

Gets Bird in Hand, But None in Bush

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Oh, the pleasure of being a Good Samaritan. Most everyone has at least one opportunity per lifetime to play that role to one of nature's offspring.

In the case of this writer, the chance arose Sunday, of all days. The recipient of such help was a bird about the size of a wren (but not a wren), which was discovered on my front steps absolutely immobile.

Picking it up in cupped hands was no sooner done than the household cat appeared. Obviously the bird had escaped immediate and sudden death. Service No. 1.

Into the warm house the bird was carried. Literally, that bird was on its last leg because the wife tragically reported that one of its legs was out of killer.

A triangle of clothes line formed a grand perch. Not a peep, not a blink, just a resigned, eyes closed acceptance of the inevitable, was the creature's department.

STEP NO. 2 involved supplying water. At least four eye droppers were consumed or scattered about the table by the reviving bird.

Step 3 involved food. A bit of vegetable cocktail juice (so full of vitamins) was dismissed. So was a bit of acorn squash and so was a

slight drop of most excellent brew. Perhaps the bird was revolted by this well meant but poor selection of sustenance, for, so help me the little tile creature he proved to be. For on several occasions, he perched on the writer's finger. In fact, he thus was carried outside but refused the call of "the wild blue yonder."

STEP 4 involved complete recuperation—he flew about the house, landed on curtains and lamps, got in closets, back of the typewriter, etc.

One again the door was opened and he was shoosed out, and he flew

bravely into the gathering storm. And, who is to say that such noble action as Help Your Neighbor is not paid off.

For several hours later this writer went pheasant hunting and actually raised up a fat and saucy rooster just minutes after leaving the house. But . . . I missed him, all hundred thousand shot pellets missed him.

Just catch this writer being a Good Samaritan again.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

MRS. THOMAS DADSON, 27321 Fourteen Mile—"We expected the incorporation vote in Franklin to be heavy, but we were really surprised at how heavy the turnout actually was."

Smile A Minute

Harriet—Would you refuse to go out with a man who had made just one mistake?

Mabel—Sure! Who wants a man with as little experience as that?

Why is it fathers laugh in glee At tricks their children do at three And spank them if they see a sign Of such behavior when they're nine?

Twins' Birthdays Not So

Memphis, Tenn. — Mr. and Mrs. Giles Chumney recently became the parents of twins—born on different days. The little girl arrived at 11:47 on December 1. Her brother lagged along until 12:02 the next morning.

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MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

At a recent meeting of top-drawer conservation experts in the east, a number of interesting papers were presented revealing the thinking of all states in the USA relative to fish and game management—and some highly significant trends were in evidence.

For instance, 40 of the 48 states have trout fishing, and Michigan is one of only seven with a relatively short season! Yes, with a little more than 4 months of legalized trout fishing, Michigan is definitely on the short side of the calendar!

Extended Bass Seasons

Another somewhat startling revelation is that 23 states permit the taking of bass as top line of the year in most waters! Furthermore, 37 states allow the taking of various pan fish species the whole year round.

Eighteen states have NO SIZE LIMIT on trout. Nineteen have NO SIZE LIMIT on bass. Forty-three have NO SIZE LIMIT on pan fish. This is certainly a step in the right direction, because people who take undersized pan fish are doing more good than harm in most waters where an overpopulation of these species occur.

New Thinking

Most of the experts on hand at these meetings agreed that the day of a former Birmingham resident, Mort Neff presents his half-hour show "Michigan Outdoors" over WWJ-TV, Detroit, each Thursday, 10:30 p.m.

"over-regulation" in sports fishing is fast disappearing despite some misguided pressure from certain sportsmen's groups. At last the biologists are having their day—getting some of the things they've always wanted in the way of vastly liberalized fish laws.

Had the size and creel limits on pan fish been removed years ago, they tell us, we would not now be facing the problem of stunted fish in thousands of our lakes, where food supplies are inadequate for such populations. And we may well believe that statement here in Michigan.

How many times have you, Mr. Fisherman, complained bitterly, "There's no decent-sized fish in this lake," and gone home disgusted? The fish were old enough to have attained far greater growth, as scale samples have frequently proven. They were stunted by starvation. Removal of enough of the "midgets" would materially help the survivors to grow to a respectable size. And that fact, of course, is in back of the planning right here in Michigan where our fishing regulations are undergoing many changes toward "liberalization."

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'Clearing House' To Help Students Enter Politics

EAST LANSING—A "Michigan Citizenship Clearing House" is being interested college students into political parties of their own choice has been established with headquarters at Michigan State College.

The center, to operate on a state-wide basis, was founded with a grant from the Citizenship Clearing House affiliated with the Law Center of New York University.

A program for the clearing house was drawn by an eight-member executive committee composed of Prof. Samuel Enterscheid, University of Michigan; Prof. Carl O. Smith, Wayne University; President Irwin J. Lubbers, Hope College; Prof. John Dempsey, University of Detroit; Prof. Leo Stine, Western Michigan College; John Feikens, chairman of the Republican state central committee; Neil Staebler, chairman of the Democratic State central committee, and Prof. James W. Miller, Michigan State College.

MAIN OBJECTIVE of the clearing house, the committee said, "is to refer outstanding and interested college undergraduates and recent graduates to responsible leaders in the political party of their choice."

Events planned include one-day conferences to bring college students into direct contact with responsible political leaders to help the students to become acquainted with community politics after graduation, and development of an internship for college students in

High School Grads Can Become Pilots

For the first time since World War II, a young man with only a high school education can be a pilot to fly the latest jet planes of the United States Air Force, or become an aircraft observer skilled in a technical specialty such as navigation, bombardment, radar, electronics, aircraft performance engineering, and armament operations.

The United States Air Force no longer requires a college education as an entrance requirement for aviation cadet training.

The fact that high school graduates can now apply and become aviation cadets in the United States Air Force has not bastrally altered the original "Stay in School" advice to those who aspire to Aviation Cadet training.

HOWEVER, the absence of such educational background does not bar the apt high school graduate from a chance to become a flying officer in the United States Air Force.

Aviation cadet training classes begin every two weeks, the entire training program lasting for 14 to 18 months. Successful completion of the course brings a second lieutenant's commission, and a career as a rated flying officer of the United States Air Force.

The United States Air Force Aviation Cadet Selection Team Number 402, located at Selfridge Air Force Base, can give full information to any young man interested in flying training.

Similar "clearing houses" have been established in eight other states.

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