

It Won't Be A Sea Serpent You See, But It'll Make A Good Fish Story

Sea serpent season is just around the corner, the Michigan Department of Conservation believes, and is ready to investigate the reports it is expected to receive.

Early each summer when the vacation population of Michigan is high and more than the usual number of eyes are scanning lake and stream waters, the conservation department's fish division gets reports of sea serpents, sea monsters and whales. Swimmers from coastal states swear they saw serpents fins cutting the water.

The division is happy to get the reports, for every report reduced from fantastic to everyday language, is one more encouraging bit of evidence that sturgeon are making progress in their long come-back from near extermination.

June is sturgeon spawning time, and early vacationers sometimes see in shallow waters the big fish that will spend the rest of the season feeding deep on the lake bottoms. The frightening commotion sturgeon make when they head into the water with their rolling, fisherman men explain, is a simple maneuver the big fish have for shaking off parasitic sea lampreys.

Protected by State Laws Sturgeon have been protected 17 years in Michigan, since 1929, but now starting from the egg at that time would be still more young, with three to eight years to go before his first spawning and the prospect of 30 or more years of life ahead of him. Price recent specimen taken was one

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Men in Service

Two Macdonald Boys Released From Navy

Two brothers, Lorne and Kenneth Macdonald, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Macdonald of 236 Puritan road, were recently discharged from the Navy.

Kenneth, PHM3/c, received his training at Great Lakes and was stationed there as a hospital technician. He was discharged on June 5 after two and one-half years in service.

Receives Release To Inactive Duty

Lt. William H. Neely, USNH, of 607 Oak street, was released to inactive duty on the 31st of May. Lieutenant Neely attended Midshipman's School at Northwestern University and received his commission in April, 1944.

After ten weeks instruction at the Submarine Gunner training center at Miami, Fla., he was sent to the Pacific on the U.S.S. Fuller, APA 7.

Home From Navy

Ensign Phillip G. Dibble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark Dibble of 1100 W. Lincoln street, was released from active duty in the Navy on June 5. He entered service three years ago and trained at the NRO at Duke University.

He received his commission in February, 1945, and served as a navigation officer on the USS in the Pacific for sixteen months.

Released From Duty

Ensign John C. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irene W. Robertson of 2952 Brookside road, was released to inactive duty in the Navy last week. John entered service in July, 1943, in the Navy 73rd unit at Western Michigan College and at Columbia University where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Receives Discharge

Jack L. Rigden, 517 1/2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rigden of Webster avenue, was discharged from naval service on June 9. He entered service in May, 1944, and received his training at North Heights, Conn. He was stationed in Manila for the past year.

Second Prize Won By George Austin

Second prize of \$60.00 cash in the 25th annual Mary E. Earl McKinney award for English composition was won by George Allen Austin, 12-year-old veteran student at California Institute of Technology.

To Attend Conference

Paul G. Carter, Adams School principal, will be sent by the Board of Education to attend the conference on arithmetic at the University of Chicago from July 22 to 24 in order to study the recent methods of presenting arithmetic courses in the elementary schools may be studied and adopted in the Birmingham School system, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Superintendent of Schools, said Tuesday afternoon.

Her Car Is Stolen

Birmingham today has its first stolen car yesterday in several months. Mrs. Harry Van Matre, 897 West Huron street, Pontiac, reported last Friday that her 1937 Buick had been stolen from in front of the Birmingham Community House. Mrs. Van Matre had been in Birmingham for an event at the Community House and when it came time for her to leave she found that her car had left some time ahead of her. Thus far no trace has been found of the missing car.

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