

Fishing



"The Crappie Catcher" INFORMATION

ALL FISHERMEN, and women, too, derive a wealth of pleasure from remembering 'those good old days' long after each memorable experience of a prize catch. Each successive year we warm our innards a little bit more than we did in the year before. The fish get a little bigger, and their numbers just grow, and grow. The three-pound bass gradually develop into 5 pounders, and the crappie swell up to more than two pounds, and the channel cats fatten-up over the years to monsters weighing more than 15 pounds.

About two weeks ago a couple of my 'add-a-little-yeast' fishing partners and I were 'refuelling' ourselves for the trip back home from Temple Bar. We had spent the previous night up-stream in Ugly Ike's hole. The crappie had made us work like hell the whole night. One of the three of us would catch one about every ten or fifteen minutes. They were biting just about enough to keep us thinking that any minute we would have a fast and furious run of fish.

WE STAYED AWAKE all night, fishing and hoping for one of those schools of crappie like the ones that used to roam the 'high wall' in the good old days when we could get into Grand Wash. As the night wore itself out ever so slowly, we found ourselves talking about how we used to catch them up in Grand Wash. It has been about two years since you could get into that grand ole fishing hole, and looking back to the days when we could run our boats up there, we all agreed that those were really the 'good ole days', and Grand Wash was the 'boss hole' of the whole lake.

We were looking at the pictures of the lucky anglers and their prize catch, after we had finished our coffee in the Temple Bar cafe. You will have to believe me that they have some Moby Dick-size bass and channel cats in some of those photos tacked-up in their nimrod's art gallery.

As we looked at the snapshot of one proud fellow holding a walrus-size cat, weighing 17 pounds, plus, we recalled a 19 pounder that "The King" had hauled out of the grand ole hole. Another beaming, chest-swollen nimrod, was pictured with a big, big mouth bass reported to have tipped the scales at something over 8 pounds. This 8 pounder was only a 'minnow' compared to the 9 and a half-pound monster I had caught a few years back. The photos of fishing parties with their whole catch laid out on the ground were nothing compared to the boxes of crappie we once caught in Grand Wash.

OUR GLOWING MEMORIES of the ones we used to catch in our favorite hole, were made more vivid by our knowledge that the water should soon rise enough to open up the waterway to our best fishing hole in a few more weeks. We plan to explore this bright promise every time we go that-a-way. Watch the "Crappie Catcher" for the biggest news in fishing. We will let you know when Grand Wash is opened up for you to fish that nimrod's paradise once again.

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A GREAT CATCH BY A GREAT GUY--Ralph Cooper is shown here with his prize catch, a 4 lb. 10 oz. 21-1/2 inch long Bass caught during Phil Minney's Homeowner & Builders Supply recent Holiday Fishing Tournament--On the right Cooper is shown with his "prize" Turkey, trophy for winning catch in the tournament. Since it was caught on December 18, Cooper, in turn, donated the Turkey to a needy family for Christmas--May Your Luck Be Even Better, Next Time, Mr. Cooper.

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ALL PARENTS ARE URGED to attend the Kit Carson School PTA meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. Slated for discussion are "Academic Standings on the West Side" and ways to raise funds for visual aides for the classrooms.

THE KIT CARSON NEIGHBORHOOD, of the Frontier Girl Scout Council, needs Troop leaders. Training classes will be offered in February 1966.

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