

Fishing



"The Crappie Catcher" INFORMATION

WE REFUSED TO BE discouraged by the hell and high water we experienced at Echo Bay the previous weekend, and returned to that area on the past weekend. Our party consisted of son Rocci, Mex Bailey, J.Q. Hall, and yours truly.

The weatherman had predicted fair and warmer, with gentle winds. He was half right and half wrong. The lake was a thing of beauty. The sky matched its beauty, but I'll be damned if it was anything close to being warmer, unless that weatherman was thinking of the Klondike when he predicted "warmer." No lady of the evening ever had a heart so cold as it was at Echo Bay last Saturday night.

IT WAS SO COLD that I was reminded of a tale once told by an old Alaskan trapper who had a most unique method of catching the rats which raided his trapper's cabin every night. The old trapper tied a piece of bacon to the bottom of his thermometer, placing the bait about three inches above the floor. It got so cold every night and the mercury fell so low, that it would pin the bait and the rat to the floor. At least, that is what the old man told us. I really believe that his trick would have worked at Echo Bay last Saturday.

Other than the deep-freeze chill that we experienced, it was a perfect night for crappie fishing. As a matter of fact, it was either too perfect, or too cold for the fish to bite. There is also the possibility that the hex which Mex stirred up for us on the previous weekend, was so strong that it lasted right through to catch him in his own spell. If the reason for "no fish" was not due to one of these things, then we better put a mark beside ole J. Q.'s name as a jinx.

We did catch a few, but far too few. Between the four of us, we brought home about 50 pounds of fish, but we had carried along more bait than that. The crappie we did catch were nothing to brag about as far as their size went. We certainly didn't catch any of the jumbo-size crappie that Daddy Luther, Miss Rosie, and Preacher Willie Parker reported.

LONG-WINDED BISHOP and his Quiet Cousin, Emmet, fished somewhere in the general area on the same night, and they reported a catch only slightly better than ours.

Good reports however, continue to come in from the Overton-Echo Bay waters, but apparently the Crappie Catcher needs to find some new fishing holes up thataway. I am not an overly superstitious fisherman, but for the present, I am listing that arm of Lake Mead as my personal jinx waters.

Next week, Big Maizie will be laying at anchor in Ugly Ike's hole. We have never had a really bad catch in our favorite spot, and we don't plan to fish anywhere else until it starts treating us like Echo Bay has done for two straight weeks.

For those who don't know where Ugly Ike's hole is located, it is officially named Sunfish Cove. Look it up on a Lake Mead map. It is located on the right side going up, and is between Sandy Point and Iceberg Canyon.

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CLAY - TERRELL FIGHT HANGING ON LEGAL THREAD

Illinois Attorney General, WILLIAM G. CLARK may, by this time, have declared his legal opinion of the "to be or not to be" status of the scheduled March 29 world heavyweight championship bout between CASSIUS CLAY and ERNIE TERRELL. As CHUCK writes this, the whole rhubarb has been left solely to the judgment of the Illinois Attorney General who has already rendered an opinion that the fight could not legally be held in Illinois due to illegal licensing of the promoters as shown on the pending application.

Promoter IRVING SCHOENWALD, speaking for himself and his partner, BEN BENTLEY, promptly withdrew the application of their corporation, NATIONAL SPORTS PROMOTIONS INC. to stage the bout announcing that he, as an individual would reapply to promote the fight.

CLARK's opinion, which may amount to Ten Count over the scheduled bout, came shortly after CLAY refused to apologize to the Illinois Athletic Commission for his alleged "unpatriotic remarks about the draft". But the CHAMPION's comment before the commission probably had knocked out the proposed fight anyhow.

"First of all", he began, "I'd like to say I'm not here to make a show down plea. I'm not here to apologize in any way such as the Press has predicted I would. People advised me to call here because certain people would be hurt over what I said. My apology is only to the Press. I apologize for opening my mouth on things which should have been taken up with only those dying or hurt in Viet Nam. Anything else with the Army or the draft will be taken up with those people. I apologize for having made those statements to reporters".

In the meanwhile, TERRELL is beginning to feel as though he will never climb in the ring with CLAY even though reports are that other states are interested in holding the match. TERRELL said the Commission should have the sole power to sanction bouts and shouldn't have to get permission from politicians. TERRELL also said that it isn't good for boxing to have this bout stopped at the whim of certain individuals.

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BOBBY ALLEN, our lightweight sensation, will soon head for New Zealand for a series of bouts . . . Sorry Saturday nights' boxing tournament at CHUCK's ALL AMERICAN BOYS CLUB had to be called off because of the flu epidemic. . . They are scheduled again for this Saturday night (Mar. 5) and don't forget admission is free.

BASKETBALL

RANCHO HIGH finished in undisputed possession of second place in the Southern "AAA" conference basketball standings with a 76-63 victory over CLARK HIGH at the RAM'S GYM, Friday night. . . WESTERN HIGH'S victory over VALLEY HIGH enabled them to finish in third place in the SOUTHERN AAA Conference.

BASEBALL

JIM MAHONEY, a 20-game winner last year for the CINCINNATI REDS turned thumbs down on the Club's latest offer. . . MUDCAT GRANT of the MINNEAPOLIS TWINS says if SANDY KOUFAX is worth a \$100,000, he is half as good and gets \$50,000. . . And CHUCK hears that LOS ANGELES fans are really divided on the KOUFAX - DRYSDALE holdout--SOME consider it more of a hold-up. . . BOB HOPE who KOUFAX turned down because of a measly \$7,000 offer to appear on the HOPE TV show said "I wish 'em luck in their pitch for more dough, but they'll need a blow torch to get in O'MALLEY's money belt. I hope they get it. If quarterbacks are making it, why can't they?" LEO DUROCHER who will be managing the CHICAGO CUBS this year says there is no truth to the rumor that he is advising the DODGER star pitchers in the demands. DUROCHER says that true, he is very close to KOUFAX and DRYSDALE and thinks they're the two greatest that ever lived, but said DUROCHER, "I still say where would the DODGERS be without WILLS".

We of the BOYS CLUB, would like to thank MRS. MARY McGEE again for always lending a helping hand to the CLUB. . . Also, thanks to BOB BAILEY and his SUGAR HILL A-Go Go for negotiating something to benefit the ALL AMERICAN BOYS CLUB. We'd like to tell BOB, he has a fine bartender in CLIFF.

Junior Cage Tourney Dula Center Mar. 5 & 12

RECREATION SUPERVISOR Nick Sylvester announced this week that the Matt Kelly, Madison, and Highland Schools Basketball teams, along with that of the E. W. Griffith school will be entered in the 6th grade City Championship games slated for March 12 at Dula Center. These were the four top teams out of eight in the Doolittle Recreation Center League. The 5th grade league's championship games are scheduled for March 5 at Dula Center. Madison school's 5th grade A & B Teams and the Westside school team will represent Doolittle League in the March 5 Tournament. Preliminary action for both the March 5 and March 12 Tournaments will get underway at 9 a.m.

An added highlight of the 6th grade Tournament will be the presentation of the Kenneth Baldwin Perpetual Memorial Trophy to the outstanding 6th grader in the Tourney. The presentation will be awarded to the deserving youngster by Mrs. Susan Commerford, mother of the late Kenny Baldwin. The Memorial Trophy will go to the recipient's school with his name engraved on it, while a plaque will be awarded to the top sixth grader.

Teams from Garside and J. C. Fremont Leagues will also be represented, making 20 teams, altogether, that will be battling it out for top honors.