



FISHING



For Pleasure and Relaxation

by George Booie

I have never kept a log on the bass that I have caught down through the years, but I certainly remember the conditions and circumstances under which the large bass were caught.

A log can be a good thing to have and keep; a record describing the weather conditions, the type of lure used, whether the water was dingy or clear, and the type of structure where the fish were found. To have accumulated and studied such information would certainly improve one's knowledge of the finny-arts.

Practically all of the large bass that I have caught were taken from the same body of water; weighing from six to eleven pounds.

I have caught many bass ranging from one to five pounds, most of which I released as a practice of conservation. I fish known productive spots each year. You see, when one bass moves

out or is taken from a hole another bass moves in.

Bass look for better cover and feeding grounds, so I hit all of the spots that paid off the previous year. Usually the bass get bigger each year that occupy the old bedding areas.

When you fish the same waters year after year the lake seems to grow on you. Why, I can remember when a stand of lillies got started a few years back, when a red maple growing on a point was merely a switch, and when a point was a simple sand bar. That is how familiar I become with the waters that I fish.

Remember that you can return from time to time to spots that you have caught fish and find them still productive. Crappie fishing especially proves this point.

On the northeast leg of Salem Lake is one spot located

at the northeast piling of the Southern Railroad bridge. On a fall afternoon, no more than an hour-and-a-half before the lake closed, I pulled up with forty feet of the piling and caught a Hula Popper to the shoreline. I retrieved the plug to the inside of the piling. It lay there without a twitch for about 30 seconds. Before I could raise the tip of my rod there was a swell under the plug and it disappeared. I cranked twice and the bass was on, it had hung itself when the line was taken up. Still I want through the motion of setting the hook.

That bass headed for the weed bed and believe it or not the boat was being pulled that direction, what with the pressure that I had on the bass.

I held my rod high and sculled the boat into open water. As the bass came near the boat I could see that it was propelling itself floundering fashion.

I could have lost that fish but I had the drag set just right for a stiff rod. However, I still suffered a strained forearm muscle.

Short rods do not have enough flexibility for playing large fish. The bass weighed in at five and three quarters pounds.

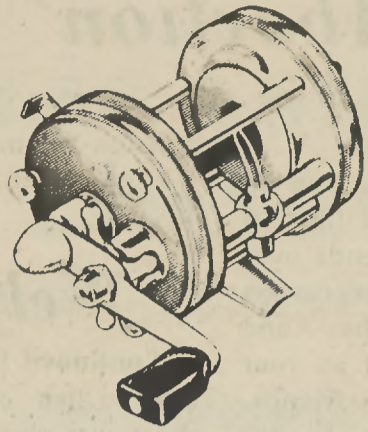
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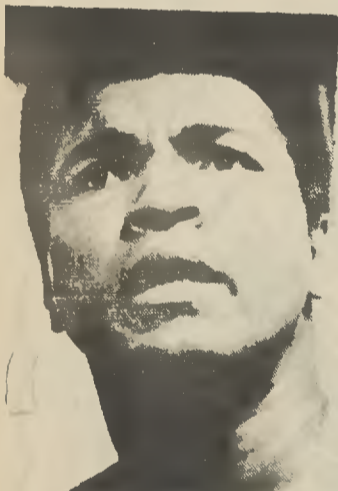
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