

TRAILS OF FISHING

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The Old Mill Creek —
In Penn Valley, Pa.



Frank Thomas, president of Philadelphia Chapter, Izaak Walton League, looks longingly at husky speckled trout before casting it in near Bells Mill rd.

4000 Trout Are Stocked In Wissahickon Creek ¹⁹⁴³

Some 4000 brown and rainbow trout, an increase of 500 over the number first distributed a year ago, were stocked into the Wissahickon Creek along Bells Mill rd. yesterday afternoon in

20-In. Fish Landed On Wissahickon

By MYRON HUFF

William H. White, 627 W. Ellet st., caught two good-sized trout in the Wissahickon to celebrate the opening of the fishing season this morning without missing a minute from his daily work as superintendent of the Delany Glue Company.

He hooked a 12-inch brown trout at the Valley Green Canoe Club at 5:30 o'clock, a half-hour after legal starting time. He caught another—a 10-inch rainbow—before disjoining his rod and departing for his job at 7 A. M.

White was one of a quarter-million anglers who took to the streams of Pennsylvania and New Jersey on opening day.

Largest early catch reported on the Wissahickon was that of Russell Sherritt, of Montgomeryville, who landed a 20-inch rainbow in the vicinity of Bell's Mill road bridge.

Frankel Gets 18-Inch Fish

Best of the morning catches at the Canoe Club dam was that of Abe Frankel, 805 N. Franklin st., who caught an 18-inch rainbow. A bass fisherman, it was the first large trout Frankel ever has caught. Just after dawn he had landed three brooks ranging between eight and ten inches in size.

Sam Comers, 2440 S. Marshall st., Frankel's companion, stood on the top of the Canoe Club dam and caught three trout in quick succession, the largest measuring ten inches.

George F. Sedberry, 3005 W. Girard av., was another successful fisherman. He got a ten-inch rainbow in the riffles below the Canoe Club dam.

Three women anglers added color to the group fishing at this point. They included Mrs. John G. Smith, 629 E. Sanger st., who accompanied her husband; Mrs. George Austin, Sr., of 809 Carpenter lane, and Mrs. George Austin, Jr., of the Sedgwick Garden Apartments.

Don Yeutter, a 15-year-old boy living at 7014 Greene st., matched Frankel's catch at the Canoe Club, landing an 18-inch rainbow with a dark tiger fly.

1943

Walter Parker, 3d, of 6528 Marsden st., 14, taking part in his first trout-fishing expedition with his father, Walter Parker, Jr., landed a ten-inch brown trout at the Canoe Club dam. His father caught a 14-inch rainbow. Both were taken on tiger flies.

Today's weather was so chill in the first two hours of fishing that many a husky trout was lost because anglers found their lines frozen off the guides when the "strike" came. When some fisherman took time out to kindle a tiny campfire the blaze was quickly surrounded by shivering fellow fishermen.

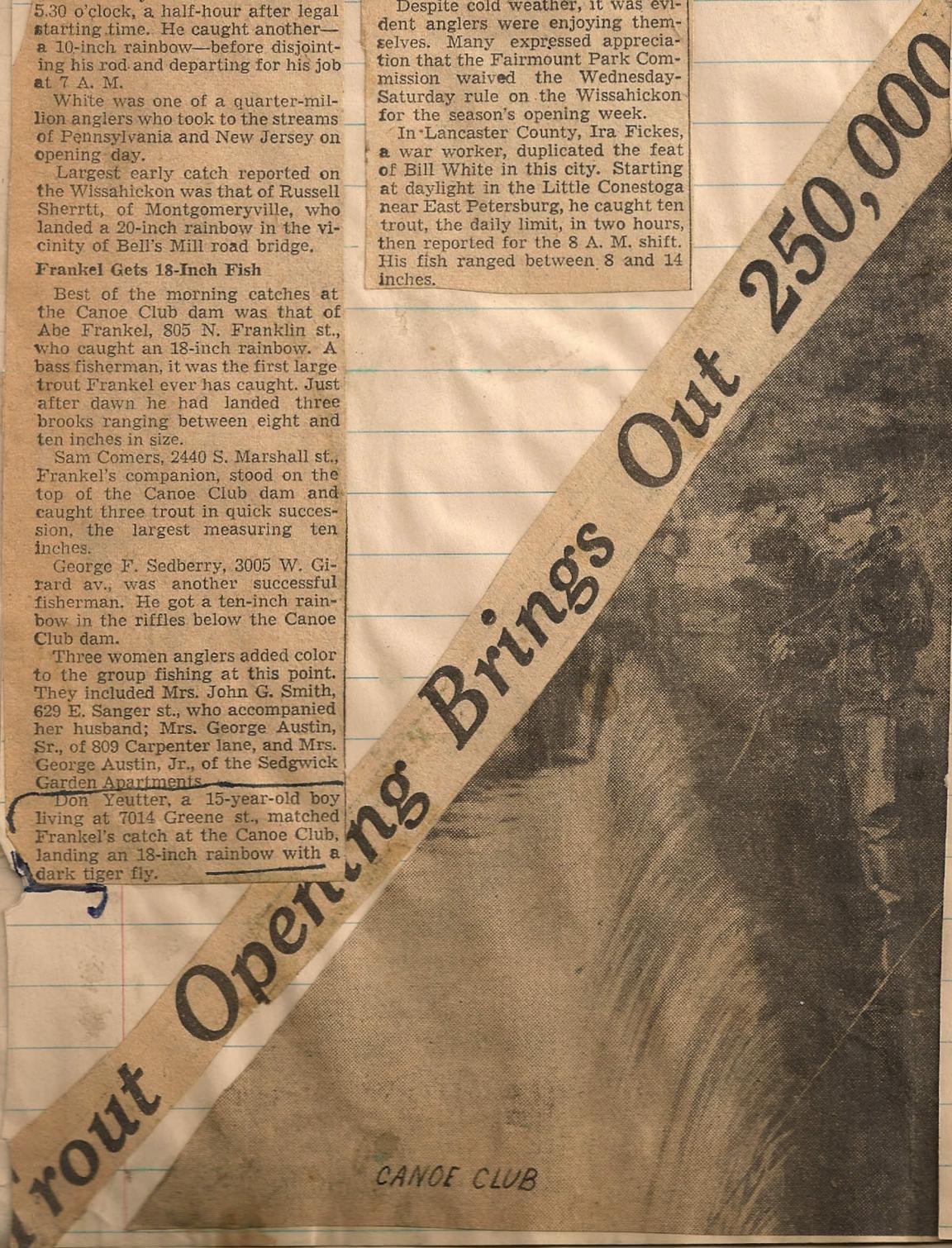
Sport Enjoyed Despite Cold

Despite cold weather, it was evident anglers were enjoying themselves. Many expressed appreciation that the Fairmount Park Commission waived the Wednesday-Saturday rule on the Wissahickon for the season's opening week.

In Lancaster County, Ira Fickes, a war worker, duplicated the feat of Bill White in this city. Starting at daylight in the Little Conestoga near East Petersburg, he caught ten trout, the daily limit, in two hours, then reported for the 8 A. M. shift. His fish ranged between 8 and 14 inches.

There had been a belief there would be fewer anglers on streams here and in New Jersey but it appeared today there as many as usual, despite the wind and occasional snow flurries.

Fishermen had plenty of incentive to cast lines into Pennsylvania and New Jersey streams, state more than 700,000 above the legal minimum inches have been liberalized since the start of the spring, and before the close on July 31 this number increased to more than two million. In New Jersey similar stocker programs have been carried out.



TRAILS OF FISHING - 1943

The first fish that I caught in 1943 was a 17" BROWN TROUT, that weighed about $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. I caught it above the Valley Green Canoe Club falls (near CRESHEIM CREEK) on a night crawler — Wed. May 5, 1943.

I'll never forget how good he tasted that night. I caught it at 7 o'clock in the morning before going to school.



In the early part of June, I caught a 10" catfish near CRESHEIM CREEK — In a very muddy water.

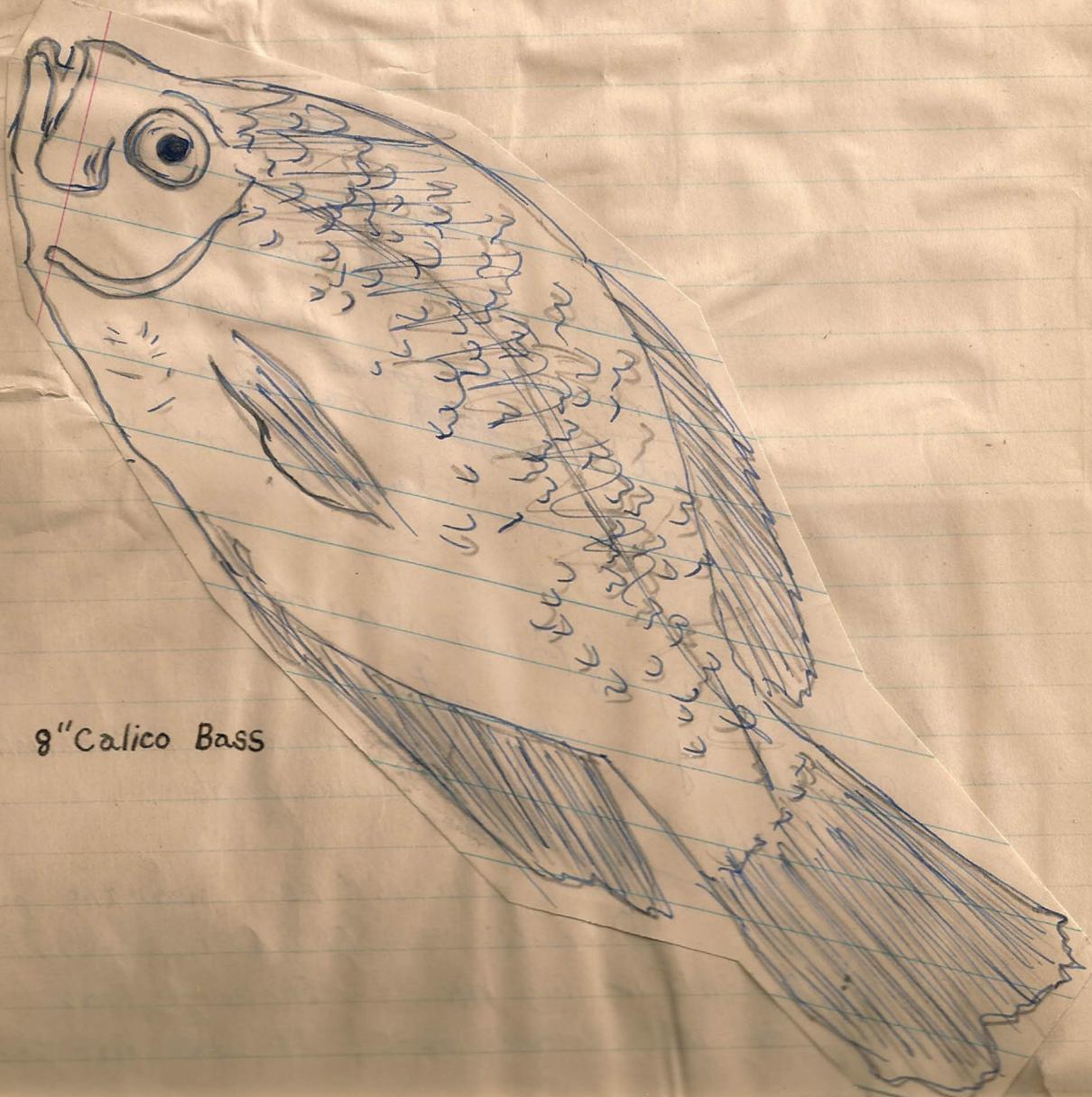
On June 14, I caught a 15" EEL near the spot where I caught my big trout. It was the second eel I ever caught in my life. The first was caught last year in the same spot; It was also the same size.

4 REST OF JUNE - I caught 2 eels - 15" & 22". Lost a 16" B. Trout.
I caught 14 sunfish, 1 catfish, a 13" sucker (my first) -
I had some experiences with the game warden who caught me
two times in one day for not using flies.

July 7, - Fishing with Don Yeutter near the Walnut Lane Bridge, I caught a 19" eel in the rapids of the muddy creek. Don caught a nice sunny.

July 17, - I went to Donald's house at 3:30 A.M., climbed the ladder to his bedroom and got him out of bed. We went fishing at Kitchen's Lane Bridge where the trout were biting good. I missed a good size brownie and Don caught a 9" Rainbow. A little later in the day I caught a 13" sucker.

In the afternoon I went fishing at the falls with Don. He caught 4 small sunfish and I caught 7 small sunfish, plus my first bass - a calico 8".

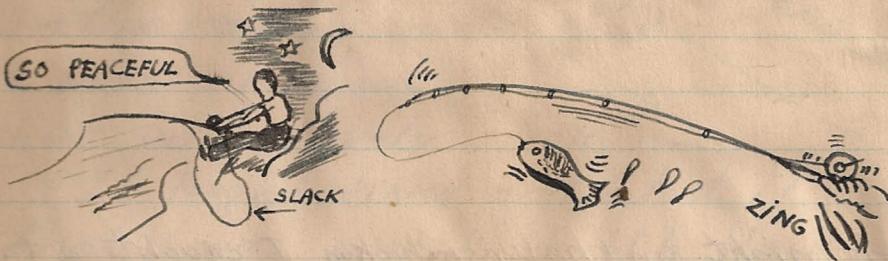


8" Calico Bass

REST OF JULY - I caught some sunfish on helogramites and one on a artificial fly. I also caught a 9" rainbow trout below Canoe Club falls. — A few eels and a couple of nice size catfish.

July 25, I caught my first carp which weighed about 3 pounds. ^(17") I'll never forget the way he wanted that worm, the way he jerked my fly rod, the way he fought, the way he scared me at first, the way he broke water, and so on.

He was caught on a trout hook on the side of his mouth.



My first catch for August is a 37" eel, weighing about 4 pounds. It was caught on Friday August 7, (2 A.M.) where the Cresheim Creek runs into the Wissahickon. The eel gave a terrific battle which lasted over 4 minutes. This powerful eel beats my 22" eel record, and was hooked on it's bottom lip. I also caught a very nice size catfish. Don Yeutter witnessed my large catch.

Sun. Aug. 9, I caught my second sunfish on a artificial fly, and two others on worms at Wissahickon. (Later in the week, I caught a small catfish; same place.)

Wed. Aug. 18, In the evening (5.30 P.M.) I broke my sunfish record by $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch (7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "). (My former record was 7") I caught it on a water grub, near the place I caught my 17" trout. I played the fish before bringing it in. I also caught three other sunfish on worms.

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Aug. 21, At night on the Wissahickon I caught a fat catfish and Don caught a small one.

—Rest of August and September - I caught a whole mess of sunfish, 2 suckers and about three (3) catfish in the Wissahickon.

In the middle of September, Donald Yeutter and I went down to Margate City, (Atlantic City) N.J. We were fishing in the bay and on the rocks in the Atlantic Ocean. We were catching the slippery bass like hotcakes. The fish were biting better in the ocean than in the bay because in the bay the fish fussed around the bait (clams) too much.

I caught a couple dozen bass, 2 spots, and 1 eel. Don caught a little more than me in bass, 3 spots, and 1 winter flounder. I'll never forget the certain (little) spot in the ocean where we caught over 40 bass. As soon as we threw out our line in this spot we pulled out a bass.

The bass averaged from 7 to 10 inches,

and we caught many of them 12". I brought home 6 of the big bass and had them for supper the next day. My mother said they were very good.

The one that got away -

Nov. 12, After school I went to the Valley Green Canoe Club rapids, where I did a little fishing. I didn't get any bites in the rapids, but at the falls I hooked a bass which was about 17" long - on a trout hook with a lively night crawler on it.

It fought hard and I lost it. I believe that it was a small mouth black bass. (The day was very cold.)

Nov. 20, In the evening from 5 to 6 P.M. I did a little trout fishing at the Valley Green Canoe Club with some night crawlers. The water was clear and very cold; Temperature was a little warm. In the second rapids I caught a 14" dark brown trout after missing him on a first try. It gave a fierceful fight. I also missed one big brownie and a $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen undersize brownies in the rapids. At the falls I caught a 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " brown trout in the quiet part. It also gave a battle. Getting dark, I fished towards the falls (at a big rock) where I landed a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " brownie. It fought so (so) hard, like a eel, and thinking that it was one, I played it for a minute. All trout that I caught this day were long and thin, especially the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " brown which to my surprise were full of trout eggs.

Sat. Dec. 11, I went fishing at the Valley Green
Canoe Club on the coldest day of the year, so far (20°A)
certain parts of the creek were frozen and the
brown trout were biting good again. I missed two
big brownies and caught one 8" brown trout on
a worm, but I threw it back.



1943 TROUT CATCH (6)

FIVE BROWN ONE RAINBOW.

17"	9"
14"	
13½"	
12½"	
8"	

TRAILS OF FISHING - 1944

Jan. 1, 1944 I began the new year with a 10" Rainbow caught in the rapids of Valley Green Canoe Club. It was my first trout caught on a streamer and spinner.

a d e f g PHILADELPHIA. THURSDAY MORNING. MARCH 9, 1944



THEY'LL BE READY FOR CATCHING ON APRIL 15—MAYBE

Thomas (left), president of the Izaak Wal-

Hickon Creek, near Bell's Mill Road bridge yesterday. The trout season opens in Pennsylvania on April 15. Meanwhile the fish will have an opportunity to gain in weight.

ld H. Morris Teaf, Fish Commission secre-

are shown dumping trout into the Wissa-

The fish were brought here by truck from the Spring Creek Hatchery at Bellefonte. Under the direction of William Burk, special warden of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, members of Philadelphia area fishing associations began the stocking at Bell's Mill Road Bridge. The Izaak Walton League, Pennsylvania Fish and Game, and Holmesburg Fishing Associations all aided in the stocking.

From Bell's Mill Road Bridge, the truck moved along the stream, on a four-mile route, placing trout at seven different sites. This was the seventh consecutive year the historic stream has been stocked with trout. This procedure enables local sportsmen to angle in city-surrounded water. Other officials participating in the stocking were H. Morris Teaf, secretary of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Paul Ludtkey.

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Approximately 4000 trout were stocked in the Wissahickon Creek yesterday by State employes and sportsmen in preparation for the opening of the trout season, April 15.

The deposit consisted of 2000 rainbow and 1000 apiece of brook and brown trout, all of which were from seven to 22 inches in length. This was the first stocking of the stream since last fall.

April 6, I caught a 9" sucker and a small catfish at Ridge Falls at night.

Rain No Obstacle To Trout Anglers

By JOE O'BYRNE

Despite a steady rain, the anglers swarmed the banks of the Wissahickon and nearby creeks yesterday as the trout season opened in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

All the convenient spots along the Wissahickon were crowded. At Valley Green, The Canoe Camp, Carpenters Lane and right down the creek the anglers were doing their best to snag some of the trout that were stocked about a month ago.

Paul Ludtke, Special Fish Warden in the Philadelphia area, was on the job before five o'clock, and he reported about 60 fishermen below the dam at Valley Green all ready for action at five.

READY FOR ACTION

The anglers who were on the job early seemed to have done all right. John Bechtel, 2843 Amber st., had his limit by nine o'clock and his son only got one rainbow, but he did not feel too badly, for it measured 17 inches.

Hen Collison, of 2246 Walnut lane, and John H. Forker, of 306 Tyson st., Glenside, were together as usual and were doing all right. H. Carney, of 6440 Green st., the Fire Department (Engine Co. No. 3), landed a 16½-inch rainbow and John George, 1129 Nevada st., had a 14-inch brown.

GOOD SIZED CATCH

C. Peterson, of 1926 Buttonwood st., had the largest trout of any of the anglers interviewed—an 18-inch brown. S. A. Dudley, of 4915 Oxford st., had a 14-inch brown and Joseph Berp, 1321 S. Leighton st., had 3 12-inch browns.

Not many representatives of the fair sex were out, no doubt because of the threatening skies early in the morning. Marie Saalfrank, of 204

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E. Roosevelt blvd., and Jody Williams, 1993 N. 6th, continued fishing right through the rain, proving they were real anglerettes.

YOUTH GETS WHOPPER

Fourteen-year-old Richard Dober took one of the day's prize fish—an 18½ - inch rainbow—from Wissahickon creek. Still others who whipped the Wissahickon with success included John Burns, who landed a 15-inch rainbow, and William H. White, who took a 14-inch er. The stream is restricted to fly fishing and has a bag limit of five, compared with 10 for the rest of the State.

Bill Cunningham, of this city, reporting from Split Rock Lodge in the Poconos, said few fish were taken before it began to rain shortly after noon. After rain started, action came fast for Dr. A. Edgar Park, of Rosemont, who landed the limit of ten brownies. Quill streamers became the almost universal lure in the area after Dr. Park checked in with his catch and reported he had taken them in that kind of fly. Mrs. J. B. Warriner, this city and Lansford, also fishing Tunkhannock and Tobyhanna creeks at Split Rock, brought in a fine catch, including two 12-inch browns.

From the Williamsport area, in North-Central Pennsylvania, came reports of high streams, few limit catches and only an occasional large fish.

In New Jersey conditions were much the same. Matt Van Istendal and Fred Loud, Collingswood, were in the Sylvan Lake Region, trying their luck. H. T. (Piney) Parker and Ed Warrick were in the northern part of Jersey. Brinkley Price, well-known tackle man of Moorestown, was on the job demonstrating his wares and Budd and Martha Marter, of Beverly, were trying out the streams in Burlington county. Theodore Rose does his trout fishing the hard way—he tries South Jersey in the bass section of the State.

WELL STOCKED STREAMS

Despite the inclement weather the fish crossed the dope and obliged the anglers by rising to almost everything they offered. Caddis flies and Tigers; in fact, almost any fly as long as it was brown and gray, seemed to do the trick.

Reports from the counties surrounding Philadelphia reveal the fact that the anglers who found time to get along the various streams fared just as well.

If the fishermen who criticized the Fish Commission for stocking the Wissahickon would take the time to stroll along its banks on Wednesday or Saturday during the open trout season they would change their attitude. The anglers know the fish are there and it furnishes wonderful recreation for the hundreds of fishermen who cannot take the time to visit more distant places.

YOUNGSTER GETS FOUR

John F. Stadel, 13, smiling freckle-faced son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stadel, proudly caught four large trout in the Little Conestoga Creek at Littitz in his first hour of the season's opener. The fish measured 15, 16, 17, 19½ inches and together weighed nearly eight pounds.

John said that when other fishermen saw his haul, they came over to his spot and told him, "you have enough now, you can go home." And he replied, "I am home." The stream runs through a meadow on his father's farm.

April 15, I begin the trout season with a Rainbow trout-8½", at Allen's Lane Bridge. I went out with Don Yettter⁽³⁾ Paul^(a) and Bob Benson⁽¹⁾ and John George⁽²⁾. The biggest was caught by John George. It was a damp and rainy day.

April 29, I caught 3 trout at the mouth of Cresheim Creek - 8" Brownie, 8" Rainbow, and my first Brook Trout - 7½".

May 6, Near Pawee Rock, I caught 2 suckers, $11\frac{1}{2}$ " and $13\frac{1}{2}$ ", a catfish, and a sunfish. I also landed a 4 pound carp, but he fought his way back into the creek.

(The fish were biting good in the still water because of the warm weather and lack of rain.)

— May 10, caught 2 sunfish on Wissahickon.

Sat. May 13, Very early in the morning from 11. P.M. (FRI.) to 4 A.M. (sat.) Don and I fished at the sandbar near Cresheim Creek. Don caught 3 eels, 1 catfish and I caught 1 eel (18"), 2 catfish (10" each) and 1 sucker (11")

~~~ That evening as it began to turn dark, I caught 1 sunfish on fly, 1 sucker (10") and 3 trout—  
8" Brook,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " Rainbow, and a  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " Brown ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ " side)

✓ I almost lost the Brownie trying to land it.

- May 17, I caught a 7" Rainbow and 2 sunfish; one being 5".
- May 20, I caught a  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " Brookie, & lost a whopper at Wiss. also.
- May 27, I caught a  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " catfish, and 1 nice sunny at Wiss.
- May 28, I caught a 14" sucker, small catfish, & a small eel at Ridge Falls.



June 3, At Ridge Falls I caught 2 nice sunfish and one cat fish. Later I hiked to Kitchen's Lane, but no luck.

- June 10, I caught 13 nice sized sunfish around Canoe Club.
- June 17, I caught 3 sunfish at V.G. Canoe Club.
- June 18, My first time at Springfield, Newtown Sq. I caught my first 2 large-mouth bass which I threw back because it's not season. One measured 10" and the other 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". I also caught a sunfish. Don and I went to Springfield on the Red Arrow Lines.)
- June 21, At the Canoe Club Dam where the water was at its muddiest, I caught a 27" eel. I then went to Cresheim Creek where I caught 2 trout; a 7" Brown and a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Brook. I also caught a shiner, and 6 nice sunfish.
- June 28, I caught a 11" sucker and a sunny at Wiss.

July 5, I caught 2 sunnies at Wiss.

- July 9, At Penny Pack Creek with Don, we each caught an eel with minnows. My eel was 20".
- July 12, I caught 2 nice sunfish at Wiss.
- July 19, At Canoe Club Rapids I caught a small eel and a 12" sucker. I lost a big trout trying to land it.
- July 26, Caught 9 sunnies at Wiss.

Aug 4, I caught a 6" sunfish on white miller fly + 1 on worm.

Aug 9, I caught 4 sunnies on flies at Wiss. also?

Aug 15, I caught 41 sunfish on Wiss. 11 on flies, 2 on plugs.

Oct 7, At Springfield I caught a 4" Bluegill (my first) plus 4 sunfish.

- Oct 14, On Wissahickon I caught 5 sunfish a 25" eel, and a 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sucker.
- Oct 21, I caught a 11" Brown trout + 6 sunfish on Wiss.
- Sun Oct 22, At Springfield with Don, I caught 3 Yellow Perch and Don caught 7 smaller ones. Mine were 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 12", + 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (caught on minnows)



SPRINGFIELD - OCT, 1944

Don and I went to Springfield many times during the Fall and Winter but the fish weren't biting.

1944 TROUT CATCH (13)

| RAINBOW | BROWN | BROOK |
|---------|-------|-------|
| 10"     | 8"    | 7½"   |
| 8½"     | 14½"  | 8"    |
| 8"      | 7"    | 6½"   |
| 3½"     | 11"   | 9½"   |
| 7"      |       |       |

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## TRAILS OF FISHING - 1945

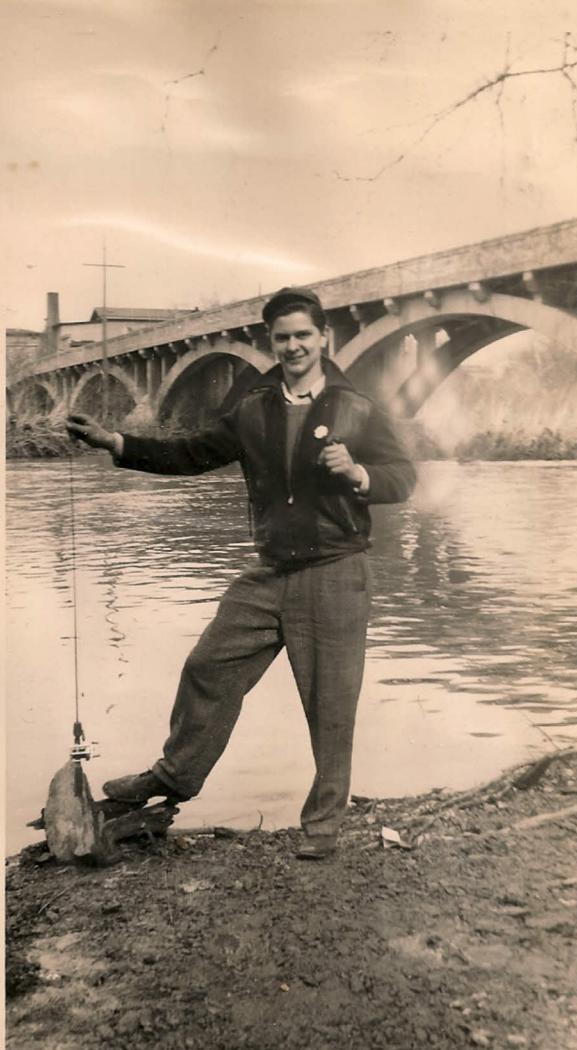
SUN. FEB. 25, Went with Don &amp; Bill Clark to Yardley,

Pennypack,

biting a little but not good enough to catch.

The suckers were





Hulmeville

TUES. MARCH 27, 1945  
THE WISSAHICKON  
CREEK WAS STOCKED  
WITH THOUSANDS OF  
TROUT. DON, FUZZY,  
AND I WERE OUT THERE  
HELPING WITH THE  
STOCKING.



(MY PHOTO OF THE STOCKING.)

# Trout Stocked In Wissahickon

1945

By JOE O'BRYNE

The first consignment of trout for the Wissahickon arrived yesterday afternoon and thousands of brownies, brookies and rainbows were released from Bell's Mills Road and at other good spots downstream. A large crowd was on hand to help the fish wardens distribute the legal size and larger trout, which should be acclimated by the time the opening fishing date rolls around.

## NO FISH LOST

Paul Ludtke and Walt McWilliams, special fish wardens, and William Hope, Fairmount Park guard who supervises the distribution of the fish, took the trout out of the special tank car and into the water. Not one fish was lost.

Bill Burk, president of the Pennsylvania State Fish and Game Protective Association, was in charge of the annual event and many other clubs also had representatives there to help.

## TASK MADE EASY

George and Charley Quillan and others were working for the Holmesburg Fish & Game Protective Association. Charley Berkley, president of the Split Rock Club; Warren Netter, Walter Hatley and Frank Thomas, of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, and dozens of other sportsmen made the task easy.

This year there were many ladies present to help release the trout. Two soldiers just returned from overseas helped.

When the season opens April 15th, the Wissahickon will be open from 5 A. M., the same as other streams, so the anglers can take advantage. After that the regular schedule of Wednesdays and Saturdays will be in effect.



**ATTENTION, ANGLERS: TROUT STOCKED IN WISSAHICKON**  
State Fish and Game officials, aided by other groups, release fish near Valley Green

TUES. MAR. 27,

In the evening of the same day, Don, Fuzzy, and I went to Valley Green Canoe Club to fish with hand lines. Don caught 10 T., Fuzzy 6T., and me with 5T. PLUS 1 BASS (small) and 1 sunny (FULL MOON)

SUN. APRIL 15, FISHING the first day of trout season at the Stone Steps at 4:30 A.M., I caught 8 trout in 2½ hours. John George caught a 14" Brown again this year. Don caught the first trout, but didn't do so good in morning. He caught some in evening in V.G. Rapids bringing his total to 6. Bob BENSON DIDN'T DO SO GOOD, BUT HIS BROTHER PAUL AND ART did well. Bill Clark caught a few trout also. My 6 Rainbows were 10½", 8½", 8", 7¾", 7", 7½". My brookie - 8¾" and a 7" Brown.



DON YEUTTER AT CANOE CLUB 3/27/45

Sat. April 28, I went fishing at the mouth of Cresheim Creek in the evening, and caught a 9" RAINBOW.

Wed. May 2, In Canoe Club Rapids, I caught an 8" RAINBOW and a 6" SUNFISH, WHICH FOUGHT nice.

Sat. May 5, Went fishing at 5 o'clock on Wissahickon. I caught a 5½" RAINBOW in Canoe Club Rapids. I then went to Pee Wee Rock with Don & Fuzzy where I caught, after a furious battle, a 9½ Pound Carp. Don helped net my Record Carp after my right arm was all tired out. He was <sup>caught</sup> on my Fly Rod on a trout hook which got him on the side of the mouth. (The fish was full of eggs.)

May 12, Fishing the muddy Wissahickon for less than an hour, I only caught 1 shinner. (That's all that were biting. Had an interesting conversation with a fisherman who later rode me up Livezy Lane with me dragging my bike on the side of the car.

Wed. May 30, I caught a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Brown trout across from Cresheim creek and a  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " sunfish <sup>(RED BELLY)</sup> on worm & spinner. I lost a couple nice size whoppers because of my small hook.

Wed. July 4, Fishing at the Springfield Ave. Bridge on the Wissahickon which was at its muddiest - I caught an 18" eel and a 8" catfish. Later at Cresheim Creek I caught an 8" Rainbow & a small sunny.

Sat. July 21, At Cresheim Creek opening I caught two small sunfish and a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Brownie. I only spent a couple of hours there, and I met Paul Benson, his father & Fuzzy.

Sat. Aug. 11, The big rains we had during the past month changed the appearance of both Cresheim and Wissahickon Creek. In some places the <sup>CREEK</sup> widens out and in other places it became narrow and low. Fishing near Cresheim Creek, I caught 4 sunfish.

Sun. Sept. 9, -- I went to Springfield myself by way of Red Arrow Lines. It was a beautiful day but the bass weren't biting so good. All I caught was one small sunnie.

#### 1945 TROUT CATCH (■)

| RAINBOW          | BROWN            | BROOK           |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| $10\frac{1}{2}"$ | 7"               | $8\frac{3}{4}"$ |
| 9 "              | $2-9\frac{1}{2}$ |                 |
| $8\frac{1}{2}"$  |                  |                 |
| <u>3 - 8 "</u>   |                  |                 |
| $7\frac{3}{4}"$  |                  |                 |
| $7\frac{1}{2}"$  |                  |                 |
| 7 "              |                  |                 |
| $5\frac{1}{2}"$  |                  |                 |
| 5 - (5"-10")     |                  |                 |

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TRAILS OF FISHING - 1946

TUES. APRIL 2, DURING my 8 day furlough from the U.S. Army I went to the Cressheim Creek opening with handline and caught 7 Brook Trout. 2-7", 2-8", 2-9", 1-10".

SAT. JUNE 8, Went fishing with TEXAN named Walker who is in my outfit at camp Hood to small creek near the town of Killeen, Texas. Was there about one hour and caught 4 small sunfish and 3 minnows.

Mon. June 24,

During my week stay at Galveston, Texas, I did a little fishing. Today, I went out with a fishing crew on the Gulf of Mexico and I caught 4 sea trout 13", 12", 12", + 11". Also caught 2 large catfish over 10".  
Was using a hand-line —



The Fishing Crew On The Gulf  
(JUNE 46)



The Rocks We Fished By  
On The Gulf (JUNE 46)



Another Voyage On The Gulf Of Mexico  
(June, 1946)

Sun. July 28 - Olson & I hiked to creek on Camp Atterbury, Indiana where I caught 3 sunfish.

Sun Aug. 11 - Olson, Simms & I went fishing on the post of Camp Atterbury and I caught a 13" sucker, an 8" large-mouth Bass and a Turtle (my first.) by hook. —

Did a little fishing at BLUE FALLS, Ind. and SALT RIVER, Ky. along the Ohio R.

Had some good experiences in both states but not much luck.

Went back to Texas in Oct.

but didn't do any more fishing for this year.

TROUT CATCH-1946 (7)  
RAINBOWS  
10"  
2-9"  
2-8" 2-7"

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DISCHARGED FROM U.S. ARMY 21  
APRIL 16, 1947

## TRAILS OF FISHING - 1947

FRIDAY APRIL 4 - WISSAHICKON STOCKED



### Trout Stocked In Wissahickon

Approximately 1200 hatchery-reared trout (brown, brook and rainbow) were stocked yesterday in Wissahickon Creek by members of various local sportsmen's organizations.

Distribution of the trout, transported by tank truck from the State-operated hatcheries at Huntsdale, near Carlisle, was under the supervision of Special Fish Warden William Burk, of the Pennsylvania State Fish and Game Protective Association, and H. Morris Teaf, of the Philadelphia Chapter, Izaak Walton League.

A second consignment of trout, provided by the State Fish Commission, is due to be stocked in the creek prior to the opening of the season, April 15. The fish were released at various points in the creek starting above Bells Mill rd.

Sportsmen here have annually stocked trout in the Wissahickon during the past 15 years.



DEVIL'S TEE TOWER

APRIL 12, (SAT.) ➔

DON YEUTTER, BOB + WALT BENSON + I DID A LITTLE  
FISHING ON THE DELAWARE AT DEVIL'S POINT + YARDLEY.  
(NO LUCKY!)



WALT AND DON

Trout Week

Tues. APRIL 15

Started the 1947 TROUT SEASON AT ALLEN'S LANE BRIDGE with Don, Cinders, Bob & Paul Benson. Beautiful warm day with plenty of sun.— I caught 3 trout in the morning and one in afternoon.—

Don had good luck with his flattish lure & he also caught 4 trout. Paul was next with 3 trout & Cinders had one. Bob didn't get any. My trout consisted of 2 RAINBOWS - 9" & 7 3/4" - 2 BROOKIES - 10 1/2" & 8 1/2".

My 10 1/2" BROOKIE & DON'S 10 1/2" RAINBOW were the largest of the day. I also caught 3 suckers on worm - 14 1/2", 12", 11".



ALLEN'S LANE BRIDGE 4/15

PAUL DON CINDERS BOB  
AT VALLEY GREEN INN 4/15

Sat APRIL 19-

Went out with Don & Walt Benson to Allen's Lane Bridge at 5 A.M. on beautiful sunny day. I caught one trout in the rapids there - two at Valley Green - two more at rapids near covered Bridge & coming homeward I caught another pair at Valley Green. Don caught 7 TROUT also & Walt none. (RAINBOW - 10" + 8 1/2". BROOKIE - 10", 8", 9", 4".) <sup>(13)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>

Sun. M.

Sat. M.



(THE BIG TROUT THAT GOT AWAY)

Sat. APRIL 26 - Fishing the rapids under the second bridge at Valley Green Inn, I caught 3 Brook Trout.  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ", 9", 9". Also hooked an 18" Brown Trout but leader broke after tough battle. Was out all morning in very cool weather (but nice otherwise). To my surprise - water was clear after heavy rain last night.

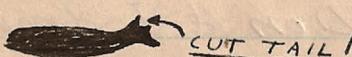
Wed. APRIL 30 -

In the evening before dark I tried my luck at Valley Green Canoe Club rapids and caught 4 beautiful RAINBOWS. Each one gave a leaping battle, as they measured  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ", 10", 10", &  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". (Was caught in thunderstorm!)

Sat. May 3 -

DON, PAUL, & I were fishing since 5 A.M. at Allens Lane Bridge without any luck. It was damp, cool & miserable all morning. Moving downstream to Kitchens Lane where I caught a small sucker. Had good results with ('FLATFISH' LURE) in which I hooked a 10" RAINBOW - BUT couldn't land it. (Paul caught 12" BN.

Sat. May 17 -



(BY OBSERVATION) I fished under the Hartwell Bridge as I did on Apr. 26 for a couple of hours in evening and caught one  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " RAINBOW, which I anticipated to be monster. Weather was cloudy and mild & strikes few.

Sat. May 24 -

Went to 'Black Rock' on the Canal for the first time with Don & Paul B. Good place for perch, bluegills & calicos.

Sun. May 25 -

Don & I went to quarry in Whitemarsh in afternoon. I caught 3 sunfish.  
— MY first time at the place.

Sat. May 31 -

I caught a  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " Bullhead (Catfish) & a eel about 25" long in rapids on Wissahickon.

Sunday JUNE 15 -

Went upstate with Don, Walt, Ed, Paul, Bob & Mr. Benson to open the Bass Season on the Delaware. Was about 90 miles from Phila. and a little above the Water Gap.

I landed one 'ROCK BASS' in the morning

Sunday July 6 -

 Was upstate again with Don, Walt, & Bob. First, we fished at the famous Lake Wallenpaupack & later at Lake Tunk-Wig in the mountains. I caught my first Pickerel (about 15") \* plus a couple sunfish, a yellow perch, & a small catfish.

Sat. July 12 -

At the Hartwell Bridge towards evening I caught an 8" Rainbow, 13" sucker & two eels - 22" & 7" (my smallest).

Sat. August 2 -

Bob BENSON, Don & I drove to Black Rock where the water was muddy in morning but clear in the eve.

Don caught a small bass on minnow & I caught a nice 6 1/2" Pumpkinhead (on minnow) (similar to sunfish or bluegill.)

Sun. Aug. 17 -



Don & I drove to Black Rock which proved too muddy and later to a new spot on the canal about 5 miles above Yardley. There I caught two nice Pickerel on worms 15" & 13 1/2". Also caught a couple sunfish & a small snapping turtle.

(LABOR DAY WEEKEND)  
Aug. 30, 31 Sept 1.

Walt Benson, Paul B., Mr. Benson & I went to the Poconos where we stayed at Klinehan's place & fished on his lake. Also fished on Lake Wallenpaupack both A.M. & P.M. The best I could do was  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. sunfish, 1 small yellow perch & 2 small catfish.

Sept. 5 & 6

Up at Lake Wallenpaupack with Don, Walt & Bob I caught a small rock bass in eve. with new 'JITTERBUG' plug. Next morning I caught 2 small smallmouth on flies & 3 on minnows. Later I caught a small catfish. (Don caught a 23" Walleye )

Sat. Sept. 13

Early in the morning Don, Mr. Benson, with Paul & Walt and I plugged the hugh Lake Wallenpaupack. I caught a small rock bass on jitterbug.

Plenty of large bass were jumping at sunrise. One man caught a beautiful Pickerel on frog. Mr. Benson lost one on minnow. Walt caught a nice lively chub. (on minnow)

Sat. Sept. 20

At Margate City, N.J. the weather was rather cool & windy. Don, Walt & I hired a boat & fished with minnows & clams on the bay. I caught a small crab & an eel on clam. Don caught a Blue fish (small).

## TRAITS OF FISHING - 1948

wed. March 31 -

Don, Paul Benson & I fished at Yardley - Windy day.  
I caught a nice yellow perch on worm.

SUN. APRIL 4. I was at SHARK RIVER for 1st time — <sup>WALT &</sup>  
Very cold - no fish - Don caught 3 FLOUNDER <sup>DON</sup>  
 ALSO GOT SICK

Thurs. April 15.

Wissahickon was a little muddy - beautiful day -  
 Don, Bob - Paul - Walt & Cinders including myself  
 fished from the Allen's Lane Bridge. At Valley  
 Green I caught 3 trout, 2 on Moose River Streamer.  
 Had my picture taken there for Heard paper.  
 All together, I caught 6 Brown Trout - I  
 lost a big one about 15" in 3rd rapids below  
 Allen's lane. Bob hit a streak & caught 8, Walt 4, CINDERS 3, DON,  
 MY TROUT - 10", 9½", 9½", 9", 9", 8"

Sat. April 17.

Before reporting for work at the store, I tried  
 my luck below the Allen's Lane Bridge with  
 Don & Paul - First I caught a sucker on  
 Moose River Streamer (ONE FOR THE BOOKS),  
 Also caught 3 nice trout, all Brown.  
2 were caught on same Moose River - 10½", 9", 8".

wed Apr. 28 - Don, Paul & I fished on canal near Black Rock  
from 3-5 A.M. with cornmeal - Paul caught a 12 lb. carp.

SUN May 9. Don & I fished by Cresheim Creek at night  
 He caught 3 catfish - I caught 2 catfish, one  
11½" - I also caught a small eel.

Wed May 12 - Below the Allen's Lane Bridge towards  
 evening - Don caught a nice 14" RAINBOW  
plus 3 smaller trout - I caught mockus -



APRIL 22, 1948  
DATED

• **10 Inch Trout** was caught by Alex Matus, 7418 Boyer St., Mt. Airy on April 15th, opening day for trout. Matus reported at 5 a. m. at Valley Green above Springfield Ave. Not long after wetting his line he was rewarded with the above 10 inch brown trout. (A Herald Photo).

SUNDAY JUNE 20-

At Cape May, New Jersey with the boys - Paul & Joe Benson, Don & I hired a boat at the Point where we fished all day. Later on, the rest of Bensons came down, including Walt & Cris. Everybody had a field day including myself, I caught 19 weakfish (sea trout) my 16" one being the biggest - (over 2 lbs.) Also, I caught the only Porgie - Joe & I both caught

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a sting-ray which we had no use for -  
 Don & I both caught sharks - 2 different species about 28" long - All together, Don caught about 26 fish, I-22, Joe, 16 Paul 19. Cris & Walt did fair with the worms they used for bait. We used squid -

Sat. July 3RD -

At the Hartwell Bridge towards evening I caught 2 Brown trout - one 9" & 12". The 12" one had a minnow in mouth  
I also caught a lively sunfish -

~~Sat.~~ Sun. Aug. 8. Walt + Bob Benson, Ed. H., Don & I went to Lake Wallenpaupack - No moon) We fished all night & only caught Rock Bass - I caught two.

Sun Aug. 22 -

I Bob + Betty Benson, Don, + Delores + I went to Cape May, New Jersey - Fishing was lousy all day - Not a one! Had a good time anyway -



8-8-48



Cape May, N.J.

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SEPT. 2, DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA

Hiked through the thick woods looking for trout streams - They were all dried or else low.

SEPT. 3, DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA

Fishing on the piers I caught small Pollack. Also caught a sea raven ('horny dog')



(MY BEAUTIFUL DREAM)

SEPT. 4 AT PRINCETON, ME.

To start off with I broke my catfish record with dead minnow. — A 2 pound 14 inch BULLHEAD.

Also broke my small mouth bass record 16 inch 2 1/2 lb. BASS. I caught many more very close to 16 INCHES. Used worms, jitterbug plugs, & pearl. Also caught a few sunfish & couple small bass.

The Lake: PRINCETON, MAINE



My  
boat  
→

SEPT. 19 At Cape May, N.J. with Don & Delores

I caught 4 nice weak fish - Delores  
got one - Don caught 1 shark, 1 skate,  
1 Flounder - also 2 eatable crabs but  
undersized. It was a grand day.

SUN. OCT. 3RD

Don & I went to 'Blackrock' - He tryed out  
his new spinning outfit, & caught a small bass.  
I used minnows & had a couple nice hits.  
I did catch a nice 9" CALICO BASS on dough  
bait. Also some sunfish & shiners.

SUN NOV. 7

Don & I went to Blackrock (Met Walt & Chris BENSON)  
Calicos were biting good, but not for me. (<sup>WARM</sup> WEATHER)

SUN NOV. 14

Don & I went to Blackrock again for few  
hours. Nice weather, no luck.

Leaving St. John for Nova Scotia Sept. 2, 1948



## TRAILS OF FISHING - 1949

Sun. Feb. 20 Warm day about 60°. Don, Walter Yeutter and Walt Benson & I drove to Yardley in Don's Model 'A'. Don & I each caught a catfish. I caught many shiners besides.

Sun. Feb. 27 - Don & I drove to Springfield, Cool, no fish,

Sun. Mar. 5, Don, Walt Benson & I drove to 'Flatrock' on the Schuylkill, weather was calm - few sucker bites but no fish among us three.

Mon Mar. 14, In the evening - Walt Benson & I fished at the 'mouth' on the Ridge - I caught a  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Carp (25") (Snagged) It gave a ferocious battle, we were using cornmeal.

wed. Mar. 23, Don caught a husky 15" sucker at Lower Springfield {NICE}

Sun Mar. 27, Don Yeutter & his father, Bob & Walt Benson & I went to Belmar, N.J. Warmest day of the year as yet. -  $70^{\circ}$  over. We hired boats & used blood worms for bait. Walt & I were in one boat, & he caught only one "flounder" - I only caught 2 (one being the largest & the other the smallest of the bunch.) Mr. Yeutter was shot out - Don got 4 Winter Flounder & Bob - two.

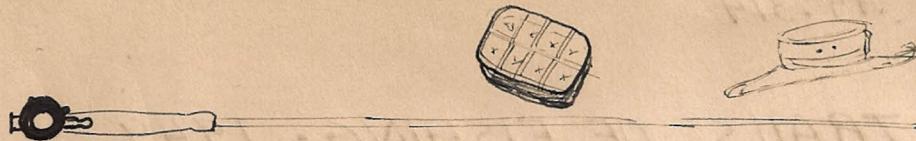
Sun. April 3 - Don, his father & I went to Black Rock - No luck -

Tues Apr. 5 - Paul Benson, Mr. Byrne & I went to Izzack WALTON LEAGUE MEETING AT N. Broad St.

Thurs Apr. 7 - Paul, Joe & Mr. Benson & I fished at mouth of Wissahickon - I caught small catfish.

Sun Apr. 10. Don & I went to little pond in Whitemarsh - Don & I caught sunfish - plus 2 catfish for Don -

FRI. APR. 15 - Opened the first day of trout season<sup>(ALLEN'S LANE)</sup> on the Wissahickon with Don, Mr. Byrne, Paul Benson - Weather was very warm - over 80° - Large



turnout this year. Don was sensational with a catch of 24 trout (all rainbows) Paul said he caught 11, but he didn't land all. Mr Byrne caught one trout. I was trying to get accustomed to new automatic reel & only got 7 trout (all rainbows)

RECORD → 1 - 11 1/2" 2 - 10 1/2" - 2 - 10" also 2 - 9" which I threw back.

The other boys did good at White Clay - Don caught a beautiful, ferocious-looking 14" Rainbow.

I caught 6 of my trout on Dr. Brown streamer - one on worms.

Sat. April 16 - I caught a Rainbow fighter on black-nat fly at Canoe Club rapids. weather was cold. (about 35°)

The big one is  
Don 14" Rainbow.

APRIL 15, 1949



= "13" RAINBOW =

Apr. 19 Mr. Benson, Paul & I drove to Valley Creek -

Chris caught a sucker, I, Red fins - we later went to fish on the Manatawny & the Perkiomen.

Apr. 27, I fished above PeeWee Rock & caught my record 'Rainbow' 13" (Really a beauty)

I also caught a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " Rainbow in C.C. Rapids.

Notes. The '1949' Trout season is considered to be one of the best in many years.

Apr. 30. I caught 1 sunfish on fly above PeeWee Rock.

May 8. Don & I drove to Black Rock in my borrowed truck. We caught some sun-fish.

May 14, I drove down to Valley Green & in the still water I caught 2 sunfish, including a beautiful 7" Redbelly. (couple hours)

Mon May 30, Don & I drove to Springfield in my latest '41 Ford Station Wagon - I caught 2 small bass on minnows Don got one on a spinner.

Sun June 5 - Drove to Cape May Point in my '41 Ford with Chas., Walt Benson - Joe Benson - Don & Mr. Yeutter - Perfect weather - All told we caught about 20 weakfish including one porcie(?) and I caught besides - one stingray with 3 ft tail & one skate(?) We also fished the canal - nothing doing.

Sat. June 11 -

At canoe club rapids - I caught a 9" Rainbow. Don had a couple hits -

Sat. & Sun June 18, 19, -

Paul B. Don & I drove to Delaware Water Gap in '49 Studebaker. There I caught 2



ells on worms & a rock bass on minnow. Don & Paul each caught a rock bass. Later we fished up aways at Minnisink Hills but only Don caught an ell.

We left for home at 9.30 A.M. (Sun.)

JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> — JULY 4<sup>th</sup> — Paul Benson & I drove to LAKE WALLENPAAUPACK IN MY STATION WAGON. (MY BRAKES gave away at journey's end, going up.) We pitched tents across from the lake. Don Yeutter brought Joe & Paul Benson in his new '40 Ford conv. coupe, — night of July 2<sup>nd</sup>.) During the long stay I caught a 12" smallmouth (plus <sup>YITTER</sup> bass & a smaller one. I also caught about 50 Rock Bass on plug.

Paul caught once pickerel on minnow at the point about 17" & a nice bass there about 13". Don & Joe each caught a smallmouth. We all left together & arrived home early for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sun July 10<sup>th</sup> — Walt Benson & I took a bus to Cape May — we fished the point, but nothing doing in morning.

Water was roughest we ever fished & majority of fishermen were afraid to venture the boat ride. In afternoon Walt caught about 7 or 8 flounders & a weakfish. I caught one flounder & let one get out of the boat.

We were the last ones to come in from the rough waters. (We seen somebody catch 2 croakers on one line.)

July 23-24 Don, Bob & Joe Benson & I drove to Lake Wallenpaupack in Don's '46 convertible. We all fished the 'cove' at night & caught plenty of rock bass - few small mouth bass were caught, but undersized. About 3-4 A.M. the water became calm & then I really started getting hits. I lost one on jitterbug, but soon lost the plug. (First plug I ever lost.)

July 31- Don, Walt & Joe Benson & I went to Cape May Point (Don's car) Walt & I fished together & we each caught a KINGFISH - MY 14" KING was about as big as they come here from what I hear... It weighed close to 2 lb. Walt got a flounder & a weakfish. I got a weakfish - we both caught skates - later on by the rocks, I caught 2 small rock bass. Don & Joe did good on weakfish about 21 together.

EYE LEFT FOR  
FT. DIX 8-1-47

Sun Aug. 7- Don & I went to Blackrock on this hot day in August (92°) Water was little muddy - Don & I caught plenty of small sunfish, he also caught a small calico - I caught a 9" small smooth bass with spinner & worm but didn't keep it.

Aug? At Wildwood Villas 'CHRIS', 'WALT' & 'PAUL' & I fished the rough waters of Delaware Bay. CHRIS really went to town & caught the most croakers - weakfish & one Kingfish - we all caught plenty of rock bass (small) - I caught some croakers (my first) but was overshadowed by too many small bass & oyster crackers - I stayed at Wildwood on Taylor Ave. Was down there for 3 DAYS -



22" CHANNEL CATFISH (caught on shrimp)

Sept 16, 17, 18 At 'Port Deposit' Maryland  
Chris Benson & his son Paul & I fished  
a couple of evenings. & once during the  
day on the Susquehanna River.

FIRST night out I caught my biggest  
catfish (channel) 22" long approx. 5#  
Also caught a boat full of eels - three back.  
Paul caught 2 channel catfish (smaller).  
Next day I caught a few perch - Paul - a  
couple smallmouth bass about 9&10" Chris  
caught a beautiful smallmouth about  
15" on my green plug.

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TRAILS OF FISHING 1950

APRIL 15, This year was the coldest for  
opening day (for me anyway) -  
our lines frozed a little.

Don, Paul, Bob, Cinders & I fished  
the Wissahickon at Allens Lane -  
Walt came later on. Every body did  
O.K. in trout. I caught 11 for the  
day - 12" & 11" Rainbows were my  
largest. Bob did best with a  
14" Rainbow. Don did best in quantity  
- about 35) - Paul - (approx.) Bob - 10  
Walt - 8 Cinders - 6

APR. 29 - Drove to Hartwell La. Bridge - in  
eve. - 2 small trout & 1 sunfish

(FIRST DAY BASS ON DELAWARE)

JUNE 15 - CHRIS & I went to Yardley on  
the Delaware. (Drove in my wagon  
1/2 hour) - 1 trout & fished

by the bridge - we caught a whole mess of white perch' I also caught a nice yellow perch - Chris got a small channel cat - & small walleye -

3d. June 17 - drove again to Black Rock with Paul & Charlie - For couple hrs. - we caught several sunfish.

During the summer I went down the shore twice - We fished from George's 40' boat near Cape May - First time we caught porgies & weakfish - Mr. Yeutter caught a BLUE SHARK about 15# - very good eating. 2nd time we really hit the sea bass - Caught about 300 among 8 of us - I also caught some flounders & porgies - one fellow with us caught a flounder ~~about~~ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ #. I also got a little sea sick on 2nd trip -

Aug. 12-13 - Took my station wagon to lake Wallenpaupack - Plugged all night - I caught 1/2 doz. rock bass - in morning Don caught small-mouth (11") on plug -

Aug 27 - I drove to BLACKROCK in wagon. Don - Bob & Joe BENSON (Home on furlough before going overseas -) - Small sunfish )

Aug 31 - I drove by myself to SPRINGFIELD - met little youngsters there Stef. Foster & Suzy Freeman.

Using worms & flies, I caught about 30 small sunfish & small bass - I did catch a nice 10" Bass (small mouth) & also two 10" BLUEGILLS on worms.

Sept. 3-4 (LABOR DAY) At Cape May Point Paul B. & I fished from rowboat. We caught just a few weakfish - went to Wildwood to rest on beach.

1951

APRIL 15 - 1ST DAY FOR TROUT ON WISSAAICKON - I CAUGHT 4 RAINBOWS 9-12" IN SIZE.

IN JUNE I WENT TO PORT DEPOSIT MD. TWICE - CAUGHT PLENTY OF SMALL WHITE PERCH 1 SMALL EEL. DUN & I WENT FURTHER SOUTH ON THE CHES. BAY AT BUSH RIVER - NO LUCK. WE ATE CRABS AT RESORT THERE.

CAUGHT A 14" SUCKER ON  
MUDDY WISS. IN JUNE, THIS  
MONTH HAS BEEN WET &  
COOL -

JULY 1 BOB DRAGER & I WENT  
TO SPRINGFIELD FOR 1ST DAY  
'BASS SEASON' PLENTY  
OF SMALL ONES CAUGHT.  
I CAUGHT A LARGE 12'-13"  
YELLOW PERCH - ADMIRED  
BY MANY THERE  
- USED NIGHT CRAWLER ON  
NEW SPINNING ROD & REEL -

During remainder of year - made  
a few small catches at  
Canal & Deposit, Md. -

1952

April 15. FIRST DAY OF  
TROUT - CAUGHT 2 BROWN  
TROUT 10'-12" & 10" -  
Water became muddy in  
afternoon - BOB B. WATKINS  
DON Y. & I.

May 14. ON WISSAHICICON -  
BEAUTIFUL DAY - CAUGHT 1 SURFCAST  
& REDFINS -

Blyth Park - Aug. flor & Bol  
George - Surfside (5)

Sept. 27-28. Wallenpaupack  
- Pickwick - flor & Bol  
Benson - 52' ledge -  
Weather beautiful -  
Caught 5 perch - missed  
a whopper

1953 -

April 15, Wissahickon - caught 2  
trout - Paul Benson was with  
me after serving in Japan -  
May caught - 2 trout - Wilson

During the rest of the year  
went fishing several times  
once with Don & Ellen  
at Flat Rock (which is in  
the process of being cleaned.  
went with Paul Benson  
& friends from his work  
with Geo Dailey on his 40'  
boat. Caught a few  
flounders & plenty of  
sea robins.

Incidentally I got  
married during the  
month of Dec (11<sup>th</sup>)  
whereas I was ~~hooked~~  
~~upstage~~

## 1954-1956

Did some fishing but not as much as previous. I did OK on opening trout day for 1954 & 1955.

Did some salt water fishing once with Paul Benson at his new place down Cape May, N.J. we did very good off the rock pile catching some large size Weakfish without use of sinkers. Great fun

## 1956

APRIL 15 DON, BOB B. & FRIEND ALONG WITH MYSELF WENT ABOVE WILKES-BARRE FOR OPENING DAY.

ALSO FISHED HARVEYS LAKE - IT RAINED ALL DAY & WE DID POORLY.

NEXT DAY AT WISSACKKON I CAUGHT A COUPLE 10" RAINBOWS.

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE I SPENT A WEEK AT ATLANTIC CITY (HOME SHOW) WITH MR. GAR (L.I. N.Y.) WE WENT FISHING OFF ABSECON & CAUGHT SEVERAL FLOUNDERS, SHARKS, ETC.

AUG. 26 - DON & I WENT TO CANAL AT WASHINGTON'S CROSSING WHERE WE EACH CAUGHT A NICE L.M. BASS. MINE WAS 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " & VERY FAT. CAUGHT A LOT OF SUNFISH ALSO

1957 & 1958

Caught a few trout during season - few Bluefish at Wildwood on Surf -

Fish Wrasshhors & Flat Rock at times - small catches

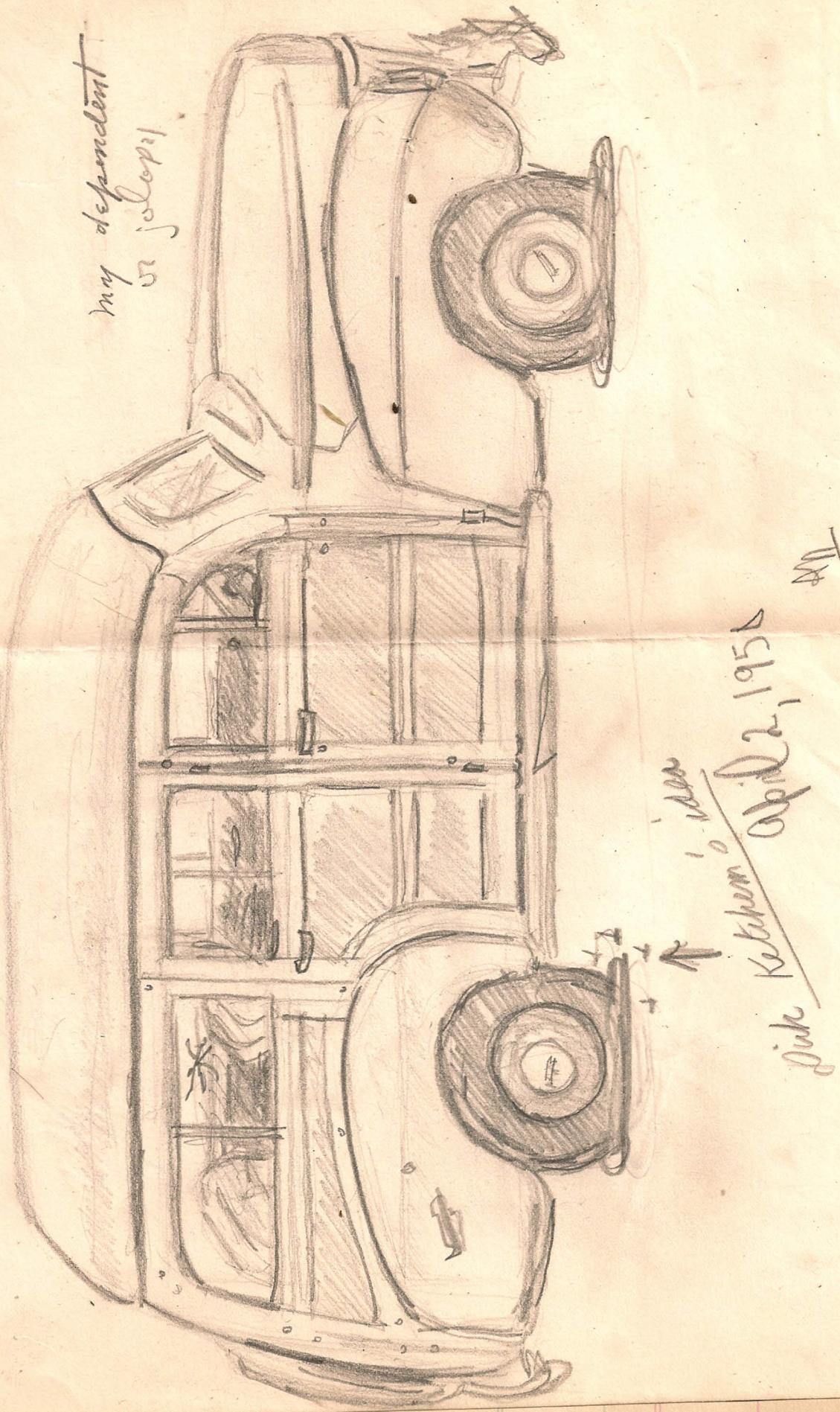
1957 was first year for Deer Hunting - went with Salerni & Police Officer to a place near Connersport, Pa. - (Blackwell) wonderful country.

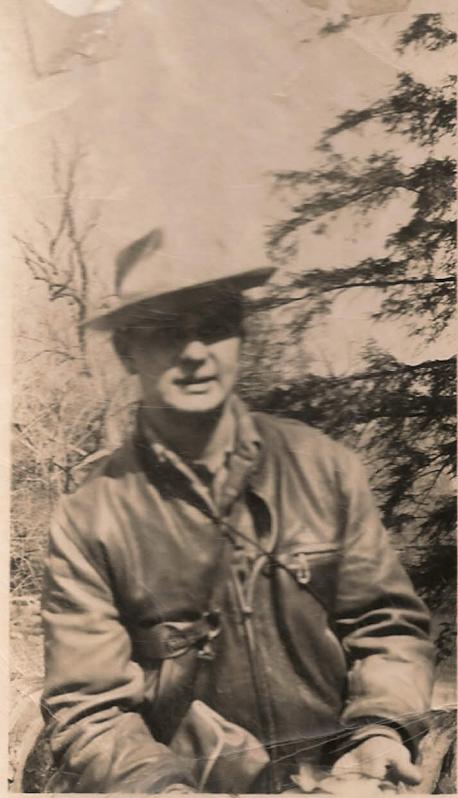
1958 - Went to Pocono for Deer Hunting Tony Salerni cabin for 4 days - Lots of Doe,

1959

Sept. Last Sat. in month Joe Manfe, Joe Mento & I went to a place off Forked River, N.J. we caught Blowfish which we cleaned for eating. Caught about 5 rock bass.

During early Sept. while on vacation at Wildwood I tried Surf fishing to no avail - This is all the fishing I did for year except for opening day of Trout on Wrasshhors - no good





APR. 7, 1948 Methods of fishing the wet fly . -

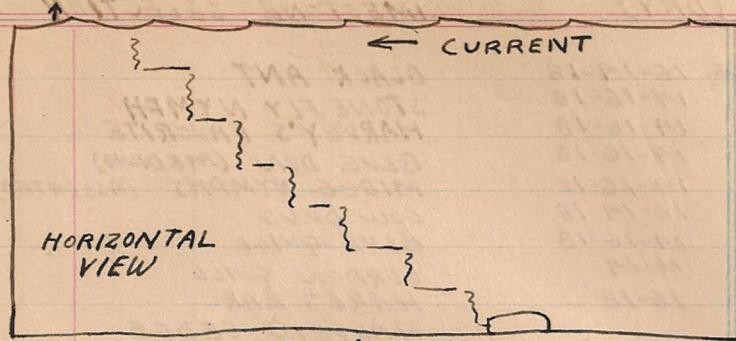


Figure 1-

- Illustrates the method by which the GORDON QUILL swarms to the surface.

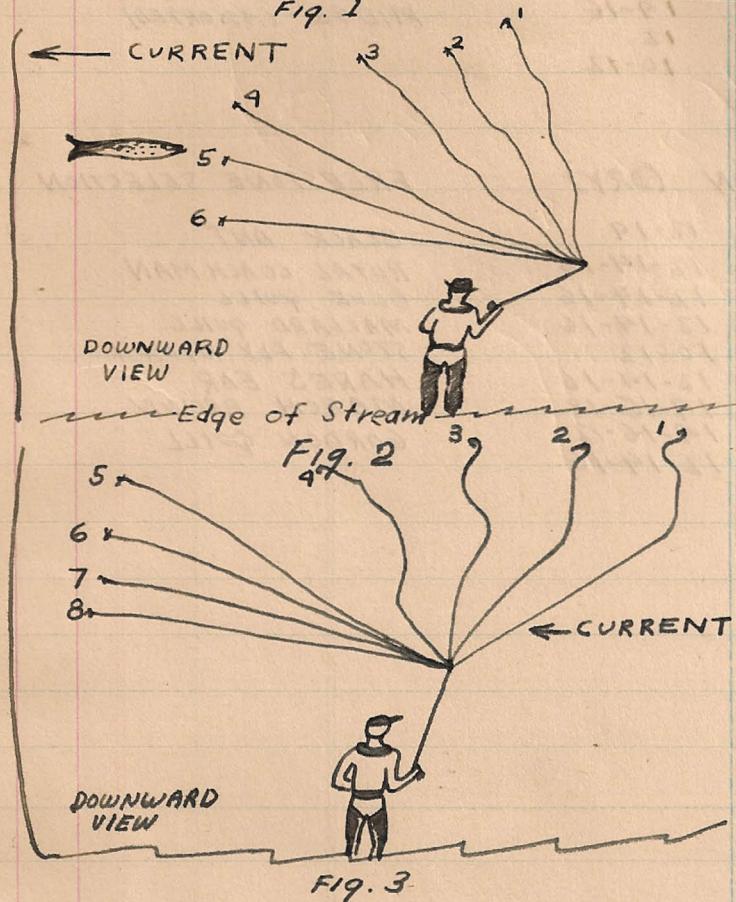


Figure 2-

Natural drift Method of fishing the wet fly.

Figure 3-

By casting your lure upstream & letting it drift down, you cover a much larger area without disturbing the water or frightening the fish.

| INSECT TYPE                      | APPROX. EMERGENCE DATE | DURATION OF CYCLE | MAJOR HATCH             | MINOR HATCH           | SWARMING DURATION |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| CADDIS OR GRANNON                | APRIL 15               | ALL SEASON        | 2PM                     | 10AM                  | 1 HOUR            |
| BLUE QUILL                       | APRIL 17               | ABOUT 3 WKS.      | 2PM                     | 10 AM                 | 1 HOUR            |
| QUILL GORDON                     | APRIL 27               | ABOUT 3 WKS.      | 2PM                     | 10 AM                 | 1 HOUR            |
| RED QUILL                        | APRIL 27               | ABOUT 3 WKS.      | 2PM                     | 10 AM                 | 1 HOUR            |
| HENDRICKSON                      | MAY 1                  | ABOUT 3 WKS.      | 2PM                     | 10 AM                 | 1 HOUR            |
| MARCH BROWN                      | MAY 22                 | ABOUT 3 WKS.      | 9:30-<br>11 AM<br>4-5PM | ANYTIME<br>DURING DAY | 1 HOUR            |
| GINGER QUILL                     | MAY 27                 | " "               | " "                     | " "                   | " "               |
| LEADWING COACHMAN                | JUNE 1                 | " "               | " "                     | " "                   | " "               |
| GREEN DRAKE OR SHADFLY OR MAYFLY | JUNE 1                 | ABOUT 10 DAYS     | NEAR DUSK               | " "                   | " "               |

## SELECTIONS OF FLIES FOR LIMESTONE AND FREESTONE STREAMS :-

## LIMESTONE SELECTION (DRY)

|                                  |      |          |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|
| LIGHT SULFUR                     | NOS. | 16-14-18 |
| PALE EVENING DUN                 |      | 14-16-18 |
| LIGHT HENDRICKSON                |      | 14-16-18 |
| DARK HENDRICKSON                 |      | 14-16-18 |
| GORDON QUILL                     |      | 14-16-18 |
| LIGHT CAHILL                     |      | 16-14-18 |
| PINK LADY (LIGHT)                |      | 14-16-18 |
| HARVEY'S NO. 1 BLACK             |      | 16-14    |
| BADGER BI-VISIBLE                |      | 16-18    |
| SPIDERS (DUN, BADGER,<br>GINGER) |      | 14-16    |
| HARVEY'S GREEN WORM              |      | 12       |
| SHADFLY OR COFFIN                |      | 10-12    |

## LIMESTONE SELECTION (WET)

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| BLACK ANT               | 14-16-12 |
| STONE FLY NYMPH         | 12-14-16 |
| HARVEY'S FAVORITE       | 12-14-16 |
| BLUE DUN (MEDIUM)       | 14-16-18 |
| MIDGE NYMPHS (ASSORTED) | 16-18-20 |
| COW DUNG                | 14-16-12 |
| BLUE QUILL              | 14-16-12 |
| GORDON QUILL            | 14-16-12 |
| HARE'S EAR              | 14-16-12 |
| HARVEY'S SEDGE          | 14-16    |
| MIDGE (ASSORTED)        | 18-20-22 |

## FREESTONE SELECTION (DRY)

|                    |  |          |
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| HARVEY'S DEER HAIR |  | 12-14    |
| LIGHT HENDRICKSON  |  | 12-14-16 |
| DARK HENDRICKSON   |  | 12-14-16 |
| GORDON QUILL       |  | 12-14-16 |
| BROWN DRAKE        |  | 10-12    |
| DARK CAHILL        |  | 12-14-16 |
| PALE EVENING DUN   |  | 14-16-18 |
| CABIN COACHMAN     |  | 14-16-12 |
| YELLOW BODY CAHILL |  | 12-14-16 |

## FREESTONE SELECTION (WET)

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| BLACK ANT       | 14-16-12 |
| ROYAL COACHMAN  | 12-14-16 |
| BLUE QUILL      | 12-14-16 |
| MALLARD QUILL   | 12-14-16 |
| STONE FLY NYMPH | 12-14-16 |
| HARE'S EAR      | 12-14-16 |
| MARCH BROWN     | 12-14-16 |
| GORDON QUILL    | 12-14-16 |

SALT WATER

| <u>SLIPPERY BASS</u> | <u>SPOT</u> | <u>EEL</u>              | <u>WEAKFISH</u>                 | <u>SHARK</u>         | <u>PORGIE</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1943 - 12"           | 1943 - 5"   | 1943 - 18 <sup>10</sup> | 1948 - 16" 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ lbs. | 1948 - 28"<br>3 lbs. | 7" 1948       |

STING-RAY      WINTER FLOUNDER  
APPROX. 26"      14" - 1949  
1948

MY LARGEST TROUT

| BROWN TROUT | RAINBOW TROUT | BROOK TROUT |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|
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| 17"-1943 | 10"-1942 | 7½"-1944 |
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| 10½"-1945 | 8"-1944 |
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| 10½"-1947 | 9½"-1944 |
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| 11½"-1949 | 10½"-1947 |
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| 13"-1949 |  |
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## SUNFISH    CARP    EEL    CATFISH    SUCKER    YELLOW PERCH

|      |                   |                                            |                              |                              |                           |                         |
|------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 42 - | 7"                | 1943 3 lbs. <sup>(17")</sup>               | 1943 22" <sup>(25")</sup>    | 1943 10" <sup>(4 lbs.)</sup> | 1943 13"                  | 1944 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| 943- | 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 1945 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. <sup>(25")</sup> | 1943 37" <sup>(4 lbs.)</sup> | 1944 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      | 1944 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "   |                         |
|      |                   |                                            |                              | 1947 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      | 1944 14"                  |                         |
|      |                   |                                            |                              | 1948 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "      | 1944 } 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |                         |
|      |                   |                                            |                              | 1948 14" 2#                  | 1947 }                    |                         |

## I. Use of ie and ei.

Write i before e - except after c - Or when sounded like ē as in "neighbor" and "wreath".  
 Examples - believe, chief, field, ceiling, receive, deceit.  
 Exceptions - either, neither, license, seize.

II Words of one syllable and words accented on the last syllable adding in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, double the final consonant before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel; as blot, blatters; begin, beginning, forgot, forgotten; plan planned; lifes, referred; (espouse)

III C + g are usually soft (have the sound of s + f respectively, when followed by e, i or y; as, Lent, ate, cylinder; ginger, gymnastics) one usually hard when followed by other letters; as, dicent, clear, guitars,

IV Final silent e is dropped before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel; as, write, writing, type, types; value, valuable; Exceptions occur when dropping the e would alter the sound of C & G in accordance with rule three; as, advantageous, noticeable, t in such words as dying, hating.

V Words ending in y preceded by a consonant usually change the y to i before adding a suffix that does not begin with it. as, pity, pitiful; sleepy, sleepiness, sleepily.

Problems of City Government  
Careful planning by city. (<sup>Health &</sup> decency)

1. Street paving
2. utility services
3. orderly growth
4. police & court organization
5. fire protection
6. school development etc.

<sup>R</sup> (not delayed)

gravest social consequences —

1. dishonesty
2. inefficiency
3. incompetency

#### PROBLEMS:

Development of City Government

1. reforms intended to curb the irresponsible control of venal partisan forces.
2. Larger powers of home rule were wrested from legislatures.
3. Authority was centralized in the mayor; terms of office were lengthened; councils were altered from double- to single-chambered bodies; civil service principles and practices were put into effect in cities.

Abuses in City Government

(most abuses in government & politics have taken place in the city.)

- anonymity, the impersonality, & the haste of city life.

In cities there are the great organized hordes of vice,

gangsterism, & racketeering that require "protection" & are willing to pay for it.

Party politics: Voting wrong -

The result is often poor leadership, administrative inefficiency, unenormous government, & even open bribery & corruption.

- Partisan system - responsible for the rise of such abuses and the forces of municipal reform.

Forms of City Government: The Mayor-Council type.

American city -

a subordinate form of government, subject to the state.

serving both as an agent of the state government & as a means of local self-government.

Cities are incorporated under charters, which constitute their fundamental law.

These charters are passed as state law, and are subject to modification by the state.

1. Form of municipal government
2. choosing most important officers
3. choosing certain regulations governing the conduct of city affairs.

3 types of city government

1. Oldest & most common type of city government is the mayor-council form of organization.

- Under this plan, the mayor

Alex Matus  
Nov. 18, 1948  
Spns. eve.  
Mrs. Greenwald

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*ambition*  
to go out in the open fields and  
fish comes naturally to some people.

*fun-on*  
I guess it's that way with me,  
although born and raised in the  
city, I had taken an early liking  
to the outdoor sport.

A great deal of my leisure hours  
~~of~~ have been spent with my companions,  
either casting flies for "rainbows"  
or casting "plugs" for "smallmouth".

What a thrill it is to land a  
sixteen or seventeen inch trout on  
a five and a half ounce rod, or a  
three pound bass on a "jitterbug" plug.

I have already fished in  
different parts of the country for  
other species of fish, but this summer  
I had the time of my life at  
Princeton, Maine. Coming back  
from a partly-disappointed fishing  
trip in Nova Scotia this September,  
where all the creeks were dried, due  
to the long summer drought which  
resulted in poor inland fishing conditions,  
I stopped at Princeton, Maine on  
my way home. I ~~had~~ always heard  
how good ~~it~~ was at this particular

section, so I decided to find out for myself. I picked a fair sized lake, hired a boat along with an Indian guide, and set out to fish.

We came to a certain spot and dropped anchor. The first lure I used, was a pearl spoon, and within a minute of hitting the water, a beautiful two and a half pound bass was fighting for his life.

From then on, it seemed that every spoon or plug I casted out would always result in a nice size bass ~~weighing~~ no less than a pound and a half.

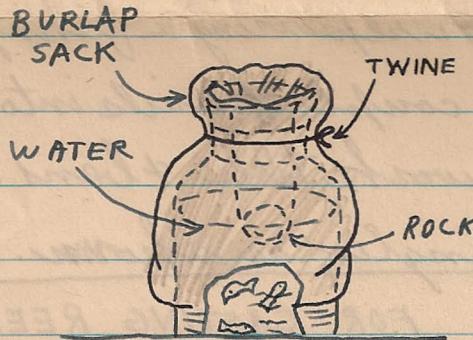
By the end of my stay at Princeton I had about twenty-four fine looking bass to my credit, ~~which~~ although I did not keep but anyway will always stand out among my many fishing experiences.

Yours sincerely  
P. G. Kennedy

Oberon

A-1 Fish Cleared with Car Valve — To quickly remove the entrails from a fish after cutting it open, an old valve from a car motor is just the thing. When used as indicated, it does the work efficiently without cutting or tearing the flesh. Of course, the valve should be cleaned & polished carefully before using.

A-2 Leg Slip-Overs on Rubber Boots



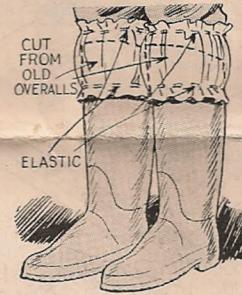
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EVAPORATION OF WATER FROM SACKS  
KEEPS MINNOW CANS COOL

The difficulty of transporting a number of live minnows from one stream to another in extremely hot weather led one fisherman to use burlap sacks to keep the water cool. The sacks were merely inverted over the cans & pushed down into the water as indicated. Pieces of twine held the sacks in place & small rocks dropped into the ~~bottom~~ pockets thus formed kept the burlap immersed so that it

**Leg Slip-Overs on Rubber Boots  
Keep Out Weed Seeds**

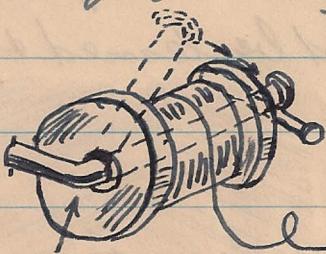
Campers and fishermen who wear rubber boots through brush and tall weeds are often annoyed by having bits of broken twigs and weed seeds drop into the open boot tops. To avoid this,



cut two sections from the legs of a pair of discarded duck trousers or overalls, hem the top and bottom and thread a stout elastic through them. Then slip these over the boots. They will repay you many times for the little time and trouble necessary for their construction.

would provide wicks for carrying water to the exposed portions. In this way, evaporation served to keep the cans cool & the splashing water helped maintain the necessary oxygen supply for the minnows.

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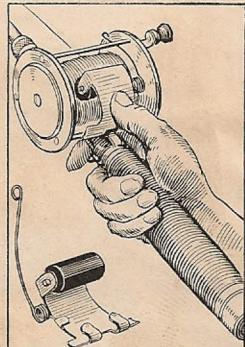
DRIVEN INTO WALL AND BENT

SIMPLE HOLDER FOR  
LASHING THREAD WHILE  
TYING FLIES

To hold a spool of thread handy for tying flies or for repairing a fishing rod, drive a couple of nails into the wall above your work table & bend one of them at right angles as shown.

ROLLING THUMBER FOR CASTING REEL  
SAVES WEAR ON THUMB

Novice casters are offered a reel thumbing attachment to aid them in handling the rod and reel. The attachment is said to prevent back lashes and "birds' nests." Spinning of the reel is controlled by pressing a rubber roller against it, thus avoiding direct contact with the line which might result in a raw thumb. Made in two sizes, the "thumb reel" works equally well on reels with or without level winders, and is attached easily by snapping its metal plate over one of the reel pillars and a wire spring under the next pillar so the roller may ride between them. Tension may be adjusted to suit the fisherman.



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