

# Weather hasn't hampered ice fisherman catches

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one hike this month at Kensington.

**THE MICHIGAN UNITED Conservation Clubs (MUCC)** has listed these goals for 1977.

1) Removal of the bounty on coyotes. It is currently \$15 for males and \$20 for females.

Union Lake is also great for perch and crappie in the morning and the evening. Perch fishing is getting rave reviews at Pontiac Lake and Bush Lake.

Pike and muskie fishing is excellent on Pontiac and Oxbow lakes in three-six feet of water.

**A GUIDED MORNING** hike for the general public along the nature trails at Soney Creek Metropark near Rochester will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. Hikers should meet at the Nature Center building.

Kensington Metropark near Milford will also hold a guided morning hike for the general public on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. There will only be

## 5 county court houses

Oakland County's first courthouse was a log cabin in 1820, without a floor, floor or chimney.

But it didn't last long. In 1823 a new courthouse was built and it was a two-story structure and also housed a jail.

Following a 32-year period, characterized by incursions of the structure as unfit for use and causing a public nuisance, a new courthouse was built in 1856. The facility cost \$12,284 and was constructed of brick to replace the former wooden facility.

In 1994 the voters approved a new facility at a cost of \$100,000. In 1950 Oakland County's present courthouse was built.

## Modern jail helps county

Located at the Oakland County service center is the law enforcement jail complex. The county has looked to the future in designing the building, anticipating greater involvement from the sheriff's department.

The county morgue and an operating center for disaster control operations are housed here, as well as the sheriff's department.

New services available at the center include: a closed circuit television system for surveillance and security; a crime laboratory to provide technical assistance on a local basis for crime solving; and a communication control center for law enforcement for the entire community.

## Course opens at Oakland

Preparation for spring house hunting in the form of a five-week non-degree course, "What to Know Before Buying a Home," will be offered by Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education beginning Feb. 3.

Tuition is \$37. To register call the continuing education office, 377-3120, or the Oakland University office at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, 642-0250.

Thomas Washington, director of MUCC, said, "Michigan is one of the last states to continue to waste thousands of dollars in perpetuating a program that simply doesn't do the job. There is absolutely no justification whatever for paying a bonus to someone who kills one of these animals."

2) Environmental education. "This is the key to all of our conservation problems," said Washington. "Had we awakened through education to the necessity for a clean environment many years ago,

we wouldn't be facing all these problems today."

3) Land use legislation. "The future of our state depends on adopting a sound program for the wise use of our land," said Washington.

4) Wetlands. MUCC wants to save the state's wetlands through legisla-

tion. "A wetlands bill will assure us that we will have wetlands left in the state," said Washington.

5) Phosphates. MUCC wants to ban use of phosphates, including those in home laundry detergents

passed to restrict the amount of canoeing on some of Michigan's overcrowded rivers.

If you think the club is optimistic in expecting all seven goals to become reality, consider last year. Some of the conservation and environment laws passed in-

clude: the banning of spray cans containing fluorocarbons, restriction of mining in sand dunes and a provision for leasing private land for hunting. The ban on throw-away beverage containers was passed by Michigan voters in 1976.

6) Solid waste disposal. The club said every community in the state should be in a new system of waste disposal.

7) Canoeing restrictions. Although the club has no plan, they are hoping this is the year that some legislation is



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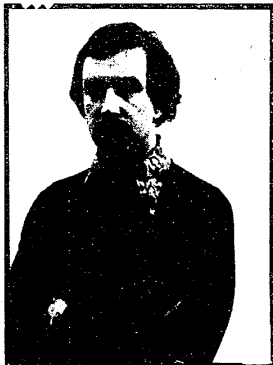
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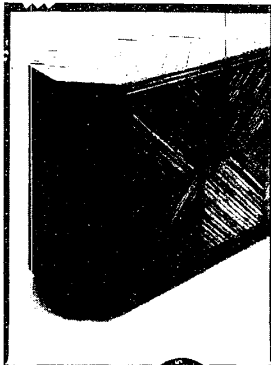
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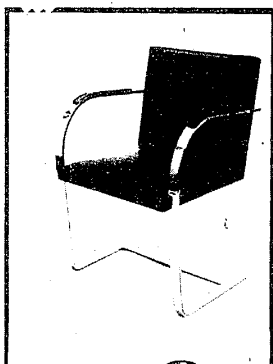
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