



By BOB BOLT
 "Every blade of grass is a study;
 And to produce two
 Where there/ was but one
 Is both a profit and a pleasure."
 —Abraham Lincoln

CHECK THOSE WEEDS!

Spring is here! Also rain and weeds and spring fever! And again the most important garden work is weeding. It is most essential that weeds be pulled out of vegetable rows and flower beds as soon as they appear. Weeding between rows is less important but necessary to good gardening. Early gardeners are already harvesting radishes, leaf lettuce, onions and greens.

Thinnings of beets, turnips, and lettuce may be used as greens cooked or in salads.

If you're bothered with root maggot in cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, etc., put a collar flush with the ground around the plant. This prevents the parent fly from laying eggs near the roots. Cutworms can be checked by wrapping a collar around the stems of such plants as cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant.

LIME HELPS

Dig in a little lime around your cabbages, cauliflower, and broccoli. Be careful not to injure the roots. Asparagus beds may be limed very heavily. Don't put lime and manure on your garden at the same time! The lime releases the all-important nitrogen from the manure in the form of ammonia gas, thus reducing its value.

HOLD UP PLANTING TENDER CROPS

Be sure to hold up planting of the tender crops such as cucumbers and other vine crops, lima beans, tomato, peppers, and eggplant until warm weather is definitely here. Wait until the tree leaves are well out. It is often more practical to buy plants of cabbage, tomato, eggplant, peppers, and celery — especially if time, space, and patience are lacking.

TIPS ON FLOWERS, SHRUBS

Trees and shrubs can still be planted until June if they haven't developed too much leaf growth. Balled and bagged plants and potted plants can be moved at almost any time if handled carefully. Flower beds should be given a light but careful spading. Over crowded clumps of late blooming perennials such as phlox can be divided. Spring-flowering shrubs such as forsythia, spirea, etc. can be pruned now.

Remember: Now is the time for good men to plant, cultivate, weed, dig worms and go fishing!

WHEN IT'S SPRINGTIME IN THE BLUE RIDGE

By JOHN GOOLSBY

This is the time of year and also the place! Nowhere on earth do the soft, cool breezes whisper such a sweet lullaby as they do at Camp Sapphire. It's your day off and you are sitting there listening to the birds sing. Old Mother Nature has taken care of your comforts and your mind wanders off a thousand miles. You are in a dream world. Yes, at this time of year it seems as if the whole world just wakes up and starts to breathe life—the

Fishing Season Will Open June 1 At Camp Sapphire, Good Season Forecast

An Estimated 1,000 Legal Size Bass And Brim In Lake

Goods news for the many fishermen here is the announcement that the fishing season at Camp Sapphire will open June 1 and will continue until late summer, the closing date to be announced later.

Fishing at the lake this season should be the best since the camp opened. An estimated 400 legal size bass are in the lake and over 600 brim. These figures are based on the number planted in the lake and the number which have been caught. The limit this season per person, per day will be two bass of not less than 11 inches in length and five brim, not less than 6 inches long. Two years ago 95 bass over 12 inches long were put in the lake as breeder stock plus more than 1,000 fingerlings, several inches long.

Applications for fishing passes will be accepted at the Personnel Office, beginning May 15. There will be 15 passes issued per day on a first come, first served basis. In view of the fact that many applications are expected, only one pass per person can be issued for the first 30 days. After that time, passes will be issued more often if possible. The passes are good for one day.

After you have secured your pass flowers bloom, the trees bud, and people are more cheerful. You know why? It's spring!

Ecusta Is Host To WNCAC Group

The Western North Carolina Associated Communities held its quarterly meeting here at Ecusta Tuesday, April 15, the members being guests of the company at a luncheon held in the cafeteria.

Raymond F. Bennett welcomed the group to Ecusta and Dr. W. A. Ashbrook of Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee responded. The Ecusta Entertainers composed of the Girls' Quintet and Violinist John Eversman drew much applause from the group of more than 100 with four numbers: "To Each His Own," "The Anniversary Song," "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah," and the encore number, "Take Me Back to Renfrow Valley."

Chief business transacted by the organization centered around the Pisgah and Nantahala National forests.

from the Personnel department, take it to the main office at Camp Sapphire before you start your day's activities and then check back there at the end of the day so that proper records may be made of the number caught. This is important to Jim Gasque, well-known fishing expert from Asheville, who keeps careful check for us on the number and size caught.

Fishing will start each day at 10:00 a. m. and will continue until 7:30 p. m.

The Kid With The Willow Pole

By George Wyckoff

How many times have you fished a stream
 With a split bamboo that's a perfect dream;
 With flies and leader and costly reel
 And caught no fish to fill your creel?

And then some barefoot kid came by
 With a string of fish that took your eye,
 And he caught them all on a bacon rind
 And a willow pole and a rotten line!

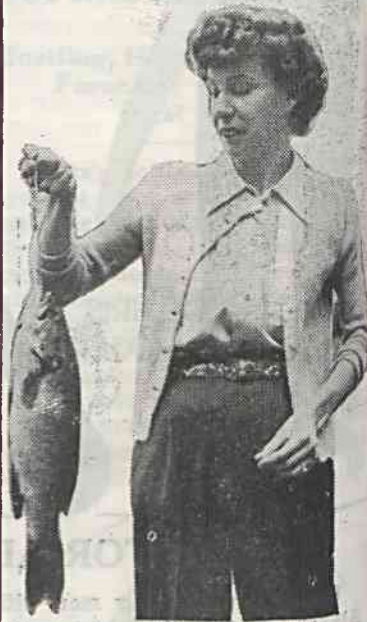


OUTDOORS

WITH OUR SPORTSMEN

EVIDENCE

This is one that didn't get away—although it almost did. It's a 3½ pound bass, 19½ inches long, caught last summer at Camp Sapphire on the last day of the fishing season by Mrs. Charles Norlander. Her line became tangled in her reel and she had to pull the catch in by hand—but she did it—and the result of her effort was one of the largest bass caught at the lake last season.



GET OUT THAT ROD AND REEL

From all indications, Transylvania county fishermen are in for a good season of fishing. When some of you come back empty-handed after an unlucky trip, you'll probably want to make us eat that prediction. However, with the Camp Sapphire lake in good shape and with ample planting of fish in the streams of the county and in the Forest, it is apparent that there will be plenty of fish in the streams—and it will be up to you to coax them to grab that hook. Davidson and Lower South Mills rivers will open May 3. Heavy planting has been made in Cove Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Avery Creek. Should the catch on the main part of Davidson River fall below four trout per man, plantings will be started there immediately.

Jim Gasque, author of the book, "Bass Fishing," and probably the best known fishing expert in Western North Carolina, has kept a close eye on developments of the Camp Sapphire fishing program and feels that Ecusta anglers are in for a good season there. As reported elsewhere on this page, the season opens at our camp June 1st.

SHORT NOTES

The Hobby and Sport Shop is offering three attractive prizes to the Transylvania county anglers catching the largest trout from April 15 to July 31. The first prize will be a South Bend fly rod; second, a South Bend automatic reel; and the third; a Marathon tapered nylon line. The local store is owned and operated by Lloyd Burhans and S. A. Kent, the latter an employee in our Power Department. . . . Furman Cansler has added another gray fox to his season's record, making a total of six for the winter . . .