

# MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

## BASS CAN BE ORNERLY!

How many times have you fished a lake that's swarming with bass—yet you come home empty-handed? Next trip out you'll have your limit in an hour, and there'll be fish boiling all over the surface. That's the time to stop and think about bass fishing and how to make 'em hit when they're "off their feed."

Catching bass the last week in June and first week in July is made a lot easier by nature. The fish have just finished spawning—some may still be near the beds and willing to hit anything that comes near. With spawning ended, appetites improve and they spend more of their time hunting food.

But after the 4th of July they can be a challenging problem to the angler.

**Plug or Live Bait?**

They may then feed only a short while each day—or every other day. The rest of the time they're sulking in deep, cooler water. Is live bait allowed to sink into these holes best at such times? Or is an artificial lure most effective? Probably the plug . . . and probably a plug that sinks slowly when not on the retrieve. My own personal theory about bass plugs is that any similarity to natural food is incidental and unimportant. A sulking fish will

strike from sheer annoyance, especially if the lure sinks into the hole where he's resting, and then suddenly begins its worst—some wiggle or darting action.

**Erratic Retrieve Important!**  
Few if any bass lures were made to be reeled in with a smooth even pressure on the reel. If you're casting a floating lure resembling a frog, mouse or whatnot, let it sit where it lands for a few moments. The splash will scare fish as it hits, then they may return out of sheer curiosity if it floats in one spot quietly. Now begin the retrieve erratically, reeling rapidly for a turn or two, then slowing way down or letting the lure surface again. I don't believe your bass is going to strike because he thinks the lure is a frog, mouse or whatnot. He'll bump it challengingly in a vicious effort to drive the "thing" away.

**Follow a Routine**  
When bass aren't biting get yourself a system. Figure the plan of attack carefully. Try different types of lures with different actions rather than different colors. Line 'em up to your tacklebox in a definite order and fish 'em all are we?

At day's end with an empty stringer, this can be a most embarrassing question!

A Birmingham resident, Mort Neff's "Michigan Outdoors" television Show appears every Thursday at 10:15 p.m. over Station WWJ-TV.

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From where I sit... *by Joe Marsh*

**How Nervy Can a "Tenant" Get?**

"Harry the Hermit" dropped in to see Judge Cunningham the other day and started complaining about that dilapidated house he lives in near Greenwood Lake.

"Who's my landlord?" Harry wanted to know. "Whoever you pay rent to," says the Judge. "Don't pay any rent," says Harry. "Moved into that house twelve years ago and nobody ever came to collect."

"Well," says the Judge, looking mystified, "what do you have to complain about?" "Plenty," replies Harry. "Rain's pouring in my living room and if someone doesn't fix that roof, I'm moving out!"

Now Harry was only having a little joke, but from where I sit I've seen people act just about as nervy as this sometimes—seriously. Like those who enjoy all the rights Americans have worked for, and yet would take away some of those freedoms from others—for example, our right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer. I say these "leaks of intolerance" have no place in the "home of liberty."

*Joe Marsh*

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## Renovation Cost Estimate Given For Hill School

J. Robert F. Swanson of Swanson Associates has presented an estimated construction cost of \$10,200 for the proposed improvements at Hill school to the Birmingham board of education for its consideration.

The figure includes the establishment of a new board room, a canopy and step repairs over the Merrill street entrance and the garage improvement program. The new board room would provide a meeting place large enough

to permit district residents to attend meetings in greater comfort. Acoustical ceilings and sliding tracks for the display of plans, maps and so on would give further convenience to board members and guests.

SWANSON pointed out that with the completion of the program for Hill and Baldwin schools, the Merrill street entrance will become the main entry to the school. The present steps are without cover and extremely hazardous during the winter months, it was claimed.

Tentative approval was given by the board, pending a further study by the building committee for suggested changes or additional features.

Be Wise—Use Classifieds!

## School Board Receives Architect's Drawings Of Quarton Addition

Frederick Madison, Royal Oak architect, presented plans for the proposed addition to Quarton school before the Birmingham board of education Monday evening. Estimated costs have not been figured.

The modern, functional addition would extend south of the present building blending into it through the use of similar construction material and colors.

The new area would include six classrooms, additional toilet facilities, cafeteria, principal's office, teacher's lounge. Several additional storage spaces also will be provided in the new wing.

## Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

VALUATION	Number	Valuation
TOTAL	6	\$35,150
Residences	2	\$22,000
Garages	2	\$1,950
Alterations	2	\$1,200

  

Permits	1951	1952	Permits	Total	Total Value
Jan.	1,974,215	422,210	45	2,396,425	\$1,600,000
Feb.	432,500	77,616	44	510,116	\$400,000
Mar.	432,500	77,616	44	510,116	\$400,000
Apr.	432,500	77,616	44	510,116	\$400,000
May	432,500	77,616	44	510,116	\$400,000
June	432,500	77,616	44	510,116	\$400,000

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### Aetna Representative At Regionnaires Meet

R. W. Schmid, 275 Strathmore, was among the nine members of the H. J. McLaurin general agency of the Aetna Life Insurance company who attended a meeting of the Aetna Life Corps of Regionnaires at Mackinac Island July 6-9.

The Regionnaires are a group of Aetna representatives in this country and Canada who compiled outstanding production records during the preceding year. The group meets annually in a series of regional conferences to hear reports on new developments in the life insurance field.

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**Wool Coats** . . . up to 1/2 off  
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**Sacony Pedal Pushers** . . . 1/2 price  
Perfection-tailored Palm Beach fabric in a choice of colors. Were to 8.95.

**Slips** . . . now 6.88, 4.88, **2.88**  
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**Gowns** . . . 6.88  
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**Maiden Form Bras** . . . 89c  
Close-out price on our entire stock of these famous-make bras. Broken assortment, were 2.50 up.

Lily of France  
**Girdles** . . . 8.90 and 3.90  
Wonderful buys at this low price. Group also includes Youthcraft and Gossard garments reg. to 25.00, now 3.90 and 8.90.

The exciting values listed above are but a sample of what's in store for you during this semi-annual event. Shop Davidson's during July for values . . . nearly everyone does!

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