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Current fishing regulations in Michigan, relaxed on many species insofar as seasons go, make poaching certain game fish a major problem. In many waters, complaints of this situation are widespread.

All lakes, including the Great Lakes, are open to fishing for some species the whole year 'round. Perch, Calicoes, Rock Bass, Whitefish, White Bass, Catfish, Carp, SUCKERS, SMELT AND a number of others may be fished anytime, anywhere. Many of these occur in the same waters with our two outstandingly favorite game fish—Black Bass and Great Northern Pike.

What often happens should be obvious. Big pike and bass are hooked and landed out of season. The temptation to keep it there—and as much as we dislike to report it the practice is growing every season.

IN LATE APRIL, MAY and early June pike and bass are going into their annual spawning season. While on their beds they are often fearless, and will hit any lure dropped or cast near them.

Because of open regulations on many other species living in the same lakes, fishermen are always on hand, and can scarcely help hooking a protected bass or pike now and then. The good sportsman will handle the fish carefully, and release it. But all fishermen are not good sportsmen—again we regret to report. And with a million licensed anglers in Michigan, enforcement becomes a tough problem!

Too many bass and pike are illegally put on stringers and taken home at a time when their lives could produce millions of young to maintain and improve future fishing.

IN LAKE ST. CLAIR flagrant violating is taking place, according to numerous reports from reputable guides, boat livery operators, and conscientious citizens who have repeatedly witnessed the law breakers.

Perch fishermen hook untold numbers of black bass in the late spring and early summer before the season is opened on this species.

MANY OF THE fish are still spawning . . . some have not yet started. While two or three conservation enforcement officers may be on duty at the time, their job is frustrating. Stringers are cut as they approach, and evidence goes to the bottom of the lake. The answer to the problem is to open the eyes of those violators. They are wrecking a treasured stock of fine game fish. They are killing off their own future sport. As a good sportsman it's your job to help stop angling violators in Michigan Outdoors.

Crane Cage JV Loses to Romeo

Cranbrook's Junior Varsity basketball team Monday eked out a 49-47 last minute victory over an aggressive Romeo five.

Both teams got off to a fairly fast start and at half Romeo led 31-27. In the third quarter Romeo took the offensive and raised their lead to ten points 45-35 by late in the quarter.

Cranbrook, led by Jerry Dobson, Cranbrook's center rallied in the fourth quarter and managed to tie the score 47-47 with a little less than a minute to go.

Dobson was then fouled and made his foul shots to give Cranbrook its first victory in three games 49-47.

Wing Lake Poet Writes of Winter

Selected as an outstanding poem this week at Wing Lake school was a seasonal composition by sixth-grader June Casson.

Thoughts of Winter

Winter is here with his snow and his ice,
And everyone thinks that this season is nice.
Even children in school are saying,
"I wish I was home sledding and playing."

But nobody thinks of the slush and the sleet,
And the frozen hands and the frostbitten feet,
And the cars that get stuck in the slush and the snow,
Just when everyone's ready to go.

Oh, I wish I was down South lying on the sands,
Reading a good book with my head in my hands,
Everyone says that they love this season,
But I don't know why, so please tell me the reason.

Boxing Try-Outs For Pfc. Savage

Pfc. Philip F. Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Savage of 452 Bonnie Briar, is currently trying out for the 338th engineer group boxing team at Fort Campbell, Ky. He is presently assigned to the Headquarters and Service company of the 27th engineer Battalion.

Before coming to Kentucky, Pfc. Savage took 16 weeks of basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. After basic he was selected to attend Radio Operators school at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Prior to entering the service in September 1953, he attended Michigan State college.

Marine in Far East

Serving in Korea as a radioman with the 1st Marine division's 9th regiment is Pfc. Chalmer J. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. White, 1223 Webster. Before entering the Marine Corps in October 1953, he attended Royal Oak high school.

Recreation Swim Program Resumes

Neither rain, nor ice, nor snow seems to stop the 156 elementary grade swimmers who have been participating in the Recreation Board's Learn to Swim program at the Barnum pool on Saturday morning for the past ten weeks.

According to Mr. J. J. Myers, swimming instructor, excellent results have been forthcoming in the way of mastering fundamentals and gaining confidence by the attending boys and girls.

The second series of 10 weeks will start Saturday. Parents may enroll children by contacting the Birmingham Recreation Board in the Hill building.

The classes are designed to teach beginning swimming to non-swimmers and those boys and girls who can only swim a few strokes.

A third series for elementary swimmers will start March 1 and continue for 10 weeks. At this time, however, instruction will be centered on teaching more advanced techniques to children who can swim but who desire to master more advanced methods.

BHS Band Leader At Music Meeting

Arnold W. Berndt, director of music at Birmingham high school, today is attending the first convention of the American School Band Directors' association at Urbana, Ill.

Held at the University of Illinois, the convention is a meeting of the association's 250 members, including 20 from Michigan.

Dr. Lloyd Morey, president of the university, will make the opening address. The program began yesterday, and will conclude tonight.

Members are required to have a minimum of seven years' experience in the field and must have, during that time, produced bands of correct instrumentation, and fine musicianship.

Bluejay Basketball Schedule Named

Waterford, Fri. Dec. 17, Away
Birmingham, Fri. Dec. 21
Berkley, Fri. Jan. 7
Walled Lake, Fri. Jan. 14, Away
Dearborn Lowery, Tues. Jan. 18, Away
Farmington, Fri. Jan. 21
Van Dyke, Fri. Jan. 28, Away
Redford Union, Tues. Feb. 1
Waterford, Fri. Feb. 4
Berkley, Fri. Feb. 11, Away
Walled Lake, Fri. Feb. 18
Farmington, Fri. Feb. 25, Away

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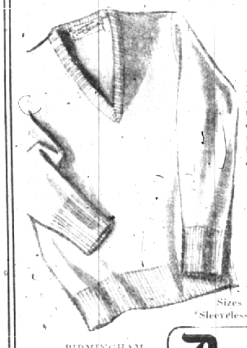

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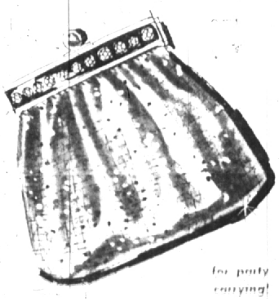

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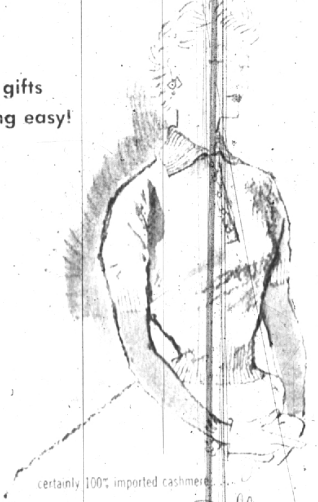

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