

MEN IN SERVICE

MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

LAMPREY RUN NEARS PEAK

The first week in June marks the peak of the spawning run for sea lamprey in the Great Lakes, and is the signal for intensified action in the battle against this vicious blood-sucking predator already responsible for the destruction of a \$5,000,000 Michigan fishing industry.

Visitors to the former coast guard station at Hammond Bay near Rogers City will find the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service manning a complete research project designed to bring the sea lamprey under control—but the battle is only starting.

Lakes Infested

Millions of these vampire-like lampreys now swarm through our Great Lakes waters attacking every species of fish, multiplying so rapidly that they threaten to eat themselves out of house and home at the expense of vast populations of our most highly prized sports fish including lake trout, rainbow trout, wall-eyed pike, bass, northern pike and perch.

They spawn in an estimated 200 rivers emptying into the Great Lakes from bordering States and Canada—and it is during their annual spawning run that control measures are put into effect. Biologists know that the sea lamprey dies after spawning, OR if blocked off from its spawning grounds.

Occasionally one will break from the pack and rush blindly into the shocking area in a desperate effort to move upstream, only to fall back, stunned to unconsciousness, drifting far downstream before squirming back to life and rejoining the pack. Some will move back out into the lake seeking other spawning rivers with no barriers. Others will maintain the vigil just out of reach of the electric field, gradually growing weaker and finally dying, without completing the spawning cycle.

should include a stopover at near-by Oqueoc River just a mile west of the laboratory. There you'll see how scientists effectively block a typical lamprey spawning area with weird-looking electric fences. And you're likely to see hundreds of lamprey ranging up to 20" long massed just out of reach of the electric field generated under water.

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Victory in Sight

Some day in not too many years all spawning rivers used by sea lamprey may be effectively blocked. Then and then only can we expect the return of the great Mackinaw Trout now nearing extinction in Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. The battle lines are drawn—and the battle is a spectacle well worth your trip to Hammond Bay on the Lake Huron shores.

UN Film Strips Still Shown Here

A section of the educational program started four years ago by the Birmingham League of Women Voters is still being carried on in the city's schools by Mrs. Eleanor Gaffill, 1150 Westwood.

Mrs. Gaffill is currently showing the "orange crate" theater film-strip on the United Nations to third grade classes in all Birmingham schools. The present film has been revised during the four years to bring it up to date on UN activities.

"Part of each visit," Mrs. Gaffill said is given over to a discussion of UN and UNESCO. These third graders are deeply interested in foreign countries, especially the children, and take a very active part in the discussions.

"THEIR REACTIONS are remarkable and their understanding of foreign countries is really amazing. They know why the

Puritans came to this new world, and they know what we have in the United States which other countries do not have. They are aware of the differences in countries and of the needs they have.

"In one school we were talking about the Russian people, when I said we really don't hate the Russian people. It was only the things which their country stands for that are contrary to our beliefs and those of all free nations. One little girl commented, 'No, we shouldn't hate the people in Russia, because they're God's children, too!'"

People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor:

The mail today included a pamphlet from the City of Birmingham entitled, "Help Protect Birmingham's Beautiful Elm Trees."

Evidently three or four thousand, or maybe more, of these booklets were sent out, the postage costs being borne by Birmingham citizen taxpayers.

I do not know the difference in value between Birmingham's elm trees and other types, and it is difficult to understand the concern for elms while large numbers of beautiful maples are being destroyed on the West Maple improvement (?) project.

I am quite sure when the bridge project was voted on, very few, if any, realized the undertaking would involve complete destruction of all those trees, making one of Birmingham's most beautiful thoroughfares just another highway.

WHEN THE widening of Oak street was proposed, those of us who objected to the removal of the trees on that street were accused of obstructing progress. One commissioner even wondered why we would want to keep "those old married trees." One glance at West Maple today should provide the answer.

"CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL."

WALTER KADELL
836 Lakeview.

An open letter to all new voters: Dear New Voter: You are invited to a birthday party—a party to celebrate the fact that you have had your 21st birthday since the last Presidential Election, or will have it before November 4, 1952. You are now eligible to be a voter in the United States.

On June 15th the League of Women Voters invites you to meet the candidates for county, state and national offices who will run for election in the August 5 Michigan primaries. Candidates for the governorship of Michigan, the state legislature, and Oakland county offices will be here.

An old-fashioned torchlight parade through Birmingham will start at 7:30 p.m. It will be the kind of political parade that your grandfather used to see.

THERE WILL BE a rally at the playground at the back of Hill school after the parade. Candidates for state and national offices will speak. Other candidates will be introduced to you.

After the rally you are invited to a party in the James Church parlors where there will be birthday cake and coffee. Here you will have an opportunity to talk to the candidates.

In case of rain, the rally will be held in the Baldwin school gymnasium, and the Birthday Party will be as scheduled at the St. James Church. Come, make it a grand reunion. This is your party as it is planned exclusively for new voters.

MRS. BROOKS MARSHALL, President, Birmingham League of Women Voters

LT. McDONNELL Becomes Officer-Pilot At Williams AFB, Ariz.

WACO, Tex.—Miles C. McDonnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. McDonnell, of 501 Larches Dr., Birmingham, was commissioned an officer and pilot at Williams AFB, Ariz., recently after graduation from the 13 month training program.

The newly commissioned officer's current training was under the jurisdiction of the Flying Training Air Force in Waco, Tex., a component of the Air Training Command.

McDonnell is now a qualified single engine pilot. Cadets are trained in the T-6 "Texan" during primary training before being assigned to the P-50 "Shooting Star", B-25 "Mitchell" bomber or the F-81 "Mustang" during the final phase.

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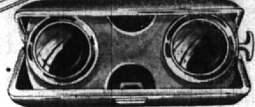
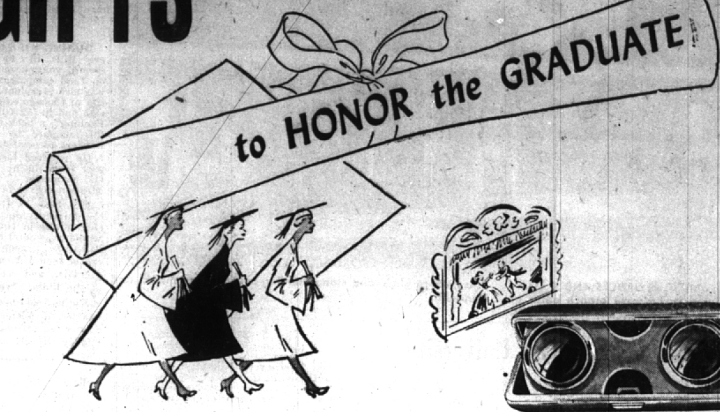
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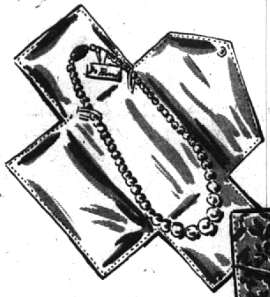
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