

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

By Paul M. Kelsey

CANOEING

This spring many canoe derbies held provided good evidence of the rapidly mushrooming interest in canoeing as a popular means of recreation. Publicity for water-centered recreation has been toward motorized forms, and to most people the rapid increase in self-powered boating came as a surprise. To those who have enjoyed paddling in the solitude of a remote pond or river as the morning mist drifted across the water, this popularity no longer is a surprise.

The white water derbies that have been getting the publicity this spring are the visibly exciting and challenging phase of canoeing, with difficulty varying from one stream to the next and from one day to the next on the same stream depending on the height of the stream. It can be as challenging as your nerves and skill can stand. In these, one not only competes with nature, but with other canoeists.

The other side of canoeing can be just as exciting in a quiet way, for it is a means of silent travel which lets one invade the realm of nature without upsetting it. It is with a canoe that one can drift and paddle unobtrusively up close to an otter fishing in an Adirondack pond, or paddle silently along the edge of the cattails of a western New York Pond and slip up unnoticed on a fishing little green heron. Even on ponds where cottages line the shore, the early riser will find that there is a surprising amount of wildlife activity before human activity around the lake puts a damper on it.

The canoeist can also use his boat as a means of transportation, choosing streams that vary from slow meanders to a more difficult swift water run. Because of the great variability of water levels in our streams, many are limited to spring or periods after storms.

The most heavily travelled canoe route in New York is the one traversing the Adirondacks from Old Forge to Saranac Lake or Tupper Lake. This 85-mile route can easily be broken into several smaller segments for shorter tours. A pair of experienced canoeists, travelling light, can make the run in four days with no trouble. For most people, however, it should be at least a week's outing.

To cover the total trip in less time than a week means that you are missing many of the pleasures that are part of a leisurely paddle. Along the way there is a great variety of fishing, such as trout and salmon in the Fulton Chain, or northern pike and walleyes in the Raquette River. Smallmouth black bass may be caught most any place along the whole route. Many small tributary streams that one passes offer the chance for a mess of brook trout.

It is not all just paddling, for there are seven portages varying in length from a couple of hundred yards to a mile and a quarter between Old Forge and Tupper Lake. Beyond this point a longer carry, of about one and a half miles, will take one from the Raquette River watershed over into the Saranac watershed across State Route 3.

At strategic locations along the route are open shelters which reduce the need for carrying tentage. Light tentage of some type is advisable, however, for with the ever-increasing traffic of paddlers along the route, often more people end up at a lean-to location than the 8' x 12' lean-tos can shelter. Traditionally shelters are shared, but there are limits to how many can be accommodated, even on a stormy night.

Under the Master Plan for use of the Adirondack Park, one of the land use areas designated is a Canoe Area just southwest of Paul Smith. This section, with its numerous small ponds, in the past has been known mainly to fishermen. Now the canoeists' attention has been called to it, not as a trip-type area, but as wilderness area where motorized boats are excluded; a place to enjoy the silence of canoe travel.

For those interested in details of the Adirondack Canoe Route, a bulletin by that name is available free by writing the New York

State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany, N. Y. 12201.

**Proclamation:
STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**

The quality of life in New York is enriched by the many contributions of our Senior Citizens. In this time of concern about our natural resources, it is equally important to recognize the elderly as one of our most significant human resources.

To help ease the burdens of many of our elderly citizens, numerous programs are administered by the State Office for the Aging as well as by many other state departments and agencies. These programs also provide opportunities for all citizens to benefit from the contributions made by our Senior Citizens.

It is traditional in New York to set aside a special month in honor of our Senior Citizens. During this period, we have the opportunity to reaffirm our deep interest and pride in these women and men.

It is fitting therefore, that all New Yorkers pay special tribute to the elderly women and men in the state on the 20th Anniversary of Senior Citizens' Month.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malcolm Wilson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1974, as

SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH
in New York State.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

By The Governor:
MALCOLM WILSON

**United Speedways
Under Full
Head of Steam**

The weatherman has cooperated with Holland International Speedway and Perry Motor Speedway in getting the 1974 Season under way. With a large turnout of competitors in the popular divisions and competition as close as ever, the Season promises to be one of the most exciting.

The 1973 Holland International Speedway Champion, Art Clark of West Seneca has jumped to an early lead in his turquoise colored Camaro. Clark bested the field of 20 starters in the Late Model Sportsman division in carrying home the first feature victory of the Season. Gail Barber of Bliss, seems to have found a new home in the Late Model Sportsman division after vacating his position as a 1973 Charger Champion. Barber appears to be well on his way for honors as the 1974 Late Model Rookie of the Year.

The Limited Sportsman division United Speedway Associates' ver-

sion of modified racing, numbers the largest contingent of competitors in the four year history of the division. Competition in the open wheel class has centered around steady competitor Doug Hewitt of Perry and defending Champion, John Carpenter of Angola. The division highlights open wheel cut down stock car racing.

The Charger division promises a challenge to all newcomers with Steve Hill of East Aurora the 1973 New York State Champion coming into an early lead. Not far behind him are strong competitors, Jim Root of Amherst, Greig Helmenz of Orchard Park and Mike Brockman of North Tonawanda.

Holland International Speedway will open its gates this Saturday at 5:30 p. m., with practice at 9:00 p. m. and first race at 7:30 p. m. Perry Motor Speedway located in Perry New York, will continue to operate on Sundays with gates opening at 1:00 p. m., and the first race at 2:30 p. m. Each features the new Sound of Speed.

**Annual Meeting of
ALLECO Reading
Council Thursday, May 16**

Dr. John Connelly, a nationally known authority on reading, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the ALLECO Reading Council on Thursday, May 16, 1974. The meeting will begin at 8:00 P. M. in Schaller Hall in the Science Building at Houghton College, Houghton, New York.

Dr. Ralph Kleinspenn, outgoing president of the ALLECO Council, said that Dr. Connelly will discuss the Right-to-Read program.

Dr. Connelly has been in charge of the Right-to-Read program in Western New York for the last two years, and has spent a great deal of time in his professional career developing reading programs. He is currently Professor of Education at the State University of New York at Fredonia and Director of the Reading Center. He has also conducted many in-service workshops throughout the country to help teachers improve their performance in the teaching of reading.

Mr. John Maxson the incoming president of the ALLECO Reading Council, will conduct the annual meeting, which will include the election of officers for the 1974-75 school year, after which professor Connelly will speak to the group. All members of the ALLECO are encouraged to attend and all other interested educators and laymen are cordially invited.

**Hornell Area Festival
Chorus To Present
"Elijah"**

The 50-voice Hornell Area Festival Chorus under the direction of Dr. Melvin Le Mon, retired professor of music at Alfred University, will be heard in a performance of Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" May 1 at 8 p. m. in the United Presbyterian Church, Hornell.

The presentation is the fourth in a series of sacred works sponsored by the Hornell Area Arts Council. The public is invited to attend without charge.

Baritone Paul D. Giles, assistant professor of music at Alfred University will sing the title role of "Elijah." Supporting tenor roles will be sung by Herbert Barry of Canaseraga and Lewis D. Scott of Alfred.



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TROUT ANGLERS ORGANIZE

If you like to fish for trout — and those cousins salmon and steelhead — then you're lucky to be living in the Empire State. In fact you'd be lucky living anywhere in the Northeast, Michigan, or Rocky Mountains.

All of this came out at a recent meeting of the Iroquois Chapter of Trout Unlimited, where some of the biggest names in the angling world gathered for the 5th Annual Northeast Trout Forum. When you look at trout and salmon fishing around the world, these experts told us, this is where its happening.

Ernie Schwebert, author of a number of beautifully-written, fact-filled books summed it up. "Whether you look at the writing being done, fisheries research and trout management or equipment development," Schwebert claims, "all of the advances are being made right here."

I'll have to agree that for many years all the authoritative writing about flyfishing and trout angling, seemed to come from wealthy Europeans who disdainfully shared their great knowledge with some of us over here in the colonies. But all this has changed, and now the authoritative books on stream life, flytying, and techniques are being written and published in the U. S. Schwebert has been a leader in turning this around, as well as a

Soprano soloist will be Mrs. Shirley Goodman of Hornell, Mrs. Amanda Snyder and Mrs. Betty R. Giles both of Alfred.

Miss Jeanne Wolfanger, Miss Elsie Hartman and Miss Rachel Hitt, all of Wayland, will sing the alto solo parts.

number of others on the Trout Unlimited program, including Al Caucci, Bob Nastasi, Joseph D. Bates, Jr., and George Harvey.

Trout research has turned up a handful of new species, all related to cut-throats in the Rocky Mountains of the U. S. and Mexico. Most of the genetic work to preserve native strains and to develop improved hybrids is being done in the States, and efforts in the Northeast and Canada at Atlantic salmon restoration are ahead of any similar work in Europe. And this is not to mention the successful stocking in the East of cohoes and king salmon.

The equipment developments are almost too numerous to mention, but the gossamer tippets on leaders and the lightning-quick reels that permit their use, have nearly revolutionized the sport of flyfishing.

Trout Unlimited is to be congratulated for putting on a program that attracted fishermen from all over the Northeast. Dick Jennings, that knowledgeable angler from Cortland Line Co., was Honorary Chairman, and Forum Director Jim Brown brought in speakers on every topic from stream biology to flytying.

Ken Sink, the national president of Trout Unlimited was there and told me the organization was growing faster in New York State than anywhere else. There are some new chapters and all the chapters are gaining in membership. They are devoted to preserving cold water habitats and the maintenance of trout and salmon fishing forevermore. An active organization can not but help fishermen everywhere.



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