



Cedar Lake News

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PROTECTION SOUGHT FOR VEGETATION

OUTDOORS AT THE LAKE SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULED

The summer general membership meeting of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 2:00 PM at the lake home of Elmer Heuer on the west side of Cedar Lake, five cabins south of the sandbar.

Since the response to our last meeting held outdoors in '72 was so well received, we have decided to hold this summer's meeting in the same fashion. Besides the regular business meeting, which will include among other things the election of two board of director members for three-year terms each, a deputy from the Wright County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to talk to the membership on boating and water safety.

In keeping with the summertime picnic flavor of this meeting there will be pretzels and potato chips, ice cold draft beer on tap, and pop for the kids. Several very nice door prizes will be given away free as well. And

for a little adds interest you can test your ability at guessing the number of M & M candies we have stockpiled in a large jar. The guess closest to being correct wins the candy as well as a special mystery prize, ideally suited for summertime fun.

So make plans to attend this meeting Saturday, July 27, at 2:00. (In the event of rain or inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Saturday, same place and time.) Parking facilities are available if you come by boat or car.

To find the Heuer cabin turn right on County Rd. 6 off Highway 55, follow it in 1.1 miles to the second dirt road that turns right. Follow the signs. If you are coming down Co. Rd. 6 from the north, watch the dirt road turnoffs to your left and look for the signs that will direct you to the meeting. Let's have as large a turnout as possible! And parents, please..... don't forget, bring the kids!

In an effort to save from further destruction the bullrushes and lily pads which comprise the spawning bed located in Turtle Bay, north of the sandbar, a single navigational channel through this vegetation to and from the shoreland behind and the open water of the lake has been marked off with white buoys. Two signs have also been erected at either end of the vegetation area urging all motor powered watercraft to refrain from driving in or through these rushes and lily pads (thereby inevitably cutting them off and destroying them), and if travel to the shoreland or open water behind the rushes is necessary, to use the designated navigational channel marked by the buoys.

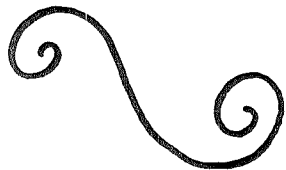
It is an unfortunate paradox, but while the State Department of Natural Resources will protect this spawning bed area from fishing, boating, or molestation through June 30 of every year, for the period of time afterward the state does not protect this area from destruction. In other words, while this vegetation growth is vitally necessary habitat for spawning grounds, and without which there could be no spawning area, after June 30 DNR is no longer obligated to protect the location, and if something happens in the

meantime to destroy the vegetation, then it is simply unfortunate from the state's view. The area is lost for future spawning.

Work is currently being done at DNR to change this rather absurd policy, but it may take some time. Meanwhile, our club, with the approval of the State Department of Natural Resources and the Wright County Sheriff's Department, is attempting to save this vegetation by erecting the signs and establishing a single marked navigational channel to discourage motorboating through many various areas of the vegetaion.

We ask for the cooperation of all residents on Cedar and ask that parents especially please inform their children not to drive motor boats through this area.

(Please note: While we ask that no motorboat activity occur to damage this vegetation, we are not advising residents or lake users to refrain from fishing here. From July 1 through the rest of the angling season this area is open to everyone for fishing.)



CLUB TO HOST SENIORS

FORMER DIRECTOR HOSPITALIZED

NEW NEIGHBORS

WATER CLARITY MONITORING BEGINS

On Thursday, July 25, the Cedar Lake Conservation Club will host a second annual Annandale Senior Citizens meeting at the Elmer Heuer residence on the west side of Cedar Lake. The meeting and program will begin at 1:00 PM.

Last year over 60 seniors from the Annandale club (including several Cedar Lake residents) attended the outing. This year our club expects to host at least 75-80 persons.

Besides the regular business meeting, the seniors will play bingo (prizes awarded) and be served cake, ice-cream and coffee. Again this year as last, we hope to have pontoon rides available for all those who wish to take a scenic cruise around our lake. This particular feature was enjoyed by many seniors from last year's group including one or two individuals who had never been on a boat before in their life. Numerous comments were also made on the beauty of our lake, and for a few the trip to Cedar Lake recalled memories of earlier outings and fishing trips many years ago.

We would like to extend an invitation to all of Cedar Lake's senior citizens as well to attend this meeting July 25, regardless if they belong to the Annandale club or not. You are very much welcome to attend.

Former board of director member and one of the original founders of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, Louis L. Flynn, has been hospitalized for over a month and a half since suffering a stroke the second week in May. Mr. Flynn, who has just marked his 78th birthday, has lived on Cedar Lake's west side for a period approaching almost half a century. For many years a liquor salesman for Griggs-Cooper, he has spent much of his time since retirement at his lake home.

In 1953, along with Bob Kohonen, Wayne Gendreau, Ed Gerstner, and several other residents on Cedar, Mr. Flynn helped set up our club as one of its incorporators. He also served as a member of the club's first board of directors and again in early 1972 he was elected once more as a board member and served actively until last year.

Immediately after the onset of his illness, Mr. Flynn was hospitalized at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul. Recently, however, he has been transferred to St. Luke's Hospital where he is undergoing therapy. His family reports that he is coming along fine.

I'm sure that if any of our readers would care to drop a card or note to Louis he'd be very appreciative of your thoughtfulness. His address is: Mr. Louis Flynn, C/O St. Luke's Hospital, 300 Pleasant Ave., St. Paul.

Late last fall the Henry Rudman cabin on the west side of Cedar was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Barthel of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. Mr. Barthel, who until recently owned the Grain Belt Beer distributorship in Sleepy Eye, is now semi-retired, and he and his wife, Martha, find themselves now able to spend a great deal more of their time at the lake.

A recent big social event for the Barthels took place on June 9 when the 15th annual Barthel family reunion took place at the Annandale park. Over 150 members of the family, representing four generations, attended. Also attending this reunion were Mr. & Mrs. Ed Glazier of Glazier's Coast to Coast hardware store in Annandale. Mr. Glazier is a member of the Barthel clan.

IN MEMORIAM

Another longtime member of our club and resident on Cedar, George A. Ridgely passed away at his home on June 24 at the age of 74. Mr. Ridgely, a World War I veteran, and a charter member of the Nicka-Warner VFW Post 3994, World War I Barracks and the American Legion, was buried through the Zion Lutheran Church in Annandale, the Reverend Herman C. Bentrup officiating. Interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery in Mendota.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth, and to the rest of the Ridgely family.

Mr. Clarence Hegg, who last summer helped in gathering water samples from Cedar Lake to be tested by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has agreed to head up a water clarity monitoring system whereby regular weekly checks are made to determine fluctuation levels in Cedar Lake's water clarity. Such checks are made with a secchi disc (a round piece of white metal with a calibrated 20 foot cord attached) which, when lowered into the water and observed until it can no longer be seen, will indicate, by feet, how clear the water is. Clarity of the water will vary depending usually on the amount of solids (such as algae growth) suspended in it.

The information gathered from each reading will be recorded and then this sheet of recorded data will be sent to the University of Minnesota's Limnology department at the end of this season, probably sometime in October. They will analyze the data and from it possibly determine the degree of problem we have with algae bloom. We will be notified of their results and this information will also be passed along to the MPCA which will keep a record of our lake's readings to assist them in their pollution studies. Readings will be taken for several seasons.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a condensed listing from our treasurer, Pete Cook, of our club's receipts and disbursements from August of 1973 through May of this year, 1974:

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	\$823.00
Interest, F&M Sav. Acct.	164.09
Misc. Income	11.50
Total	998.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Attorney Fees	\$406.74
CLCC Paper and Postage	217.17
Misc. Expenses	94.89
Petty Cash Disbursements	34.65
Fund Raising Project(s. s.)	748.80
Total	1,512.25

DNR REPORT BASS OPENER POOR

Cold rainy weather on the bass fishing opener June 1 and unseasonably low water temperatures because of the late spring appeared to have had a bad affect on fishing success, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

DNR creel census clerks interviewed over 500 anglers at Lake Minnetonka and on lakes of the Detroit Lakes and Glenwood areas the first weekend in June. From their observations, it appeared that much of the fishing action was provided by other species normally found in bass lakes such as northern pike, crappies and sunfish. In fact, many anglers seemed to be concentrating their efforts on these other species.

Fisheries specialists said bass spawning had not started in most lakes by the opening day and the fish were not found in their usual locations. Results are expected to improve with the onset of warmer weather when lake temperatures rise to the 65-70 degree level.

By now, Cedar Lake should have reached that level.

DNR REPORT DESTROY UNUSED MINNOWS

Minnesota anglers have been asked by DNR not to throw their left over minnows into the lake at the end of the fishing trip. Fisheries supervisor Chuck Burrows said, "Despite the care used to insure that rough fish species are not taken and sold for bait use, some of these species inevitably find their way into the tanks of bait dealers. Emptying minnow buckets into the lake may lead to the stocking of undesirable rough fish into waters where they are not present and where they could adversely affect the status of game fish populations."

Burrows also asked anglers not to throw their old monofilament fishing line into the water. "The plastic substance used to make the line is virtually immune from the normal decaying process and will remain in the lake almost indefinitely," he said. Fish waterfowl and other aquatic life can become entangled in the line and be killed.

"It is also a nuisance for other fishermen who often hook the discarded monofilament or get it wrapped around the propellers of their outboard motors."

COOK'S CORNER

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This issue's recipe was submitted by Martha Barthel, and it's one we think is absolutely unique and a perfect summertime party innovation. It's cool, refreshing, non-messy, and is called Finger-Jello. No bowls, no silverware when you serve Finger-Jello. Just cut into cubes and eat with your fingers. You won't slop a drop!

BASIC RECIPE FOR FINGER JELLO

2 envelopes Knox gelatine
2/3 cup cold water
dissolve the above
6 oz. pkg. any flavor jello
2 cups boiling water
dissolve the above
Mix Knox gelatine mixture with jello mixture and add 2 tablespoons lemon juice. When this begins to congeal, pour into a 9X9 oiled pan. Refrigerate. Cut into cubes. May be eaten with fingers.

Variations:

Mandarin oranges in orange jello
crushed pineapple with lime jello
drained apricots in orange jello
grated carrots in pineapple-orange jello

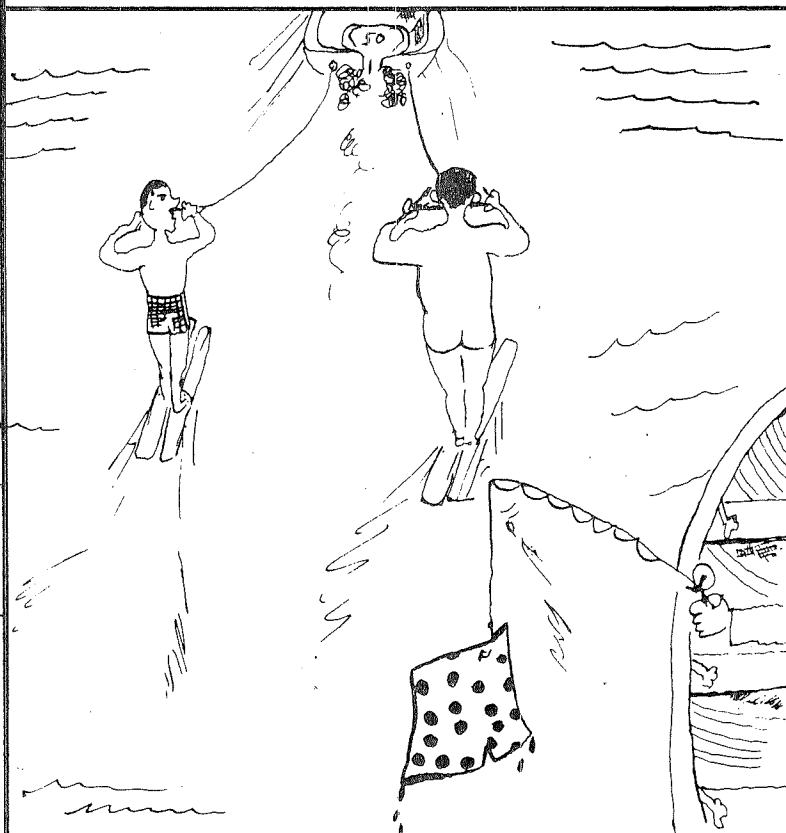
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"I TOLD YOU YOU WERE COMING TOO CLOSE TO THAT FISHERMAN'S BOAT!"

SPRING MEETING HELD

On Sunday, May 27, the Cedar Lake Conservation Club held its spring meeting in the VFW club in Annandale. Close to 90 members, their families and guests attended the dinner, meeting and dance which spotlighted a dinner of baked ham and fried chicken and dancing music performed by the "River Rats" musical troupe.

Among the items of business covered at the meeting were a current report on the Cedar Acres affair, the election of Donald Johnson to serve out the remaining two years of his brother Elden's term as board of director member, and a report on the proposed establishment of a watershed district for our area by Mr. Gordon Robinson, executive director of the Clearwater River Watershed District Foundation. At this meeting the membership passed on a unanimous voice vote, a resolution stating the Cedar Lake Conservation Club's support of the establishment of such a district. Our club will be kept abreast of the progress of the district's formation by Mr. Robinson.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNS

Mr. Elen Johnson, member of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club's board of directors for the past two years, and elected last summer for a three year term, has

submitted his resignation from the board, effective as of May 21. His resignation has been accepted.

Mr. Johnson has recently sold his home in Bloomington and left his position at Brown and Bigelow to take up a new job in Ohio. Elden and his wife Margaret are now living in Cincinnati, and expect to remain there about five years. Afterward they hope to return to Minnesota.

However, Elden still is keeping his lake home on Cedar and his brother Don, will use and maintain it during Elden's absence. We extend our thanks to Mr. Johnson for his service and welcomed counsel on the board these past two years, and we wish him much success in his new position.

'74 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGUN

The 1974-75 Cedar Lake Conservation Club membership drive is now well underway, and by now, or very soon, you should be contacted by a representative of our membership committee asking for your '74-75 contribution. Dues for this year were again established at \$10.00 by the general membership voting at this past February's meeting. The membership year runs from August 1 through July 31.

Of course, it is not always possible for each membership committee member to find all residents at home in his area. Should you still not be contacted by the end of this month, please send a check for your dues to our club's address, Box 192, Annandale, Minn., 55302. You will receive your membership card by return mail. Thank you!

Editorially Speaking

This issue of the Cedar Lake News marks the paper's first anniversary. It seems hard to believe that an entire year has gone by, but such is the case. And, we are happy to report these past six issues have been very warmly received by the members and residents around Cedar. Through various reports and contacts with people we find that our readers have developed a sense of expectancy in awaiting each new issue; which is good. We feel that it is of the utmost importance for the smooth running of an organization such as ours that our membership be made aware of what its club is doing for them. And to that end we hope that this paper has contributed worthily.

But to hearken back to comments made earlier in one of the first issues of this paper, we should realize that the passing along of information (news, if you will), is a two way street. We must receive news to pass it along to others. Our newsletter committee staff, comprised of only 5 people, must carry a large burden in trying to ferret out news stories to pass along to our readers. And while it gives our

readers great pleasure to learn of club activities, social news, and other events from around the lake, it seems very, very few are willing to provide the News with the information necessary to make these articles possible.

As with any newspaper be it the Minneapolis Star & Tribune, the St. Paul Dispatch, Pioneer Press, or the local Annandale Advocate or Maple Lake Messenger, all depend on information, (news) submitted to them from outside sources besides their own reporters. The Cedar Lake News is no different.

So in the coming year, the second for our paper, let's try to incorporate a bit more assistance from our readers in supplying the News with tips, stories, recipes, letters to the editor (of which we have yet to receive one; surely by now some article in the News or activity of the club must have struck a responsive chord, positive or negative among some of our readers), or any other information you would like to share with us. Just a short note to us at the News (Box 192, Annandale, Minn., 55302) will do it!

- WANT-ADS -

- FOR SALE: Sunfish sailboat, good condition. Robert Leet, 8017 Iris Drive N. Brooklyn Park call - 537-2753
- FOR SALE: Underwood table model typewriter very good condition. Elmer Heuer (W. St. Paul) call - 224-4066

CONSERVATION OFFICER EARL PUTZKE SUBJECT OF MINNEAPOLIS STAR COLUMN

On Thursday, May 23, a column by Bill Hengen, sportswriter for the Minneapolis Star, appeared in that paper relating Mr. Hengen's experiences with Mr. Earl Putzke, our local conservation official, on opening day of fishing season this spring on 5 different lakes in our area. The following is a re-print of that column.

MAY I SEE YOUR LICENSE?

Earl Putzke checked the wind and positions of the fishing lines, "We'll coast in from the left side," he said, cutting his outboard motor's speed to a snail's pace. Moments later his Minnesota-owned boat was bouncing gently against one containing another fisherman.

"Conservation officer. May I see your license?" Putzke asked. His voice was friendly, pleasant, but contained just enough authority to match his uniform.

The scene was to be repeated at least 75 times last Saturday during eight hours on five lakes in the Annandale area. I had permission to be along. My interest was in what fish were being caught, at what depths and what baits were being used.

Putzke was interested if fishermen were licensed on the first day of the walleye season and if they were conforming with the state's few other regulations.

One of the anglers had a quizzical look. "This is the first time in 27 years I've ever been checked for a license," he said, and acted pleased at the chance to show it.

His partner, bundled against the cold wind, needed to stand and search pockets. He found the license.

With a cheery "thank you" after a stringer with three northern pike was displayed, Putzke moved on to another boat.

This one contained an obvious senior citizen. "I'm 73," he said proudly and showed the proof which was enough of a license.

Later it was another lake, and Putzke was saying: "If we start with the boats on our right on this small lake, the other boats will notice us. So we'll go up wind first. Fishermen very seldom look into a wind."

The first boat almost spoiled the day. A fisherman couldn't find his license, thought he had bought one in early January, and guessed it was in a wallet which had been left in the cabin.

Putzke asked a few questions. Then decided--when the angler asked where he might have to appear in court--to have him sign a form which attested he had bought a license.

"Before you sign," Putzke reminded the fisherman, "If you didn't buy a license, say so now. Once you sign, it's a legal document."

Fortunately, there was a happy ending. A half hour later, while Putzke was placing his boat on

(PUTZKE, continued)

the trailer to move to another lake, the fisherman pulled ashore. He had found his license. The incident was closed.

Putzke has been a conservation officer for 16 years. The first two were in the St. Peter area, but he asked for a change. "There wasn't enough water around," he said.

He has been at Annandale for 14 years. "I've noticed one thing which I can't explain. Each year on opening every angler I've checked has his license. Maybe the long time building up to the opener has him fully prepared. I can't say the same about fishermen later in the season."

Now it was another lake, another series of checks. One boat with two fishermen had three lines in the water. Why?

Couldn't two lines be used? "No," said Putzke, "Where had he heard that?"

"On the radio last week," the fisherman said, convincingly. "Was that only for winterfishing?"

Yes, and with a warning he was told not to try it again. Said Putzke: "His confusion and answer were reasons to believe him. There had been much discussion about using two lines in the summer time. I have to believe he heard wrong."

Putzke suddenly directed his boat toward a distant group of fishermen. "That's shallow water," he said. "Either they are after panfish or might be interested in bass."

The bass season is not open. A check of stringers showed panfish were their only interests.

The fifth stop was Clearwater Lake. Whitecaps laced the main part of the lake. "It's dangerous to check in the rough area," said Putzke. "Fishermen can have fingers crushed between boats."

In stiller areas he found no violators. Putzke even suggested to a few fishermen that they might have better luck fishing in shallower water.

Later, over coffee, it was considered a good day all around. Fishermen were abiding by the rules. Most were catching a few fish.

"I enjoy my work," said Putzke. It was obvious he did. No need for an arrest made it even a better day.

LAST WORD: "Very few fishermen grumble about showing their license. Most seem pleased a check is being made.".....Earl Putzke.

DIRECTORY AVAILABLE SOON

Work is being done to conclude the drawing up of the new Cedar Lake Conservation Club lake map and directory listing the names of Cedar Lake residents and lot locations on the lake. This is a very time consuming task and is taking somewhat longer to complete than at first thought. However, we presently hope to have the map completed and ready for distribution by sometime within the

first two weeks in August. The map and directory are free of charge to anyone who wishes one. To order yours simply send your request along with your name and address to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, P.O. Box 192, Annandale, Minn. 55302. As soon as the maps are ready we will mail them out to you, post-paid.

**SPAWNING
BED SIGNS
CORRECTED**

Though the signs have now been taken down and the extended spawning protection period has expired as of June 30, for the two spawning beds in Turtle Bay and north of Camp Courage, the News would like to reassure the residents of Cedar that the posting problem in Turtle Bay was corrected within a week after the problem was brought to our club's attention.

At the last general membership meeting in May it was mentioned that the spawning bed area in Turtle Bay was not entirely marked off with signs, but only about one-third to one-half of it. Our club then, immediately after receiving this information, contacted Mr. Marl Putzke, local game warden, and informed him of the marking oversight. He in turn contacted Mr. "Butch" Gilbertson, area fisheries manager, who originally posted the signs. Mr. Gilbertson returned to Cedar to check out the area in question, found three bass spawning beds in the unmarked area, and consequently extended the periphery of the spawning bed with additional signs. Both Mr. Gilbertson and Mr. Putzke commended our club for being so observant and conservation minded in helping to protect our lake's natural resources.

**SWEATSHIRT
SALES
MOVING
FAST**

Whether such brisk sales can be attributed to the "brisk" spring weather we have so far had this summer or not, we can't say, but sales of our club's "Cedar Lake Conservation Club" sweatshirts have been overwhelmingly successful. At last report from our treasurer, Pete Cook, almost our entire stock of 12 dozen adult size sweatshirts have been sold, and less than one-half of our supply of children's sizes remain.

Strangely enough, in spite of such sales success, less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of our membership has been contacted by representatives of our fund-raising committee. Orders for sweatshirts have been coming in so heavily that we have found it necessary to reorder another several dozen from Velva-Sheen Company, the printer.

If you still wish to order a CLCC sweatshirt, send \$5.00 for each shirt desired, along with the size, (S,M,L,XL, or children's size) to Pete Cook 5837 Washburn Ave. N., Mpls., Minn. 55430. We will see to it that you receive your order as soon as possible. Or, if you plan on attending the summer general membership meeting on Saturday, July 27, you can pick up your sweatshirts then as well.

**DNR REPORT
"SAVE NESTING
COVER,"
SAYS DNR**

With recent studies showing at least one-half of all pheasants hatched in Minnesota coming from nests in roadside ditches, the Department of Natural Resources has asked county and state highway departments to delay mowing operations, "at least until July 15."

Roger Holmes, supervisor of wildlife, said permanent nesting cover for pheasants, ducks and other ground nesting birds has nearly disappeared because of the current all-out production of agricultural crops.

For this reason, he said, roadside ditches are more important than ever in the production of wildlife.

He explained that during the last decade the amount of nesting cover in roadsides has remained stable while other potential nesting cover has declined 66 percent. He said complete elimination of roadside mowing would increase pheasant production by 20 percent. He said DNR has recommended no mowing, except along the shoulder of the road until July 31. Holmes suggested that thistles be controlled by spot spraying or spot mowing.

As in past years, DNR is again urgently seeking state and county highway department cooperation in this mowing delay.

**DNR REPORT
STRINGER
SORTING
ILLEGAL AND
WASTEFUL**

The Department of Natural Resources seeks to remind anglers that the practice of "stringer sorting" is wasteful and illegal.

Stringer sorting occurs when anglers catch their limit of fish but continue fishing, replacing smaller fish on their stringers with freshly caught larger ones.

Chuck Burrows, fisheries chief, said the smaller fish taken from the stringer and released usually die. "Fish seldom survive after being dragged about for any length of time on a stringer," he said. "Often just handling a fish with dry hands will result in the fish's eventual death by removing the protective slime coating from the scales."

Burrows said anglers who sort their stringers are actually removing more than their legal limit of fish, although they will not have more than their limit in possession when checked by conservation officers.

He said most Minnesota lakes are already carrying the maximum amount of fishin pressure they can sustain with the present limits and still provide satisfactory recreation.

For good conservation, keep any fish put on a stringer or any fish not released immediately after it has been caught.

***** NOTE *****

One of the very first residents on Cedar Lake, Mr. William J. Hanke, has passed along a couple of reminders to our readers. First, Mr. Hanke would like to point out the the legal description of what some call the Cedar Lake sandbar is actually Cedar Point. Secondly, that narrow strip of tree and shrub shrouded land designated Cedar Point is private property, and "Bill" would appreciate it if boaters would refrain from depositing refuse there and using the land as a public "Rest Room". Bill's concern is quite understandable, of course. He owns that property!