

The Multi-Laker

VOLUME 2

APRIL, 1955

NUMBER 4

SOLD YOUR MUCC TICKETS ??

NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE CONFERENCE REPORT MONTREAL, QUEBEC

March 11 through 16

By Howard Shelley, Director, M.U.C.C.

Some one thousand Sportsmen, Conservationists, and Wildlife—Management Technicians from all over the Continent participated in the 20th Annual North American Wildlife Conference, and the 19th Annual Wildlife Federation held jointly in the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Mar. 11 through 16.

The National Wildlife Federations embodying affiliates of 47 states, Alaska, and the District of Columbia chose the very appropriate and genuinely significant phrase of "Save Our Wetlands" as the general theme of the conference. Here, I would be remiss, if I did not mention that Georgia still remains the state in the Union outside the fold of outside sportsmen's clubs. Apparently the "Crackers" are still harboring a "Civil War" state of mind, and feel no need for the trend of 20th Century fish and game management.

Indeed it was most heartening to see the delegates and the representatives of these 49 Federation affiliates sit around the Conference and discuss, as only true and informed sportsmen should, the basic fundamental problems underlying the crowning need for today's progress in conservation. They were there for the primary purpose of learning the latest developments in the field of wildlife know-how!

In some instances it was obvious that "one man's food might be another man's poison." Such was the case in discussing the varied uses of the all-important Pittman-Robertson fund distribution. A particular state could wisely use their share of the fund for certain game management projects, while that procedure might be highly unorthodox in others. The end result being that a sufficient amount of flexibility is retained by all

(Continued on Page 3)

AT THE

APRIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 8:00 P.M.

WE WILL AGAIN GO

BIG GAME HUNTING IN FABULOUS ALASKA

(VIA MOVIES IN GORGEOUS COLOR)

WITH

THE WILLIAMS BROTHERS

OF THE

Williams Gunsight Company
DAVISON, MICHIGAN

YOU WILL REMEMBER THE NEWFOUNDLAND HUNTING PICTURES BOYD WILLIAMS SHOWED US LAST AUGUST. THIS ALASKIAN PICTURE, JUST COMPLETED, IS BY FAR THEIR FINEST EFFORT. LET'S FILL THE CLUB HOUSE FOR THIS OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT.

WE CAN SEAT ONLY 250 SO COME EARLY

- GREET OVER 100 NEW MEMBERS AT THIS MEETING.
- TAKE HOME FINE DOOR PRIZE.
- VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE.

The **MULTI-LAKER** is the official publication of the *Multi-Lakes Conservation Association*.

Address Communications:

L. WELDON PAYNE, *Editor*
15403 Mendota Avenue
Detroit 38, Michigan
UNiversity 3-1547
Business: VInewood 1-9200

Advertising:

STANLEY TUSAN
3178 Fox Blvd., Route 1
Walled Lake, Michigan
EMpire 3-4625

All material must be submitted not later than the 25th of the month preceding publication.

Membership Meetings:

The third Wednesday of every month (except October and November).

Board of Directors Meetings:

The fourth Wednesday of every month (except November and December).

Club Telephone:

Commerce EMpire 3-9109

PRESIDENT

Clayton Adams EMpire 3-4336
7870 Eldora, Route 5, Walled Lake

VICE-PRESIDENT

Raymond Chañot EMpire 3-3287

TREASURER

Thomas M. Crane FEederal 5-9949
5662 Shore Drive, Route 5, Pontiac

SECRETARY

Herbert Harvey FEederal 5-5128
488 Elm St., Pontiac, Michigan
Bus. FEederal 5-4111 — Ext. 411

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

James Campion MArket 4-1493
431 North Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Karl K. Wysong EMpire 3-3538
Chairman of the Board

L. Weldon Payne UNiversity 3-1547

Frank Phelps EMpire 3-3249

George T. Welbon EMpire 3-2844

Harry Horner EMpire 3-4016

Harold K. Purdie EMpire 3-3429

Alexander "Sandy" Watson EMpire 3-4631

Ray L. Gladstone EMpire 3-3216

Harry Sutton EMpire 3-5895

**CONSERVATION OFFICERS
OF OAKLAND COUNTY**

Howard Johnson EMpire 3-4408

1330 Malcolm St., Pontiac, Mich.

Cyril Adams MYrtle 2-5721

160 Darling Ave., Lake Orion, Mich.

Warren Kendall OLive 2-1323

1261 East Bloomer Rd.,
Rochester, Mich.

Harold Stoll Fenton 4191

Fenton, Mich.

**APRIL MEETING
ENTERTAINMENT**

The Williams Brothers of Davison will show their latest picture, "Hunting Bear in Alaska." Be sure to see this picture as it is one of the best to be seen on Alaskan hunting.

Meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. If you want a seat, don't be late. Lets make it the best attended meeting this year.

NEWS FROM GLADWIN

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT men and boys have participated this winter in deer browse cutting in the Molasses River area, according to La Vern Boman. There has been a heavy concentration of deer in that section along the roads.

But before all the crews could get into the area to cut, the roads and to be cleared. It was in early February that several members of the Gladwin County Sportsman's Club tried to drive into the Molasses River country and had to turn back after spending most of the day shoveling snow. Concerned that the cutting would have to be discontinued if the roads were blocked, they made arrangements with Wagar to plow them out, the expense to be borne by the club.

In addition to the St. Clair Shores and the Gladwin clubs, the groups that have followed each other cutting browse in the area have been the Oakland County Sportsmen, Moon Valley Sportmen, Centerline Sportsmen, 39 boys from the Mott Foundation and 13 Chevrolet Supervisors from Flint, and the Multi-Lakes Conservation Ass'n.

With more controlled burns in the summer and the cutting next winter, Boman thinks the area should be in fair shape to feed a good sized herd of deer in the coming winter.

Clayton Adams

**APRIL JUNIOR
CONSERVATION PICTURE**

The April Junior Picture Night will be Monday, April 18th, do not forget the date. The feature picture will be, "Dogs, Sheep, Mr. Bo-Peep," his horse and three amazing dogs. See a wooly Mama adopt a lamb in sheeps clothing. Watch Scott, the collie, bottle feed a stray lamb.

See the picture "Black Bear Twins," watch two rollicking bear cubs in their daily life.

See the "Ruby Throated Bird" build its nest and take care of it's young. A very beautiful picture in natural color.

Watch the Monarch Butterfly through it's complete life cycle, something you will not want to miss.

ORCHIDS DEPARTMENT

Thanks To—

Walt Peters for putting up and taking down the "Dressing Room".

Brant-Correll, Inc., for The Donation of A Card Table and Gun Racks, Also for giving us a temporary roof over our Supply Yard.

Mike Roberts and Bill Hevonkosky for the Picture Frames.

Hats off to Warren Neuenschwander who not only did an outstanding job as MC of our 13th Annual President's Banquet and Ball, but in the absence of our speaker of the evening, held a packed house in rapt attention while he unfolded the story of conservation. A well done job Warren—we know you did it "Off the Cuff" and a lot of our new members and a great many of our ladies and guests left the Club House with a deeper sense of appreciation of Conservation and how it affects all of us.

At the District 7, M.U.C.C. meeting held at Oakland County Sportsman's Club on April 6th, there were 13 clubs represented from our area and a poll of these clubs showed that 10 were in favor of the Conservation Commission continuing its discretionary power over the deer herd with 3 clubs opposed—however, most of those voting "Yes" were not in favor of the methods used in the 1952 "Any Deer Slaughter" or of present regulatory measures in the "Any Deer Season," but they concurred that to continue the discretionary power would be the lesser of the two evils. It should be pointed out that it was the Conservation Commission and not the Conservation Department who set up the rules for the so-called "Slaughter" of 1952.

**OUTBOARDS ON
ORCHARD LAKE**

The thorny Orchard Lake motorboat ordinance may lose some of its hooks in the near future.

In a spirit of cooperation, municipal leaders from the town of Orchard Lake have agreed to try and find a compromise to the problem.

The ordinance orders that all motorboats used on Orchard Lake must be licensed.

The ruling conflicts with state law.

Gerald E. Eddy, conservation department director, says a recent conference with Orchard Lake officials indicates the problems may be nearing solution.

WILDLIFE CONFERENCE (From Page 1)

states—thus an extreme degree of beneficial wildlife aid is utilized by all concerned. In reality the P-R fund might well be classified as the back-bone, or spinal column of today's wildlife research.

Without a doubt the one most potent and compelling impression I gained from the joint gathering could be stated thusly: Simply, if it were not for the cooperative efforts of today's sportsmen's clubs, the fish and game managers, and interested conservationists, we wouldn't have enough fish and game in these United States to satisfy the dire wants and needs of one small tribe of hungry Indians.

Among the older generation of conservationists, they are to a man quite jubilant over the fact that our colleges are turning out such a high caliber of biologists and technicians. To say the least, they are quite optimistic concerning the future of most species of fish and game.

The one most significant paper presented during the early days of the conference was given by Dr. J. H. Shaeffer of Parker, South Dakota on "Agricultural Pressures and Federal Subsidies." He severely took the Soil Conservation

JUNIOR CONSERVATION NIGHT

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1955 — 7:30 P.M.

SEE THESE FINE EDUCATIONAL OUTDOOR FILMS

- DOGS, SHEEP, "MR. BO-PEEP"
- BLACK BEAR TWINS
- RUBY THROATED HUMMING BIRD
- LIFE CYCLE OF THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY

Be Sure Your Children See These Pictures.

Bring A Carload of Kids and Enjoy a Pleasant Evening
NO CHARGE

Service and other phases of the Federal Government to task for their draining of hundreds of thousands of South Dakota "pot-holes," the original breeding grounds and home of the Central and Mississippi flyways duck population.

He felt that many unethical practices and untold amounts of American dollars were being, and had been, wasted in the draining and drying up of these highly important marshlands.

In many areas of the United States today various sportsmen's groups are talking-up the importation of the controversial San Juan rabbits. Roger Latham, Chief Research Scientist for the Pennsylvania Conservation Dept. gave quite a comprehensive report on the 5 to 6 pound burrowing San Juan rabbit, and as is often the case its good qualities might easily be over balanced with some less desirable characteristics.

While it appears, as one might suspect, that they are highly prolific in their home territory, their adaptability to new surroundings may be questionable. It is a known fact that they can make serious inroads in the local food habitat situation. Various clubs in the Keystone State secured health permits, and brought thousands in from the state of Washington. It is understood that many of these same clubs have practically given up on their well intentioned-project. Not only was the immediate die-off terrific, but the breeding characteristics were obviously retarded.

Perhaps, from the standpoint of the individual sportsmen's club, the most important job at hand is that of finding and putting into operation—A BIGGER AND BETTER WAY OF SELLING CONSERVATION TO THE PUBLIC.

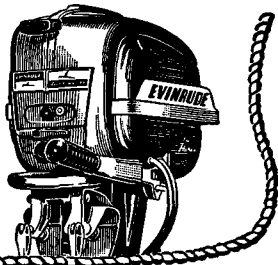
Most authorities are agreed that, while tremendous progress has made, it is nevertheless the one sound and practical approach to bettering the conservation picture.

I carefully charted the remarks and comments of each report from the state delegates, and to a great degree found the following projects and practices particularly noteworthy:

1. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM — Two-thirds of the states indicated that this facet of conservation was foremost in their activity.
2. CONSERVATION EDUCATION —In turn this should be rated as to its importance—A, YOUTH GROUPS; B, Gun Safety and Firearms Training; C, Teacher Training Work-Shops.
3. POLLUTION AND WATER RIGHTS—Needless to say great strides in "CLEAN WATERS" have made in recent years, and much of the progress should be directly attributed to the forceful drive of sportsmen's clubs on local and state authorities to project and preserve these waters for our future generations.
4. KEEPING CONSERVATION OUT OF POLITICS—Strange as it may seem, this is a constant and never ending problem in most states. In this respect, the 1955 SPORTSMEN OF AMERICA are a duty bound vigilant group of Conservationists who are ever watchful of the wayward tactics of the selfish, and unethical politician.

Again, I would be derelict in reporting the conference issues if I did not present as honestly as I know how, some of the

(Continued on Page 5)



BOATING headquarters

SANDUSKY BOATS

Authorized
EVINRUDE
SALES — SERVICE — PARTS
EXPERT REPAIRS
— Reasonable —
Spring Tune Up

BUDD

Motor Sales

26357 GRAND RIVER
between Seven & Eight Mile Roads
KENWOOD 2-5800

RESPONSIBILITY AND CLEANUP

By Warren Neuenschwander

"It is a question of the first magnitude," wrote Junstice Holmes, "whether the destiny of the great rivers is to be the sewers of the cities along their banks or to be protected against anything which threatens their purity." Having raised that question for the earnest consideration of posterity, he laid down a principle:

"Where, as here, the plaintiff has sovereign powers and deliberately permits discharges similar to those of which it complains, it . . . offers a standard to which the defendant has the right to appeal."

Where does the responsibility lie for cleaning up our waters? The answer is plain and simple! Every city and town, and every industry, and each and every citizen of our land is responsible for cleaning up the pollution it creates. The State, by law and in practice, is the governmental unit which has the major responsibility for pollution control. Our state now has an official water pollution control authority that is known as the Michigan Water Resources Commission. This authority was established to help cities and industries in the state get the most for their pollution abatement dollars, and to bring about the abatement and controlling features against water pollution. Our state authority is staffed with trained technical aids but to date lacks adequate legislation and funds for the ever-increasing demands of our present-day living. The Federal Government contributes technical and other aid to our State authority in developing pollution abatement programs but this too is some-what limited. These public agencies stand ready and eager to give all possible assistance to communities and industries which want to solve their pollution problems.

But clean-up begins at home. It is a local job, for local citizens like you and me. We are all part of a national problem, but we have a local point of attack. How clean is the water in our town, and what can we do about it?

CRANDELL'S WATCH REPAIRING

186 FOXBURY
EMpire 3-3539

MEMBER M.L.C.A.

FISHING

Michigan will have a full-scale warm-water fisheries experiment station at Hastings as soon as funds are available.

Present plans call for shifting the entire present Hastings hatchery to warm-water fish research.

In addition, warm-water fish work will be stepped up at the department's Rifle River area and at the Institute for Fisheries Research at Ann Arbor.

The Hastings hatchery has 12 outdoor ponds and considerable indoor equipment that makes it ideal for warm-water work. Also, it is central to many state-owned lakes where experimental work can be carried on.

The Rifle River area will be used for expanded research on bog and marl lakes. Michigan has a large number of these unproductive lakes. Fisheries workers have long felt some method of fertilizing the marl and liming the bog lakes might make them more productive.

A new laboratory has recently been set up at the Ann Arbor station and temporary facilities are located in nearby Waterloo recreation area. This equipment will permit more warm-water work in southern and southeastern Michigan.

But the Hastings hatchery would serve more as focal point for much of the warm-water work. A broad nine-point program of research includes work on manipulation of water levels to secure greater production, thinning methods to control overabundant fish, and tests of competition between game and non-game fish types.

Also, work would be done on relationships between predator and panfish types, fish physiology and genetics, aquatic vegetation control, evaluation of non-native fish species and tests of modified fishing regulations.

HEY!—HOW ABOUT REED LAKE?

Michigan may have found the answer to its increasing problem of fishless, marl-bottom lakes.

Marl is a grayish earth material of heavy lime content. Where the water chemistry of a lake shifts so marl begins to develop, all vegetation is soon smothered. Such lakes become fish deserts. An estimated 10 percent of the lakes in southern Michigan are in some stage of marl development and the problem is increasing.

But conservation department research shows that the solution might lie in underwater farming.

Compliments of . . .

**ROGER SCHMILL
GUNSMITH**

19040 Fielding KEnwood 1-7242

MEMBER M.L.C.A.

Institute for fisheries research workers started a test on North Lake, the Rifle River area, in 1953. The lake bed was marled over and supported little fish life.

Gunny sacks filled with peat moss, underwater plant seeds and other "anti-marl" materials were placed in patches around the floor of the lake. Soon, seeds in the sacks began to sprout.

The crucial test came the next year, but the underwater farm plots came through with flying colors. The plants not only survived but produced seeds and began to spread their roots through the marl. In this sort of lively community, fish could once again take hold.

This year, a full-dress test of the experiment will be made in Fish Lake 10 miles southwest of Hastings. About 2000-3000 bags of anti-marl fertilizers and seeds will be placed in the lake, the work to start in mid-April.

Devoe Lake in the Rifle River area also will be given the same treatment, probably later this year.

Fisheries workers are "cautiously hopeful" about the experiment, but point out that if this is the right track, scores of small lakes in the state could again become fishable.

LETTER TO DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Gentlemen:

I haven't been able to sleep for years because I have owed the Government for Income Tax which I have evaded every year.

Enclosed is \$50.00. If I am able to sleep tonight I'll send you the rest.

Yours very truly,
Tom Crane

FOR SALE: P-38 German Luger, with holster and Extra Clip—\$80.00. G. A. Jaffray, 9440 Boncrest, Lower Straits Lake, EMpire 3-2414.

JOSEPH M. GIORDANO

Electrical Contractor

2100 Novi Road, Walled Lake, Mich.
MArket 4-2071 EMpire 3-3473

Member MLCA

WILDLIFE CONFERENCE (From Page 3)

factual impressions I gained about the management of our highly controversial deer herd.

Dr. Clarence Cottam, presently the Conservation Research Director of Brigham Young University of Salt Lake City, Utah, but formerly with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and this year's recipient of the Aldo Leopold award, Conservation's highest honor, boldly states—"For the best interests of the deer herd, as well as the best interests of the public, it is necessary to have a doe harvest."

Dr. O'Roke of the University of Michigan reports that over a 25 year period of time the "George Preserve Deer Herd" scientific study indicates that annually a 33 to 37 percent of the deer herd must be harvested, and this means the taking of BUCKS, DOES, AND FAWNS.

Dr. Stoddard one of Minnesota's top-flight foresters strongly indicates that the proper harvesting of both bucks and does are essential to the well being of a strong and healthy deer herd.

Practically all other big-game states have aligned themselves in favor of deer management—meaning a proper buck and doe harvest.

How is Minnesota approaching their "SAVE OUR WETLANDS" project? Mr. Richard Dore, the Game Chief of the Minnesota Conservation Department delivered the most dynamic speech of the conference in relating how Minnesota was saving their POT-HOLE areas. In order to protect the people's interests they were simply buying the marshlands up. The simple expedient of voluntary contributions was their answer. A small colorfully decorated button proclaiming "I AM HELPING TO SAVE MINNESOTA'S WETLANDS" was their answer. And it's working!

The proposed Echo Park Dam, which would allow the Upper Colorado River to inundate the Dinosaur National Park came in for its share of pro and con arguments. Most conservationists are fearful that once the Army Engineers invade the stronghold of our National Park system the abuse would spread and become too prevalent. A final vote among the state delegates indicated by a two-thirds majority that sportsmen were dead-set against ruining Dinosaur.

The annual election of Federation officers again found two Michiganders in the fore-front in the national organization of sportsmen's clubs.

Claude Kelly, of Atmore, Alabama was re-elected President, with Dr. Paul Herbert, Director of Conservation, Michigan State College, as his right hand man,

the Vice President, with a three year term. Other Vice Presidents include Robert Miller, of the State of Washington, 2 year term, and John Curran, Connecticut, one year term. Michigan's well known Louis McGregor, Flint was re-elected a Director for the three States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. (The final portion of the Wildlife Conference report will appear in the May issue of the Multi-Laker.)

Howard Shelley, *Director*, M.U.C.C.

SIX-GUNS

Our Multi-Lakes Pistol Shooters are coming right along with thirteen to nineteen pin wheel punchers showing up every Thursday night preparing for the Tournament next month (April). Fred Mayer with his dulcet tones and his "tin" whistle is running a very orderly range—and my thanks to him.

When you can walk in to a shooting club in bad weather as well as good and find at least ten of the same fellows every week then you know we have a stable fraternity of shooters with plans for a competitive future.

Rog Schmill assures me the S & W .22 Masterpiece will be in our hands before April, so come on out you members who have been intending to (we'll write an early-late note to your wives) and see what you can do.

Lin Bush

Compliments of
**Kinsworthy, McGraw
and Wright**
Certified Public Accountants
16852 Meyers Road UN. 1-3707
Detroit 35, Michigan
Auditors for MLCA

ARCHERY

April promises to be a big month for the Multi-Lakes Archers. There is plenty of activity being planned for the "good group". To start with there is the club shoot-off which will run for four days, March 25 and 27 and April 1 and 3. To culminate this event there will be a banquet at which the winners will receive their prizes. Also the club high shooters for last summer will receive their belated awards. We hope to see a good turn out for these events. The banquet is being planned for either April 16 or April 30. You will note that these dates are club dance nights. The reason for this is that we hope to return to the club in a group after the dinner to enjoy one of the fine dances at "our" club to the very fine music of Floyd Synder "et al."

KIDS!! We now have our equipment for you to use. This includes eight complete sets, bows, arrows, gloves or tabs
(Continued on Page 7)

Family Movie Night at M. L. C. A.

SATURDAY

APRIL 23, 1955

8:00 P.M.

HOWARD SHELLEY OUTDOORSMAN, CONSERVATIONIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER EXTRA-ORDINARY, IS BRINGING BACK TO MULTI-LAKES

ALGONQUIN ADVENTURE

AND

OJIBWAY COUNTRY

Two Full Length Color Extravaganzas of His Fishing Trips into The Beautiful Wilds of Northern Ontario.

Here's Your Chance to Show Your Family Some of The Beautiful Pictures We Have Been Privileged To See At Our Membership Meetings.

LET'S PACK THE HOUSE ON FAMILY NIGHT

Admission FREE

The Bar will be Open

REPORT OF TREASURER — February 28, 1955

FUNDS IN BANK—2-1-55		
Depository Fund	3,957.27	
Operating Fund	4,674.03	
Reserve Savings Fund	261.61	
Reserve Savings Certificates	6,500.00	
TOTAL		15,392.91
RECEIPTS		
James Campion—Dues	3,400.00	
Ladies Bowling League	122.60	
January Door Prize Receipts	51.56	
TOTAL		3,574.16
Cash on Hand before payment of Bills		18,967.07
DISBURSEMENTS		
Returned Check	10.00	
Jones Typewriter—Adding Machine	172.73	
Detroit Edison	100.55	
T. Crane—Stationery	8.42	
Mich. Dept. of Revenue—Sales Tax	44.56	
Charles L. May—Painting Club House	535.00	
Ladies Bowling League	128.47	
Postage for March Multi-Laker	16.70	
Printing of Feb. Multi-Laker	137.94	
Appropriation to Skeet and Trap Com.	500.00	
Appropriation to Archery Com.	280.00	
A. Rahn, Refund 1954 S. S. Tax	10.70	
Ideal Pictures—Junior Night	2.50	
Commerce Oil and Products	231.75	
Mercer Heating and Plumbing	60.99	
Jones Transfer Company	9.36	
Fire Insurance on Range Building	124.06	
Lynden Bush—Rifle and Pistol Targets	49.44	
TOTAL		2,413.17
Cash on Hand after payment of Bills		16,553.90
FUNDS IN BANK—2-28-55		
Depository Fund	7,531.43	
Operating Fund	2,260.86	
Reserve Savings Fund	261.61	
Reserve Savings Certificate	6,500.00	
TOTAL		16,553.90

T. Crane, *Treasurer*

**NEW MEMBERS ACCEPTED
At March Board Meeting**

- Jack L. Alcock, Pontiac
- L. S. Bob Armstrong, Walled Lake
- John William Barry, Pontiac
- Robert N. Bayer, Detroit
- Douglas V. Bell, Plymouth
- Vern G. Benjamin, Northville
- Richard H. Berryman, P.E., Detroit
- Harold M. Blakeley, Detroit
- Edward M. Bobbio, Dearborn
- Donald E. Braddock, Birmingham
- Gerald L. Buxton, Livonia
- Donald K. Carson, Detroit
- Charles F. Cavendish, Detroit
- George H. Chynoweth, Walled Lake
- Wayne A. Cobb, Detroit
- Ralph Cox, Detroit

- Robert W. Curvin, Livonia
- Jesse S. Darnell, Detroit
- Edgar G. Debant, Birmingham
- Dario Demasellis, Jr., Pontiac
- Alfred R. Dixon, Walled Lake
- Rudolph Dominick, Detroit
- James Dooley, Detroit
- Everette R. Draker, Pontiac
- Jean Paul Drouin, Walled Lake
- Adam M. Dunlop, Jr., Detroit
- Richard E. Etue, Detroit
- David E. Ferguson, Oak Park
- Fred H. Friedrich, Detroit
- Paul Friese, Detroit
- Al Gabrian, Detroit
- Gene Garner, Livonia
- Jack Gray, Northville
- Edward M. Greiner, Walled Lake
- Brent Groom, Detroit

Installation	Eavestrouging
M E R C E R	
Heating & Sheet Metal Works 24 Hour Oil Burner Service All Makes	
825 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake MA. 4-1569 If No Ans., FE. 4-4508	

- William C. Guldner, Plymouth
 - Bernard Gustinis, Pontiac
 - James M. Hamill, Livonia
 - Wesley E. Harbaugh, Pontiac
 - Leo Harrawood, Novi
 - Ralph Hartman, Birmingham
 - Gunnar G. Hemming, Milford
 - A. N. Hickson, Pontiac
 - Dorrell F. Holeton, Ferndale
 - Arthur H. R. Hunt, Pontiac
 - Bernard N. Jaeger, Farmington
 - Louis J. Jelsch, Pontiac
 - William Johnstone, Detroit
 - Malcolm Kidd, Huntington Woods
 - George Koehn, Birmingham
 - Walter Koenig, Pontiac
 - George G. Lewis, Birmingham
 - C. Lindstrom, Detroit
 - Warren John Lotz, Pontiac
 - Dr. Robert P. Lytle, Detroit
 - Fay K. Magner, Pontiac
 - Lawrence J. Marinack, Pontiac
 - George E. Marks, Walled Lake
 - William L. Maybee, Detroit
 - Earl W. Metzner, Walled Lake
 - Henry J. Moerdyk, Milford
 - Leonard R. Mogg, Pontiac
 - Roy Moody, Walled Lake
 - David B. Morris, Royal Oak
 - Frank A. Murray, Walled Lake
 - W. J. McCortney, Birmingham
 - Fred McCullough, Detroit
 - A. James McKim, Waterford
 - M. Lynn McLarren, Milford
 - Theodore C. Nutter, Jr., Walled Lake
 - J. Lee Nye, Pontiac
 - John G. Paget, Walled Lake
 - Reed E. Palmer, Birmingham
 - William A. Paterson, Walled Lake
 - Owen H. Pelham, Detroit
 - Richard E. Ramsey, Walled Lake
 - Larry Ratliff, Walled Lake
 - Gerald V. Raymond, Plymouth
 - Melvin M. Reeves, Detroit
 - Robert R. Reive, Walled Lake
 - Russell M. Richardson, Birmingham
 - C. W. Richter, Detroit
 - William T. Ross, Royal Oak
- (Continued on Page 7)

MUSIC • COIN OPERATED • BACKGROUND	
BUSH MUSIC COMPANY	
8020 West McNichols Road	
UNiversity 4-4827	EMpire 3-2457
MEMBER M.L.C.A.	

NEW MEMBERS (From Page 6)

Robert B. Rousseaux, Walled Lake
 William Rundell, Walled Lake
 John Ryan, Detroit
 Thomas C. Ryan, Detroit
 Duane N. Rutenbar, Garden City
 Joseph A. Rzezutko, Detroit
 Welton Taylor Sale, Walled Lake
 Glenn L. Sawyer, Birmingham
 Otto P. Schellmat, Detroit
 Charles Schmaus, Royal Oak
 Lawrence H. Sherman, Dearborn
 Richard L. Shiker, Milford
 Louis Sibal, Detroit
 Richard H. Skellinger, Farmington
 William A. Slingwein, Detroit
 Ray H. Smith, Birmingham
 Thomas W. Smith, Detroit
 Edward E. Stack, Jr., Birmingham
 Robert E. Stafford, Pontiac
 George Stasie, Detroit
 Earl Houghton Stuckey, Birmingham
 William S. Taylor, Walled Lake
 Jack M. Thompson, Milford
 Robert G. Tighe, Detroit
 Joseph H. Tolko, Detroit
 Anthony Topolnicki, Detroit
 Roy E. Traxler, Walled Lake
 Jewell W. Webb, Milford
 John A. Webb, Detroit
 Roger G. Wells, Birmingham
 Joseph B. Whitmore, Inkster
 Glenn M. Williams, Goodrich
 Howard B. Williams, Plymouth
 Harry Williamson, Detroit
 D. Edward Wolf, Brighton
 Lynn H. Wortley, South Lyons
 Roy C. Wright, Pontiac
 Leo E. Cook, Walled Lake
 Sylrio Faford, Royal Oak
 Wayne J. Mott, Walled Lake
 Earl B. Owen, Berkley
 William Dale Thayer, Walled Lake
 Neil L. Thompson, Royal Oak
 Harry H. Wohlfeil, Detroit
 Lawrence B. Weymouth, Romeo
 Ronald Jason Barringer, Milford
 Harold D. Colwell, Birmingham
 Charles P. Hooverson, Pontiac
 Frank Edwin Nelson, Dearborn
 George N. Renshaw, Highland Park
 Delbert M. Scott, Walled Lake
 Robert Bayer, Detroit

1954 DEER KILL

Firearm deer hunters took 66,730 deer from Michigan's forests and fields last fall, the annual post-card poll shows.

The poll shows that 111,000 hunters in the upper peninsula bagged 24,190 deer. During regular season in the northern lower peninsula, 283,190 hunters killed 32,590 deer and in the special season, 37,750 hunters bagged 8,270. In the southern lower peninsula, 20,060 hunters took 1,680 deer.

and an instructor—Mr. Fred Neuman. The instruction classes will be held every Saturday at 1 o'clock in the range house (for now). Probably when the weather permits we will move outdoors to the practice butts. These classes will be for beginners exclusively. We do not want any of the regular shooters to come out on these days just to practice. The tentative age limit is 9 to 17. Of course this can be altered if and when necessary. Since our Board of Directors was kind enough to appropriate the funds for this venture we want to see some good turn-outs. **SO KIDS!** get after the old man to bring you out and I am sure you will have a very enjoyable time.

We will have a complete list of the classes and winners of the club shoot-off in the next magazine for you. Til' then keep a stiff bow arm. Bye Now.

SKEET AND TRAP COMMITTEE

Dick Disler and Gordon Chapin

During the month of April, the Skeet and Trap Fields will be open at 2:00 p.m. on the 17th and the 24th. On the 24th we extend a special invitation to the ladies to shoot either skeet or trap if they wish.

Prices for this year's shooting have been set at \$2.75 per round. This price is substantially lower than any other price in our area. We need your help to keep our costs down.

Your committee wishes to take this opportunity to invite both the old and the new members to shoot. In the past, our range has seen some good shooters and some who are not so expert; however all have enjoyed the time spent on our fields.

Come out and fire a round with us in April, and we will try to make you feel so welcome you will want to be with us every time we fire.

FIRST FISH OF SPRING

Getting to be as sure sign of spring as the first deluge of robin reports is the fisherman's cry, "The smelt are running—let's go!" Fishing through the ice for the little silvery fish is a popular winter sport, but for real excitement spring dip-netting takes top outdoor honors, as those who engage in the sport will attest.

Smelt are not native to the Great Lakes drainage, the first planting having been made by the State Fish Commission in the St. Marys river in 1906. First plantings were made to supply a food fish for land-locked salmon, at that time being planted experimentally in Great

Accept Only The Best . . .

KLEAN FUEL OIL

"Your Lake Area Distributor"
**COMMERCE OIL AND
 PRODUCTS COMPANY**

EMpire 3-2473

4387 South Commerce Road

Route 4 — Walled Lake, Michigan

Lakes waters. Early smelt plantings failed, but a stock of smelt placed in Crystal lake, Benzie county, in 1912, took hold. The fish were first observed spawning in 1918, and since then dispersal in Great Lakes waters has been followed carefully by fisheries biologists. Populations of the fish grew rapidly in the two decades after 1918 and became firmly established.

Commercial fishermen first caught smelt in Great Lakes waters in 1931 when 400 pounds were reported taken in Lake Michigan. By 1941 the commercial take in that lake had risen to slightly over three million pounds. Lakes Huron and Superior followed in 1935 when a few hundred pounds were reported taken. Neither lake yields much today, although in the last two or three years a fishery for smelt has been developing in Saginaw Bay.

Most of the year smelt inhabit waters from 60-120 feet in depth but during the winter they are caught in Green Bay waters through the ice in depths ranging from 15-75 feet. As spring approaches they move inshore in tremendous schools. With the breaking up of the ice, water temperatures rise and spawning runs commence. Nearly all the actual swimming upstream and the spawning itself takes place at night, although a few stragglers may remain in streams during daylight hours. After spawning, the fish return to the deeper lake water.

Dipping smelt from streams during the spawning period has grown tremendously popular in Michigan in the

**ART'S
 VARIETY SHOP**
SPORTING GOODS and LIVE BAIT
 Union and Cooley Lake Roads
EMpire 3-3101

Member of M.I.C.A.

April, 1955

SMELT FISHING (From Page 7)

last decade. Varied types of dipping equipment are used but according to present Michigan law the hand dip net cannot exceed five feet in circumference. Runs now occur in most streams draining into Michigan waters of the Great Lakes except Lake Erie, and the Director of the Conservation Department is authorized to designate streams open to dipping. A list of streams is prepared annually for fishermen, obtainable from conservation officers or through the Department's Fish Division, Lansing.

Each spring thousands eagerly await reports of good dipping conditions and many in their anxiety schedule trips before the peaks of the runs are attained. The first runs usually occur in the Lower Peninsula in the Grand Traverse area, sometime late in March. Saginaw Bay, upper Lake Huron and the Upper Peninsula generally follow in that order in reporting first runs. The heights of the runs vary, depending on location, from April 14-28.

Mention was made that the 1941 Michigan commercial production of smelt reached a high of over three million pounds with more than 95 percent coming from Lake Michigan. In the fall of 1942 a serious mortality hit smelt populations, apparently caused by some unknown infectious disease. The disease spread through lakes Huron and Michigan and by 1944 the entire commercial production had dwindled to a mere 200 pounds. Since then populations have so built up that in 1953 the commercial take was 4,330,000 pounds—an all-time high. Also, it is believed that sportsmen dip nearly as many pounds during the spawning runs as commercial interests harvest during the entire winter. If so, the entire smelt yield from Michigan waters last year amounted to eight million pounds.

A large portion of the spring dip-net catch is at present wasted, although fishermen in the Menominee area are showing interest in establishing a dehydration plant to fully utilize smelt when the market is glutted and prices low during

THE MULTI-LAKER

spawning season. Such a plant would be operated to preserve smelt for human consumption, as food for commercially-raised mink and as fish meal for poultry feed.

So whether you want to try your luck with hook and line fishing through the ice on Lake Charlevoix, Crystal or other lakes where smelt are plentiful, or whether you prefer to dip them during spawning runs in the spring, the smelt is one species virtually unaffected by heavy fishing. As a matter of fact, with such a tremendous population as now exists in northern Great Lakes waters, especially in Green Bay, fish biologists wonder if another heavy die-off as happened in 1942-43 might not be in the offing. At present there is no evidence to indicate this. The dip-net army of Michigan anglers certainly hopes not; there are few fish that rank higher when freshly caught and properly cooked. They truly provide a dish fit for kings.

MICHIGAN CONSERVATION

MICHIGAN LEADS NATION

More people hunted and fished in Michigan during the last fiscal year than in any other state.

The state was not only first but led the U.S. to a national record sale of 32,654,199 hunting and fishing licenses.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported that Michigan accounted for 2,794,551 of the total sale.

California sold 2,493,911 for second place nationally, Minnesota was third with 1,818,755 and New York took fourth with 1,784,727.

Fishing as in past years was most popular of the two outdoor sports. About 1,860,000 licensed anglers tramped up and down the nation's waterways during the year.

Almost \$85,000,000 poured into state and federal treasuries from the license sales.

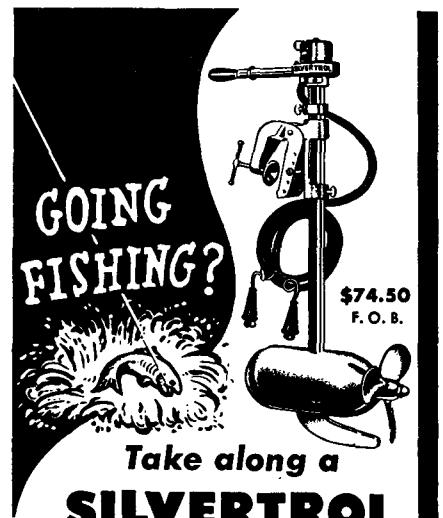
California sold more fishing licenses than Michigan, but when totaled with hunting permits, the Wolverine State ranked above all others.

April, 1955

A man, with one hand off just above the wrist, climbed into the barber's chair for a shave. The barber, nervous after cutting the man three or four times, said to him, "Have I ever shaved you before, Sir?"

"No," answered the man—"I lost this hand in a saw mill accident!"

Man woke up to answer phone. When he answered it, a voice on the other end said he had the wrong number—apologized and said he was sorry he got the man out of bed. Our still sleepy hero replied, "Oh, that's ok, I had to get up to answer the phone anyway."



Take along a
SILVERTROL
Electric TROLLING
MOTOR

● Quiet, relaxing, no gas fumes, always starts. SILVERTROL is the ideal trolling motor, especially in waters where outboards are prohibited. Operates smoothly and easily on a 6-volt automobile battery. Speeds from 1 to 5 miles an hour. Water-cooled, lifetime-lubricated. 360° directional steering and fixed steering... See your outdoor dealer or write us.

SILVERTROL DISTRIBUTORS

13309 West McNichols Road
UN. 4-8509 Detroit 35, Mich.