



# WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

SPRING, 1983

## QUARTERLY REPORT

### STATE COUNCIL 1983 SPRING MEETING

- DATE: April 30, 1983
- LOCATION: Dodgeville - Thyme's Restaurant,  
3 miles north on Hwy. 23
- TIME: Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - ??;  
Sunday - fishing - guides avail-  
able.
- HOST: Harry Nohr Chapter - President  
Dr. Wm. Baebler
- PROGRAM: Stephen J Fields, U.S. Dept. of  
Interior - Water Resources Div-  
ision - Assessment of the Hydro-  
logy and Water Quality of Wisc-  
onsin Trout Streams - Pilot Pro-  
ject, Black Earth Creek.
- DEMO: Electro-Fishing field trip - Gene  
Van Dyck, DNR Area Fish Mgr.

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### CONSERVATION CONGRESS DNR ANNUAL HEARING

Each year the Department of Natural Resources proposes changes in the hunting and fishing regulations. The changes are based upon the recommendations of fish and game personnel of the DNR, the various study committees of the Conservation Congress and the general public. The Natural Resources Board then approves the questions for public hearing and review the results of the hearings before acting on any changes.

In Wisconsin the public has an opportunity to discuss and vote upon the proposed changes on the last Monday in April. This years public hearing will be held in all counties of the State on Monday, April 25th, starting at 7:30 p.m. For the location in your county contact your local DNR office.

For 1983 there are 48 DNR proposed regulation changes and an additional 32 Wisconsin Conservation Congress advisory questions. Of the DNR proposed changes 8 are directly pertinent to trout or salmon. In addition there are questions, such as an advisory question on groundwater protection, that indirectly affect our coldwater resources.

Let your views on proposed regulation changes be known and attend the April 25th hearing!!

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## Chairman Speaks -

The Annual Conservation Congress hearings are scheduled for Monday, April 25th, in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties. I urge all T.U. members to attend this meeting and voice their opinions on fishing and hunting rule changes being considered by the Natural Resources Board. The Congress hearings are normally not represented by T.U. people - for the most part the "trappers", "bear hunters" and "bow hunters" are voting on fishing rule changes without our input. It's puzzling to "fish managers" around the state why the most active conservation organization in Wisconsin fails to take part in the Congress hearings.

In the proposed rules to be voted on this year there is a trout bag limit question which we must support in our voting.

The question - "Establish a daily bag limit of two trout on trout streams and spring ponds in Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha counties.

Information - The current inland water bag limit in the S.E. District is the same as the statewide general daily bag limit of ten trout.

- Studies, in the S.E., indicate that fishing pressure in May (especially opening weekend) is very high, and catch rates as high as 2.8 fish per trip. This high pressure early in the season results in analyses taking as many as 59% of the legal fish on opening weekend and 83% of legal fish over the entire season. Surveys taken at the end of the fishing season show very few mid-size range (9-15 inch), two and three year old trout remaining. Young-of-year fish which were not legal size during the fishing season are often abundant, and a very few "trophy"-sized fish also remain in the stream.

- The problem as the DNR sees it, is that too many trout are taken early in the season. The result is that it essentially doesn't pay to fish after mid-June, unless you want to catch under-sized fish or an occasional trophy.

- Here is a list of what the DNR believes are important points to consider when making a decision on the two-trout bag limit in southeastern Wisconsin:

1. Overharvest is occurring on most of our trout streams (in all southeast counties).

2. The vast majority of the harvest occurs in the first few weeks of the season, leaving little to fish for later on.
3. The whole Southeast District has only 27 trout streams. This is less than 1% of the streams in the state by number and less than 1% of the trout stream mileage in the state.
4. All of our streams are located within a short drive of major metropolitan areas such as Sheboygan, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha.
5. Even with a two-trout bag limit, things will not be much different at the end of the season. Very few legal size fish will escape being caught; only the harvest will be spread out over the full five months.
6. This regulation is meant only for southeast Wisconsin. It is not intended to ultimately spread statewide.
7. Trout lakes will not be affected by this rule. The DNR will continue to emphasize high harvest rates to get maximum return in this situation.

Thomas A. Flesch

## NATIONAL FUNDS WISCONSIN PROJECTS

All those involved with the Embrace-A-Stream segment of T.U.'s Living Bright-water Program were extremely pleased with the tremendous response for projects to improve the resource. There were 44 proposals for Operation Restore, 30 proposals for Operation Protect and 5 proposals for Operation Appreciate, with a total funding amount of \$280,730 requested.

It was officially announced at the National Board of Directors in Chicago that four Wisconsin T.U. Chapters were approved for funding through the EMBRACE-A-STREAM segment of the Living Bright-water Program.

Green Bay - \$1,000 under Operation Protect for the Brule River Acid Water Problem

Blackhawk Chapter - \$1,575 for Allen Creek - Operation Restore

Fox Valley Chapter - \$1,200 for Davis Creek - Operation Restore

Kiap-Tu-Wish - \$950 for Race Branch of Lower Willow River - Operation Restore

# Stream Profile:

## Elk Creek

By Dick Wachowski

Elk Creek rises in southwestern Chippewa County and flows approximately 18 miles to its confluence with the Chippewa near Caryville in eastern Dunn County. It flows freely (except for some inevitable beaver dams) for the upper two-thirds of its length until held back by the dam forming Elk Creek Lake, where it tumbles over the dam warmed but unimpeded on its journey to its mouth. It is that portion above the dam that has rightfully earned a reputation as one of the most productive trout streams in this area of the state.

The stream is now in a period of transition. Historically, it was a heavily fished piece of water with high native trout populations and a reputation for an inordinate number of large trout. The latter was primarily a result of the impoundment at Elk Creek Lake, which resulted in an extremely fertile lake of high water quality. A heavy population of big fish lived and fed greedily in the lake and moved upstream to spawn in the fall, at times remaining in the stream through the season. Many of these lunkers were caught in the lake and upstream, resulting in a truly superior fishery. Old-timers tell tales of regular catches of browns exceeding the five pound mark and not infrequent 10 pounders.

Unfortunately, the stream itself was in the process of ending this unique situation. Extensive erosion in the watershed gradually filled the lake with silt and covered valuable spawning sites upstream. Much of the erosion was the result of unsound agricultural practices, but the sandy nature of the creek bed and banks themselves contributed to the problem.

Joint efforts by the Elk Creek Lake Rehabilitation District, TU, and DNR, the Soil Conservation Service and others are moving to halt erosion and restore the lake to something approaching its original condition. The DNR has developed a master plan and has identified it as a high priority watershed. Thousands of dollars in trout stamp and land acquisition money is being spent on the stream. The stream appears to be on its way back to its former glory.

The watershed is largely undeveloped except for farming operations. Thus its extremely high water quality remains constant throughout.

The water remains well within those limits most conducive to trout survival and therefore supports a high self-sustaining population of wild trout. In fact, the DNR has designated the stream as Class I and discontinued stocking last year.

The population is composed primarily of brown trout with brook trout appearing in some spring feeders and in the vicinity of instream springs. The exception of this rule is in the extreme headwater sections where brookies predominate. The stream in this area is extremely small, but surrenders good catches of fat brookies to wily bait-fishers. This is an exacting art of drifting worms through undercut banks and requires stealth and concentration. However, the capture of these beautiful "jewels of the north" is more than worth the effort. And, downstream, it always adds a welcome dimension to a fishing trip to pick up a plump "native" while trying to entice the cautious browns.

The remainder of the stream is not "big" water, even by Wisconsin standards. However, it is generally a larger river than most trout streams in our area. The stream gains appreciably in volume from its major tributary, Big Elk Creek. The confluence of this stream, itself designated as Class I, always harbors some nice fish. The flow downstream is augmented by innumerable springs which also increase water quality. The fishing is uniformly good, although some areas are more productive than others.

A major portion of the stream is lined with alders and other brush, although there are a number of wooded and open meadow banks. This factor places a premium on accurate casts. All methods of angling produce on Elk. Bait-fishers use worms and minnows, with the latter accounting for numbers of larger fish. Spin fishermen use small spinners such as Mepps, Panther Martins and Roostertails, casting them on ultra-light equipment upstream and retrieving through likely holding spots. Wielders of the long rod will find that the stream harbors most species of insects common to this area, and standard patterns produce in those sections of the stream where the natural is present. Terrestrials during the summer, and streamers at other times, account for many larger fish.

The insect population is somewhat limited by the erosion problem. Silt covers many diverse types of stream bottom and chokes the growth of aquatic plants which harbor insect populations. Therefore, flyfishers have better luck in those sections of the stream with more stable bottom types. Personal observation has shown a diverse variety of mayflies, locally heavy caddis populations and stoneflies ranging from the small yellow species to the giant two-inch "Western" stonefly. Hopefully, reduction of the erosion problem will result in increasing insect diversity and numbers.

Mush of the cover is of transitory type, such as logs, brush, etc. However, there are lots of undercut banks and artificial cover of a more permanent nature. Numbers of trout in those sections on which the DNR recently has done improvement work should steadily increase. There are a number of these improved areas on the stream and they are located in public fishing grounds which can be easily located with a good map. Public access has been granted on most of the stream and this fact, along with a number of bridges over the creek, means access is no problem.

Elk Creek is a precious resource to those that know her and surprising to those first making her acquaintance. It is a place, only minutes from a metropolitan area, where one can stand in pristine water, casting over numbers of wild trout and be delighted with the sight of a giant heron lumbering upstream, the crash of a doe through the brush behind you, the flash of a mink sliding into the water off a half submerged log, or the loud and startling splash of a beaver making his presence known. It is also a place where you can be slogging through the brush at dusk with your waders filled with a mixture of perspiration and cold spring water, your arms weary from unsuccessfully attempting to fend off seemingly endless hordes of voracious mosquitoes, and kicking yourself for having gone upstream so far from the bridge where you parked. After all, the stream is popular with anglers and the best fishing is usually as far from access points as you can get.

But, most of all, Elk Creek is a stream to be savored, protected and assisted.

# National TU enters mine water remedy search

REPORTER, Iron River, MI, Mar. 16, 1983. Page 12

By Ed Erickson III

IRON RIVER-Remedial work to halt the flow of acid mine water into the Brule River has gained attention from the national headquarters of Trout Unlimited in Vienna, Va.

The national chapter of TU along with its Green Bay chapter plus the Wisconsin chapter of TU have agreed to financially support further studies of the pollution to reach an amiable remedy solution.

The announcement was made jointly last week by Dr. Allen Johnson, research coordinator for the acid water solution project, and Tom Mertens of Green Bay, water resources chairman for Wisconsin TU.

Dr. Johnson is a senior geologist for the Institute of Mineral Research at Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

Nearly a decade ago, acid water emerged from the Dober Pit adjacent to the Hiawatha Mine after mining operations had ceased. The Hiawatha and Dober mines, operated by the Hanna Mining Co., with regional offices in Hibbing, Minn., and international offices in Cleveland, Ohio, are located a mile south of here.

When water pumping ceased after the mines stopped operations, the underground workings filled with water. As the series of drifts, raises and stopes became flooded, a mild solution of sulfuric acid emerged from the Dober Pit.

Sulfuric acid is formed when water comes in contact with the iron pyrite contained in the underground slate formation.

As the acid water surfaced, it flowed into the Iron and Brule rivers. The polluted water carried properties of iron and other elements that impeded reproduction of aquatic life in the river system, including trout. Trout spawning redds became "plugged" with pollutants restricting reproduction from gravel beds.

For the last two years, a cooperative team consisting of MTU, Hanna, TU, the Outdoor Sports Club of Iron County and West Side Regional Planning Commission have worked together with the state Department of Natural Resources to find ways to remedy the pollution problems.

Following a three-year study, the DNR Fisheries Division of Michigan and Wisconsin stated they would not consider stream improvement projects and trout planting programs in the Brule River downstream from where the Iron River enters until the pollution stops. The Brule is boundary waters between the two states.

In 1982, MTU carried out chemical and field engineering studies of the Dober Pit area. The project was funded in part by Hanna Mining, TU of Wisconsin and OSCIC.

Besides Dr. Johnson, other research leaders were William Hockings of the MTU chemical research staff and Larry McDonald, an assistant research engineer at MTU.

Preliminary groundwork was laid to initiate a project that called for the construction of lagoon ponds with a series of pipe networks for aeration and possible chemical treatment to neutralize the acid-laden water. The treated water would be discharged into the Iron River.

A unique situation developed recently when MTU learned that F.W. Means Services plans to enlarge its current industrial laundry plant in Caspian to the former Happy Homes complex in the Caspian Industrial Park.

Means Services has a sewage discharge that is high on a pH factor scale. A high pH factor (any figure above a neutral of 7.0) indicates alkalinity. Since the polluted water flowing from the Dober Pit is acid, with a low pH factor, the prospects of mixing the two discharges are being studied.

In a statement released last week by MTU, "The Institute of Mineral Research (IMR) proposes to undertake the final phases of a study of an economical and effective method of neutralizing acid mine water near Caspian. Results from recent work show that acid water from the Dober Mine is effectively neutralized upon mixing with high pH laundry waste water from the Means Services plant in Caspian. Near neutral pH's (7 to 8) were obtained by mixing the two waters at a 1:1 ratio."

Stemming from MTU's detailed survey in the Iron River valley downstream from the Dober Pit in 1982, the findings said, "A contour map prepared from the survey shows that four natural ponds are present in the approximately quarter-mile distance between the Dober Mine pit and the new Means plant site. The ponds were determined to have a combined surface area of 284,000 square feet (6.5 acres) and a volume capacity of 2.9 million gallons."

Dr. Johnson said, "These findings are very promising. They suggest that acid water presently flowing from the Dober Mine can be mixed with the laundry waste water from the Means plant at their normal flow rates to produce water with a near neutral pH."

"Furthermore, the mixed waters can be discharged through a series of existing ponds and would require little if any modification. The data also suggest that the volume of the pond system is sufficient to allow settling of the precipitants from the mixed waters and the return of a clear effluent to the Iron River," he said.

Dr. Johnson told The Reporter last week, "We're recommending that we go ahead and start further studies that would incorporate the Means water with the Dober Pit water. We would like to get the program planning done as soon as possible...Trout Unlimited of Green Bay has contributed \$1,000 and the national chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## KEEP IT CLEAN!

Except for the trout anglers living in the southwestern parts of Wisconsin, where the season opened January 1, most Wisconsin trout fishing fans are looking ahead to the first Saturday in May for that Magical Opening Day. We've checked our gear, oiled our reels, cleaned out the creel, gotten all the flies and lures separated and sorted, and purchased the necessary license and stamp. Come Friday, May 6th, we'll likely be heading to our camps, shacks, and whatever in order to be ready for the 5:00 AM whistle on the 7th.

Whether we're going to some old favorite haunt that's produced in other years, or maybe some new spot we've checked out on quadrangle maps during the winter, we'll be there. Just to get away from all the problems and stress of every-day life; to listen to the stream gurgling by us; to catch forty winks along some sunny stream bank; and, maybe, if the gods are smiling, to haul in a few trout for the pan or to release for the days ahead. It will be good to be in Wisconsin's great outdoors again.

When we head to our favorite spots, let's make a pact - just you and I. Let's agree to leave things just a little better than when we found them. For some reason that you and I will never understand, some people just don't respect our great Wisconsin natural resources. They dump refuse, toss beer and soda cans, leave gobs of mono-filament strewn everywhere, and, in short, degrade the very resources that we love. Why do they do it? Beats me, brother. I know that you don't litter, and neither do I, but some folks can't seem to carry out their junk from the woods. That's odd, too, cuz it weighs alot more coming in than going out.

So, just between you and me, we'll be sure that if we come across a tossed pop or beer can, a wad of mono hanging from a tree limb, or some garbage lying about, we'll make the extra effort to clean it up. Carry it home; get it out of the woods. Leave the forests and streams a bit neater than we found it. A little effort goes a long way. Take your time to do your share. We only have one Wisconsin. Let's not waste her.

*Mitch*

# NATIONAL FOREST LAND SALE PROPOSED!

From the Green Bay Press Gazette

The Reagan administration announced earlier in March a plan to sell off about 3.2% of the land in National Forests, including about 3% of the lands within the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests. That amounts to 41,541 of the 1,502,109 acres of the Nicolet and Chequamegon forests in Wisconsin, plus an additional 87,447 acres in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A spokesman for the U. S. Forest Service (Jerry Snow) said that if Congress approves the plan, "there will be public involvement" but not necessarily public hearings.

Some of the particular parcels under consideration for sale are: (NICOLET) 680 acres in the town of Summit (Langlade Co.), 560 acres in Florence Co., 2,649 acres in Vilas Co. east of the Phelps area, about 3,045 acres in the town of Lakewood (Oconto Co.), and 17,895 in Forest Co., including more than 17,000 acres east and west of Iaona; (CHEQUAMEGON) - 1,303 acres in Vilas Co. about 20 miles east of Park Falls near Lac du Flambeau, 2,764 near Delta south of Iron River (Bayfield Co.), 9,754 in Taylor Co. in six tracts north and west of Medford, and 2,906 acres west of Mellen in Ashland Co.

The acreage affected by the proposal in Michigan's U.P. include 28,088 acres in Gogebic Co., 5,115 in Ontonagon, 2,815 in Iron Co., 1, 298 in Houghton Co. (all in the Ottawa National Forest), plus portions of five counties in the Hiawatha National Forest.

The spokesman for the Forest Service said that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the Forest Service, chose the lands mentioned because they thought they were lands that would "not attract public outcry."

The alleged purpose of the sell-off is to provide "more efficient management" of the lands. Critics see this as just another attempt by the administration to rob from the public trust for the benefit of realtors and developers. Congress must approve the sale(s) before they can be transacted.

## "DIRECT MAIL"

T. A. Flesch

The 1982 "direct mail campaign" in Wisconsin was a great success - recruiting over 170 members. The State Council in April will again do a direct mail using three lists - Orvis, Fly Fisherman, and Rod & Reel magazine. We will manually attempt to purge all T.U. members from these lists.

In our direct mail the National office and the State Council will be offering incentives for new memberships. One of the incentives we are going to offer is three flies or one spinner. I need your help!! The help I need from you is to tie some flies to give away. I ask three things:

1. Send the flies directly to me by May 1.
2. Tell me the name of the fly.
3. Send me your name and address so I can send it along with the flies to the new members.

Tom Flesch, State Council Chairman  
Route 2 Box 1010  
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Your cooperation with the "direct mail flies" will be greatly beneficial to T.U. in Wisconsin.

## Acid Rain Awareness

An article published in the April-May issue of NATIONAL WILDLIFE outlined an acid rain program aimed to gain public awareness of the acid rain problem. Five Maine television stations, including two CBS and ABC affiliates in Portland and Bangor, have started presenting the "acid rain index". Acid rain information is collected from four monitoring stations throughout the state and presented "in language that the people can understand". Rob Gardiner, Jr., executive director of the Maine National Wildlife Federation affiliate, hopes the "acid rain index will do for acid rain what ozone alerts have done for pollution".

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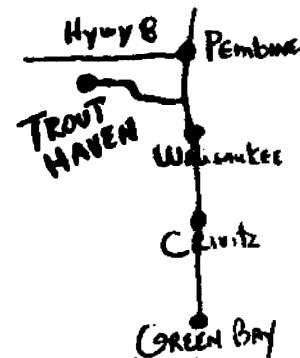
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## Mine Waste

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has pledged another \$1,000 for the project. I think it's significant that this project is recognized nationally... Obviously it's important to many concerns, and I can understand why."

Studies that will commence soon with more water sampling this spring and summer will seek answers to many unknown results of mixing the two discharge waters.

MTU will work closely with the Water Resources and Environmental Enforcement Divisions of the DNR this spring and summer on the ultimate goal of having a system operating as soon as possible.

"The initial work is done. We need the cooperation of Means Services, Hanna, TU and the sports club (OSCIC) to get the job done," said Johnson.

In a statement from Mertens, "The Green Bay chapter and Wisconsin TU will continue their involvement on this project until the Brule River trout fishery is restored."

In 1982 the Green Bay chapter contributed \$200 to the remedial study project, OSCIC \$100 and Hanna Mining \$15,000, besides MTU's in-kind contribution.

## DNR TROUT HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS OF JANUARY '83

There have been several requests to publish a listing of DNR trout habitat improvement projects. The present list covers projects that have been funded from 1977 until January 1983. Due to the size of the list it has become difficult to publish it in the QUARTERLY REPORT. Any individual can receive a copy of the list by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Bob Retko, 6938A N. Raintree Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53223. Copies will also be available at the April 30th State Council meeting.

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# CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

## Blackhawk

The Janesville area chapter has received the sum of \$1575 from National TU Operation Restore for Allen Creek. Karl Schoenberger reports that the trucks have been able to haul rock to the stream. With the rock at the site and the money allocated work will begin shortly.

## Southern Wisconsin

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter will be initiating a habitat improvement project the Deer Creek Branch of Mt. Vernon Creek.

## Southeastern Wisconsin

The chapter's 4th annual banquet on Feb. 26 was very successful. Highlight of the event was an address by Robert Herbst, Executive Director of TU. Mr. Herbst stressed acid rain and the potential loss of federal lands as two major environmental issues facing our nation.

Ken Knezic has taken the position of project chairman and will organizing the chapter's TU-DNR cooperative habitat improvement work on Paradise Springs this year.

## Fox Valley

In January, the chapter held a "Fun Night" which featured rod building, fly tying, application of felt to waders, a slide show, and the movie The Way of A Trout. About 125 members and guests attended and 15 new members were signed up.

March 4-6 the chapter had a booth at the TV-11 Sports Show. This was the fourth year at the show and attendance at the show was good. Much of credit for the good showing goes to Forrest Grulke who worked hard to keep it organized.

The annual chapter banquet was held March 12th at the Darboy Club east of Appleton. 450 attended and the hard work of the members paid off in door prizes, auction items, raffles and alot of fun.

Fox Valley is also pleased to be one of the chapters receiving a grant from National TU through the Living Brightwater Program. The grant will allow the chapter to complete it's project on Davis Creek in Wau-shara County.

## Green Bay

Green Bay TU held its 2nd annual hobby and fun night on Feb. 10 at Cliff & Cell's in Green Bay. Over 400 turned out to see displays of rod-building, fly-tying, spinner making, taxidermy, photography, wood-carving, and more. Fifteen new members for Green Bay TU were signed up that night.

On March 3rd, Green Bay TU held elections for chapter officers. Chosen as new president was Tom Nelson of Green Bay. Tom Mertens stepped down after two years of dedicated service to the chapter, and he received a standing ovation from the membership for his work. Other officers elected were: Jack Koivisto (Vice-President), Gary Stoychoff (Sec.-Treas.), Wally Heil and Jim Buchholz (3-year member to the Board), Dan Ferron (2-year member to the Board), and Bruce Deuchert (State Council Rep.). Following the elections, Sal Palatucci of the TU National office explained to the audience the goals and purposes of TU National and gave information on the TU National Banquet program. He praised Green Bay TU as being one of the leaders in TU and urged the chapter to consider joining the National Banquet Program.

In January, the chapter approved an additional \$1,000 appropriation to help fund the project for clean-up of acid water deposition in the boundary Brule River.

The 8th annual banquet, schedule for April 8th was sold out at 730 tickets three weeks before the event.

## Kiap-TU-Wish

Kiap-TU-Wish members have been hard at work on stream improvement on the Lower Race (downstream from Trout Brook Road) every Saturday since February 19th. Real accomplishment is becoming evident and coordinators Chuck Goossen, Ivan Schloff and Mike Spittler plan to finish on April 9th, well before the opener.

Six members helped plant 65,000 brown trout fry in the Willow River earlier this winter. The fry were surplus stock from the St. Croix Falls Hatchery.

Roger and Ruby Fairbanks are completing reports on the chapter's activities over the last decade. There have been twenty-two projects completed at a cost of over \$24,000 and 5000 man hours.



# YOUR OPENING DAY HOROSCOPE

Opening Day is at hand. You're set to go. What lies ahead for you on that Magical Morning? Our resident guru has peered into his crystal ball. Based on the direction of the wind on April Fools Day, the relative emptiness of a bottle of Ripple, and your astrological sign, he's ascertained your fate.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19)

You love running water, the sound of it pouring past boulders, the feel of it surging by your legs. What you get is the sensation of it filling your waders. Your dog chewed a hole in them.

## PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

You love to fish. You love to catch fish. You love to keep fish. But, you're a poor counter. No matter. The warden can count well. So can the judge at your trial.

## ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

The sign of the ram befits you. You ram through 2 miles of brush to take your buddy to a secret spring hole. Along the way, you rip your waders, gash your face, and lose your lunch, six-pack, and lure box. When you get there, you hear a car pulling up. Turns out the road was there for over ten years. Your buddy is now your ex-buddy.

## TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Rambling across a field with a limit of trout, you are suddenly chased by an angry farmer's bull. Though clad in hip boots, you run swiftly. Just as the bull is about to overtake you, you reach the sharp, barbed wire fence and clear it with a tremendous leap - almost. After surgery, your doctor suggests you audition for the Vienna Boys Choir.

## GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

Stay in bed. If you don't stay in bed, stay in camp. If you don't stay in camp, stay in the car. If you don't stay in the car, don't blame me for what happens.

## CANCER (June 21 - July 20)

You push yourself too hard. After bar-hopping till the last saloon closes, playing cards until 4:00 AM, drinking till the Jim Beam rye is drained, and smoking a box of cigars, there's no way you can get your waders on at 6:00 AM.

## LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You're brave - too brave. Wading the South Branch of the Embarrass, you start singing your favorite song ("I Love the DNR"). Too late, you remember you're wading the Tigerton Dells stretch. The locals overhear you and take you hostage, saying they'll trade you for Shawano DNR fish manager Ross Langhurst. After 3 days of heavy debate, the DNR Board votes 4-3 to keep Ross. You now have a new favorite tune ("To Hell With the DNR!").

## VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Your safest bet today is to stay home and plant your garden.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

The sign of balance fails you. Wading the Bois Brule, you stumble and crash against some rocks. Quickly, though, you regain your balance and jump to your feet. Your new Leonard two-piece split bamboo rod regains its balance, too. The five new pieces weigh 0.73 ounces each.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Creativity is not your specialty. Your fishing pals are unimpressed by your attempt at beer-batter waffles, and they're outraged by the fact that you used the last bottle of brandy to make scrambled eggs flambe'.

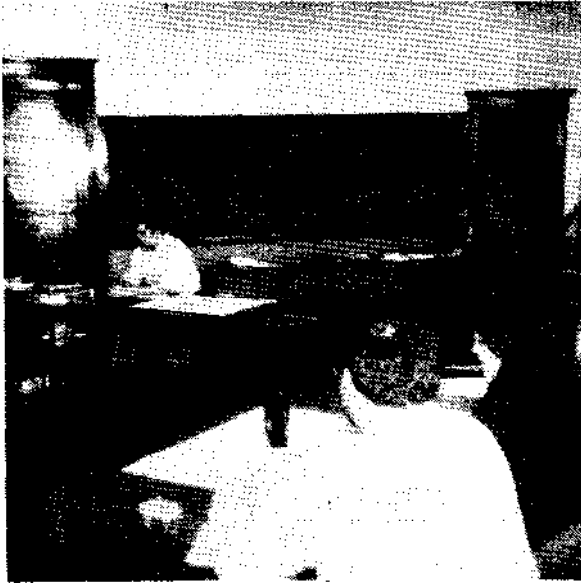
## SAGGITARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Bad news, brother. Upon reaching your favorite spot, you find that your wife stored your flies over winter in mothballs, someone poured glue into your lure box, and your son grew genus Cannabis in your worm hutch. You rush to the nearest tavern to calm your nerves. Poor idea. It happens to be the only gay bar in northern Wisconsin.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

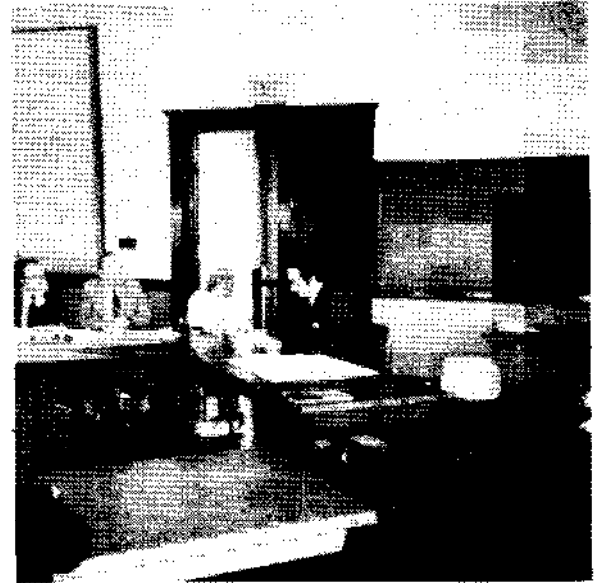
You are a special person. You possess keen eyesight, bright wit, acute hearing, and a sound body. Your brilliant mind makes you a success in business, and the entire community holds you in highest regard. The years have been kind to you, and you will live many years in leisure and comfort. Needless to say, you are NOT a trout fisherman!

# T.U. SUPPORTS CONSERVATION CORPS PROPOSAL



On March 3, 1983, in the City Council Chambers in Rhinelander, WI., a hearing was held by the Assembly Committee on Forest Productivity and Rural Development to receive public input on a proposal to establish a Wisconsin Conservation Corps, similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's Depression Era. The intent of the bill is to provide employment opportunities for youth between 18-24 on conservation projects around the state with emphasis on forestry, park maintenance, and watershed clean-up.

TU member Wally Cooper of Rhinelander (left, above) spoke on his own behalf in fa-



vor of the bill, saying that there is much work needed to be done in the north in forestry and other conservation projects. At the right, State Council Vice-Chairman Mitchell Bent (DePere), representing Wisconsin TU, approved the bill and urged the committee to direct a reasonable amount of the program toward providing help on various trout stamp-funded stream improvement projects in the state. Bent showed committee members pictures of volunteer efforts by TU'ers on projects in Wisconsin to impress upon the committee the type of work involved. Mark-up legislation on this proposal is proceeding.

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## CORRECTION

In the last issue of QUARTERLY REPORT, we inadvertently made an error in regard to our article entitled "EARL TO SEEK NEW PHOSPHATE CONTROLS". In that article, we said, "Wisconsin is the only Great Lakes State not to have such a statute (i.e., limits on phosphates in detergents) on the books." As pointed out to us in a letter by Rep. Patricia Goodrich (Berlin), that statement is incorrect. At present, Ohio and Pennsylvania also do not have phosphate restrictions for laundry and household detergents. In Illinois, only Chicago has such a require-

ment. The states of Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan, and New York already have this ban.

Presently pending in the Legislature are two bills, AB 2 and AB 138, that would require laundry and detergent soaps sold in Wisconsin to have reduced amounts of phosphates in them. Wisconsin TU supports these bills. We thank Mrs. Goodrich for pointing out our error (Rep. Goodrich's husband, Bud, is a member of the Central Wisconsin TU Chapter).

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Due to a very late reporting by the TU National office, this membership report is only good through the end of January, 1983.

At press time, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited has 1610 members (though that number is a fair bit higher in reality). Good gains in membership numbers are being reported by Green Bay, Southern WI., Fox Valley, Harry Nohr, Shawpaca, Oconto River, and Blackhawk. But....the word EXCEPTIONAL applies to the new WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY chapter which formed in late 1982. Beginning with about 50 members, some new and some transfers, the chapter is growing by leaps and bounds. Membership chairman Gordie King of Merrill continues to mail yours truly batches of new memberships at least once every other week. This new chapter will be one to watch!

Speaking of new chapters, it appears we will soon have two new chapters, one in the HAYWARD area and one located in the MANITOWOC - TWO RIVERS - KEWAUNEE area. This is a good sign that Wisconsin Trout Unlimited will continue its steady growth. We are also working on the Marinette-Menominee and Stevens Point-Wisconsin Rapids areas as two other strong possibilities, plus fair chances in Racine-Kenosha and Richland Center. If anyone from these areas wishes to get a TU chapter going, PLEASE get ahold of Tom Flesch (608-635-2552) or Mitch Bent (414-336-4983). They will help you in any way that they can.

CHAPTER	Members (12/82)	Members (2/83)
WOLF RIVER	18	18
SOUTHERN WI.	200	206
SOUTHEASTERN WI.	192	197
GREEN BAY	203	217
CENTRAL WI. (*)	181	177
FONTINALIS	17	17
KIAP-TU-WISH	100	108
FOX VALLEY	105	103
OJIBLEAU	61	59
NORTHWOODS (*)	72	68
HARRY NOHR	33	41
COULEE REGION	24	25
ANTIGO(*)	96	70
ALDO LEOPOLD	103	103
SHAWPACA	53	55
CHEQUAMEGON	26	27
OCONTO RIVER	32	32
BLACKHAWK	20	33
WI. RIVER VALLEY(**)	-	51

(\* = had members transferred to WI. RIVER VALLEY)

(\*\*= not formed at last reporting)

TOTALS	1536	1610
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PLEASE NOTE! By the time you receive this letter, some of you may have gotten a letter from me (Mitch Bent) urging you to join T.U. Explanation: we are again doing a direct mail using several mail order and magazine lists to solicit new members. If you get a letter, and you're a member already, kindly disregard it.

## Join Trout Unlimited

Mail to: Membership Services  
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YES, I believe in the goals & objectives of Trout Unlimited, a national organization, and wish to be enrolled as a member. \*Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## "PRAIRIE RIVER SOLITUDE"

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited announces once again that the signed and limited edition print "Prairie River Solitude" by Rhinelander artist Tim Johnson (below, right, holding the original with Wally Cooper of Rhinelander) is available for purchase from either your local chapter or from the State Council of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Limited to



800 copies, the "Prairie River Solitude" depicts a scene of a trout angler fishing beside a quiet pool on the Prairie River in Lincoln County, Wisc. Johnson graciously donated the printing rights to Wisconsin TU as a fund-raising mechanism for both State Council and the chapters. The cost of the individual prints is \$35.00 each. If you are interested in a print, contact your local chapter for details, or write to: TROUT UNLIMITED, c/o Tom Mertens, 1368 Biemeret St., Green Bay, WI. 54304 (414-498-0798). All checks are to be made payable to TROUT UNLIMITED STATE COUNCIL.

The original shown above is also for sale by the artist. Anyone interested should contact: Tim Johnson, 107 E. Monico Street, Rhinelander, WI. 54501 (715-362-7068). The terms will be arranged by the artist.

Should you have any questions regarding State legislation, or you need the name, address or phone number of your senator and assembly person, just call:

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