

Fishing Conditions In Texas

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(Game, Fish and Oyster Commission)

During the earlier period of land and industrial development in Texas, before the common use of automobiles and the great splurge of good road building there was little need of regulating the taking of our inland fish. If you know that since my boyhood the population of Texas has trebled; that the automobile and good roads have become a reality; that land exploitation has reached the peak of wearing out some of our once valuable soil, you know something about the change that has been wrought. And I don't mean for you to look back too far, because after all, with good luck, I shall fish many more years, and would like to have more luck while fishing. I know that if we do the right thing, that despite all of the difficulties and slow adjustments that must be brought about for the greatest good, fishing will greatly improve, because many necessary things can be done rapidly.

Unfortunately our fishing laws, generally, are not adequate for present day needs. They are no better than the game laws were forty years ago. As we have pointed out before, man is somewhat quicker to recognize what is happening to land wildlife.

When Harry Green, Elmer Butler and I explored Brady Creek about twenty five years ago, it was one of the finest black bass and goggle-eye streams in the land. Lots of catfish there too. We fished two days on that stream the first time we visited it and saw only one person, a cowboy. Fifteen years later it had been virtually fished out, and there were scores of persons fishing still because of the rare faith of fishermen. Brady Creek is not quite the same creek it used to be, and while you catch very few fish, if you go there you are assured you will not want for human association.

Twenty years ago there were probably less than 5,000 people in Texas who were using artificial lures while fishing. Today there are approximately 50,000 who are paying a license for this privilege. Most conservative

estimates convince us that not one person in six uses artificial lures while fishing. Our angling population has enjoyed tremendous growth. It is apparent that we need better laws to protect a resource in which so many are interested. If anyone wants fine fresh water fish he should try to catch them himself. There is no roof any longer for commercialization.

Do you know that it was less than fifteen years ago before the sale of any fresh water fish in Texas was prohibited? The general law to prevent only the sale of black bass and crappie. These are also the only two fish that under general law are protected by a closed season. They are the fish which the so-called "sport" fisherman enjoys most. The fine bluegill bream and goggle-eye are the fish that the boys and girls like to catch. The catfish is the fish of the farmer folk, and off every epicure who has fully developed discrimination for fish food. Yet these fine fish receive no general legal protection. You might want your little boy or wife to catch some bluegills, or you yourself are eager to hang in to a big yellow catfish for the fun of it and the feast it would provide your family, but what a chance you have against seines and nets, legalized and used by fishermen who are looking for the last one for commerce.

If you know a great deal about fish and their habits, you know that during the warmer days of January and February, even a small fish population in a body of water becomes available to the fisherman who is willing to go out before other people can get away on any sort of fishing vacation. While these fish are feeling the urge to mate and set up housekeeping they may be legally taken under present Texas general law. Our belief is that a fish that escapes an army of anglers during the commonly accepted fishing season of late spring, summer and early fall, ought to be given a chance to bring on a crop of young fish to repopulate the voids left by the summer fishing season.

Most of the crappie and bass spawn in Texas waters during March, April and May. The few that spawn before and after this period are of little importance. Extremely late spawning bass probably do little good, as there is usually a sufficient crop of fingerlings hatched earlier, and the hatch of other fish to eat all

of them. Under general law catfish do not have the protection of a closed season. When they are at the height of their reproducing cycle is when the most fishermen are out after them. Catfish do not often begin their spawning until well into the month of May and continue into the month of July. Every time you take a catfish in May you may have taken about 10,000 potential young catfish.

Long ago we found that it was necessary to prohibit destructive hunting practices; to provide regulations which would give the average hunter a fair chance and that would prohibit commercialization of our land wildlife resources. It was easily understood why we were required to get along with short seasons; with no open season at all in some localities, where species are approaching the vanishing point, and why we were required to adjust ourselves to low bag limits, if we were to have any wild game hunting in the future.

We have given the skunk better protective laws than we have given the catfish.

But there has been more mystery concerning fish, and albeit more faith. We have fondly clung to the idea that some day we will find a better fishing place, when the signs are right, and then we shall clean up.

We have accepted the fact of seining, netting, trot lining, snag lining and commercialization of our inland fish resources. We have been content to pass beneficial laws for a few localities, which are paragons of virtue in comparison to the general laws. We have gone to the extreme of providing a different law for each side of a stream. We have accepted a few fish conservation crumbs when we are starving for a full meal. We have been timid indeed, or we lack the ability to act concertedly, or we have been profligate. The Legislature, you may be sure, is anxious to do what the people want done.

I believe that we should understand that a few decades ago there were more fish for every person in Texas, who desired to fish, than there could be at this time, even if the fish were protected by regulations that are now urged. Former inaccessibility of fishing places was the reason there was some good fishing left, even for this generation. There is yet no such guarantee given for the future.

At this time the public would not be prepared to accept all of the fishing regulations that are justified by the condition of the supply. They can well agree upon a minimum of those regulations, however.

The minimum requirement that we would suggest is: That the fishing season for all kinds of fresh water fish in Texas be reduced to not longer than seven months. Protection should be given catfish during their spawning season, and then because of their spawning habits we should not expect too great a return. Seines, nets, trot lines should be adequately restricted or entirely outlawed. Sale of fresh water fish of popular species should be definitely prohibited. Seining and netting of rough fish should be permitted under strict regulations that would arouse responsibility of the individuals enjoying these privileges and cause him to recognize that he has a valuable privilege. This could be done by leasing him the privilege of taking rough fish (such as buffalo fish, garfish, bullheads, suckers, bowfin, carp and the like), out of certain specified waters. In fine, if one is to commercialize in our fresh waters, direct his energies so they will be profitable to himself and to the public, and so that he will become a guardian of other resources in the waters in which he has interest. We are trying this plan in a number of places without the benefit of an adequate law, and it is working to the public good.

There should be better provision of size limits applied to beneficial food and sport fishes. Most of you know that some bass attain a size of eleven inches before they reach a spawning age. A 12-inch minimum limit would cure this defect. A seven inch crappie is not yet a fish of a size for food purposes, when tail and head are gone. Eight inch minimum for crappie would be better. Catfish, except bullheads, should not be taken until they are at least 12 inches in length. They are usually somewhat larger before they spawn. Bluegill, other bream, goggle-eye and yellow bass should be at least five inches long before being retained. The white bass size minimum should be nine inches.

There should be no commercialization of minnows, and other forage foods taken from our public waters. We can't have fish if we rob them of their own food supply. Let the dealer raise those he wants to sell. That is cheaper than capture, anyhow.

At the present time there is such a diversity of fish laws found in the statutes of Texas that it is difficult for the best informed lawyer to understand them. If we are to consider

the matter from the viewpoint of needed conservation laws we know that general rules, applied to the State as a whole, can be written into the law, that will be fully understood and should be somewhat more easily enforced. If an approximation of the necessary regulations here suggested are enacted and applied to the State as a whole, Texas will have taken one of the greatest steps that it can take through legislation to provide better fishing opportunities more evenly distributed among our people. What we have suggested is the minimum that is required by conditions in this State, when considered in the light of the increased pressure of fishermen on our waters.

(Next week: The danger of over-fishing lakes and streams.)

Number and Cause of Highway Accidents

With vacation time approaching for thousands of Texans, state police today issued rules for highway travelers to follow in order to lower summer traffic casualties.

In outlining the rules, officials of the safety department warned that many vacation itineraries demand hurried trips which often end in disaster. The rules are:

- 1 Get plenty of sleep and travel only reasonable distances each day.
- 2 Check your car for mechanical defects and use tires that are in good condition.
- 3 Never park on highways where your car will interfere with traffic movements.
- 4 Drive slowly enough that your car is always under control, as speed increases the severity of accidents.
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- 6 Keep your driver's license with you.

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- Did not have the right of way, 113.
- Driver (or pedestrian) had been drinking, 89.
- Driving too fast for conditions, 87.
- Driving too near center or on wrong side, 66.
- Improper left turn, 51.
- Driver did not signal, 36.
- Pedestrian ran into path of car, 36.
- Disregarded traffic control sign or signal, 34.
- Skidded on wet pavement, 32.
- Improper passing another vehicle, 26.
- Driver asleep, 23.
- Driver's lack of attention, 23.
- Pedestrian ran into side of car, 17.
- Tire blow out, 16.
- Entering highway from side (improper entry), 13.
- Inefficient driver, 13.
- Stopped on pavement, 12.
- Blinding lights, 11.
- R R Grade Crossing, 11.
- Defective steering gear, 8.
- No lights or no tail light, 8.
- Livestock at large on highway, 7.
- Disregarded hand signal, 7.
- Improper right turn, 7.
- Defective brakes, 5.

- Fell from car, 4.
- Improper backing, 4.
- Trailer swaying, 3.
- Miscellaneous mechanical defect, 3.
- Physical defect, 3.
- No flares, 3.
- Act of God, 3.
- Driving too slow for conditions, 2.
- Failed to stop for school bus, 2.
- Defective lights, 2.
- Defective traffic signal, 1.
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—Written by Mrs. Rose Turner,
Flomot, Texas.

The Edgin Gray Mules went to Francis Sunday for a ball game and won the decision by a score of 12 to 10. The Slower Brothers did the pitching for Edgin with K Mayfield on the receiving end.

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Roaring Springs Whip The Gasoline Ball Club

The Gasoline ball club went to Roaring Springs Sunday for a set-to with the representatives of that bathing resort and, truth to tell, got their metaphorical ears knocked down.

It seems from the score board that errors on the part of Gasoline were the determining factor in favor of Roaring Springs, as the latter accumulated 16 hits while the visitors were amassing 15 but as to errors Gasoline piled up a total of ten while Roaring Springs managed to accumulate only four.

This game is reported to have furnished lots of entertainment for the big crowd of fans who paid to witness the game.

Glenn Morrison, Gasoline's erstwhile powerhouse with the hickory, had a perfect day Sunday—no run, no hit and no error. We don't understand this kind of behavior from Big Glen who usually leads the attack for his mates. Maybe Faircloth had his number, for the said Faircloth is no slouch when it comes to filling his position on the mound. The score:

Gasoline	R	H	E
M Wilson, ss	2	2	0
L Bedwell, lf	3	4	0
G Morrison, c	0	0	0
M Thrasher, 2b	2	2	2
C Morrison, 3b	1	3	1
P John, 1b	0	0	0
B Patrick, cf	1	1	3
M Morrison, rf	0	0	2
R Morrison, p	2	4	2
Total	11	15	10

Roaring Springs	R	H	E
Jackson, 1b	1	2	0
Gates, cf	2	1	0
Lee, 3b	3	1	0
Goodwin, lf	3	4	0
Enloe, c	3	3	0
Faircloth, p	2	1	0
Cochran, rf	2	2	0
Sterns, 2b	0	0	1
Jackson, ss	2	2	2
Total	18	16	4

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind words and deeds, following the tragic death of our husband, father, son in law and brother in law. Your courtesies, sympathies and assistance will ever be remembered.

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LISTEN TO THIS

By TOM FIZDALE

Your old friend Fibber McGee takes a well-earned vacation after his broadcast of June 23 and beginning the following Tuesday, July 5, a brand new series of "thrilling adventure stories," co-starring Henry Hunter, Universal picture's favorite, and Betty Winkler, one of radio's prettiest and most popular actresses, will take over his spot.

The series, title "Attorney at Law," will be a new version of the present day-time series by that name fostered by the same sponsor. The new programs, each of which will be complete in itself, will be penned by Milton Geiger, one of radio's finest writers, who authors many of those plays heard on Rudy Vallee's program.

Henry Hunter, new star of the show, has been featured in some thirty motion pictures the last few years, including "The Road Back," "Nobody's Fool," "Sutter's Gold" and many others. Miss Winkler, who will play opposite him, has been heard on the Fibber McGee program and has starred on a number of other shows including her own "Girl Alone."

Hattie Noel, Eddie Cantor's colored comedienne, is being screened by 20th-Fox studios in Hollywood for a possible role in the next Cantor laughie. It's a seven-pound girl at the Norris Goffs in Hollywood. Goff is "Abner" of "Lum and Abner." Stewart Erwin, the movie funny guy, is readying a country boy sketch for the microphone. Tommy Riggs and his voice character, "Betty Lou," wind up their stay on the Vallee program the end of June.

Benny Goodman, with Maxine Sullivan, hottest of swing singers, as guest artist on his CBS show, is hitting new highs. George McCall, the "Hollywood Screen-scooper," reports that movie companies are feuding over the rights to film the life of George Gershwin. Anne Jamison, named the most promising star in radio in a nation-wide poll, has been featured on "Hollywood Hotel" for three years but only last fall began to sing under her own name. Only fourteen voices and no instruments are heard on those "Vocal Varieties" shows over NBC.

Uncle Ezra points out that for sound effects hot water must be used to get the proper effect when the sound of hot coffee or tea being poured is desired. Wonders what would hot water being poured sound like. Hot water? NBC is offering a program designed to please people who don't like music, called "Music Is My Handicap." Hal Kemp's latest movie featured his band in a number titled "I'm Taking a Shine to You" and now Hal is on the air for a shoe polish sponsor. Major Bowes had a ship-to-shore phone system installed on his new yacht and can talk directly to friends while cruising.

Malcolm Meacham, network leading man, does higher mathematics and plays Bach to relax. The Ranch Boys, "National Barn Dance" trio, changed their routing between Salt Lake City and Denver, on their historic Hollywood-Chicago horseback ride, to get away from good roads. Too much traffic. Meredith Willson, "Good News" music director, will vacation in England. Phil Baker and Ben Bernie will settle their long-time golf feud while they vacation in July and August. Edith Davis, who plays the colored maid in "Betty and Bob," is a Chicago socialite and wife of a famous surgeon. Rudy Vallee turns up on the air as a poet and someone besides Vic, Sade and Rush speaks a line in that popular script. You never know what's next in radio.



Henry Hunter



Betty Winkler

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MAGGIE PIGG

Several people from Fairmount made a rip to Plainview Thursday to see W Lee O'Daniel and his Hill Billie Boys.

Annie Merrell spent Sunday with Maggie and Wilma Pigg.

Mrs Cobb and daughter, Ravenel, spent Tuesday with Velma Weems, who has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mrs Ruth Taylor spent Saturday night and Sunday with her brother, Mr Webb Taylor, and family.

Buster Smith of McLean is visiting relatives and friends in Fairmount.

Mrs Weems and daughters, Vera, Velma Mae Von and Mrs Lanam, made a business trip to Lockney Monday.

Gene and Jack Pigg spent Sunday with Betty Ruth and Truman Merrell.

Don Weems spent the week with his sister, Mrs Elmer Lanam.

Maggie Pigg spent Saturday night with Annie Merrell.

Those visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs G H Pigg Sunday were Mr and Mrs John Wright, Raymond True, Warren Payne, Orval Cobb, W R Weems and Ila Robinson.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 23, 1938.

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For District Attorney: WINFRED F. NEWSOME JOHN A. HAMILTON

For Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector N. R. (JAKE) HONEA (Re-election) BEN O. KING

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Behind the Scenes In American Business

New York, June 20—American businessmen were surprised to learn last week that the present depression is more severe in the United States than in any other country, according to a report by the Federal Reserve Board. The Board pointed out, however, that the manufacture of war materials in foreign countries, particularly England, Germany and Japan, is mainly responsible for keeping well above normal in ten industries, farm implements, iron and steel wire work, cash registers, engines and turbines, machine tools, aircraft, women's clothing, baking, beverage and rayon. It is significant that of these 10 all but the aircraft industry are manufacturing essentially peace time goods. Perhaps America will be enjoying prosperity when other countries are busy paying for their armaments.

Washington—Although it had made total appropriations of close to \$12,000,000,000 during its 163 day session, the 75th Congress ended last week with a bitter Senate debate in the final hour over whether the Lobbying Investigating Committee should receive an additional \$12,500 to carry on its work. The total appropriations are a peace time record, equal to approximately \$50,030 for every minute Congress was in session or to \$92, for each man, woman and child in the country.

Bills passed during the session which will have an important bearing on business include: federal regulation of wages and hours; \$3,700,000,000 authorization for relief and public works; \$1,500,000,000 authorization to the RFC for business loans; crop control and ever-normal granary; modification of capital gains and undistributed profits tax; liberalization of FHA financing provisions; granting of power to SEC to pass upon reorganizations of industrial corporations.

Private Spending—While the government gears its machinery to spend more money for relief and work projects, 42,000,000 of America's motorists will stage a spending program of their own this summer, parting with \$1,806,000,000 touring through the United States from Maine to Mexico. This year's rolling army will be 13 per cent greater than last year and the largest to ever take the road, according to the B F Goodrich Company, which made the survey. Of the nation's 25,410,000 passenger automobiles, 14,000,000 are expected to join the tourist parade. Each tourist will spend an average of two weeks on vacation and travel 1,200 miles. The nearly two billion dollar food of vacation cash will keep people employed at 18,000 hotels, 30,000 tourist camps, 158, 254 restaurants, 317,000 gasoline filling stations and 98,004 repair shops.

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