



This and That

by George R. Averill

Trout Fishermen Discouraged About Michigan Streams

Trout fishing in Michigan is definitely on the decline. A sport that once attracted nationwide attention to wonderful rivers and streams, teeming with brook brown and rainbow trout, no longer retains its hold on so many outdoor enthusiasts.

The number of trout and other types of fishing licenses has declined dangerously, resulting in a down-grading of the fish and wildlife programs of our Michigan Dept. of Conservation.

The famous Au Sable River known worldwide for its trout, is fast fading out as a source of fishing success among troutsters. Because of a lack of money, the department plants fewer trout annually; what is of more importance, it also has decreased its projects to improve stream natural fish habitat conditions.

SO, FEWER TROUT find it possible to locate places where they may survive and "raise larger families." While the few fishermen cut down the department's revenue, it must be remembered that more and more license money is diverted to the administrative overhead costs of other departmental operations, one of which is ever-expanding state park operation and maintenance.

The department also claims that the Legislature is too stingy with its appropriations for satisfactory reprogramming. The rapid rise of ownership and use of small power boats has weakened potential piscators from taking up the sport of trout fishing.

Too, it must not be forgotten that, in the case of the Au Sable and other large Michigan rivers and streams, the unparalleled growth of canoeing has competed with the trout fishermen. As to the latter's inability to enjoy former stream solitude and, incidentally, better creek results.

TO BE SURE, canoeists are entitled to the use of Michigan's rivers and streams as much as fishermen are; but this problem is growing, and unless it is handled to the satisfaction of both canoeists and troutsters, the latter group will find it necessary either to abandon its favorite sport, or to go to other states for full enjoyment. (See THIS & THAT, 5-A)

Paving Contract Awarded by Hills City Commission

A paving contract of \$10,014 has been awarded to the Detroit Concrete Co. for work to be done on a portion of Lone Pine Hill Drive in Bloomfield Hills.

The project will be paid for by residents who will benefit from the hard-surfaced road. It was decided by city commissioners that a base could be installed now, but black-topping will not start before next spring.

The commissioners also decided to advertise for bids on an estimated \$26,000 concrete paving project on a stretch of road at Cranbrook Hill.

Tour of U. S. Brings Orfeon Chorus to City

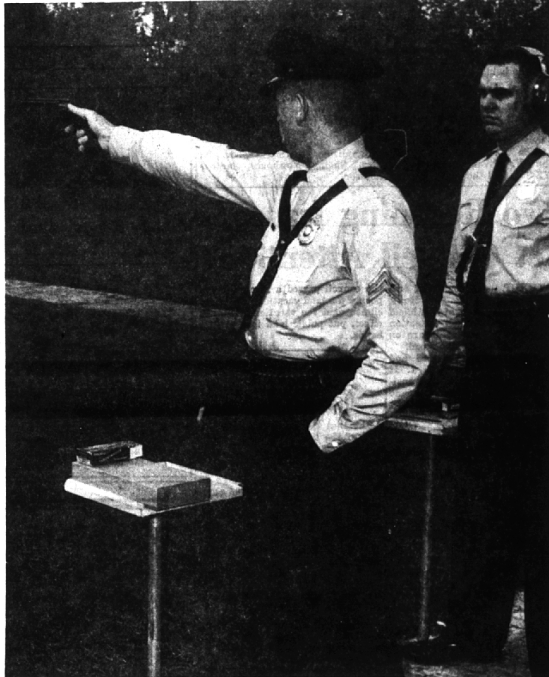
Portugal's University of Coimbra 80-voice male chorus, the Orfeon, will appear in concert at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in the Gross High School Auditorium as a part of its first North American tour. The performance will be the Birmingham Lions Club concert.

Students in the chorus arrived in the United States Oct. 9 and began their tour which will take them to Chicago, where they will meet with Richard J. Daley, the mayor, and to the new Lincoln Center in New York.

President John F. Kennedy has been invited to hear the group when they sing at the Church of the Immaculate Shrine in Washington, D. C. There will be a party for the President and the chorus following this performance.

AMERICA was introduced to the Orfeon Chorus a year ago when they were seen on coast-to-coast television via a performance videotaped in Portugal for the Dinah Shore Show.

Conducted by Dr. Manuel Raposo Marques, the Orfeon Chorus has performed in many parts of the world. Since its establishment in



'Right on Target, Sergeant'

Birmingham's police department played host Friday to more than 100 law enforcement officers taking part in the annual South Oakland Police Chiefs Pistol Shoot. The Birmingham No. 1 team was stopped by Oak Park in its bid to retain the Class A trophy and had to settle for second place. Sgt. Richard

Brown of Birmingham, coached here by Patrolman Darryl Brustle, placed second in the time fire competition. Det. Richard Chambers won the rapid fire competition. In the chiefs' shoot, Tom Tellefsen of Lathrup edged Ralph Moxley of Birmingham. Beverly Hills placed third in Class B.

Master Plan for 6-County Sewers, Drains Under Study

A comprehensive master plan to guide future development of sewer, water and drainage systems in a 60,000-acre area surrounding Detroit will result from a \$395,000 study now under way, according to an announcement this week by the Sanitation Council for Southeastern Michigan (SCSEM).

The study will be paid for by private, Federal and local government funds and will analyze and evaluate sewerage and drainage problems and programs in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair, Monroe and Washtenaw counties, according to John R. Witt, chairman of the SCSEM executive committee.

THE PURPOSE OF the study is to formulate a general plan for development of sewerage and drainage facilities that will be useful to individual communities in developing their own systems. It is expected to take about two years to complete.

Witt said the SCSEM is now assured of the necessary funds to

complete the study. His executive committee has a pledges totaling \$300,000 from more than 50 industrial, financial and public utility organizations in the six-county area.

The United States Public Health Service has pledged \$100,000. Another \$60,000 will come from the Detroit River Water Commission; \$20,000 from the Wayne County Board of Supervisors; and \$20,000 from the boards of supervisors of the other five counties.

THE SANITATION Council has been working on the study since 1959 when it was formed at a meeting of representatives of various public and private agencies in the six-county area.

They unanimously agreed that sewerage and drainage problems could only be solved effectively by a unified, area-wide approach that will coordinate the programs of the many individual communities and organizations in the area.

The Sanitation Council for Southeastern Michigan was formed and an executive committee appointed to work at achieving such an area-wide approach.

MEMBER organizations of the SCSEM are the Waterways Inter-County Committee, the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, the National Sanitation Foundation, the Southeastern Michigan Metropolitan Community Research Corp., the City of Detroit and the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce.

The National Sanitation Foundation, headed by Dr. Henry Vaughan, will conduct the study under the direction of an SCSEM technical committee that has been set up to guide the study and check its progress. Engineering consulting firms will be hired to do some of the technical work.

THE WORK will involve determination of the future needs of six-county area, determination of standards to be followed in de-

veloping systems to meet those needs and preparation of a plan and cost estimates for overall development based upon those needs and standards.

An important part of the study will be a review and evaluation of over 50 existing studies of various parts of the area that have been completed by individual agencies. Information from those studies and programs recommended in them will form part of the basis for the master plan.

Although completion of the full study is expected to take two years, Witt said periodic reports on the findings will be issued. He expects these reports to be valuable to communities in the process of constructing or expanding their own sewerage and drainage systems.

Hills Torch Drive Teams Announced

The 1962 Torch Drive teams for Bloomfield Hills were announced today by Mrs. John A. Mitchell, 5420 Longmeadow, division chairman.

Area 1 chairman is Mrs. J. B. Alexander. District chairmen are Mrs. Raymond Lull, Warren Oakley, James Van Dusen, Joseph Conway, Robert Hughes and Talen Clarke.

Serving as Area 2 chairman is Mrs. James Dunn. Her district chairmen are Mrs. N. D. Hoey, Peter Monahan, Lefoy Dahlberg, Robert Gargano, Morton Gaddis and Bruno J. Upla.

AREA 3 CHAIRMAN is Mrs. Laurence Herman, with the following as district chairmen: Mrs. Marshall Chambers, Robert Hoover, Carl Fischer, Douglas Deacon, Robert Gargano, Owen Finkerman, Mrs. William Edwards and Area 4. Her district chairmen are Mrs. J. Gordon Hall, Russell Whitehurst, John Stewart, Victor Corpore, Joseph Johns, William Callahan, S. T. Salvage, Jerome Fink, Maurice Norland and Clarence Crockett.

Area 5 chairman is Mrs. R. G. Rugg, and district chairmen are Mrs. Robert Houston, Frederick Burger, Carl Parovolis, Jr., Charles Gobel, A. D. Prestel, Donald Sampson and Harold Ribel.

Motor-Hotel Rezoning Undecided

Board Sends Request Back To Planners

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer

While the Bloomfield Township will rezone 178 feet of Woodward Avenue property, lying between Big Beaver and Manor roads, to allow erection of a \$1,800,000 restaurant and motor-hotel still remains undecided.

The township board members agreed at their meeting Monday night to send the matter back to the township planning commission for rehearing. It is expected to be on the agenda of the next commission meeting, Nov. 5.

The township board had the matter under advisement since its Sept. 24 meeting at which it was asked to overrule a planning commission decision to deny the rezoning.

THE DECISION to remand the issue to the planning commission came after Attorney John Gilray told the board that changes were being made in the original architectural layout, presented to the board at the September meeting. Gilray represents property owner Marvin Danto, who seeks to have the property rezoned from office building to business (R-2) classification.

Some 50 residents of areas near the Woodward property who attended the meeting Monday night filed out of the township hall as soon as the board announced its decision. They will have the opportunity to be heard at a public hearing before any final decision is made on the Woodward property, the board members said after their departure.

DETAILS OF the proposed development of the Woodward property were revealed to the township board at the September meeting. They include a luxury cocktail-dining enterprise to be operated by Detroit restaurateur Al Green. A 96-unit motor-hotel complete with sunken inner court and swimming pool is planned. Parking space for 130 cars with elaborate landscaping and screening is included in the overall plan.

Gilray told the board Monday (See HOTEL, 4-A)

Stable Becomes a Public Building in Bingham Farms

By NITA HARD
Special Writer

BINGHAM FARMS — Every fourth Monday night of each month a small, earnest body of citizens cluster in the quiet, dimly-lit ante-room of Outland's Riding Stables on 14 Mile Road. They are the village president and six trustees, as well as the village clerk, treasurer and assessor—all duly elected officials of Bingham Farms village.

Admittedly a stable is an unusual meeting place for a governmental body but in Bingham Farms, Outland's is the only public building in the community.

The meetings start late—after nine o'clock. This is a necessary concession to the generosity of host Tom Outland who contributes the space (complete with heat, light and old but comfortable chairs) without charge to the village.

AS THE LAST of the smartly-jodhpurred riders clumps out of the old building, the council convenes at one end of the long room.

The nocturnal activity of the stable goes on, sounds muffled by the long, glass wall that separates the arena from the ante-room. A tractor plods monotonously round and round the ring, erasing the traces of the day's riders as oblivious, and generally solitary, council proceeds with a meager agenda.

This is the strange environment that surrounds the handling of the official affairs of the Village of Bingham Farms, incorporated in 1955 under the Home Rule Act to avoid becoming a part of Southfield City.

EXCEPT FOR maintaining village roads, collecting rubbish and valiantly striving to preserve the status quo, little else is expected of this civic-minded group. The structure of their community and demands of their constituents are so simple, the council finds it can wear two hats quite comfortably and obliges by acting as the zoning board of appeals as well.

There are no standing committees. On occasion through the years, temporary study committees have been appointed and dissolved to suit the need. As a result, councilmen have assumed the full responsibility of looking after drainage, roads, planning and other problems by contracting for work services as necessary.

THE COMMUNITY is blessed with well-qualified talent for operating this part-time government. Voters have had the volunteer services of executive-caliber men in every field available and willing to put in a turn on the council.

The village president and six village trustees are elected to two-year terms. The clerk, treasurer and assessor are elected annually.

Village elections are held on the second Monday of March each year. Voters come to the portable polling booths set up in the savory-smelling restaurant, adjacent to the council ante-room.

THERE ARE ABOUT 138 families in the village which is bordered on the west by Telegraph Road; on the north by 14 Mile; on the east by fields vaguely defined as "a half-mile east of Telegraph" and on the

south by 12½ Mile. One-and-one-half miles long and a half-mile wide, Bingham Farms is an idyllic area to which busy men retreat after a long hard day in business and industry.

Even within such shallow confines there is a subtle variety of development. On Bingham Road, the acreage is divided up into large estates and R-1 zoning prevails in the major portion of the village. However, R-2 zoning exists on Britner and Sager Courts and Fromm drive.

WHILE BUILDING permits are approved by a councilman and processed by the village clerk, all inspections are contracted for by Southfield Township.

From time to time, a village marshal has been appointed to keep surveillance over small neighborhood problems but real police protection is arranged with the Michigan State Police.

A councilman is also assigned to keep contact with the Franklin Village Volunteer Fire Department who provide "first-call" protection for Bingham Farms as well as several adjoining communities.

There is no planning commission. For Bingham Farms, the plan is simple. It wants to be a place of homes only. Its children are shuttled to schools in surrounding communities. Its social and religious life is less clearly defined. It considers itself quite lucky indeed, if there are enough individuals each spring willing to complete a single, full slate of officers to carry on as an independent governing body that will administer its very simple needs.

Plaque Presented to Mayor Willett

Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett was honored Monday at a luncheon by the Business and Professional Women's Club, Birmingham Chapter.

The mayor was presented a plaque for her "outstanding leadership." The award was presented in conjunction with the national ob-

servance honoring business and professional women. Birmingham Chapter President Madeline Victor made the presentation to Mrs. Willett.

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