

New York Trout Season Opens April 1st

The lure of the Finger Lakes rainbow trout seems to be irresistible to the fishermen of the northeast. If the weather is favorable there will be 500 fishermen a mile along the banks of Catherine Creek when the sun comes up over the hill on opening day. There was a day, not many years ago, when the rainbow fishermen who liked solitude could find it on one of the tributaries of Cayuga Lake. The last several years, however, Salmon and the Cayuga Inlet have given Catherine a real run for top billing.

Catherine, with its average fish weighing about four and one-half pounds, probably still produces the most large fish. Strangely enough, this is not because the stream is any better but more than likely because it is not. In most of the other Finger Lakes tributaries, the young trout stay in the stream for at least a year before descending to the lakes. Catherine Creek is such a poor nursery stream, that if the young trout didn't start right downstream most of them would be left high and dry. All the rainbows show better growth rates after they get down to the lakes, and the extra year that the Catherine Creek fish spend in Seneca shows in the extra size.

All the publicity about the big fish leads to some surprised fishermen when they find out that there are many small fish too. The males return to the stream to spawn when they are three years old. At that time they are a mere 12 to 15 inches long. Usually between one-half to two-thirds of the males in the stream are in this group. Since males stay in the stream longer than the females, this makes them an important element in a fisherman's take.

The females take at least a year longer to mature. They do not remain in the streams as long as the males, so are not as vulnerable to fishing. Some may live to be at least eight years old. These older females are the record breakers.

Not only do the fish from the larger Finger Lakes grow faster at first, but they keep it up longer. Once the trout from the smaller lakes start to spawn, their growth slows markedly, as shown by one female tagged in Grout Brook that grew only 0.9 of a pound in three years. One tagged in Catherine Creek, on the other hand, grew 2.7 pounds in just one season.

The spawning season is traditionally a period when fish are given protection. To the bystander watching the fisherman trample up and down the streams and over the spawning beds, this often raises a question:

Three conditions made this departure from the usual feasible: (1) The reproductive potential of the trout is much higher than the quality of the stream as nurseries. (2) Careful studies have shown the damage to eggs is much less than would be imagined, with about 93 percent actually hatching. (3) Even with the liberal seasons now in effect, fishermen do not harvest as many rainbows as can be safely removed.

Since this is a unique fishery, special regulations apply to its management in all tributaries to Canadice, Canandaigua, Cayuga, Hemlock, Keuka, Owego, Seneca, and Skaneateles Lakes upstream to the first falls impassable by fish.

Except in Keuka Lake Inlet and Owego Lake Inlet where the minimum length is 7 inches, a "keeper" must be at least 12 inches long. In all streams the daily limit of trout is three per person. The use of fish eggs and their derivatives, gaff hooks, and landing nets measuring more than 50 inches around the frame or having a handle longer than 20 inches is prohibited.

Except for limited sections of these tributaries where good sucker fishing exists, angling is pro-

Mrs. Charles Howland

Mrs. Grace Howland of Greenwood Street, widow of Charles Howland, died Tuesday afternoon, March 28, 1967 in St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, following a brief illness. She was 77.

A native and lifelong resident of Andover, Mrs. Howland was born Jan. 2, 1890, the daughter of Patrick and Ellen Gavin Dougherty. She was preceded in death in 1931 by both her husband and a son, Charles.

Mrs. Howland was a member of Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, Andover, and of its Altar Society. She had been employed for approximately 30 years by the firm now known as the Steuben Silk Mills in Andover.

Surviving are a son, Clifford Howland of Andover; a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Kathleen) Drew of Horseheads; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Anthony Dougherty of Andover; four sisters, Mrs. Irene Huber of Friendship, Miss Margaret Dougherty of Wanda, Pa., Mrs. Florence Griswold of Hornell, and Mrs. Anna Rielley of Srawnee, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call 2-5 — 7-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the James B. Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover. A prayer service will be held at 9:30 a. m. Saturday at the funeral home, followed by a Requiem Mass at 10 a. m. in Blessed Sacrament Church with the Rev. John R. Shea, pastor, as celebrant. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Andover.

Grange News

West Greenwood Grange State Deputies will visit the West Greenwood Grange Saturday night, April 1st at 8:30 p. m.

Each family please bring a dish to pass and rolls.

New FACT Sheet Available

The Better Business Bureau of Western New York has released a FACT sheet which can be very helpful to brides-to-be as they plan their weddings.

The FACT sheet deals with the selection of bridal gowns and gowns for those in the bride's party, arrangements for photographic coverage, rental of the reception hall, use of catering service and other details.

No matter how small or large the wedding, this FACT sheet can save time and money for the bride and her family. It may minimize the possibility of last minute disappointments.

The Bureau has asked bridal shops, department stores, photographic studios, as well as the clergymen of the various faiths to participate in the distribution of this material.

A copy of this FACT sheet can be mailed to you. Just send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Bureau office, 238 Main St., Buffalo, New York 14202.

Check Your Tax Return Before You Mail It

Here's a word of advice from John E. Foley, District Director of the Internal Revenue Service: After you prepare your 1966 Federal income tax return, it is a good idea to set it aside for a day or so and then give it a thorough review before you mail it.

Taxpayers who heed this advice often find omitted income or deductions, or errors in arithmetic. A review of the return may disclose that the taxpayer failed to provide his name, address, and zip code, omitted his social security number or listed it incorrectly, did not attach all copies of Form W-2, or forgot to sign the return.

This review will be time well spent as it may prevent delays in processing the return and will speed up any refund due.

Inhibited from October 1 to March 31 and between 8 p. m. and 5 a. m. from April 1 to May 15. A person may fish with only a single hook which shall have a gap of not more than 3/4 inches.

News That's Print To Fit

Well Well! Do you know what is coming up? Yes Sir! This coming Saturday is a real "red letter day"! Have you guessed yet? "Best in the West, Least in the East" — Yep, that's a general forecast of fishing conditions anglers can look forward to as the trout season opens Saturday!

Rainbows are running in the Finger Lakes tributaries and good sized fish are showing up there. In fact, the largest Finger Lakes rainbow ever checked by Conservation Department fish stocking crews, was found in Naples Creek recently. It weighed 16.6 pounds, and was about 32 inches long.

Generally, prospects are good for early rainbow fishing and opening day conditions on western brown trout streams are expected to be good. However, smaller lakes and ponds may still be frozen come April 1 — and all good trout fishermen know they can't fish through the ice.

According to reports, pre-season stocking in the southwestern corner of the State has been moving along smoothly. Cold weather held off the major spawning run of rainbow trout into Catherine Creek and Cold Brook, but recent warmer temperatures are expected to cause significant up-stream migrations — and to provide opening day anglers ample opportunity to demonstrate their skills along these famous streams. Yep, and they are only about an hour's drive from these here parts!

Boy, a few fairly warm days sure makes a big difference in a person's outlook towards Spring doesn't it? Especially when the snow is pretty well melted off, Robins very much in evidence, our Crocus (or should we say Croci!) in full bloom, and Tulips and perennial Sweet Peas as well as Lillies of the Valley shooting up out of the ground.

Now all we need to see are the youngsters donning their roller skates and the young lads flying their kites — and Spring will really be here in full swing.

In addition to the above Harbinger of Spring, we also noted that the Village Street Crew is sweeping up the winter's collection of debris and dirt along Main St. today and the A.C.S. Students picking up the Christmas Trees from the planters in front of the business places along Main St.

Looks as if we will have to get busy after we go to press and take our Santa Claus down in front of the News Office — since his X-Mas tree is gone now. 10:47

"Sorry about that" neighbor but guess your kiddies will just have to find something else to admire — until next December.

Also with the advent of warmer weather — all you Motorists had better really "play cool" and stick pretty close to the speed limits — as well as have your cars in tip-top shape and make sure that you have your driver's licenses and auto registrations handy.

Yep, the State Police are really giving their Radar outfits a good work-out and road-blocks and car inspections seem to be the "order of the day".

So-o-o, a word to the wise should be sufficient!

Legion Auxiliary Notice

The regular monthly meeting of the Lynch-Burgett American Legion Auxiliary, will be held Monday evening, April 3rd at 8:00 p. m. at the Legion Home.

Refreshment committee: Helen Boyd and Lulu Emery.

Masonic Notice

The Stated Communication of Andover Lodge No. 558 F. & A. M., will be held Monday evening April 3rd at 8 o'clock. The Second Degree will be conferred on a class of candidates. All Master Masons welcome. Refreshments

Boost Your Home Town!

Miss H. B. McHale

Miss Helena B. McHale died Monday evening, March 27, 1967 at her home, 78 O'Connor St., Wellsville, after a long illness.

A native of Wellsville, Miss McHale was a daughter of Myles and Mary Cleary McHale. She had been employed for several years in Hornell before retiring and returning to Wellsville.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and a lay apostolate of the church's Legion of Mary.

Surviving are a brother, Paul M. McHale of Wellsville; five sisters, Miss Theresa McHale of Wellsville, Mrs. Edward (Gert-rude) Kilbane of Andover, Mrs. P. M. (Loretta) Donnellan of Hornell, and Mrs. Cornelius (Kathryn) O'Leary and Mrs. Arthur (Lillian) Walsh, both of Wellsville; and several nieces and nephews.

A prayer service was held at 10 a. m. today (Thursday) at the Mason T. Dye Funeral Home, followed by a Requiem High Mass at 10:30 a. m., at Immaculate Conception Church with the Very Rev. Norman J. O'Meara as celebrant. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home of Hornell.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Proclamation By The Governor

Governor Rockefeller has designated April 2 - 8 as "Chamber of Commerce Week in a proclamation of special recognition for the dedication of local chambers of commerce to the economic and social betterment of every citizen of New York State."

"Whatever tends to promote economic growth and stimulate prosperity is in the best public interest," the Governor said, "because it creates the job opportunities necessary to provide a higher standard of living for all our people."

"In this respect, the chambers of commerce of New York State have an outstanding record of performance in promoting commercial growth and in helping improve the business climate so that it will be most conducive to the expansion of present business and the attraction of new industry."

Income Tax Filing Date

1966 Federal income tax returns, received in District offices by the close of business on April 17, 1967, will be considered as timely filed according to John E. Foley, Buffalo District Director of Internal Revenue.

The extra days for filing were granted because the mandatory date, April 15, falls on a Saturday.

Taxpayers who have a refund coming should file early since it will expedite the mailing of their refund checks.

Taxpayers who have not yet filed should start accumulating records and preparing the return NOW. This will give the taxpayer enough time to make sure that his entries, arithmetic and supporting documents (if any) are correct and complete.

Mr. Foley advised that if the taxpayer has a question or two to call the nearest IRS office. Telephone numbers are listed under "U.S. Government — Treasury Department."

To All Masons

The Masonic Lodges of the Allegany Masonic District will travel to Utica, N. Y. on Saturday, April 8, to work the Fellowcraft Degree on a Class of Brothers to be passed to that Degree.

The various Chairs, however, form opening, Degree work and closing will be filled by assignment to the various Lodges throughout the District.

This will give the Brothers of the Allegany Masonic District a chance to visit the Home and the New Lodge Room in the Administration Building.

All Brothers wishing to make the trip are to contact the Master of their respective Lodge.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Clarence Wittie, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to his home Thursday, March 23rd.

Charles Burgess was admitted to the St. James Mercy Hospital Sunday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Reta Myers, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, returned to her home Friday.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James Rise (Patricia Baker) of Rochester, are the parents of a daughter, Julia, born Wednesday, March 29, 1967 at the Genesee Hospital in Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. James J. Baker of Rochambeau Ave., are the maternal grandparents.

News Briefs Of Local Servicemen

Word has been received from Marine Private First Class Terry L. Scott, that he has landed in Vietnam, Stationed at Chu Lai.

Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Greenwood St. He would sure love to hear from all his friends. His address is:

PFC Terry L. Scott
22894103 — U.S.M.C.
2nd Bn. 7th Marine H Co
3rd Plt.
c/o San Francisco, California 96602

Army Specialist Four Robert W. Vickers, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Vickers, 40 Elm St. Andover, N. Y., was awarded a safe driving certificate March 5 while serving with the Seventh Army Support Command's 661st Transportation Company in Germany.

Spec. Vickers received the award for driving military vehicles over 6000 miles with no accidents or traffic violations.

Spec. Vickers entered the Army in November, 1965 and was stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va., before arriving overseas in May 1966.

Midshipman Fourth Class Robert J. Joyce, son of Mr. Genevieve M. Joyce of 7 Pleasant Ave., Andover, is a member of the Villanova University's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) unit.

The NROTC unit schedules four years of training in Naval subjects concurrent with the midshipmen's college academic courses. After graduating from college and completing the NROTC Program, he will be commissioned an Ensign in the Navy, or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

The program includes classroom instruction, a two-hour weekly drill period, and summer active duty training exercises during which the midshipmen experience "on-the-job" application in the various phases of Naval and Marine Corps operations.

The NROTC program is offered by 52 selected colleges and universities.

Home Demonstration

The regular meeting of the Andover Home Demonstration Unit will meet Thursday, April 13th at 10:30 a. m. in the kitchen on "Refinishing of Furniture," given by leader, Mrs. Marie Alvord.

Anyone having furniture to refinish will be welcome to bring article to this meeting.

Lunch will be furnished. 11

Correction

The name of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winchell of Belmont, listed in last week's article as being in the Mother's Church, should have read Christi Ann, instead of Christi Miles.