



## Empire Sportsman

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### MUSKIES BY THE TON

More than 40 tons of fighting muskies were landed by Chautauque Lake fishermen last year, according to the State Conservation Department. The statistics ran something like this: 7,700 legal-sized fish were caught, averaging 33½ inches and 9½ pounds.

The figures came from anglers who returned their special muskies licenses at the end of the season as required by law. Some 17,000 fishermen purchased the special 50-cent license to fish for muskies in Chautauque and Chautauque Counties.

Fishing success was highest in 20 years, with about 25 per cent of the license holders taking at least one legal-sized fish.

Average time logged to land one legal muskie (30 inches or more) was 27 hours — about half the time recorded over the last 10 years.

July was the hot month for muskies, and accounted for one-third of the catch. August tallied 21 per cent, and June, September, and October were tied for third. Fall is the best time for big fish, however.

The largest muskie caught at Chautauque last year was a 52 inch, that strained the scales at 40 pounds.

Out-of-state fishermen were more successful on the average than New York residents, probably because they used guides more regularly.

The Conservation Department reported that muskie fishing in western New York outside of Cattaraugus and Chautauque Counties was also excellent.

The catch in the Allegheny River and Olean Creek was a record 230 legal fish. Other waters and their takes of legal muskies included: Conewango Creek, 190; Cassadaga Lakes, 121; Findley Lake, 105; and Bear Lake, 81.

The Conservation Department stocks muskies fingerlings in Chautauque Lake and the other musky waters each summer. In 1969, more than 9,000 muskie fingerlings averaging nine inches were stocked in Chautauque Lake. The other waters received a total of 15,000 muskies fingerlings between three and five inches in length.

## COMMUNITY LETTERS

News Correspondents

### West Hill

Mrs. Dan Mullen, Reporter  
May 19 — Mrs. Rose Robbins of Little Valley and Mrs. Dan Mullen were dinner guests of Eliza King of State Creek, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mullen and Phyllis were in Olean on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harrison and family of Little Valley called on Mrs. Dan Mullen Sunday. Mrs. Rose Robbins returned home with them. Ephraim and Annabel Ribble of Bath called on relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rex of Dansville, called on Mrs. Rose Robbins and Mrs. Dan Mullen, Saturday evening.

May 27 — Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mullen, Jr., of Canaseraga called on his mother, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bird was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Donaldson.

Anna Mullen is improving at the St. James Mercy Hospital after having surgery Friday morning. This community was saddened by the death of Thomas Murray of Greenwood. Tom was a lifelong resident of this vicinity.

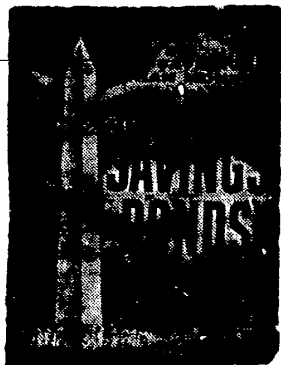
Mike Hulse has returned home from the St. James Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Dan Mullen called on Mrs. Anna Donaldson Saturday.

T. Joseph Lynch of Andover was a business caller here Tuesday.

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## Conservation News

### Wildlife Pets

Memorial Day unofficially marks the start of the summer picnicking season. Each year sees more and more people pack up and head for the out-of-doors whenever possible. With parks filled to overflowing, many people find their way into the remote sections of the hills for their recreation.

This springtime surge of humanity to the woods is accompanied by an unfortunate & unnecessary by-product — kidnapping of wildlife youngsters. Usually the foster parent's intentions are good, for the little animal is assumed to be an orphan and is being saved from starvation or the jaws of some predator.

Many birds will put on quite a show to draw intruders away from their young. Mammals, on the other hand, use a different approach. They will hide their young in a safe spot and trust on camouflage and the youngster's ability to remain motionless to prevent detection. The adult fades into the background so as not to leave any visible clue around.

The absence of the mother leads to the assumption that the youngster is an orphan. Occasionally some fate has befallen the mother, but unless circumstances are known she should be assumed to be alive. Kidnappings so outnumber findings of true orphans that more suffering is caused than prevented.

There is no provision in the Conservation Law to issue permits to possess young of protected species even if they are known to be orphans. Conservation Officers have the unpleasant task of confiscating every one coming to their attention. They have the problem of caring for and properly disposing of the animals.

Fawns and raccoons are the two animals most often victimized by kidnappers. After being held until they are capable of caring for themselves, coons can readily be returned to the wild, but this is not the case with deer.

A fawn requires milk for three months to grow properly. By that time it has lost all fear of man and cannot be safely released in the wild. The usual fate of a released deer is an early death due to a willing exposure to dogs or hunters. This is probably very fortunate, for during the fall a buck can become extremely unpredictable. Even pets that have been feeding out of hand all year may turn without warning on their benefactor with their sharp antlers or hooves.

Because they cannot be released safely they must be kept in confinement the rest of their lives. Zoos, city parks and similar places which will take them are far too few to handle all the fawns that the "helpful" public will pick up during the next few weeks.

Many people believe that once a fawn has been touched by a human that its mother will abandon it. Human scent is so common in most of our deer range, however, it is just an ordinary part of the

## Cobblestone Houses Catch The Eye of Tourists In Western New York

Some 500 cobblestone buildings in western New York are an eye-catching surprise to tourists and vacationers, says the State Department of Commerce. Most are in communities along the Lake Ontario Plain, within 50 miles of Rochester.

Eight examples of these architectural relics will be stopping points on the 10th annual Cobblestone House Tour, scheduled for Saturday, June 6, in the area around Palmyra, Marion and Newark. The tour is a self-guided affair. Patrons register at the starting point, the Town Hall in Marion, where they collect a map, guidebook and other necessary data. Marion is on Rt. 21, north of Palmyra and Newark Houses on the tour, all privately-owned, will be open from 1 - 5 p. m.

The cobblestone buildings in New York State — churches, schools, taverns and homes — are all more than a century old. Their basic

day's smell. One farmer told me of finding a fawn in a field that he was plowing and moving it to the end of the field where it would be out of the way. Later that afternoon his children found it and brought it to the barn. He hurried it back to the edge of the plowed field where he thought the doe would come out. Before dusk he saw the doe come out to the plowed field where she shortly found the fawn and they disappeared into the woods.

Many lessons about Nature's ways can be learned from wild pets. They need not be large pets, but can be small, easy to care for things like little snapping turtles, snakes, pollywags or even large insects. The care and housing of these small creatures is simple compared with much greater demands of raccoons or fawns. When the urge to keep the pet runs out — and even caring for a fawn can become tiresome to a youngster and his parents — snakes, praying mantises, toads or most of these little animals can be released in the back yard with no problem.

material has been around a while longer. Retreating glaciers from the last Ice Age planted the smooth, rounded cobblestones in scattered profusion in the area immediately south of Lake Ontario.

While early settlers considered them a minor nuisance, the stone masons who helped build the Erie Canal (1825) saw the cobblestones as a new architectural form. The first cobblestone houses appeared about 1825 - 1832 and were marked by rough-edged boulders and rocks. By the 1830's, the masons were using smaller stones and decorating their work with finely-cut, color-matched lintels and quoins.

Each builder selected his own stones, grading them by size, shape and color. Sometimes it took as long to collect and match the stones as it did to put up the house. It was a slow and expensive way to build. By the 1850's, only the skilled masons were working, and in another ten years the boom was over.

The preservation and restoration of these rare examples of a peculiarly American architectural style is the enthusiastic province of the Cobblestone Society, established in 1960. Besides running the 1970 Marion tour, the Society maintains a cobblestone museum in Childs, N. Y., about 30 miles west of Rochester on Route 104.

The museum is in a well-preserved 1849 one-room schoolhouse — naturally a cobblestone building as well. It is open to the public on Saturdays, 1 - 5 p. m., during the summer.

Information on tourist attractions in western New York as well as in other areas of the State will be found in "New York State Vacationlands", a free 96-page guide to summer holidays in the Empire State. Copies may be obtained from the New York State Department of Commerce, 112 State St., Albany, New York 12207.

### Appreciation

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to my friends for the beautiful flowers, gifts and cards I received while a patient in the Hospital. Also my thanks to Rev. Wolter for his visits.

Mrs. Roger Baker



## Doctor in the Kitchen

by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.  
Consultant, National Dairy Council

### VACATION TIME LUNCHES

One of a mother's joys — or chores, depending on your viewpoint — is dreaming up nutritious and interesting lunches during summer. The kids are away from the school lunch program and it's a challenge to see to it that they eat as well during vacation.

Actually, there's nothing too difficult about it, if one prepares in advance. This means having a good supply of a wide variety of the foods needed for attractive lunches with a minimum of time and labor.

If mother sighs with relief when the summer's over that the children are back in school, it may be justified from the standpoint of the summer's constant barrage of juvenile activity. But if it's from difficulties of feeding the family it may be she's not organized.

So let's discuss the subject. What are some of the things that will make it easier?

#### Kinds of Food

It helps to have several kinds of bread — white, rye whole wheat, raisin — and some rolls, crackers and English muffins. Milk is a must. And it comes, as you know, whole, skim, butter-milk or chocolate. Cream or half-and-half for summer fruits and cereals. And what would your home be without peanut butter?

Luncheon meats hot dogs and chopped meat are essential.

Cheese, ice cream, nuts and toppings such as chocolate and butterscotch sauces. Fruits and fresh vegetables are in season and will perhaps be the most valuable items of all.

Canned tuna or salmon, canned baked beans, hard cooked eggs, bacon, and juices galore.

With all these items — all of which are easily storable with today's packaging and refrigeration — you can have infinite variety.

#### Let The Children Help

Your smallest children will need food prepared for them. Your older children can, don't forget, fix lunches for themselves. Your supervision so that they don't mess things up too much, or fail to clean up afterwards, will be good training for them.

Kids love hot dogs, hamburgers, toasted cheese sandwiches, warmed fish sticks, crisp bacon and tomato sandwiches, berries with light cream, fresh and canned fruits, raw vegetables like carrot sticks, cucumbers or celery, milk shakes, jelly, butter or honey on bread. Even baked beans make a good sandwich spread. And milk and fruit juices are sensational for beverages.

With these foods, it isn't hard to give them a meal that represents the four food groups — the meat group, the milk group, fruits and vegetables, and breads and cereals.

## \$26.9 Million In Low Bids For 14 Highway Projects

Albany — Low bids totalling \$26,904,003.34 for 14 highway projects have been received by the State Department of Transportation.

Commissioner T. W. Parker said the proposed contracts are for construction, reconstruction or other improvements to roads or bridges in 15 counties and are made possible as a result of appropriations recommended by Gov. Rockefeller and approved by the Legislature.

Work on projects for which bids were received is expected to begin shortly after each contract is officially executed.

### ALLEGANY COUNTY

Construction of a bridge on Main Street over Erie-Lackawanna Railroad tracks in the Village of Wellsville. The 114-foot span with 28-foot-wide concrete roadway and two 5-foot sidewalks will replace the present structure at the same site. The bridge approaches between Main Street and Maple Ave. will be rebuilt on improved grades with asphalt pavement for 28 to 33 feet wide.

Scheduled for completion by Sept. 8, 1971.



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