, Addison Guthrie, of Union Lake.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Haley Funeral Home, Southfield, with burial following in Acacia Park Cemetery.

## Pair Are Carnival Workers

Mrs. William Dornan, 30943 Halstead Rd., and Mrs. Muri Davenport, 29201 Davis Lane, are among the Farmington residents helping to plan the Detroit Country Day School Carnival to be held May 17-19 on the school grounds, Lahser and 13 Mile Rd. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. May 17, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 18 and 12:30 to 6 p.m. May 19.

Mrs. Dornan is in charge of the white elephant booth where things for sale will include items for the yard, nursery, garage, cottage and clothing and furniture.

Special feature of this booth will be a miniature section, handled by Mrs. Davenport.

Farmington area students working on the event include Christa Boal, Terri Browne, Susan Campbell, John Davenport, Eric Frizzell, Stacy and Stewart Henderson, Leslie Legge, James Rachilla, Joanna Randolph, Michael Tann and Storm Thomas.

General admission tickets are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children. They may be purchased at the door or from any student.

## 13 Receive U-M Grants

Thirteen students from Farmington high schools have been named recipients of University of Michigan Regents' Alumni scholarships. The grants are awarded on the basis of character, citizenship, academic record, financial need and competitive test scores.

Farmington High School recipients are Patrick Harrigan and Janice Sutton; North Farmington High, Alan Barak, Kicab Castaneda-Mendez, Andrew Mitchell, Thomas Moher and Kenneth Rosen.

Recipients from Our Lady Mercy High are Kathleen Macdonell, Marilyn Mazur, Ann Nefcy and Barbara Weiss; from Our Lady of Sorrows, Becky Esper and Beverly Esper.

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