

Most people find it difficult, often impossible, to refrain from some worthwhile activity, outside of their profession, if they are engaged in doing something that pays no material reward. This type of...
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This and That

by George R. Averill

We Catch Plenty of Brook Trout in Montana—Only Few Rainbow in Idaho

Way back in the 17th Century a poet wrote:
"Of all the world's enjoyments
That ever valued were,
There's none of our employments
With fishing can compare."

Fish, it may be asserted, originally were created not only to provide mankind with one source of food supply but, equally important, to make available to human beings a recreational pleasure of almost universal appeal.

Especially true is this circumstance for those who become practitioners of the art of casting the fly for gamey trout.
So it was with this urge, impelled by more than 30 years of trout angling, that my old friend Dudley M. Carson, of nearby Huntington Woods, and I went out to Montana, northern Idaho, and Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park a few weeks ago to try our hand on some of their famous lakes and rivers.

LIKE MANY of you folks, we long had read interesting and amusing stories about the northwest's fabulous trout fishing areas. Why not give 'em a try? ... then let you fellow-trouters get around our luck ... or lack of it.

From the previous article you will recall that we spent our days at the Lost Trail Boys' Camp, 90 miles south of Missoula, Montana. The largest river in that area is the Bitterroot, which flows northward into the Clark Fork river.

It was close to Camp, so Dud and I, in company with our guide, Jim Chandler, set forth to try these waters for rainbow trout.

DUD AND I were the usual wading waders, Jim a pair of hip boots. (All the natives we saw trout fishing wore hip boots—slimp, because, we were told, they don't get out of the water as often as they do.)

The Bitterroot is a fast moving, tumbling, splashing, boulder-bottomed river—unlike our much slower sand and gravel bottomed Michigan streams. A fisherman ventures into such fast western waters only a short way, if at all. The chances of being swept off one's feet are too great, so fly casting isn't too easy. Also, unlike the easily walked along Michigan stream banks, those western mountain rivers' banks are overgrown with trees and bushes, a definite handicap for customary casting.

ANOTHER HANDICAP to fishing every river and stream that does contain fish is the high water caused by current rains and/or the run-off of melting ice and snow on the mountains, in many areas. Best trout fishing in those northern states is later in mid-July through to October, we were told.

Thus an Easterner or Midwesterner is brought up abruptly to the pictorial facts of life as they are in waters whose sources are among mountains. From the air, by train or motor car, and as one has traveled through wild and unpopulated parts of a country, one imagines that much wild life, both in and out of water, abounds.

Not necessarily so. EVEN WHEN there are lots of trout, (and there really are in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming) it does not follow that one can catch them any old time he goes a-fishing. It's so in good, old Michigan, too. The response of fish to flies or

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Motor Bike Drivers Defended

While four Birmingham residents stated they would petition against permitting 14-year-olds to drive motor scooters, a veteran Birmingham police officer spoke out in defense of the youngsters' use of the vehicles.

"It's good recreation for the kids," said Lt. Henry Timm, who for many years has worked with children and young people in the community through the police juvenile division.

"We don't have too much trouble with the 14 and 15-year-olds in Birmingham who drive the motor bikes," Lt. Timm said. "They know the law and they obey the law. The police are going to pick them up. And as far as I know, we've never had a case of a youngster being hurt on one."

Other moves made by the Birmingham planning board include the election of Dr. George E. Martin, 713 Pierce, to a one-year term as chairman. A dentist, Dr. Martin has served on the planning board for seven years. He succeeded Bennett W. Root, recently elected to the Birmingham board of education. Planning board vice-chairman Norman W. Berry, 622 Chesterfield.

Victor L. Peck, 1185 Maryland, newly appointed by the city commission, was officially sworn in as a member of the planning board.

AS PLANNERS worked on further revision of the zone ordinance after a joint meeting last month with city commissioners, they learned from City Planner Herbert Herzberg that there would be an estimated 192 non-conforming uses of property under the new zoning ordinance. The figure was arrived at after studies made by Herzberg and Building Inspector Andrew Butt, on city commissioners' recommendation.

Herzberg said 178 of the non-conformers were in structures considered readily adaptable to proper use, most of them residential uses in retail business zones.

Utilizing provisions of the state enabling act establishing municipal rights in zoning, Birmingham planners had originally stipulated in the new ordinance that all such "readily adaptable" property uses should be converted to the proper-zone uses within three years.

"THE BIKES" give the boys something to do, and it keeps them out of trouble," Lt. Timm stressed. He said most of the boys drive the vehicles sensibly, but that police occasionally impound a motor scooter temporarily if a youth is caught driving it recklessly.

He added that the written test given to regular driver's license applicants must be passed to secure the scooter license.

Lahser R. D. Speeds Increased; Study Limits on US-10

Area workers will be able to set their alarm clocks a little later and still get to work on time as speed limits rise slightly.

The limit on Lahser road from West Lake road to state highway M-102 in Southfield township will be increased from 35 to 45 miles per hour effective August 1, according to Robert Studler, Bloomfield director of public safety.

Studler also said a study has been made of traffic on Woodward avenue between Pontiac and Birmingham and that the state proposes to raise the limit there from 45 to 50 miles per hour in the near future.

Fandale Appointed

TROY—Leonard Fandale, 1920 Wattles, was appointed to the election commission by city commission Monday to replace Robert Carpenter, 961 Brookview, who announced his resignation last week.

Hi Life by Tom Manhard

HE EMPHASIZED that swimming was not the only recreation provided for local children this summer, and that the department's many summer activities and supervised daily playground programs that were free of charge.

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The meeting was called by recreation board Chairman Mrs. William J. Jackson after Recreation Director Robert Girardin reported that total receipts from the summer swim ming program had reached \$3862.71 in the first four weeks. About 275 parents had petitioned earlier for a reduction in the swim fees.

The board said its 35 cent fee for children's lessons, more than double the 15 cent fee charged last year, on predictions that \$4600 would be received during the eight-week period. The anticipated revenue, the board felt, would pay about one-third of the \$1345 cost of the program. City funds would cover the deficit.

AFTER THE FIRST four weeks' figure of 9,441 children and adults revealed that attendance at the new Derby junior high school and Birmingham high school pools was greater than anticipated, Girardin said he believed the fee for children could be cut.

"We may not be able to lower the fee for adults at this time," he said.

He said 2800 individual swimmers each week at this time, 1700 participants entered the pools the second week, when the pools opened only three days because of the 4th of July two-day holiday.

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Big Catch from Big Hole

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German Family Wants Daughter On One-Year Plan

A golden opportunity is awaiting a Birmingham area girl who wishes to study abroad and have an opportunity to travel on her own private exchange student basis.

Barbara Johanna Friedrich, 21-year-old daughter of a German businessman, wants to live with a Birmingham family in exchange for an American girl who can stay with her family in Cologne.

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