

MICHIGAN OUT-OF-DOORS

FISHERMEN PREPARE FOR PIKE HARVEST

Despite the backwardness of the spring, commercial fishermen are making ready to begin their spawning season harvest of 1,000,000 pounds of "yellowies"—as they call the walleyed pike—from Saginaw bay.

Gogebic now, the institute for fisheries research is suggesting experimental introduction of forage fish, to establish a species which will furnish pike food.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT PROBES TROUT DIET

The average square foot of trout stream bottom contains a meal and a half for a legal size trout. J. W. Leonard of the conservation department's Hunt Creek fisheries experiment station has discovered in his search, to find what trout need to thrive.

Actually, however, it is unlikely the fish would get all the food available, and as Leonard found from examining the contents of 131 trout stomachs, only half of the trout's diet is made up of food originating in the water. Digestive tracts of the fishes were obtained when anglers checked out at creel census posts.

Caddis flies, "true" flies including midges, and mayflies, in their different stages, are most important of the foods originating in the stream bottom; while grass hoppers, beetles and ants dominate the list of foods coming from the land. Foods like fish and frogs were taken too infrequently to be considered important staples.

The connection between beds of water plants—watercress, charr and white water buttercup—and the aquatic trout food supply is being investigated now. To learn how abundant bottom food forms will become when no fish feed on them, a section of stream at Hunt Creek has been screened off, and is examined regularly.

PIKE SHOWN TO PRODUCE BEST IN SECOND SEASON

When pike are introduced into a lake from which predatory fish have been absent, it is the second generation that produce the best fishing and the biggest fish, it events on Lake Gogebic are a fair index.

Reviewing the history of Lake Gogebic in the course of a survey of the lake's present fisheries, the conservation department's institute for fisheries research found the second generation rule true of both northern pike and walleyed pike.

Before the turn of the century, Lake Gogebic was one of the most famous bass lakes of the central states. Spillmouths pre-eminently in a population that included also largemouth bass, rock bass, bluegills and sunfish.

In the 1890's northern pike were planted, and soon after large pike were caught in good numbers, supporting commercial hook and line fishing from 1905 to 1915. Later their numbers dwindled and since 1925 few remarkable fish like the early 27 pounders have been taken.

Decline of the northern pike coincides with the rise of walleyed pike, first introduced as fry in 1913. Ten years later offspring of these stocked fish were being caught in large numbers and up to 16 pounds in weight. Recent records have been nearer 11 pounds and the yield smaller.

After second-generation peaks, the pike population regains itself to conditions in the lake, with sustained yield at more moderate sizes and numbers.

Among recommendations for improvement of fishing in Lake

STRANGE BOOMING HABITS OF GROUSE ARE OBSERVED

Booming and dancing combined in a curious spring performance of prairie chickens and sharp-shinned hawks are drawing ornithologists at chilly, early morning hours to carefully concealed blinds in northern Michigan uplands and meadows, Donald Douglas of the conservation department's game division reports.

Ornithologists are yet without a satisfactory explanation of the queer show, though it appears to be related to the mating season. Gathered at dawn of April, May or June mornings in meadows or open spaces in woodlands, the male birds strut and stamp with wings trailing and tails erect, and leap into the air as they utter strange cackles or hoots. The tooting or booming noise comes at the climax, when golden sacs on either side of the head are puffed nearly to the size of oranges. The noise, somewhat like the sound made by blowing in the mouth of a jug, may be heard as far as two miles.

While males in the heat of the strange dance sometimes spar with each other, the fights do not last long, and seldom are damaging. Hens occasionally are seen on the booming grounds, but never participate in the proceedings.

"NO PASSING" SIGNS EFFECTIVE ON GRAND RIVER

State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy reported this week installation of "No Passing" zone signs on Grand River avenue (US-16); US-12 and Michigan avenue (US-12) during 1940 had proved highly effective in reducing traffic accidents and had been recognized by the public as a desirable safety measure.

Kennedy said the experiment of marking areas on these highways where sight distance is so restricted by hills or curves that passing would be hazardous with "No Passing" signs was so successful that it would be extended to other trunklines throughout the State.

Said Kennedy: "This work was held up during the winter months due to the inability to place signs. When work was stopped last fall it was our intention to begin placing signs this spring as soon as weather permitted. Following this policy we began this week the installation of "No Passing" signs on US-27 south of Lansing. Work will proceed on other highways as soon as weather permits."

The "No Passing" signs designating restricted sight-distances, it was explained, are in addition to markings the pavement in these areas with yellow guide lines indicating the limits of the proper driving lane.

Two CCC Camps to be Closed in Michigan

Closing of CCC Camp Mackinac in the upper peninsula and CCC Camp Au Sable in the lower peninsula July 1 is expected by George A. Young, administrative officer of civilian conservation corps camps at work on state projects in Michigan.

Discontinuance of these camps would leave 10 camps at work on state forest, game and park areas. The reduction is anticipated because of congressional rearmament in the CCC program for the next fiscal year.

Average camp enrollment is now 165, but this will be increased by the end of the present period. April 20, 30 new employees on projects laid out by the state department of conservation are Camps Escanaba River, Fox, Cusino, Paradise and Mackinac in the upper peninsula, and Camps Au Sable, Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, Black Lake, Wolverine, Pigeon River and Kalkaska in lower Michigan.

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WEST POINT PARK

The Pierson parent teacher association meeting will be held Thursday, April 24 at Pierson P.T.A. Hall. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Anyone who is interested in attending the Parent Teacher State Convention held in Lansing April 23, 24 and 25, is requested to get in touch with the local president, Mrs. Lelah Minx.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McVicar of Bay City were all day Sunday guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVicar.

Miss Olive Grimwade of Farmington was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Shirley Zwalhen.

Miss Anna Thayer returned home last Thursday after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Witt of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman entertained for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shedd and children, Tommy and Carol, of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darger and son Bobbie; and Miss Virginia Howett of Detroit.

Rev. Gordon Cameron inaugurated a series of evening preaching services at his Mission Sunday night. There was a lively song service, a good message and some fine special music. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services at 8 p. m. Sundays.

Miss June Ault of Uniontown, Ohio, and John Porter of New London, Ohio, were Sunday and Monday guests of Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Miss Ault's sister, and relatives in this vicinity.

At Rev. Gordon Cameron's Mission or in "The Little Church" it is beginning to be called, a special Lenten service was held Thursday. A trio of young girls sang a number, and a duet was rendered by Mrs. Gordon Vance and Mrs. Walter Dixon.

The Home Arts Class met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Redding.

Mrs. William D. Zwalhen and two daughters, Janet Mae and Gail Ann, of Detroit, were Sunday afternoon guests at the Zwalhen home on Farmington Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tallman visited Mr. Tallman's father in Detroit, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stromski, of near Eloise, were calling on relatives in West Point Park, Friday.

The Sunshine Sisters met at the home of Mrs. Jack Tallman Wednesday and listened together to the Lenten broadcast. Later in honor of Mrs. Tallman's twentieth wedding anniversary, cake and tea were served.

Robert Hunter was among the draftsmen served with a questionnaire this last week.

Leo Woods and family of near Inkster, were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson.

Mrs. Margaret Martin spent Easter with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Stromski of near Eloise. Mrs. Martin was honor guest at a large family dinner served in the Stromski home, Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Starr of Snooell, Michigan, was a guest early last week of her sister, Mrs. Jack Tallman. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Kitchell, who has resided with the Tallman family, but will now spend some time visiting with Mrs. Starr.

NOTICE

Scaled bids are hereby asked for by Farmington Township for

CLEAN UP of the entire township. Advertising, printing and distribution of circulars to be paid for by bidder.

Truck, gasoline and labor to be paid for by bidder.

Work to be started as soon as possible after bids are let and finished as soon as continuous work will finish the job.

Finished work to receive the approval of the township board.

Bids must be filed with the township clerk by 6 p. m. April 22.

All rubbish to be placed in Farmington dump at the corner of Grand River avenue and Halsted Road.

The board retains the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed,
Harry McCracken,
Township Clerk.
Dated this 17th day
of April, 1941.

Small Towns Building New Water Systems

Construction of new public water systems is still going on in Michigan small towns, even though every incorporated place of 1,000 or more population in the state has a water works.

The latest construction project approved by the engineering bureau of the Michigan Department of Health is that for Litchfield, a village of 717 in Hillsdale county. Voters recently voted 197 to 55 to bond for \$30,000 as the sponsor's share of a \$73,000 WPA project for a well, pumping station, distribution tank, and mains. The proposal had been rejected by the voters late in 1940.

Hesperia, a village of 535 in Newaygo and Oceana counties, will vote for a second time on a \$15,000 bond issue for changing from an untreated river water supply to a safe well supply.

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Report of Condition of

THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK

of Farmington in the State of Michigan at the close of business on April 4, 1941.

Published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this district pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act and by the Commissioner of the Banking Department pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of the Michigan financial institutions act.

ASSETS

Loans and discounts (including No overdrafts)	\$ 972,782.71
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	156,117.45
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	89,126.63
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	68,188.20
Corporate Stocks (including \$2,300.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,300.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	\$83,214.69
Bank premises owned None, furniture and fixtures \$11,641.07	11,641.07
Other assets	2,425.99
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,585,801.65

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$ 383,153.54
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	721,523.51
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	1,346.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	299,561.95
Deposits of banks	25,000.00
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	21,615.45
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,462,200.75
Other liabilities	27,372.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,479,573.24

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	\$ 40,500.00
Surplus	35,000.00
Undivided profits	11,903.59
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	18,812.82
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 106,222.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,585,801.65

* This bank's capital consists of None of capital notes and debentures; first preferred stock with total par value of \$10,500.00, total redeemable value \$15,000.00; second preferred stock with total par value of None, total redeemable value None; and common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

MEMORANDA

Secured and preferred liabilities	
(d) Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets	\$ 1,346.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,346.00

On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was \$ 107,689.00
Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to \$ 151,902.34

I, H. C. Knickerbocker, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear/affirm that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Corrected—Attest:

H. C. Knickerbocker, Cashier
Howard M. Warner
Floyd H. Nichols Directors
Emory O. Hutton

State of MICHIGAN, County of OAKLAND, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of April, 1941, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

My commission expires Dec. 12, 1941.

Glenn H. Leland, Notary Public.

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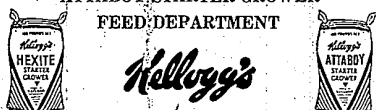
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