

MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

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HARD LUCK STORY OF THE YEAR

You and I have heard many a tale of woe from fishermen in our time—stories of sea monsters that go away, allis for coming home empty-handed, and sweeping statements to the effect that there never were any fish in that lake anyway.

But the season's most dismal wail, and one that will bring genuine tears to the eyes of thousands of fellow-fishermen, is told by Eugene Eichler of Detroit. Brother Eichler is a reputable business man, vice president of Harry Saffin, Inc., and is not addicted to exaggeration. Besides, he had many witnesses. "Like," as he is affectionately known to his many friends, was fishing on Houghton Lake last Memorial Day. Trolling leisurely with a fly rod along the edge of one of the many weed banks in search of walleyes, he had a sudden strike, set the hook, and failed to move the fish more than a few inches from the bottom. Actually there was not a great deal of commotion at the beginning, and Ike figured it was another dogfish—a species which is somewhat common to the lake, and which displays these not too sporty fighting tactics.

In fact our hero was so sure of this that he hailed a passing boat and mentioned indignantly that his arcing fly rod was supporting a dogfish. Soog the gallery grew larger, a well-strained rod will always draw a pretty good crowd. When the "dogfish" suddenly surfaced and splashed water for 20 feet with the sweep of an enormous tail, Ike and everybody else suddenly found out how big bass can grow in Houghton Lake. After a terrifying and agonizing battle, during which the fly rod

lost much of its future usefulness, the monster was hoisted. Old-time Houghton Lakers gathered in nearby boats, and gasped. Ike just about stopped breathing. It was a gigantic small-mouth bass, all agreed. Out came the tested and proven "De-Liar" pocket scales. The needle wiggled, then settled at 7½ pounds! Everyone knew that Ike had a prize-winner this time, for, as every angler can tell you a small-mouth of such dimensions is a once-in-a-million-life-time catch. And to cap the climax it was caught on a fly rod!

Ike carefully and thoroughly placed the fish on a strong, snap-hook type chain stringer, threaded the chain between the boat rail and the gunwale, but, in his understandable excitement failed to wrap the end around the rail. Instead, he snapped the end faster back on the chain itself, under the rail.

Soon another boatload of anglers came along, for the big news had spread fast. "Let's see that record-breaking small-mouth," they called. And Ike was proud to grab the stringer at the water's edge, and to hold up the great fish for all to see. Alas, as he dropped it back, the weight of that wonderful fish pulled the stringer through the rail. Horrified, the faces of the spectators. The luckless Mr. Eichler frantically and vainly reached for the sinking prize. And hours later, after dragging thousands of square yards of the bottom, the citizens of Houghton Lake gave up. Glenn settled over the community Eugene Eichler returned to Detroit in exceedingly low spirits, and if any fishermen reading this column have a more tearful tale to tell I have yet to hear it in Michigan Outdoors!

A Birmingham resident, Mort Neff's "Michigan Outdoors" television show appears every Thursday at 10:00 p.m. over station WWJ-TV.

Sports Showup

By Ronald Barber

Tom Tracy, Birmingham's all-state and all-American halfback, led the 49 Maple football team, reported for assignment on the varsity. Last season Bob won one of the seven awards to sophomores with his excellent performance on the defensive platoon. His blocking of a kick won the Army game for Harvard. He is majoring in economics.

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JIM NEWMAN, member of the state championship, and all-American can free style quartet and medley relay team, enrolled Monday at the University of Michigan.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1952.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Earle E. Sutton, having filed a petition praying that said instrument be admitted to Probate as said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 29th day of September, A. D. 1952, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, in said City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice hereof, given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eclectic, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that present cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. (217)

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ROAD OILING PROGRAM NO. 2, 1952

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, September 22, 1952, at 8:00 p.m. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on Warwick—Abbey to Hamer Road Elm—Hazel to Forest Elm—Din to Hester

It is further ordered, and in the creation of special assessment districts created to defray the cost of construction of an asphalt oil treatment, to be applied such surface to be maintained as an oiled surface for two years, including 1952 and 1953.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of the construction and said special assessment district shall consist of the following described property: Birmingham Forest Hills Subdivision, Lots 12, 13, 14, and 15

Campbell Subdivision
 Lots 3 and 4—Block 3
 Lots 1 and 2—Block 4
 Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4—Block 7
 Lots 1, 2 and 3—Block 10

Plans and estimate of cost of this project are filed with the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham for examination by the public.

IRENE E. HANLEY
 City Clerk.
 September 10, 1952. 24-27

Sock Hop Attracts Over 800 Students At High School

The traditional fall mixer held at the beginning of each school year to acquaint new students with their teachers and upper classmen was sponsored by Student Congress in the new Birmingham High school gym Wednesday evening, Sept. 10.

Appropriately called the Sock Hop, the dance was attended by over 800 students with sock-clad feet. Because the gym floor is new, shoes had to be checked in the lockers.

Jim Berger, president of Student Congress, was master of ceremonies. Henry Moore, vice-president, introduced the teachers and counselors to humorous music selected by Carol Klein and Joan Fairbairn, suiting the music to individuals. Nancy Tischer and Linda Miller made cards for identification.

ROSS A. WAGNER, principal, was known as Rog the Boss, Larned Goodrich was Vee and Mrs. Marion Murphy the Book Lady. The teachers were identified by homeroom numbers.

Verses composed by Rita Skarron, Joanne Pedder and Linda Miller, adding another touch of humor, were read as each teacher

or counselor was recognized. The Minor Five provided the swing and sway. Dick Jeffers, Birmingham alumnus gave a brilliant performance on the electric guitar. Strumming his version on the bass was Dave Campbell, and Dave Andrae played the piano, while Jim Voorhies made the sax talk and Bill Minor beat the drums.

H. Ross Serimgeour and his staff were in charge of the public address system. The huge metal curtain dividing the gym into two sections was raised, leaving the entire floor at the disposal of the sock-hoppers.

ants and student council. Sports include football, baseball, basketball and water ballet. Twelve new teachers have joined the school.

SIX NEW TEACHERS in the language arts department are Albert G. Black, University of Michigan; Doris Eakin, Michigan State Normal; Sally Ann Jennings, Michigan State College; William C. Ladd, Michigan State College; Alice M. Mabey, Nazareth College; and Edith Vargo, Western Michigan College of Education.

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Helen Schultz, both of Michigan Mary Lou Kachmarck and Helen Schultz, both of Michigan State College, are in the mathematics department.

The new science teacher, Fred Radloff, received his degree from Capital University, and Bertie M. Keller, added to the art department, is a graduate of Michigan State Normal College.

Both Dolores Giliece and Robert Auer are graduates of Wayne University. Miss Giliece teaches home-making and Auer teaches industrial arts.

★ Smile a Minute . . . "Whenever I look at you . . . think of those marvelous glamour girls you see in the pictures." "Do you, really?" said she, very highly pleased. "Yes, but what's the use? A fellow like me has to be satisfied with what he can get."

BARNUM JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Co-curricular activities covering a variety of interests are offered Barnum students this year. Many of the activities are scheduled during the school day to accommodate the greatest number of students.

Others, however, necessitate after-school participation.

Extra-curricular courses include dramatics, sportsman's club, band and orchestra, press club, glee club, popular mechanics, photography, explorer's club, B-H, library staff, Christmas play, opera, cheer leading, service assist-

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Statement of Condition at the Close of Business September 5, 1952

RESOURCES

Cash on hand and in Banks	\$ 4,031,527.41
*United States Government Obligations	8,461,413.79
Securities of Federal Agencies	1,220,095.68
State, County and Municipal Bonds	2,192,787.28
Other Bonds and Securities	227,739.79
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	30,000.00
Loans and Discounts	2,398,066.40
Real Estate Mortgages	4,121,222.48
Banking House (Less Reserve)	264,996.92
Furniture and Fixtures (Less Reserve)	81,225.46
Prepaid Expense	12,658.98
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased	776.76
Total Resources	\$23,042,510.95

LIABILITIES

Capital—Common Capital Stock	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus Fund	500,000.00
Undivided Profits	157,052.19
Reserves for Contingencies	101,820.16
Reserve for Taxes	33,767.55
Interest Collected But Not Earned	57,742.57
Other Liabilities	None
Deposits:	
Public Fund Deposits	\$1,278,567.14
U. S. Government Deposits	470,503.79
State of Michigan	25,000.00
Other Deposits	19,918,057.55
Total Deposits	21,692,128.48
Total Liabilities	\$23,042,510.95

*United States Government Securities of a Par Value of \$810,000.00, Carried in the Forgoing Statement are Pledged to Secure Deposits Where Required by Law

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