

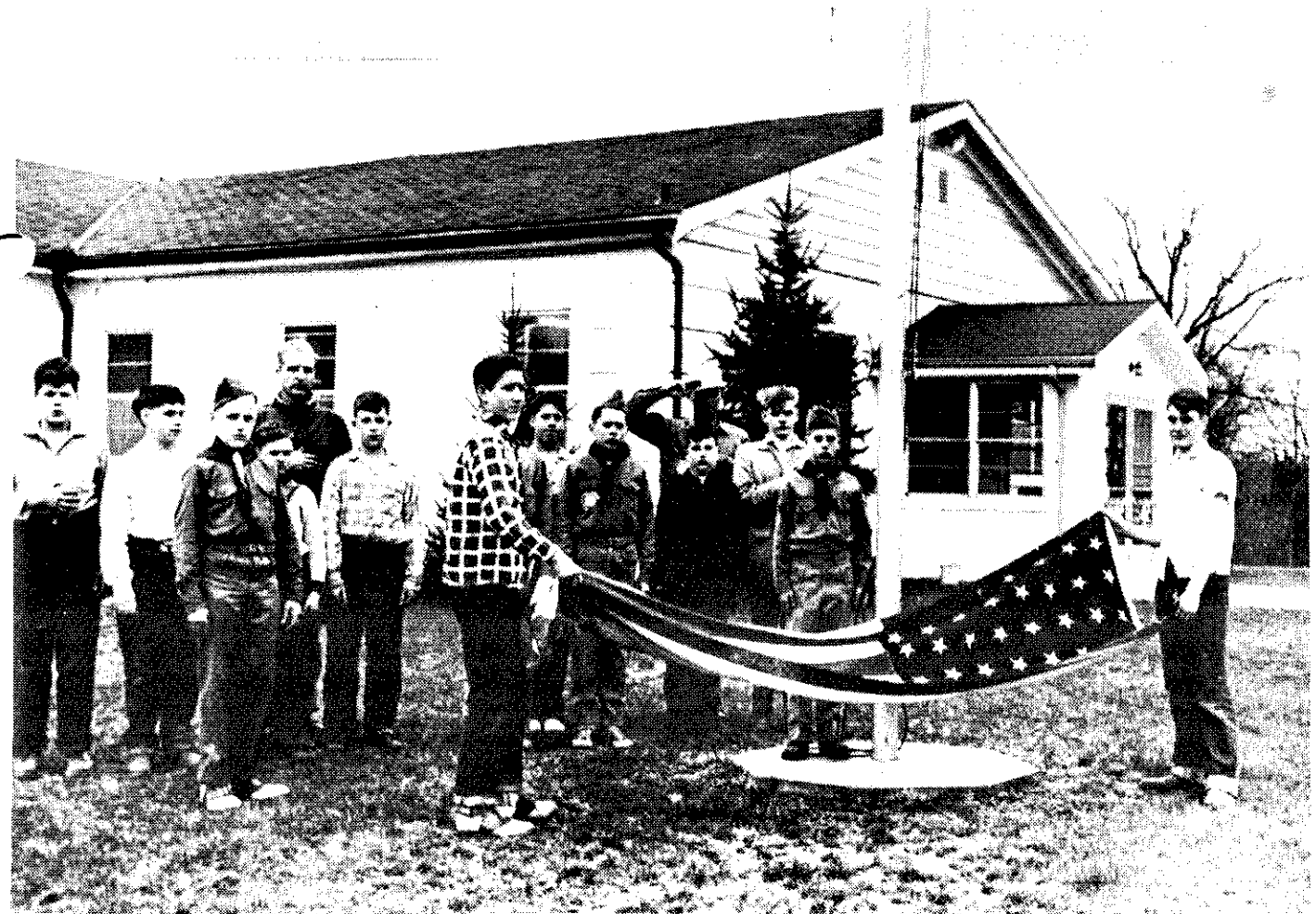


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- July 12—Pistol Shooters
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- Springer Spaniel Trials
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- 21—CLUB DANCE
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- Skeet & Trap Shooters
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- Aug. 2—Pistol Shooters
- 4—CLUB DANCE
- 5—Skeet & Trap Shooters
- 7—Sr. Rifle Shooters
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Little Leaguers Show Much Improvement

By Ken Cranknell

On the scoreboard our Little Leaguers haven't been doing so well, but if you haven't seen them in action lately, come out and take a look. You will certainly see a lot of improvement.

We lost the first four games, 12-3, 23-0, 7-1 and 4-0, and then came our only win to date, a 9-3 decision over the Westacres Red Sox. That evening Chuck Saunders pitched a very good game and everything seemed to go right.

Our last two games to date we lost 8-5 and 11-6. A bit of luck and more experience could have made these victories for the Multi-Lakes Cardinals.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 8, 4 p.m., Cards vs W. L. Tigers

Monday, July 9, 6 pm., Cards vs Glengary Yanks.

Friday, July 13, 6 p.m., Cards vs Tigers.

Friday, July 20, 6 p.m., Cards vs Union Lake Indians.

Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m., Cards vs Glengary Yanks.

Friday, July 27, 6 p.m., Cards vs Westacres Red Sox.

Sunday, July 29, 4 p.m., Cards vs Wixom Orioles.

Monday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m., Cards vs Union Lake Indians.

Friday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m., Cards vs Yanks.

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Cards vs Red Sox.

Friday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m., Cards vs Tigers.

All games played at Riley Field in Walled Lake.

Ahead or behind. Manager Clare Wein has the boys out there trying.

Orchids this month to Cliff Champion for bringing his mower and taking care of the outfield, to Norm Trudeau for wheeling out his big grader to skin the infield, and to all the boys, thanks for a real good job.

The Cover Picture

M. L. C. A. provides camping grounds for any Scout Troop wishing to camp out overnight or weekends. Pictured are members of Scout Troop No. 36 of Westacres.

Pictured are members of Scout Troop No. 36 folding the clubhouse flag, which is part of their day's activities while camping out.

Left to right are Tom Watson, Tom Smith, Gary Ball, Steve Roemer, Rol Sisung (asst. S. M.), Dave Merkle, Dan Jenks, Jack Rutledge, Don Cox, Russ Gottschall, Charles Cox (Scoutmaster) Arnold Smith with Paul Rand, Bob Hartle and Bob Sisung folding the flag. (PHOTO by GENE PROULX)

DANCE - --AUGUST 4

Meanderings

.00075 % of the M.L.C.A. membership was saved from aching muscles and broken bones when rain forced the postponement of the scheduled Blooper Ballgame on June 24 . . . Many thanks to Harold Beagle for the gratis road grading job, and to Iner Hurd for the yellow trash cans and the small child's gym set which will soon be erected on the playground . . . "Wrecker" Ed and Co succeeded in moving the storage shed to it's new location in back of the range building. . . . Ralph "Smoky" Hartman is still in Beaumont hospital. . . . Cary Heirmerdinger is recuperating at home after suffering a heart attack. . . . K. Cranknell is well on the way to recovery after an appendectomy. . . . The Little Leaguers, improving with every game, managed to win one game in the first round of play. . . . We'll take any old issues of the Retriever that you wish to dispose of. . . . Removal of unregistered boats is scheduled for mid-July. . . . Congrats to I. Hurd, seller of 61 M.U.C.C. books. . . . REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE.

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June Board Meeting

Wed., June 27, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Welbon at 2:15 p.m. with all members present.

Purdie moved we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the past meetings, seconded by Adams, motion carried.

Jim Shivas was present and made a report on the food detail of the forthcoming Dog Trial event. He reported two legitimate bids for handling food. Wysong moved the Board go on record as favoring letting a contract to a catering company for the furnishing of food and drinks outside the club grounds for the event, and that the food committee be satisfied as to the price charged and quality of food sold by the caterer. Seconded by Rahn, motion carried.

Ray Chabot moved the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Stroh Brewing Company for the fine job done by Budd Lynch at our June membership meeting, seconded by Payne, motion carried.

President Chabot reported he had contacted Roy Stiles regarding the Children's Picnic. Roy was a little averse to heading the committee but finally agreed. Sunday, August 26 was mentioned for the event. Purdie

moved that the date be accepted and \$250 be advanced the Committee for the occasion. Wysong seconded, and the motion carried.

The nominating committee was mentioned, and Purdie moved we name Nick Lup as chairman of said Committee. He to report at the July Board Meeting with his selections for the committee. Seconded by Gladstone, motion carried.

The following bills payable were mentioned:

Walt Peters	\$ 50.02
Detroit Edison	76.22
Michigan Bell	1.65
U. S. Treasury - License	50.00
U. S. Treasury - Tax	10.00
Bar Committee, Misc.	
Bills	22.35
John Jeph. Expenses	1.67
Bar Committee, Misc.	
Bills	32.29
Riley, Well Drilling	34.62
Grounds, Hose & Reel	14.85
John Zepf, Refund on	
Dues	20.00
Ray Chabot, Adv.	23.50
Delegates Expense	240.00

Gladstone moved the bills be paid. Seconded by Chaplow, motion carried.

Harry Horner reported a cost of \$16,884.00 for Proposal No. 1 on the Architect's plan, and recommended it be accepted. Moved by Chabot, seconded by Payne, that the recommendation of the Building Committee be accepted. Motion carried. Moved by Horner, seconded by Rahn, that the President and Secretary sign the contract for our building program. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Chabot, that Harry Horner be named as Supervisor

of said program. Motion carried.

Moved by Purdie, second by Payne, that the building contract be let to E R. Hull per his bid. Motion carried.

Walt Peters reported requests by two different parties to hold picnics on our grounds. Moved by Chabot, second by Olsen, that the requests of Mercury Tool & Die Co. for August 25 and Lola Valley AF & AM for July 15 be granted. Motion carried.

Payne reported that as yet he had been unable to close the books on our M.U.C.C. award, but that he had turned over to M.U.C.C. the sum of \$4,179.73.

Moved by Wysong, second by Peters, we extend a vote of thanks to the M.U.C.C. Award Committee for a swell job. Motion carried.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned. Time 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Harvey, Secretary

An estimated 140 bobcats were taken by hunters during the lower peninsula's first hunting season on the species. December 15-March 15.



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Detroit Times Backs Dog Trial at M.L.C.A. Event

By Al Dixon

The Detroit Times has agreed to sponsor the "Novice Dog Trial" aspect of M.L.C.A.'s most ambitious venture in years. In cooperation with the Michigan Sportsman's Association, headed by Cash Patterson, M.L.C.A. will handle the Times dog trials and major field events in skeet and trap, archery, small and heavy bore, bait and fly casting. Horseshoe pits are being installed for membership contests and the athletic committee promises some good junior ballgames.

As announced last month, the program will cover two days, September 22 and 23, Entertainment for juniors, teenagers, mothers and dads will be provided all day each day. Famous names in each of the major

sporting events will be on hand to demonstrate their skills. Although the club is proposing to handle a crowd of five to ten thousands non-members, Every club member and his family is expected to be on hand to support the event and be royally entertained.

Committees of the basic organization for the two-day event are as follows:

- Planning — Horstman, Dixon, Perkins
 - Co-ordinating — Dixon, Shivas, King, Repke, Uhlin, Tusan, Cracknell.
 - Recording Secretary—Harvey
 - Dog Trial—Horstman
 - House—Perkins
 - Grounds—Peters
 - Heavy Bore—Bush
 - Small Bore—Adams
 - Archery—Spencer
 - Bait & Fly—Larges
 - Skeet & Trap—Harrington
 - Athletic—Cracknell
 - Horseshoes—Boyd
 - Food—Shivas
 - First Aid—Wysong
 - Communications—Percy
 - Parking—Repke
 - Beer — Uhlin (Bar Committee—Giordano)
 - Display Tent—Horstman
 - Special Entertainment & Prizes —Lynas
 - Program—Armstrong
 - Publicity—Paget
 - Legal Investigation—Purdie
 - Trial Grounds—Eric
- Every club member is urgently requested to drop a card or call A. Rahn at clubhouse, EM 3-9109, or 3860 Newton Rd. Walled Lake, volunteering aid on one of the committees. Every club member talks or thinks about wanting the clubhouse expansion and a strong treasury. Stop the wishful thinking, get on one of these committees, and by your support guarantee our progress.

Blooper Game Rained Out

The planned Blooper Ballgame for June 24 was washed out by rain and wind. Another is being planned for Sunday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. at the M. L. C. A diamond

The event is open to all members and guests COME ONE. COME ALL.

Plans New Classroom

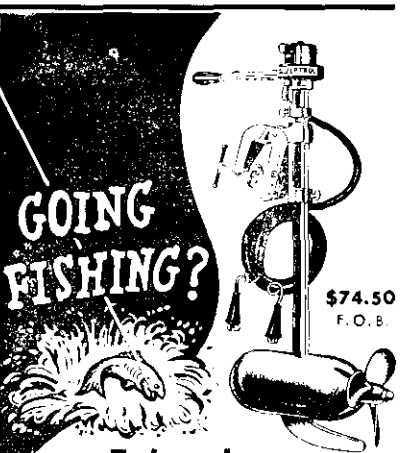
Plans for a new classroom building at Higgins Lake training school, on the site of a present storeroom, are well under way.

The new building will have a large auditorium for meetings and a basement divided into committee rooms. First construction work may begin in mid-summer.

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June Membership Meeting

June 20, 1956

The meeting was called to order by President Chabot at 8:30 p.m. with the following officers present:

Ray Chabot, president
Walt Peters, vice president
Herb Harvey, secretary
John Zepf, treasurer
Ed Olsen, membership secretary

The members present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag and recited the Conservation Pledge.

The minutes of the May membership meeting, the May Board meeting, were accepted as printed in the Multi-Laker.

The treasurer's report for May was also accepted as printed in the Multi-Laker.

Bill Harrington, Skeet and Trap, announced that starting Sunday, July 22, the trap range would be open each Sunday thereafter at 12:00 noon. Any members interested in getting on a skeet or trap team for the M.U.C.C. shoot in September are cordially invited to come out and shoot.

Walt Peters, Grounds, wished to thank all members who had helped him in making our grounds look the best ever.

Al Sixon, Dog Trials, has a tremendous job ahead and has asked for all help possible. We have an excellent chance to

make money for the club on this event. So come out and lend a hand.

Carl Reuther moved that we annul the previous motion sanctioning the complete building program to agree with the Board's recommendation of only Proposal No. 1 on the architect's plan. Seconded by Dixon, motion carried.

At this time members of the Little League which we are sponsoring, introduced themselves and identified positions played. They received a rousing ovation.

Spencer, Archery, announced a Metro shoot for the Archers on Sunday, July 1. He hoped for a better turnout than on the last shoot held. In that one Multi-Lakes had five shooters compared to 35 outsiders.

Budd Lynch, sports commentator for the Stroh Brewing Company, was present and delivered some very pertinent remarks concerning the Detroit Red Wings. Pictures of the last Stanley Cup playoffs were pleasantly received by those present.

"I have it for you" Shivas now appeared on the scene with his door prizes. This being "Father and Son" night, two lists of prizes were drawn. The following were the lucky ones:

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Rod—Lynch
Baseball—Hartman
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Flashlight—Phillips
Baseball—Sutton
Rod—Paget
Baseball—Peters
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Baseball—Hall
Rod—Hartman
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Baseball—George
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Rod—Budnick

Baseball—Roselle
Flashlight—Roselle
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Flashlight—Gillard
Baseball—Stafford
Flashlight—Esler
Flashlight—Mitchell
Rod—Kline
Flashlight—Ayres

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Anchor rope—Wheeler
Landing net—Durand
Spinning box—Disler
Fish knife—Gulick
Bait—Perry
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Bait—Dillon
Fish scaler and bait—Bohornic
Fly box—Stafford
Anchor rope—Courvin
Anchor—VanDiver
Bait—Ross
Beat Seat—Johnson
Tackle Box—Higgins
Rod holder—Schipper
Spinning rod—Paget
Motor—Blakeley

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Time 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Harvey, Sec.

Roy M. Hunt, 67, superintendent of the state game farm at Mason, retired June 30. Hunt has served the state of Michigan in conservation work for more than 38 years.

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Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

Report of Treasurer, June 30, 1956

Total funds in bank June 1, 1956\$25,574.93

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 20.00
Entertainment committee	145.92
MUCC Annual Award	4,467.50
Bar Receipts	700.00

Total Receipts\$ 5,333.42

Total funds before payment of bills\$30,908.35

Disbursements:

Harold Paper Co.	\$ 31.04
Walter Peters—grounds committee, flowers	50.02
Detroit Edison	76.22
Arnold Larges—power mower	130.00
Edwards Road Oiling Service	134.00
Mich. Bell Telephone Co.	1.65
Mich. Dept. Revenue—Sales tax	62.27
Dist. Director Internal Revenue—	
liquor dealers and amusement stamps.	60.00
Arnold Rahn—grounds committee bills ...	22.35
Ed Oldenkamp—dues refund	10.00
Stan Tusan—dues refund	10.00
Weldon Payne—check exchanged for	
cash—MUCC Award	1,500.00
Warren Neuenschwander—MUCC	
delegate expense	80.00
Weldon Payne— MUCC	
delegate expense	80.00
Clayton Adams—MUCC	
delegate expense	80.00
Arnold Rahn—postage and grounds	
committee bills	32.29
McKibben & Childs Hardware—	
hose & nozzle	14.85
Riley Well Drilling—	
pump repair range house	34.62
Treasurer's postage expense	1.67

Total disbursements: 2,410.98

Total funds after payment of bills\$28,497.37

Funds in bank June 30, 1956

Depository Account	\$ 3,064.94
Operating Account	11,656.79
Reserve Savings Account	3,775.64
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Dr. Whitlock Promoted

Dr. S. C. Whitlock, presently in charge of game research for the Conservation Department, has been named assistant chief of the Department's game division. The appointment, effective July 8, was announced by Harry D. Ruhl, chief of the game division. Whitlock will replace Joseph H. Stephenson who retired July 1 after 40 years of state conservation work.

The new assistant chief is a native of Caro and now makes his home in Dimondale.

State Park to Remain Open Through Summer

State park visitors in western Michigan will welcome the news that Traverse City state park will remain open throughout the summer. It previously was reported that the park would be closed at times because of high-way construction work on US-31.

The change in plans should help to ease over-crowded conditions at other state parks in the area. Last season the Traverse City park accommodated more than 150,000 visitors and some 3100 camping permits were issued.

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A Letter From Tom

Tampa, Florida
June 6, 1956

Mr. Ray Chabot, Pres.
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3860 Newton Road
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Dear Ray and the entire Club:
This is what I have been waiting for, to be able to send you my permanent address.

According to info I get about the north country, Reed Lake must be about up to Larges' front door. I don't suppose the weather has helped the fishing very much. As for me I have fished two times since arriving, both times off the bridge at John's Pass. Gladstone will know where that is. No luck.

I have really been a very busy and mixed up kid, looking at properties and finally buying a house and getting settled while at the same time our company moved into new offices. What a mess I dropped into! It was a real challenge but I think I will have it straightened out in another month.

What happened that I don't get the Multi-Laker? I miss it and the news about what's going on. How are Walt, Clayton, Monty and all the rest? I sure hope some of you violators will drop in on me this winter. My home is three miles from the office and three miles north of MacDill airfield, just four blocks from Gandy Bridge. We are on a sort of peninsula in Tampa Bay, with water less

than a mile away on either side.

Well, I am not much on letter writing and really extended myself to fill more than one sheet. Say hello to all the very wonderful wives too, and if you want to publish this in the Multi-Laker, you have my permission. At least put my address in it.

Sincerely yours,
Thomas M. Crane
3517 Paxton St.
Tampa 11, Florida

(Editor's Note: TOM: Not knowing your address at the time, we sent your May Multi-Laker to Timbucktoo. Will send another, and the others should find you from now on.)

New Group Camp Being Built at Proud Lake

A new group camp dormitory is being built at Proud Lake recreation area in Oakland county to meet some of the growing demand for recreational facilities of this type.

The dormitory is being constructed by Conservation Department personnel and inmate labor from the Brighton corrections-conservation camp.

At present, the Proud Lake group camp consists of a kitchen and a dining hall. The new dormitory will double the camp's capacity.

Arthur C. Elmer, chief of the Conservation Department's parks and recreation division, said the Proud Lake group camp eventually will have four dormitories capable of accommodating 120 children.

Group camping facilities are in great demand by youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs and church groups. Group camp facilities are provided at several state parks and recreation areas.

Michigan will receive \$133,474 in additional federal funds for assistance in wildlife restoration projects during the next fiscal year. The money is the state's share of the first apportionment of surplus Pittman-Robertson funds, accumulated from 1939 to 1946.

Skeet and Trap News

By Bill Harrington

Well, we had a good attendance at the Skeet & Trap range June 17. O.C.S.C. had two skeet teams and one trap squad. With the Trap team coming out on top by one bird, 99 to 98 out of a possible 125, the "A." Skeet team fell short six birds, O. C. C. having 109 to M.L.C.A. 103 the B team for M.L.C.A. had 108 to O.C.S.C. 109. That's very close anyway, boys.

There were three men going 25 straight on Skeet June 17. J. Sapsford and Bill Harrington of M.L.C.A. and Bob Theifels of O.C.S.C.

The Skeet and Trap range will be open July 21 and every Sunday thereafter till hunting season opens. Also we will be open at 12 noon. So come early and we can all get home in time to get some sleep.

Oldsters Like Fishing

The popularity of fishing in Michigan increases each year and there doesn't seem to be any age limit on the group that enjoys this recreation.

Zachary Veldhuis, 86, of Hamilton, was the oldest resident fisherman reported in 1955 fishing license sales and he still didn't hold the distinction of being the state's oldest angler. That honor went to a woman from Ohio, 89-year-old Grace Davey of Toledo.

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M.U.C.C. Results

1. By Detroit Sportsmen's Congress to Robert L. Wostilo of Hamtramck, \$4,000.
2. Saginaw Sportsmen's Club to Robert J. Fried of Saginaw, \$500.
3. Oakland County Sportsmen's Club to Robert Allen, of Royal Oak, Johnson Outboard Motor.
4. By Multi-Lakes Conservation Ass'n. to T. Tufts, 19843 Grandview, Detroit, Alumcraft Outboard Boat.
5. By Detroit Sportsmen's Congress to Joe McCullough of Utica, \$250.
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7. By Roseville Sportsmen's Club to Ben Davis of Livonia, \$100.
8. By Clinton Valley Conservation Club to J. H. Presnell of Detroit, \$100.
9. By Soo Chapter Isaac Walton League, to Jene Zoua of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$100.
10. By Oakland County Sportsmen's Club to H. Toueman, of Berkley, \$100.
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12. By Detroit Sportsman's Club to F. Budezynski, Detroit, \$100.
13. By Nottingham Sports Club to J. Nichols, Detroit, \$100.
14. By Bloomingdale Convergence Club to G. Napp, Kalamazoo, \$100.
15. By Wonderland Gun Club to A. Shadd, Detroit, \$100.
16. By Mapleridge Sportsmen's

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

Range House Committee Report

Cash on hand June 1, 1956	\$119.78
Rifle-Senior \$ 5.25	
Junior 5.60	\$ 10.85
Pistol	6.00
Ammunition: Cost \$ 16.80	
Profit 4.20	21.00
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Targets	3.95 41.80
Cash on hand June 30, 1956	\$161.58
—John Zepf		

Club to E. VanPoucker, Detroit, \$100.

SALESMEN

1. Anthony Sigmund, Detroit, of Detroit Sportsmen's Club, \$150.
2. George Radocaj, Wyandotte, of Wyandotte Sportsman's Club, \$200.
3. Peter P. Wall, Dearborn, of Multi-Lakes Cons. Club, \$250.
4. G. VanHala, Detroit, of Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, \$300.

Owners Can Soon Train Dogs in Open Fields

Dog owners must wait until after July 15 to train dogs in open fields. State law prohibits breaking, training, or practicing dogs in open fields from April 15 to July 15.

Game birds and animals are nesting during that period and should not be molested.

A Berkley resident who broke this law was ordered to pay a \$17 and \$8 court costs in a Holly court.

He was among the 61 persons listed on the latest conservation law convictions report. Financial penalties for the group included \$732 in fines and \$623 in court costs.

All fines assessed for conservation law violations go to the state library fund.

The All-Out Influence

Overheard in a washroom -- "My friend, lend or lease me your cars."

Speeding on U.S. streets and highways last year killed 12,700 men, women and children.

Hot Weather Creates Problem of Fish Kill

An early spell of hot weather has created a fish kill problem in several Michigan lakes.

Extremely hot weather kills vegetation in shallow water, causing oxygen depletion and fish suffocation. This summer kill often occurs in shallow lakes during the hotter months of the season, but abnormally-high June temperatures have put several lakes at the critical stage already.

Conservation Department fish workers have received many reports from persons who found dead fish in shallow lakes. Fish specialists point out that the hot weather kill occurs only in shallow lakes and bays and is less extensive than winter-kill in ice-covered lakes.

If the summerkill problem becomes more serious, fishing regulations could be relaxed at lakes affected, enabling anglers to take fish which otherwise would be lost.

Nature, however, controls the only sure remedy for the problem—cooler weather.

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Forest Fires Do Wide Damage to Soil, Game

Fishermen can do a big favor for themselves and others by giving their full support to forest fire prevention.

It's often difficult to realize the danger of forest fires this early in the year, particularly since frequent rains seem to have kept the ground moist. Nevertheless, in some areas brush fires may start easily from a carelessly thrown match or a cigarette not crushed out before it is discarded.

M. M. Bergman, in charge of the Conservation Department's forest fire section, urges anglers to be extremely alert in preventing fires.

Forest fires not only destroy the habitat of the state's wild animals and game birds, but burn the soil as well. Burned soil does not encourage plant growth for some time and where the sheltering growth of bushes and tall grass no longer exists, brooks are exposed to hot sunlight. This may result in the water becoming too warm to support trout. In some cases the brooks may even dry up.

So far this year, 302 fires have been reported in the state and 1996 acres have been dam-

aged. The upper peninsula has the best fire record with only 375 acres damaged. The northern lower peninsula has had 696 acres damaged while the southern lower peninsula total is 925 acres.

Mail Carrier Survey Shows Game Increase

The latest upper peninsula mail carrier survey shows a marked increase in numbers of deer and ruffed grouse over a similar survey made last year.

The 1956 spring survey revealed an average of 1.5 birds per 10 carrier-days as compared with less than one bird sighted per 10 days last year.

The increase in deer numbers was even greater, with 5.5 animals counted per 10 carrier-days. The figure compares with 3.6 deer last year.

Growth of foliage was retarded this spring by colder weather, were making visibility greater. Thus, the 1955 and 1956 surveys were made under somewhat different conditions which probably had an effect on the number of animals recorded.

However, other information indicates an increase in ruffed grouse populations since last year, which apparently was the low of the population cycle in most parts of the U.P.

The latest census was conducted by 84 R.F.D. and star route mail carriers, representing every county in the U.P. These men contributed 1,512 carrier-days of observations and counted 229 ruffed grouse and 632 deer.

The U.S. Forest Service has announced that Michigan's upper peninsula will become "a center for research activities," following the July expansion of the Lakes States forest experiment station. Headquarters for the research center will be in the Marquette post office building.

The next monthly meeting of the state Conservation Commission has been scheduled for July 12-13 at the Conservation Department's Higgins Lake training school.

Eggs Hatch Too Soon; to Replace Shipment

Michigan's grayling restoration program received a setback when most of a 100,000 egg shipment from Montana was lost because of a delay in transit. However, the shipment will be replaced by Montana officials.

The 100,000 grayling eggs, were delayed two days on their trip to the Conservation Department's Wolf Lake hatchery at Mattawan. A great majority of the eyed eggs hatched en-route and were dead when they reached the Kalamazoo airport.

Some 10,000 - 13,000 of the young fish were saved and appeared to be thriving in hatchery troughs at Wolf Lake.

Walter Allen, Montana superintendent of fisheries, said the shipment would be replaced without cost when he learned of the loss. The new batch of eggs will be sent by express.

Explorer Scouts Net Six Tons of Debris

The annual cleanup of a 48-mile stretch of the AuSable River has been completed by the Grayling explorer scouts.

The boys, who volunteer their services for this project, gathered an estimated six tons of debris from the main stream and south branch of the river. The assorted refuse consisted mainly of cans and bottles, but included wire fencing, rubber tires, washtubs, bedsprings and frames, rope and other miscellaneous articles.

The scouts spent three days in completing the cleanup this year, using canoes donated by local boat rental agencies.

Joseph H. Stephenson, assistant chief of the Conservation Department's game division and a veteran of more than 40 years service to the state of Michigan, plans to retire in early July. Stephenson started work as a game, fish and fire warden in 1916, five years before the present Department was formed.

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PROGRAM

Time	No.	EVENT	Age	Time	No.	EVENT	Age
11:00 AM	1	Boys—25 yard race	under 6	LUNCH	2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	LUNCH	
:10	2	Girls—25 yard race	under 6				
:20	3	Girls—50 yard race	6 to 10				
:30	4	Boys—50 yard race	6 to 10				
:40	5	Boys—100 yard race	10 to 16				
:50	6	Girls—100 yard race	10 to 16				
12:00 M	7	Girls—Balloon Breaking Contest	under 7	3:00 PM		Blooper Ball Game	
:10 PM	8	Girls—Balloon Breaking Contest	7 to 16	3:00 PM	19	Father and Son Race	
:20	9	Boys—Balloon Breaking Contest	under 7	:10	20	Ladies Soft Ball Contest	
:30	10	Boys—Balloon Breaking Contest	7 to 16	:20	21	Men's Egg Throwing Contest	
:40	11	Girls—Shoe Scramble Contest	under 7	:30	22	Ladies Egg Race	
:50	12	Girls—Jump The Shoe Contest	7 to 16	:45	23	Men's Three-Leg Race	
1:00 PM	13	Boys—Shoe Scramble	up to 7	4:00 PM	24	Judging Largest Family at Picnic	
:10	14	Boys—Wheelbarrow Race	7 to 16	:20	25	Men's Rope Pulling Contest	
:20	15	Girls—Penny Scramble	under 6	:30	26	Ladies Shoe Kicking Contest	
:30	16	Boys—Penny Scramble	under 6	:40	27	Turtle Race	
:40	17	Girls—Hot Spud Race	7 to 13	:50	28	Fat Man's Race	
:50	18	Boys—Poison Pin Battle	7 to 13				

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Puppy Match

Best of Match at the English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan's puppy match June 24 at Multi-Lakes club grounds was won by Salilyn's Marco Polo, owned by Mrs. Julie Gasow of Birmingham. The Best Female was won by Salilyn's Evening Star, also owned by Mrs. Gasow.

Jeff, owned by Henry Andries of Detroit, won the two to four months male class, and the two to four months female class award went to Pamray's Royal Lady, owned by Wesley H. Potts.

The weather was wet and windy until noon, when it

cleared for a lovely day on the lake shore.

John Bryant of Battle Creek did the breed judging and Glen Allen judged the obedience classes.

Ralph Franks and Charles Wingate will act as judges at the planned July 15 water trial. Rain or shine, these trials are interesting, as spectators see the springers handle birds.

The English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan wants to thank the members of M.L.C.A. for their wonderful hospitality, and the Spaniel Club wishes to extend its welcome to M.L.C.A. to all the dog club's activities.

Archery News

BY Loretta Stack

The M.L.C.A. Archery club is sponsoring an outdoor barbeque and a novelty shoot on July 21. All Multi-Lakes archers are invited free of charge, so come out and have a nice evening of fun.

The group will meet at the club house at 9:30 p.m. Let's all get together for a bang-up evening.

Our next club shoot is scheduled for July 15.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who sent me a card or letter during my recent stay in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, or took time out to say hello.

One card I received was signed by all the players of the Multi-Lakes Little League team, manager, coaches, etc. It sure was nice and I certainly will keep that one for a long time.

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