



WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

WINTER 1984

QUARTERLY REPORT

Chapter Activities

ANTIGO: The major chapter project during 1983 involved work on the East Branch of the Eau Claire River below the culverts on Blue Bell Road. This was a DNR project funded mainly by trout stamp monies and involved the installation of 18 in-stream devices. Chapter members rolled, hauled, and placed sod on the structures after completion by DNR crews. Approximately 300 man-hours were spent on the sodding on 10 chapter work days. The chapter also donated approx. \$1,500 to this project.

WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY: The chapter members contributed 60 man-hours for a sodding project in conjunction with a DNR stream improvement project on the Prairie River.

BLACKHAWK: The chapter has invested about 300 man-hours and \$3,000 on materials for it's Allen Creek Project. About 1/4 mile has been improved with 4 wing dams and 3 boom covers. Chuck Rohloff donated the use of his end loader for 11 hours. On December 3rd, the chapter members planted 800, 3 to 4 inch brown trout in Allen Creek.

MARINETTE: The chapter reports that it's members provided a total of 56 man-hours for three work projects. The projects were:
1) First South Branch of the Oconto River.
2) LaMontagne Creek.
3) Wolf River scatter-planting.

OCONTO RIVER: The Oconto River members joined forces with the Green Bay Chapter on the First South Branch project. Also the chapter sponsored a TU information booth at the county fair this year.

HARRY NOHR: The Harry Nohr Chapter reports that they have sponsored a number of Educational and Soil Conservation Awards to individuals at Dodgeville and Platteville High Schools and to area farmers in recognition of good conservation practices. Also chapter members donated their time and money to the construction of signs recognizing the cooperative efforts landowners, the county board, the DNR and the Harry Nohr Chapter. The signs were placed on the banks of Otter and Harker Creeks. Harker Creek was also the site for a fencing project in which members contributed 100 man-hours and \$1000 to build new cover structures. During 1983 the chapter members have contributed well over 240 man-hours on various projects.

FONTINALIS: The chapter received an Outstanding Streambank Improvement Award from Barron County officials on their Pine Creek fencing project. The members contributed 130 man-hours towards this project and joined hands with Barron County Water and Soil Department and farmer Bob Barlett of Dallas, WI. The membership growth at Fontinalis has doubled in just one short year, it reports. On December 10th, the members got together for an outing on the Brule River fishing for steelhead and browns.

WILD RIVER: The Hayward area chapter reports that a future work project in 1984 will involve building a childrens fishing dock on Silverthorn Lake. In late August, a 7 hour cleanup project with the members and their area streams and lakes was held. A chapter picnic ended the day.

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The Chairman Speaks -

On October 22, 1983, I was given the responsibility and privilege of being chairman of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. I took the job with misgivings, for trying to fill the shoes of outgoing chairman Tom Flesch is no small task (he wears size 14 EE). But, by the end of the State Council meeting that day, I was much more confident that Wisconsin T.U. will continue to prosper and grow. Why? Because of you!

At the end of that meeting, each chapter in attendance gave a talk and/or slide presentation of what they've done the past year on the coldwater resource in their areas. What we saw was incredible, to say the very least. The work by QJIBLEAU TU on Elk Creek, by CENTRAL WISCONSIN on Emmons Creek and the Pine River, by SOUTHERN WISCONSIN on Dane County streams, by SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN on Paradise Springs, by GREEN BAY, MARINETTE COUNTY, and OCONTO RIVER WATERSHED on the First South Branch of the Oconto, by KIAP-TU-WISH on the Willow River, by FOX VALLEY on Davis Creek, by NORTHWOODS on the Noisy Creek.....well, the story could go on forever. When it was over, I don't believe that there was a person in that room who wasn't thoroughly amazed at the dedicated efforts by TU'ers everywhere in Wisconsin.

The most impressive thing that happened, though, was a closing statement by Jim Bereza, president of the Marinette County T.U. Chapter. He said, "We're a new chapter and I've only made two State Council meetings. But I've learned so much from those two meetings that I want to say 'Thank you' to everyone in the Wisconsin Council." What Jim Bereza said in those few words was the essence of what T.U. is all about. It's not just twenty-two isolated, individual chapters in Wisconsin. It's not just the State Council. It's not just National T.U. It's all of the above! We can no longer afford the attitude that only our local, close-to-home waters are important to the exclusion of all the others. A hydro dam on the Willow River, a fertilizer spill on Trout Creek in Iowa County, beaver dams on Noisy Creek...these aren't just the problems of Kiap-TU-Wish, Harry Nohr, or Northwoods T.U. They're all our problems. If we ignore a problem on a trout stream outside our own locale, it's only a matter of time before that problem is on OUR stream. And then we're in trouble.

Which gets me to the real point of this editorial. The chapters of Trout Unlimited must make it their policy to be concerned about the ENTIRE Trout Unlimited organization, local, State, and National. Each unit of T.U. needs funding to survive, for each unit serves a specific purpose in the organization. The local level provides muscle for stream improvement projects and expertise on local pollution problems and conservation education efforts. The State Council co-ordinates new chapter formation, keeps in touch with chapters on important issues, helps chapters deal with problems they can't handle alone, and provides a state watchdog service for the coldwater resource. At the National level, T.U. actively promotes the organization, works to get full funding of federal fisheries programs, fights to seek a solution to acid rain, plus many other items relating to the coldwater trout fishery. And each of these units of T.U. needs FUNDING to carry out the duties it has.

We cannot afford to be parochial in our view on T.U. We are only as strong as our weakest part. If chapters are sound financially but the State Councils and National Office suffer from lack of funding and professional staff, then the organization cannot function properly. It is important that chapters work toward a strong T.U. on all levels. Chapters holding National T.U. Banquets contribute directly to the cause. Other chapters donate part of their banquet proceeds to National. If each chapter does its unselfish part, the whole organization prospers.

At the state level, help can come easier. Simply make it a point to attend the FIRST ANNUAL WISCONSIN T.U. AWARDS & FUND-RAISING BANQUET on Saturday, January 21, 1984, at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. (see separate page for details). Your support and attendance will make Wisconsin T.U. that much more able to protect our state's coldwater resources. It's a good way to meet your fellow TU'ers who are working hard to protect our coldwater resources. I hope to see YOU there! Let's make this first-ever State banquet one of many good ones to follow. Our coldwater resources are depending on it!!

Mitch Bent

Wisconsin Trout Streams

by Andy Morton

Black Earth Creek, located in South Central Wisconsin in Western Dane County, is considered by many to be one of the best wild Brown Trout fisheries in the state. This is something we can be glad about, because Black Earth Creek has had to withstand years of sediment runoff associated with agriculture and commercial and residential development, severe sewage discharges (in past years), and heavy fishing pressure. The stream has managed to hold its own despite these problems and continues to support fairly rich and numerous aquatic insect populations and a healthy naturally reproduced Brown Trout fishery. The unusually high alkalinity of the groundwater which flows into the stream and nutrients from agricultural runoff account for the lush aquatic plant growth and the heavy populations of aquatic insects, fresh water shrimp, and sowbugs. Six miles of Class I water and six miles of Class II water exist on Black Earth Creek.

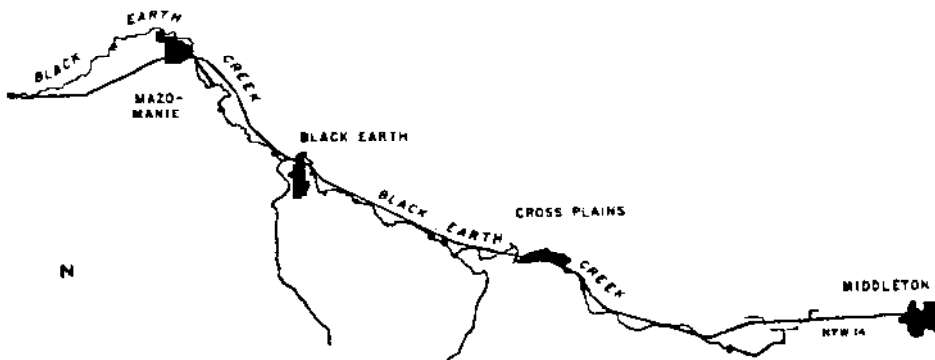
Resource management for Black Earth Creek began in 1949 with the development of the first long range management plan by the DNR. Land acquisition and stream habitat development through construction of instream devices, bank stabilization, fencing and building cattle crossings has subsequently taken place over the years. This work is still being conducted by the DNR.

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited has long been involved in protecting the Black Earth Creek trout resource. In 1982, the chapter installed 1900 ft. of fencing and one cattle crossing on the portion of the creek flowing through the Kenneth Zander farm. Cooperative projects like this, between the private landowner and Trout Unlimited, will hopefully be carried out in the future. They are vital to the protection of Black Earth Creek, as much of the land bordering the stream is in private hands.

As for fishing Black Earth Creek, worm wavers, hardware heavers, and fly flingers will all find themselves at home. Access to the stream is good, since several public access areas are located along U.S. Highway 14 where it parallels the stream. The stream is rich with Freshwater Shrimp, Sowbugs, Caddisflies, and Mayflies - the fly fisherman should be well armed. Listed below is a general hatching guide:

- May - Gray or Tan Caddis, Little Black Caddis, Hendrickson, Blue-winged Olive.
- June - Blue-winged Olive, Tiny Blue-winged Olive, Hexagenia (late).
- July - Tiny Blue-wing Olive, Hexagenia.
- August - Tiny Blue-winged Olive.

Midges and terrestrials are always an important food source on this stream.



The author wishes to thank John Madsen and the Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources for the information presented in this article.

FOUR MILE CREEK CONTROVERSY

by Rick Penn

Four Mile Creek, located in Bayfield County northwest of Washburn, is a small stream feeding into the Sioux River. A spring-fed stream, it is classified by the DNR as Class I trout water for its entire 4.7 miles. It has a resident population of brook, brown, and rainbow trout. Additionally, Four Mile receives anadromous runs of steelhead, brown trout, and coho salmon from Lake Superior. Over 95% of the watershed land-use is wild land unsuited for agriculture. The sand-and-gravel bottom of Four Mile provides good in-stream habitat. As one of the main tributaries to the Sioux, its value is immeasurable.

The Sioux River itself is the second most successful self-sustaining fishery in Wisconsin. It is an extremely popular stream for both steelhead and salmon, mostly cohos. The confluence of Four Mile Creek and the Sioux River contains the highest concentration of spawning grounds on the Sioux. Four Mile Creek cools these beds in the summer and warms them in winter, thus protecting the eggs of lake-run fish in winter. Without this warming effect, the trout eggs would not have as great a chance for survival, and the stream's fish-sustaining capability would be lessened.

One of the interesting things about Four Mile Creek is that some 90 years ago, one of the first settlers built a dam on the creek to power a sawmill and later use a direct current to supply a limited amount of electricity for his home. The dam was created out of railroad ties driven vertically into the streambed with boards placed horizontally across the ties. The dam stayed in place until 1955, when it was abandoned. In the late 1970's, a grandson of the original dam builder applied to the DNR for a permit to build a new dam. The permit was denied by the hearing examiner in 1979. The Ojibseau Chapter of T.U., based in Eau Claire, originally protested the application, and the DNR testified against the permit at the hearing. The applicant then petitioned the Circuit Court, which stayed the hearing examiner's order and required further testimony to be taken to include who owned the damsite, the movement toward getting the damsite recognized as an historic site by the National Register of Historic Places, environmental problems, and the economics of the proposal.

The second hearing on the proposed dam was held on May 18, 1983, three years after the court ordered it back into the hearing examiner's office. During that time span, the judge who ordered the issue back to the hearing examiner retired, and a new T.U. chapter, the Chequamegon Chapter (covering Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, and Iron counties) had been organized. When the issue began surfacing in the local news media, the Chequamegon Chapter initially wrote letters to the editor opposing the construction of a new dam on Four Mile. In response to these letters were other letters supporting the dam, letters which claimed that trout fishing was actually better on Four Mile when the dams were still in existence, among other assertions. What Chequamegon T.U. wanted known, though, was that the intentions of the applicant in this proposal for the dam were far different than what the original dam was meant for. The applicant wanted to construct a totally new dam with present day state-of-the-art technology to be installed. This was not a reconstruction of an original pioneer's attempts at self-sufficiency. In fact, there was no historic value in the construction of the new dam. This confusing issue is only now becoming clear to people in the area.

Chequamegon T.U. began organizing opposition to the dam by contacting other sportsmen's groups in the general area, including the Brule River Sportsmen's Club and the Apostle Islands Sportsfishermen's Association. Chequamegon T.U. also encouraged individual anglers to testify at the hearing on their own behalf. The State Public Intervenor was also contacted and he appeared at the hearing to provide very helpful input. Interested parties such as T.U. and the other above-mentioned groups testified in the afternoon on the permit, and then DNR gave its input in the evening. Those attending felt confident that the opposition to the dam would prevail.

In August of 1983, the hearing examiner, Maurice Van Susteran, announced his decision. He denied the permit and also reaffirmed his order to remove the structure presently in the stream. He based his denial of the application on the four

areas previously mentioned. He found that there had been no movement to get the site placed in the National Registry of Historic Places; in fact, the State Historical Society informally rejected an attempt by the applicant to get the site named as a State Historical Site; a town landmark commission, though, has recently designated the area as an historic site. The examiner also found that the ownership issue had not been resolved to his satisfaction. The environmental aspects of the permit were considered extremely important, and Van Susteran rejected the applicant's biologist's one-day research of the area as inadequate. He also agreed that the dam would have an impact on the anadromous fish populations. He stated that the electricity produced would be enough to "light six lightbulbs and power a toaster" with direct current (DC); conversion to alternate current (AC) would be cost prohibitive.

The applicants have apparently given up their attempts to build a new dam. They are contesting the examiner's order to remove the existing structure, however. The major battle has been won. Many people are to be thanked, including Legal Counsel and now Vice-Chairman Dick Wachowski of Eau Claire, who took many phone calls during his day to explain, suggest, and co-ordinate things with the young Chequamegon Chapter. The DNR also deserves thanks for not backing down from their position and sticking to their guns. There can be no better way of ending this story than by paraphrasing a T.U. member who ended his testimony at the hearing this way: "My son caught his first trout in Four Mile Creek, and this is the legacy I want to leave for him and his children: free-flowing trout water!"

(NOTE: Rick Penn is Vice-President of the Chequamegon Chapter of Trout Unlimited and also serves as Secretary of the Wisconsin State Council.)

BOUNDARY BRULE RIVER UPDATE

Three years ago, Trout Unlimited set out to resolve a serious pollution problem that was causing the degradation of the boundary Brule River, which flows between Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Today, it looks like our efforts are beginning to pay off.

Problems began on the Brule when abandoned iron mines owned by Hanna Mining Co. filled with water and began pumping an acidified effluent into Michigan's Iron River, and thence into the Brule. The iron hydroxide precipitate discolored the water, covered rocks and gravel, and, in general, ruined the trout habitat of the Brule downstream from its confluence with the Iron River (also a fine trout stream).

Resolution of the problem was not easy. Michigan wanted to sue Hanna Mining, which rejected the idea it was responsible for the problem. Wisconsin was going to sue Michigan. The Environmental Protection Agency was going to initiate action against Hanna. The stage was set for a long legal donnybrook. Enter Trout Unlimited.

After much effort, principally by TOM MERTENS of Green Bay TU, meetings were set up between the interested parties to reach an agreed settlement. Once it was apparent that all parties were interested in the cleanup and would participate in a joint effort, legal actions were dropped. Funds were raised from various groups, including Green Bay T.U. and National T.U.'s "OPERATION PROTECT" program, to begin research on the solution to the problem. Support from Michigan Technological Institute has provided some probable answers to the problem.

Settling tanks are being created to mix the acid water from the iron mines with alkaline wastewater from Means Service. It will produce a pH neutral effluent, hopefully, that will not harm the two river systems.

T.U.'s role in this project has been extremely significant. Through use of a cooperative approach rather than litigation, the goal of cleaner water is being accomplished. T.U. has taken a leadership role in resolving a major coldwater resource problem that will benefit not only the resource, but all parties involved. T.U. has established a reputation now of getting things done and has shown its commitment to restoration and protection of a valuable coldwater resource. Thanks are due Tom Mertens and all others involved in this issue.

Upcoming Chapter Banquets

WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY will have their banquet on Saturday, March 31, 1984. Cocktails start at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$12 - \$15 and can be purchased from Herb Hintze, 629 Hamilton St., Wausau, WI. 54401

GREEN BAY CHAPTER will host their 1984 banquet on Saturday, March 31. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and limited to the first 650 tickets sold. Contact Gary Stoychoff, 1326 - 14th Ave., Green Bay, WI. 54304 (414-499-5307).

NORTHWOODS CHAPTER will have their banquet on Saturday, April 14, 1984. Cocktails start at 5:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased from Glen Cox, 1420 Coon St., Rhinelander, WI. 54501.

FOX VALLEY CHAPTER will have their 1984 banquet on Saturday, March 31st. Cocktails start at 5:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.50 and can be purchased from Dale Peterson, 608 Main St., Neenah, WI. 54956 OR Lee Snyder, 2240 Henry Street, Neenah, WI. 54956.

MARINETTE CHAPTER will host their 1984 banquet on Thursday, April 26th, at the Dome in Marinette. Cocktails start at 5:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased through Ed Anderson, Jr., Rt. 1 Box 64-T, Marinette, WI. 54143 (715-735-9675).

HARRY NOHR CHAPTER is planning a 1984 banquet in March or April. Tickets will be around \$10.00.

LAKESHORE CHAPTER will have its banquet on January 27, 1984, at the Club Bil-Mar in Manitowoc. Cocktails at 6:00 PM & dinner at 7:30 PM. Featured speaker is TU Executive Director Robert Herbst. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from Bob Nenahlo, 18419 Tisch Mills Rd., Rt. 1, Denmark, WI. 54208

OCONTO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTER banquet information can be obtained from Dale Halla, Rt. 1, Gillett, WI. 54124.

Antigo Chapter will hold its banquet on April 7th with ticket prices to be set in the \$12-\$15 range. For information Patrick Kordus, 433 Deleglise St., Antigo, WI 54409

Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter will have their banquet on Saturday, 1984 at the Red Carpet Inn near Mitchell Field. The guest speaker will be Gary Borger. Ticket prices are \$15. For more information contact Len Cederholm, 1100 South 75th St., West Allis, WI 53214.

New Officers

The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited elected new officers at its October 22, 1983, meeting in Stevens Point. They are as follows:

CHAIRMAN: Mitchell Bent (DePere)

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Richard Wachowski
(Eau Claire)

SECRETARY: Rick Penn (Highbridge)

TREASURER: Larry Melcher (Cottage Grove)

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Tom Flesch
(Poynette)

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Timber Coulee Study

Starting January 1, 1984, a new trout research project begins on Timber Coulee Creek in Vernon County to evaluate the impact of a "slot size limit". Bob Hunt of the DNR Cold Water Research Unit will be supervising the experiment.

Part of the study calls for a creel census throughout the 9 month season. Bob has asked Wisconsin TU chapters for financial support to help pay for the cost of this important phase of his study. Similar support was provided, primarily through the efforts of the KIAP-TU-WISH chapter, during the 4 years of an important special regulations study on the Race Branch during 1976-1979.

Chapter contributions can be forwarded through the State Council of TU or sent directly to the DNR Secretary, C. D. Besadny, along with a cover letter indicating that the contribution is to be used for the creel census on Timber Coulee.

Bob estimated that cost of the 9-month census will probably exceed \$8000, or some \$3700 more than his present budget for the study can cover.

Two study zones have been established on Timber Coulee. The mile of stream below Ohlstad Bridge Road constitutes the special regulation zone. The half-mile above this road bridge will be used as a "reference zone". Normal fishing regulations will apply there throughout the 4 year study. Normal regulations will also apply in the study zone below the road bridge during 1984, but during 1985-86-87 the following special regulations will go into effect:

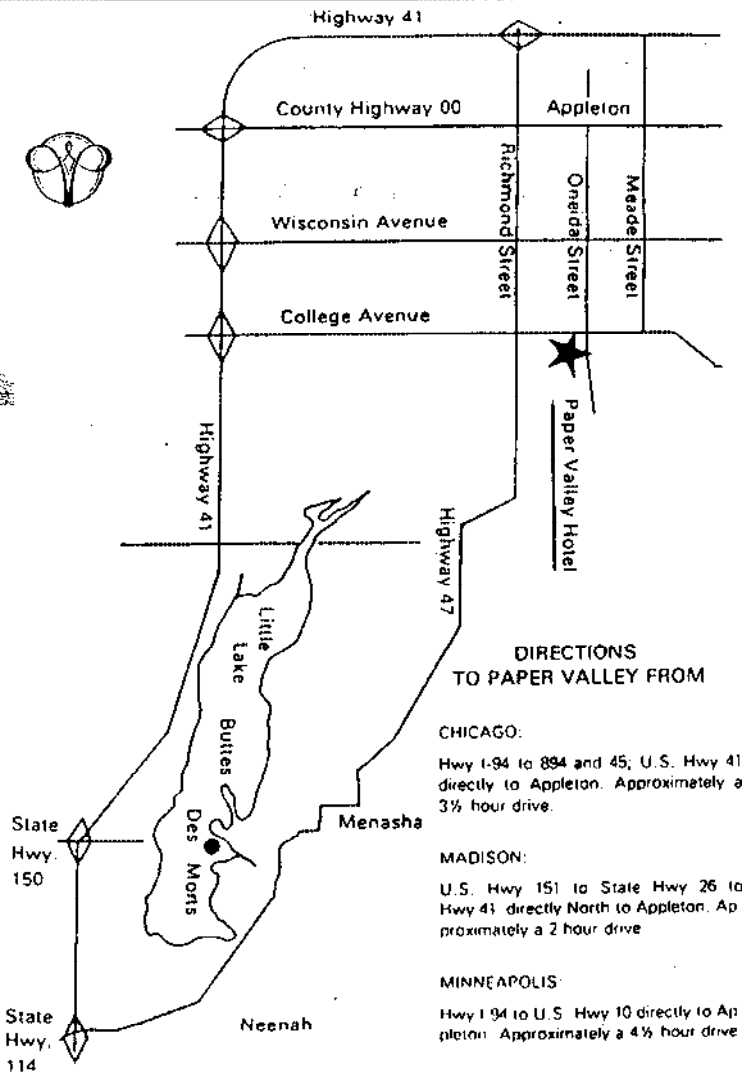
1. All trout caught less than 14 inches must be released.
2. All trout 17 inches or larger that are caught must be released.
3. One trout/day may be kept if it is 14 inches long or larger but less than 17 inches.
4. Only artificial lures may be used.

The intent of the new study on Timber Coulee is to expand the reference base available for DNR fish managers to use when they desire to promote and apply special management programs that emphasize the qualitative rather than quantitative elements of trout fishing. A good start has been made in Wisconsin to test various kinds of special regulations that encourage

anglers to practice catch and release fishing more often, but the experiment at Timber Coulee will be the first to assess the value of a regulations that focuses on modest harvest "within a designated slot length" rather than "protection within a designated slot length", as is the case with the special regulation zones on Trout Creek in Iowa County and the Namekogan River in Sawyer County.

Harvest of one fish/day within a 3-inch slot should result in development of an excellent catch and release fishery for trout less than 14 inches and give anglers a rare opportunity to fish a stretch of stream holding as many large trout (over 17 inches) as it can naturally sustain, while at the same time providing an occasional "take-home" trout too for those who desire to keep one medium-sized trout to add to the enjoyment of their fishing experience. 🐟

Awards Banquet Location



For more information on the banquet see page 10.

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GREEN BAY: Green Bay T.U. completed its summer work projects on the First South Branch of the Oconto River and LaMontagne Creek. About 700 man-hours were expended on those projects. Also members participated in the annual scatter-planting of brown trout on the Wolf River on September 10th. \$5,000 was spent by the chapter to supplement the library of the new Green Bay Nature Center with furnishings and educational materials including 3 films, ("Reproductive Behavior of Brook Trout", "A Trout Stream in Winter", and "Trout Unlimited - If We Don't Who Will?"). The Green Bay Chapter also appropriated \$250 to rig up a conveyor system to haul rock for projects where wing dams and undercut bank cover are needed. Tom Mertens is staying in touch with Michigan Tech University on the clean-up progress of the Boundary Brule River.

ALDO LEOPOLD: Chapter activities center around the Trout Harvest Study on Rowan Creek near Poynette. The chapter purchased 1,000 tags plus donated \$110 toward state costs for monitoring. There were 17 trips made from Columbus by Cy Sendelbach to pickup the tags and turn them into Columbia Co. Fish Manager, Tim Larson. Each of Cy's trips was 80 plus miles and 4 hrs. duration. There a total of 207 tags recovered. Also the chapter volunteered 110 man-hours installing brush bundle deflectors in Rowan Creek and about 50 man-hours in removing log jams. The chapter reports it will not sponsor a banquet however, they are planning a fishing seminar at Beaver Dam, WI in late March or early April.

FOX VALLEY: On October 17, Brent Bergstrom was the recipient of the T.U. Scholarship Award provided by the Fox Valley Chapter for the first time this year. The award was presented at the Fox Valley Technical Institute Foundation Scholarship Recognition Banquet. Congratulations, Brent! The last work day on Davis Creek was held in November and the members have contributed a total of 250 man-hours for 1983.



Fox Valley President, Lee Snyder (left) presenting Brent Bergstrom with the Fox Valley T.U. Scholarship Award.

KIAP-TU-WISH: The chapter has been monitoring the 7 applications for HYDRO-POWER licenses on the Willow River. Recently, the chapter filed a motion to intervene on one of them. A total of 30 man-hours were expended in a scatter-planting project on the main branch of the Willow River this fall. In addition 10 man hours were used in taking temperature readings on nearby Parkers Creek. Members also assisted the DNR in electro-fishing the Willow River. The census count indicated a good population of trout with good natural reproduction in the stretch above the bridge. On the contrary, the stream below the bridge had a poor population count. This confirms the need for beneficial stream work in this section and the KIAP-TU-WISH Chapter will be planning some work projects on it in 1984. This winter a debrushing project and log removal will be taking place on the Kinnickinnic near the Parker Forks Junction.

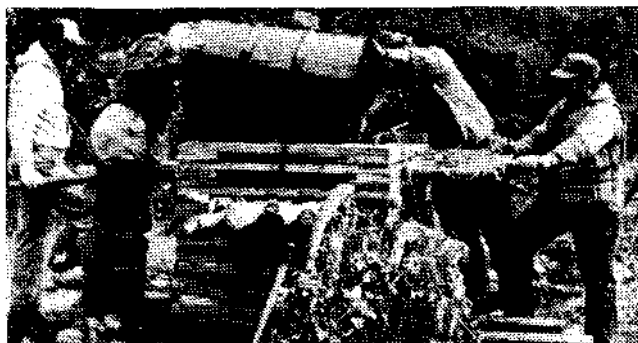
NORTHWOODS: Glen Cox and the Northwoods T.U. members assisted the DNR in the trout shocking survey of Noisy Creek and some parts of the stream showed good natural reproduction. Various members of the chapter sat down with the DNR and discussed the possibilities of an EMBRACE-A-STREAM project. It was decided to continue on their 5 year plan before applying for any funding.



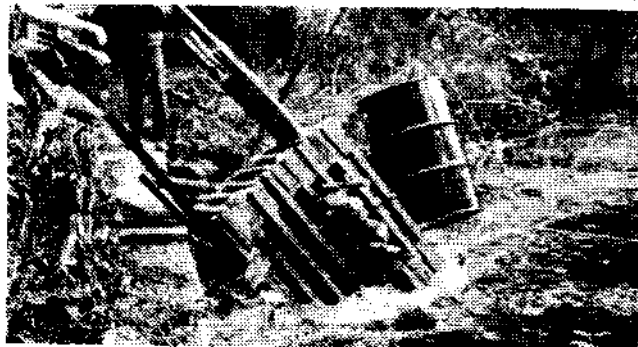
Clout For Trout

LAKESHORE: Lakeshore Chapter members report that they have been assisting the DNR with the LaBudde Creek Habitat Development Project. Over 150 man-hours have been contributed by the chapter.

SOUTHEASTERN: The Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter has held six work days in cooperation with the DNR on Paradise Spgs. near Eagle, WI. To date, 16 fish cribs have been installed to provide protective cover in hopes of developing a viable trout program in the heavily utilized Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest.



Cribs were built on pipe rollers on the existing dam. (above photo) A 55 gal. drum with a release was attached to assist with floatation.



The units were then rolled off the dam and towed into position.



The drum is then released and the crib settles to its permanent location.

T.U. Funds Studies

The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited voted at the October 22, 1983, autumn meeting to assist funding two projects of statewide significance relating to the coldwater resources of Wisconsin.

The first project involves funding \$2,500 for a one-half assistanceship at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point under the direction of Jack Heaton, UW-SP fisheries professor. The assistance-ship will provide for further study of the Little Plover River and the effects of brushing on the trout population. While brushing has proven to be a useful tool for increasing trout populations on many streams, the Little Plover River has not responded as had been anticipated. It is thought that high levels of herbicides and insecticides that leach through the porous soils surrounding the Little Plover watershed may be responsible for adversely impacting trout resources in the stream. Current study is being done on ground water contamination by UW-SP professor Byron Shaw of the Water Science Dept. The study funded by T.U. will focus on the populations of the species Gammarus (scuds) and its relationship to the trout populations.

The second project is a \$2,000 grant to DNR coldwater resource specialist Robert Hunt. Dr. Hunt will be instituting a several-year study of Timber coulee Creek in Vernon County to determine the effect of special regulations, including slot-size, and catch-and-release on the trout populations of Timber Coulee. The first study will entail a creel census on the creek. Results of the data obtained from this study may provide the springboard for establishment of future special regulations on other trout streams in Wisconsin.

The \$4,500 total will come from donations from individual Trout Unlimited chapters in Wisconsin.

CHICKEN LITTLE WAS RIGHT



STOP ACID RAIN

ACID RAIN bumper stickers from T.U.

Order from: Frank Smith, 7405 Cedar Ave.,
Takoma Park, MD 20912. 15 inch - 9 cents ea.
9 inch - 6 cents ea. \$1 / 50 to cover postage.

FIRST STATE COUNCIL BANQUET

This is the final reminder that the FIRST ANNUAL WISCONSIN TROUT UNLIMITED AWARDS and FUND-RAISING BANQUET is set for Saturday, January 21, 1984, at the Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Appleton, WI. The banquet will cap off a day of State Council meetings and a display of trout fishing arts and crafts. Here's a run-down on the agenda:

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

- 9:30 AM - Call to order
- 10:00 AM - Dr. Tom Sheffy, acid rain specialist with the DNR, will give a presentation on acid rain, its effects on watersheds and other resources, where acid rain comes from, and efforts being made to curtail the problem.
- 11:15 AM - Continue business meeting until through (3:30 - 4:00 PM).

ARTS & CRAFTS DISPLAY

In adjacent room to the State Council meeting. Displays of fly-tying by Forrest Grulke, net-making by Clint Byrnes, rod-building by Bob Burnham, stream entomology by Mark Brousseau, art work by Sharon Anderson and other artists, taxidermy by Keith Kania (world record musky on 10 lb. test line and State record chinook salmon) and by Mike Lyga and by Rinehart & Sons, plus spinner making, movies, video tapes, etc.

Display will begin at 10:30 AM and will run to 4:00 PM.

Banquet tickets can be ordered using the form below.

We hope to see alot of you TU'ers at this banquet. There will a good number of door prizes, some fine auction items, and several quality raffle prizes including graphite rods by SAGE and LAMIGLAS, waders, honeymoon weekend for two at the Pioneer Inn, plus much more. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Wisconsin Council to fund its projects and duties in 1984. Seating will be limited to 350 people, so hurry and order your tickets now. Dinner will include a 9 oz. sirloin steak dinner.

Directions for getting to the Paper Valley Hotel are shown on the advertising page. For those wishing to stay overnite, rooms and rates are listed below:

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54115

Short Notes

T.U. OPPOSES WEPGO PERMIT

The Wisconsin T.U. Council has sent a letter to the St. Paul office of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding a permit request under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act by Wisconsin Electric Power Company to build an artificial reef off Milwaukee in Lake Michigan with fly ash blocks. Wisconsin T.U. objected to the permit "until all evidence regarding the environmental consequences have been answered". Green Bay T.U. has also sent a letter in opposition.

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CORPS SEEKS PROJECTS

The newly-established Wisconsin Conservation Corps (WCC), which was formed by the Legislature to provide employment opportunities for unemployed persons between ages 18-25, is actively seeking co-operative work projects with help from groups like Trout Unlimited. Executive Secretary Bill Brakken states that he hopes to have WCC projects in areas besides forestry. Already, the Northwoods Chapter of Trout Unlimited has set up a small stream improvement project in conjunction with the WCC and the Oneida County Board. Stream improvement projects sponsored by T.U. chapters through the WCC can not only help the coldwater resource, but also provide needed jobs to the unemployed AND provide T.U. with good publicity. Brakken suggests that any chapter considering co-sponsoring a WCC project to first contact their county board, land conservation committee, or county extension agent to work out details before contacting the WCC. For further information on the WCC on possible projects, contact Bill Brakken at:

Att'n: Bill Brakken
Wisconsin Conservation Corps
P.O. Box 8918
Madison, WI. 53708

Bill's phone number is: 608-266-7730.

NEW TROUT STAMP FEE BEGINS JANUARY 1, 1984

Anglers are reminded that their Inland Trout Stamp fees will increase from \$2.25 to \$3.25 for the 1984 trout fishing season. Fishing license fees will also increase.

RENEWAL REMINDER FOR T.U. MEMBERS

Since most T.U. members renew their dues sometime between now and May, we are alerting our members to the new three-year membership plan offered by T.U. National. The price is \$40 for three years, which is a five-dollar savings over that time span. The new plan not only offers a modest savings, but it eliminates the yearly hassle of membership renewal. So, for those of you renewing your T.U. dues, be aware of the plan. National still offers the standard \$15.00/year membership, too.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROGRAM COMPLAINTS!

As is customary at this time of year, our executive officers and chapter presidents have been contacted by some of their members regarding the T.U. Christmas Card program. The usual complaint is, "Why did T.U. send me these cards? I don't want them!" The answer is this: in September, all T.U.'ers should have received a letter from T.U. National regarding this program. The letter contained a card and an envelope addressed to Trout Unlimited in Washington, D. C. The letter stated that if you DID NOT WANT THE CARDS, you should send the letter to T.U. (postage paid) and T.U. would not send the cards. IF YOU DIDN'T SEND T.U. NATIONAL THE CARD, then you received your Christmas cards. Simple as that. If by some chance you did NOT receive the initial letter sent in September, then you've got a complaint. Otherwise, if you got the letter but didn't act on it, T.U. assumed you wanted the cards. If you have any further complaints about the program, direct them to: John Fritts, c/o TROUT UNLIMITED, 501 Church St., N. E., Suite 103, Vienna, VA. 22180.

The Christmas card program annually brings in over \$35,000 to Trout Unlimited.

HEATON HONORED BY CENTRAL WISCONSIN T.U.

UW-Stevens Point fishery and water science professor Jack Heaton received the Brookie Award from Central Wisconsin T.U. for his efforts on brook trout management and research. It was the first time the award has been given to an educator.



WISCONSIN Trout Unlimited

SPRING 1984

QUARTERLY REPORT

Chapter Activities

SOUTHERN: In January the chapter held a rod building along with flytying classes in January, February and March.

During 1983, the Southern Chapter worked to install 80 rods of cattle fencing along Black Earth Creek. The total cost of the work came to \$4,335.00 which was shared by funds from the chapter, ASCS and the landowner. Over 379 man hours were put into the project. On Deer Creek, a feeder stream of Mt. Vernon Creek, the chapter fenced 220 rods and installed 2 cattle crossings. The same sources of funding were utilized on Deer Cr. as those on Black Earth. About 400 man hours were logged.

KIAP-TU-WISH: At a recent chapter business meeting, held at Hudson, a number of significant items were addressed. Three amendments to the chapter by-laws removed Wisconsin residency as a voting prerequisite and clearly defined the membership categories, increased the boards quorum from three to four and ensured that a minimum of four members would be Wisconsin residents. All three amendments passed. In addition, Pat Casanova, Ted Mackmiller and Tom Sundquist were elected to terms as board members.

NORTHWOODS: Chapter members are pleased that Wally Cooper and Duke Andrews were honored with special awards at the State Banquet. Congratulations to two very deserving and hard working members of the Northwoods Chapter.

Work Project Committee members are hard at work making plans to best utilize the help of W.C.C. workers on area streams. Northwoods is co-sponsoring W.C.C. with Oneida County and the State. The sponsorship will involve 10 weeks of labor by six W.C.C. members this summer. T.U. will provide materials, equipment and will involve many manhours by the chapter members. With planning by the Committee a great deal of work will be accomplished.

SOUTHEASTERN: On February 25th the chapter held it's 5th annual banquet. The dinner was a success with about \$5,000 being raised to help with chapter projects. One past project, was a donation to the DNR to assist with the purchase of a portable dredge to be used by the DNR on spring ponds. Fish Manager, Randy Schumacher recently informed the chapter that the dredge has just undergone needed repairs and is scheduled to go into operation at the end of April. Randy also informed Southeastern that the work to reroute Paradise Springs Creek from an old agricultural ditch to the once meandering natural channel had been initiated during the winter. Funds for this restoration work are available through a T.U. gift account to the DNR.

On March 11th, over 22 members donated an afternoon to assist with the fund raising efforts of the local public television station. The members worked the phone banks and recorded pledges. A enjoyable and educational time was had by all.

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The Chairman Speaks -

The English poet and novelist John Donne once stated that "no man is an island." Of course, he was referring to the fact that we all share the same planet and we all depend upon each other in some way or another. I think that it is important for T.U. chapters and members to remember that statement.

I say this because of an unfortunate situation I encountered with one of our newer T.U. chapters last December. I drove up to their area at their request to give them a hand in planning their first banquet. They were enthusiastic, and I really enjoyed the time spent. However, during the course of the evening, they told me that one reason they were really interested in making some money from the banquet was because they then would be able to fund a stream fencing project in the summer of 1984. The previous summer, they had a chance to fence off a portion of a fine brook trout stream that was degraded due to over-grazing, but they needed \$1400 to provide their share of the cost-sharing program, and they didn't have it.

That bothered me. No...not the fact that they didn't have the money. But the fact that they had within a sixty mile radius of them at least four other T.U. chapters that could have provided funds to get that stream fenced off in 1983, rather than in 1984. I asked them why they didn't give my chapter or one of the other chapters a call for financial help. They responded that they did not think that was proper. GEEZ!

People, fellow T.U.'ers, let's get one thing clear right now. **NO CHAPTER IS AN ISLAND!!** When we form our chapter and determine our territorial boundaries for area of jurisdiction, it does not mean that we "stake out our turf" like a group of inner-city gangs. It does not mean that we are to be concerned only with "our trout streams" and to hell with the others. We create these boundaries only for membership co-ordination and area of surveillance for pollution, etc. But it does not mean that we have to "go it alone" if a problem arises or some funding is needed. We are not twenty-two individual disjoint chapters that are entities onto themselves. We are **WISCONSIN TROUT UNLIMITED!!** And that means that if one of our chapters needs help, we have the right (and the **DUTY!!**) to pitch in

and help them. And, more importantly, our chapters also have the right and duty to seek help from other chapters when they need it. Why not? Trout know no chapter boundaries as far as their survival goes. They are a statewide resource. And we, as T.U. members, are a statewide organization. From Superior to Sturtevant, from Marinette to Muscodia, from Green Bay to Grantsburg, from Milwaukee to Minong, from Monroe to Mercer, and from Crandon to Cazenovia, we are **WISCONSIN TROUT UNLIMITED!** Let's not let parochialism blind us to the need for protection of our coldwater resources.

Now, I know that the chapter I spoke about will get that creek fenced off. They are a good bunch of fellas and gals that mean to take care of things. But still, if they hadn't felt compelled to "go it alone", that stream would already be recovering, and they could be on their way to fixing up another stream. I hope this message gives all the chapters some pause to consider. We need to work **TOGETHER!** Co-operation is the key. If we wait to handle things by ourselves, we're only hurting the future of trout fishing for our offspring. And, really, aren't they the ones we're really involved in T.U. for, anyway???

Mitch Bent

FIRST STATE T.U. BANQUET A BIG SUCCESS!!!

The first Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Awards & Fund-raising banquet was held on January 21, 1984, at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI. Close to 250 people attended this first-ever event, and over \$5600 was earned for Wisconsin T.U. Awards that evening went to Roger Fairbanks, Harold Starkweather, Bob Brunsell, the Ojib-leau and Southern Wisconsin Chapters, plus many others.

Wisconsin T.U. is grateful to the many businesses, chapters, individuals, and artists who helped with donations of merchandise, cash, and artwork for the event. The funds raised by Wisconsin T.U. will be used by the State Council in its many capacities for preserving and protecting Wisconsin's coldwater resources. Special thanks are extended to the management of the Paper Valley Hotel for their wonderful hospitality and co-operation.

The Little Wolf River Watershed

By Lee La Chappelle



This watershed is made up of the North and South branches of the Little Wolf River and approximately twenty-five feeder streams. The watershed totals well over 200 miles of trout water. The longest tributary, the North Branch, begins in Southeastern Marathon County and passes through the northeast corner of Portage County and then into Waupaca County. It joins the South Branch near Ogdensburg and flows on to its confluence with the Wolf River near New London. The North Branch contains trout from its beginning at Moen Lake to the Village of Big Falls. The upper 16 miles of the South Branch are listed as class two brook trout water.

Over the years plantings of brook, brown, and rainbow trout have been made in many sections of the watershed. Presently, native brook trout is the major species with some brown trout in the lower sections. Just recently the DNR announced an experimental transfer of 500 rainbows from the West Branch of the White River near Wautoma, to the North Branch of the Little Wolf above Hwy. J in Waupaca County. This transfer planting is hoped to provide the nucleus of a new fishery.

This watershed provides the opportunity for many different methods of trout fishing success. Children and adults can be found

soaking worms downstream in the brush choked small feeder streams almost any day of the season. There have been reports of catches of larger fish on minnows in the spring and on spinners throughout the season. My favorite is dry fly fishing the wider lower sections where there is adequate for my backcast. Hatches include many types of mayflies, caddisflies, and terrestrials. Almost any pattern that closely resembles the natural fly on the water will work in late May and June. During the mid-season the attractor patterns like the Pass Lake, Royal Coachman, and the Wisconsin Indispensable share power with bucktails like the Black-nosed Dace and Mickey Finn. In late summer and fall the Grasshopper and White Miller are effective.

Over time, numerous disasters have occurred to parts of the watershed. These include gradual declines brought about by deforestation, lessening of stream flow, siltation, and the warming of water temperatures. About ten years ago the improper usage of a potato insecticide caused a massive fish kill in the Comet Creek and recently a tank leaked potato insecticide into upper Flume Creek resulting in another massive fish kill. Sadly, some fishermen say the Comet has never fully recovered. Currently, extensive damage from beaver dams on most of the feeder streams is a major on going problem.

There is reason for optimism as Trout Unlimited and the DNR are involved in improvement projects such as brushing, rip-rapping, and the removal of beaver and their dams. Much work is needed throughout the watershed and may never be finished. One of the difficulties being the distance from large population centers and manpower. On the other hand, the remoteness lessens the possibility of pollution and overfishing. Also, as marginal farmland converts back to forest, a natural improvement in water quality has and will occur.

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Member Profile: Lowell Gennrich

By James Lukens



(Photo by Gary Behr)

Lowell Gennrich is acknowledged to be one of the finest fly-fishermen in the state, with 52 years of experience from Yellowstone to Africa. His main area of expertise, however, is southern Wisconsin. Lowell's first trout was taken on the Pine River in Waushara County over fifty years ago, but since that time many more have fallen prey to his skills. Lowell's vast experience, his unique insights and observations, and his willingness to share them make him a veritable storehouse of information for the veteran as well as the beginning angler.

Long before there was a Southern Wisconsin TU, Lowell Gennrich was involved in trout water conservation through related

and affiliated groups. He has been recognized by the Dane County Conservation League for his work on their Sugar River Project. He is also a member of the Woods and Streams Club, and, for 29 years, a member of the "Lower Forty Liars and Flytiers".

Since the founding of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter in 1969, Lowell's contributions to TROUT UNLIMITED have been truly awesome. He has served two terms as Chapter President, as well as several years on the Board of Directors. He was instrumental in the formation of the Waterwatchers Committee and has served as its chairman almost since its inception. Lowell has taught flytying classes for over twelve years, both for the City of Madison Recreation Department and for TU. He even designed the present TU flytying course and served as the instructor's instructor: he taught the teachers.

For the past three years, Lowell has headed up the Chapter's rod building classes. He has also served on the Projects Committee and, over the years, worked on virtually all chapter projects, sport-show booths, exhibits, and outings.

Members of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter are accustomed to seeing Lowell, camera in hand, at various chapter projects and meetings. As unofficial chapter photographer, he has taken hundreds of pictures, processed the film, enlarged the photos, and mounted them for chapter use and display--all at his own expense. A few of Lowell's photos have appeared in national fishing publications. In 1979, the Southern Wisconsin chapter presented Lowell with its Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his selfless contribution in the area of photography.

In 1981, recognizing Lowell's contribution in other areas as well, the Southern Chapter presented him with the Award of Merit (a hand-made mantle clock) -- the highest award it can confer upon a member.

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The members put in over 300 manhours working the 13th year that they were represented at the Milwaukee Sentinel Sports, Travel and Boat Show. Over 150 people signed up to receive copies of the chapter newsletter. New members were gained, and alot of T.U. information was distributed.

HARRY NOHR: during November 1983 the chapter worked on habitat improvements on the Blue River in Grant County. Included in the work was the providing of cover structures as well as bank stabilization at a cost of about \$1,000. In February 1984 the chapter donated \$600 to Grant County for a habitat improvement project on Millner Cr.

On March 31, 1984 the chapter held it's annual banquet at the Boulder Lounge in Arthur. The feature speaker was James Addis, Director, Bureau of Fish Management - DNR. A primary fund raiser of the evening was a nationally recognized hand crafted wood bowl made by the late Harry Nohr and donated by Mrs. Harry Nohr. Some of Harry's works are on display at the Smithsonian Museum.

CHEQUAMEGON: The chapter will be hosting it's First Annual Fund Raising Banquet on April 28, 1984. For ticket or further information, please contact:

Rick Penn
Rt. 1, Box 267
High Bridge, WI 54846
(715) 274-2942

ALDO LEOPOLD: The TU Chapter provided funding for DNR to tag 1,000 Rowan Creek brown trout during 1983. Mr. Cy Sendlebach then erected 17 tag deposit boxes along the stream and checked them bi-weekly for angler return from trout harvested during the 1983 fishing season. Results showed tag return to be 30%, growth of 10" and larger fish to average only 1" per year and movement of the stream trout to be very limited, as most trout were recaptured within 1,000 feet of the site where they were orginally tagged. Area Fish Manager Tim Larson stated, "The study documents the difficulty in providing a trout fishery of larger size fish in areas

of heavy fishing pressure. Anglers who really enjoy fishing trout should think twice before taking an uninjured fish home to the frying pan".



Cy Sendlebach of Columbus (center) is presented a Department of Natural Resources certificate of appreciation by Tim Larson, Fish Manager at Poynette (left) while Earl Little, Beaver Dam, President of the Aldo Leopold Chapter, looks on.

GREEN BAY: During the month of January the chapter met with Bill Brakken, Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Conservation Corp. In February there was a discussion concerning further funding of the Brule River cleanup with Tom Thuemler, DNR Fish Manager from Marinette. The chapter held it's 3rd annual "Hobby and Fun Day" on 2/18 at the National Guard armory in Green Bay. A large crowd of intrested persons viewed a wide variety of trout fishing skills. Twelve new members were signed up at the event. The ninth annual banquet was held on March 31st, the 700 available tickets were sold out one month in advance. All indications are that this should have been one of the most successful banquet todate. The chapter received an award from the State Council at the First State Council Awards Banquet for it's financial support of State Council and Tom Mertens received an award for his work on the Boundary Brule River.

MARINETTE: The chapter will be holding it's First Annual Banquet April 26, 1984 at the Dome in Marinette. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m., Chicken and Ribs Tickets \$15.00.

Contact:

Ed Anderson
Rt. 1 Box 64-T
Marinette, WI 54143
Phone: (715) 735-9675

CENTRAL WISCONSIN: The chapter held their first work day of the new year on Feb. 25th on the West Branch of the White River in Waushara County. Six more work days have been scheduled through September for the chapter's projects on Emmons Creek and the Pine River.

Central will hold it's annual fly fishing school June 1-2-3 at Camp Hiwela, near Wild Rose in Waushara County. Expert instruction in all phases of fly fishing for trout, and the food alone is worth the cost. For registration information, contact Mike Stapleton, Rt. 1, Box 204A, Montello, WI 53949 or call... (414) 297-7111.

CENTRAL WIS. SCHOLARSHIP

Herb Heintz, a student at UW-Oshkosh, is the current recipient of the Bill Beck Memorial Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Central Wisconsin Chapter. Herb is conducting research on 3 streams in the drainage basin of the North Branch of the Pembonwon River in Marinette County in an attempt to assess the effect beaver have on the aquatic insects of trout streams. The streams under study have had extensive beaver activity and are brook trout streams. He is also studying the change in insect populations once a beaver dam has been removed.

Since aquatic insects are the most important food of trout, Herb's study will indirectly show what effect beaver have on trout.

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 23rd, starting at 7:30 p.m. For the location in your county contact your local DNR office.

Of the proposed fishing rule changes for the 1985 regulations there are four proposals directly relative to trout or salmon. One will be voted upon as a statewide proposal, while the remaining three are local proposals.

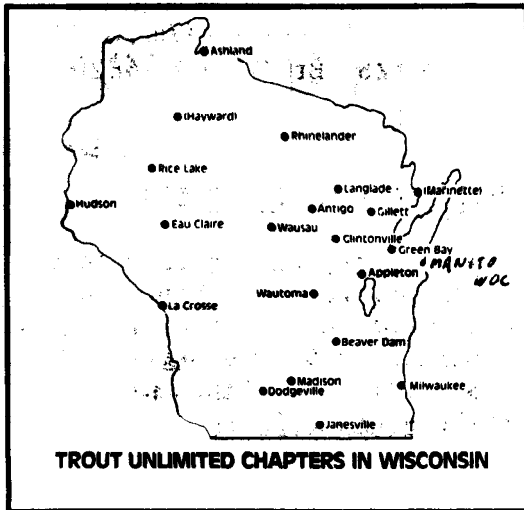
The statewide proposal deals with a reduction of the snagging season for trout and salmon in the designated waters open to snagging in Lake Michigan and its tributary streams from October 1 through November 15. The current season is from October 1 through January 31.

The remaining questions of local importance are:

- 1) To retain the 5 in aggregate daily bag limit for trout on the Main Creek South Fork, Rusk County, throughout the entire open trout season as an experimental approach to management.
- 2) To establish a 14 to 17-inch slot size regulation on Timber Coulee Creek, Vernon County, from Olstadt Rd. downstream for approximately one mile. A daily bag limit of one trout is proposed. Fishing would be restricted to the use of artificial lures and flies in an experimental effort to provide trophy trout fishing.
- 3) To establish a catch and release, artificial lures and flies only trout regulations begin-

ning January 1 each year through September 30 on 800 feet of Paradise Springs Creek, Waukesha County, starting at County HWY N bridge in Eagle and extending upstream to the creek's origin, including the head-water pond. This is an experimental effort to provide greater fishing opportunities.

All T.U. members are encouraged to attend these hearing in order to support regulations that will properly manage the State's fishery resources.



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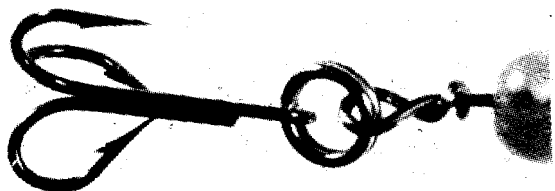
But a formal tally of Lowell's accomplishments and contributions to TROUT UNLIMITED does not begin to indicate his real value to the members of TU. Those of us who are fortunate enough to know him, work with him, and fish with him know too that one of his most valuable assets is a willingness to share the things he has learned. Those of you who have not yet gotten to know Lowell Gennrich should do so. You will find him to be a fine gentleman and an expert angler generous with his advice.

Editor's note: James Lukens is a member of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter. He recently wrote an article, Trout Unlimited in Wisconsin that was published in the March/April 1983 WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES magazine.

June 11-17 TU Week

Governor Earl will be signing a proclamation designating the week of June 11 - 17 as Trout Unlimited Week in Wisconsin. The proclamation will coincide with the same designation in the State of Michigan, the birthplace of T.U. twenty-five years ago.

Spinner Modification for Better Releases



by Dick Heberlein

To make releasing fish easier and prevent excessive damage, especially to small trout caught on spinners with treble hooks, here is a simple modification. Take a needle-nose pliers and bend two of the hook points in until they meet with the shaft of the treble. This will leave one exposed point but will not impair the action of a spinner designed for a treble hook. You will also hook less snags

and debris. I recommend bending the hook that is soldered first, as it is the weakest hook and most likely to break.

Creel Census

The Wisconsin DNR is seeking anglers willing to cooperate in a voluntary creel census on the Brule River. Cooperating anglers will be issued a fishing diary to record information on their fishing trips. i.e. date, length of fishing trip, species caught, etc. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact Stephen Schram, Fish Manager, WI, DNR, Box 125, Brule, WI 54820, 715/372-4866.

MANURE HANDLING REGS ESTABLISHED

Despite much opposition from farm groups, the DNR will now be establishing a program to contain runoff and erosion from large feedlot operations in the state. The purpose of the rule is to improve water quality in those areas affected by runoff from such operations. The rule also permits, on a case-by-case basis, the DNR to address runoff problems on smaller farm operations. The Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules established the order after over-turning an Assembly Agriculture Committee position that would have weakened the regulation



Fishing access can be gained throughout the watershed from numerous town road and highway bridges, and from DNR property and fishing easements. A friendly patient inquiry of a landowner will usually result in permission to fish. After the first two weekends the crowds of fishermen will be gone and you may even have the stream to yourself. Take the time to lie on the bank, study the stream, savor the scenic country, and breath pure air. Enjoy!

Editor's note: Lee La Chappelle resides in Bear Creek, WI and is an active member of the Shawpaca Chapter.



SULFUR DIOXIDE CAP GAINS

The State Senate recently approved a bill putting a cap on the amount of sulfur dioxide emissions that utilities in Wisconsin can emit annually. The bill (Sb 398) is a compromise version of the original bill that would've created a cap for utilities ANS the paper industry. The bill now advances to the Assembly.

GROUNDWATER BILL MAKES HEADWAY

A bill to protect Wisconsin's groundwater from further contamination will be nearing a vote soon in the Assembly. The bill is a result of long discussions and compromises. If passed in the present form, it would give Wisconsin the toughest groundwater protection bill in the nation.

T.U. FORMS CHLORINE TASK FORCE

At the winter state council meeting in Appleton, Wisconsin T.U. formed a task force to investigate what damage, if any, that chlorine-treated effluent from wastewater treatment plants is having on Wisconsin's trout waters. Chairman of the task force is Glen Cox of Rhinelander. Other members are Lee Snyder of Neenah, Peter Grosskopf of Eau Claire, and Cy Sendelbach of Columbus. Their task is to investigate DNR reports on these treatment facilities and report back to the State Council. Anyone having information on chlorine effects on trout waters should write to Glen Cox at: 1420 Coon St., Rhinelander, WI. 54501

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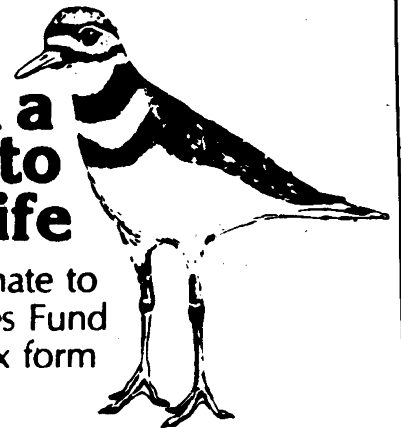
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Short Notes

WISCONSIN T.U. RECEIVES "PRESIDENT'S AWARD"

The Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce that it has been informed by Ben Dysart, President of the National Wildlife Federation, that the Wisconsin Council will be one of sixteen recipients in 1984 of the N.W.F. "President's Award". These awards are given out annually to the top 16 state affiliate award winners in the previous year (as you may remember, Wisconsin T.U. was named "Conservation Organization of the Year" by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation in 1983). The award was given to Wisconsin T.U. for its impressive achievement in coldwater resource conservation over the past twelve years. The award will be presented to the State Council on Saturday, April 28th, at the 36th Annual Wisconsin Wildlife Federation meeting at the Pioneer Inn in Oshkosh, WI.

BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM WORKING TO DATE

The DNR program for trapper subsidy on beaver trapping has been successful to date, according to Marinette DNR fisheries manager Tom Thuemler. About 250 of the large beaver were brought into his area's office for the \$20 subsidy; given an estimated ratio of 1 large beaver harvested for every four beaver taken, it is thought that nearly 1,000 beaver were taken totally during that early season. That is almost the entire average take of beaver during the regular season in the area.

After the regular trapping season ends, there will be a special late beaver-trapping season for contract trappers from April through September. A \$10 subsidy will be given for ANY trapped under contract during that period. Thuemler reports that a good many trappers have expressed interest in the late season.

DNR PROPOSES TO BUY NELSONVILLE DAM

A hearing was held on January 30th at the Nelsonville Town Hall to discuss a proposal by the DNR to purchase the dam on the Tomorrow River at Nelsonville in Portage County. Lee LaChappelle of Bear Creek attended the meeting on behalf of Wisconsin T.U. and reported a favorable reaction by both local persons and interested parties

from outside the area toward DNR purchase of the dam. If DNR goes ahead with the acquisition, it is anticipated that they will remove the dam, thus eliminating the flowage above the dam (and allowing the old river bed to re-form). The Tomorrow River will benefit both by having the upstream area return to its original state as a coldwater fishery area PLUS by having the downstream portion receive COLD water discharge rather than the warmwater overflow it has been receiving for so long.

TROUBLE ON MECAN RIVER MASTER PLAN

Some angry opposition has been created against the DNR proposed Master Plan for stream-side land acquisition along the Mecan River in Waushara and Marquette Counties. Several town chairmen are objecting stridently to the land acquisition, claiming it will further erode an allegedly weakened tax base. The public hearing on January 31 in Wautoma drew alot of vocal opposition, though there were many favorable written comments on the plan. DNR is trying to meet with the disgruntled opposition to attempt to reach an understanding about the plan. The DNR Board could act as soon as late April on the proposal.

RELEASE TROUT WITH CARE!!

The concept of "catch-and-release" is catching on more and more voluntarily by trout anglers. BUT...care must be taken in releasing a fish so that it lives, according to the March/April edition of ROD & REEL magazine. Anglers who wish to practice catch-and-release should follow some basic rules:

- 1) don't overplay your fish; bring it to net as quickly as you can
- 2) don't stress the fish when removing the hook or lure; if the hook is embedded to badly, snip it off. The fish's gastric juices will dissolve the hook
- 3) in warm weather, fish need longer to recover from the fight. Hold the fish facing upstream until it swims away on its own.
- 4) keep the fish wet when removing the hook to keep its slime coating on.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At left is the breakdown of membership in Wisconsin Trout Unlimited per chapter as of Jan. 31, 1984. The far right-hand column shows the numbers needed to be obtained by each chapter to achieve a 20% growth rate in membership for 1984.

Wisconsin T.U. grew by 23% in 1983. We hope to achieve that gain again this year. We urge all chapters and each individual member to make a concerted effort to recruit more new members for T.U., plus work to retain existing members. National T.U. has sent out membership recruitment booklets to all active T.U. members. Prizes will be awarded for various levels of new member recruitment. All of you who use these booklets to sign up T.U.'ers should keep a proper record of the names of the persons you signed up (for the contest, recruitment of student and senior members does not count for the final total), so that you will know how many members you've recruited and what prizes you are entitled to.

In spring, the State Council hopes to send out a direct mail solicitation for membership as we've done the two previous years. If by any chance you receive one of these recruitment letters, do not be alarmed. Your name probably wasn't purged from the roster before the mailing was sent out. If you get one, use it to sign up a friend in Trout Unlimited. It means that much more CLOUT FOR TROUT!

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WOLF RIVER	23	28
SOUTHERN WI.	230	276
SOUTHEASTERN WI.	234	281
GREEN BAY	238	286
CENTRAL WISC.	161	193
FONTINALIS	28	34
KIAP-TU-WISH	110	132
FOX VALLEY	143	172
OJIBEAU	76	92
NORTHWOODS	63	76
HARRY NOHR	44	53
COULEE REGION	34	41
ANTIGO	63	76
ALDO LEOPOLD	100	120
SHAW-PACA	67	80
CHEQUAMEGON	27	33
OCONTO RIVER	61	73
BLACKHAWK	59	71
WILD RIVER	25	30
MARINETTE CO.	40	48
LAKESHORE	48	58
WISC. RIVER VALLEY	95	114
TOTALS	1969	2367

We also hope to get a couple of new chapters going this spring in Fond du Lac and in Iron Mountain, MI. If you live in an area that doesn't yet have a local T.U. chapter and you'd like to help get one underway, contact Mitch Bent (414-336-4983), Tom Flesch (608-635-2552), Dick Wachowski (715-835-4093), or Tom Mertens (414-498-0798) for information.

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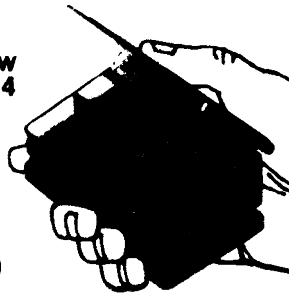
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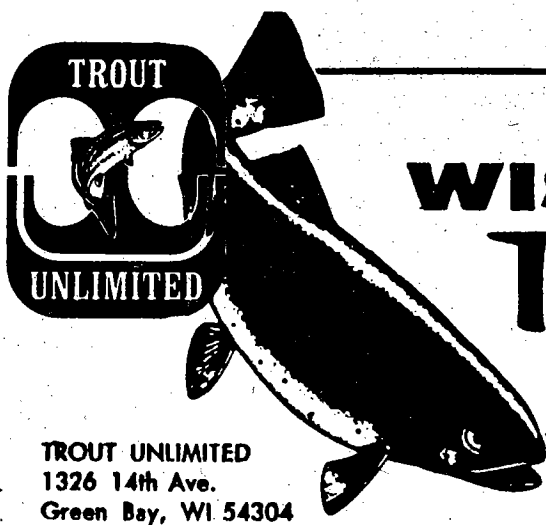
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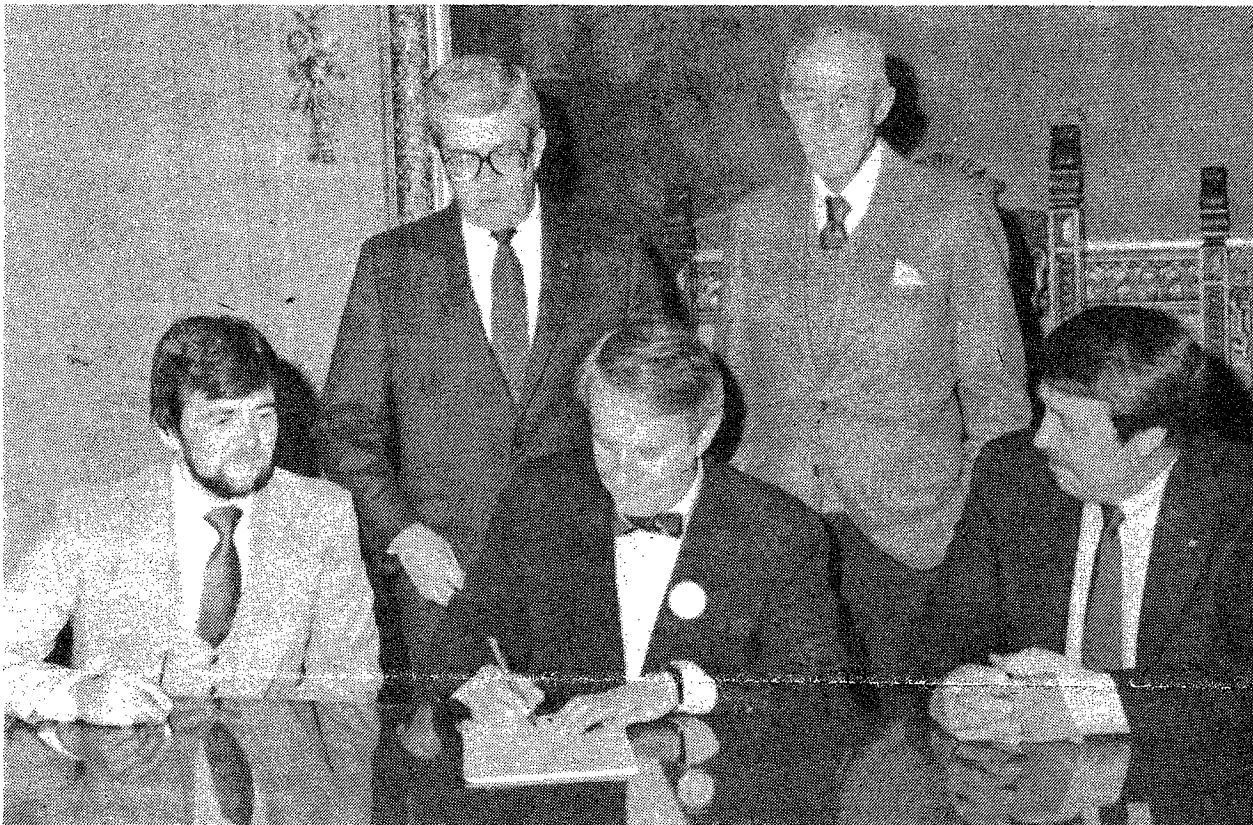


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Gov. Anthony Earl signed a proclamation for "Trout Unlimited Week," June 11 through June

17. The designation was in honor of the 25th anniversary.

Koshoshek 'Conservationist of Year'

At the annual Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Awards Banquet on April 28 at the Pioneer Inn in Oshkosh, Ron Koshoshek, member of the Ojibseau Chapter of Trout Unlimited and a former TU National Director, received the "Conservationist of the Year" Award from the Federation.

Ron received the award from WWF president Robert Lachmund. Koshoshek was given his award for his many years of dedicated service to conservation, particularly that of coldwater resource conservation. He was instrumental in working with the city of Eau Claire in

reaching a precedent-setting agreement regarding discharge of effluent into Lowes Creek, a class II trout stream near Eau Claire. Ron has also worked diligently as a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Public Intervenor's Office, where he has been involved with water resource issues. Ron also maintains a farm outside the city of Eau Claire.

TU congratulates Ron Koshoshek for his well-deserved award. It is another example of the class and dedication of Trout Unlimited members we have in Wisconsin.

Little Plover, Timber Coulee

TU gives \$4500 for research

The Wisconsin Council of Trout Unlimited has made two grants totalling \$4500 for two projects on trout waters in Wisconsin.

Nancy Bergstrom-Sieg, a graduate student in fisheries at UW-Stevens Point, received a grant from the UW-Stevens Point Foundation through Trout Unlimited to study the Little Plover River in Portage County with regard to the effects of brushing on trout populations. In particular, she will be studying the density of Gammarus (fresh-water shrimp) levels and correlating them with trout populations.

Bob Worth, president of the Worth Company in Stevens Point and a National Director to T.U. from Wisconsin, was

on hand at the annual College of Natural Resources Banquet to present the grant to Nancy and UW-SP on behalf of Trout Unlimited.

Trout Unlimited also made a grant of \$2,000 to the Department of Natural Resources and the Coldwater Fishery Research unit to begin the first part of a study on Timber Coulee Creek in Vernon County. The first year's work will involve a creel census to determine angler harvest rates. In future years, the DNR will apply various special regulations to the stream to determine their effects on angler harvest, angler catch rate, trout mortality, and trout populations. Data collected from this study may be applied then to other trout waters in the state where special regulations are being considered.

State Council meeting July 14

The Wisconsin Trout Unlimited State Council will meet on Saturday, July 14, at the Eau Claire County Youth Camp, which is located on County Highway "K" about four miles north of Fall Creek (roughly nine miles east of Eau Claire).

The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. and run until about 3 p.m. The morning program will feature a presentation by Ron Koshoshek, member of the Ojibseau T.U. Chapter and a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Public Intervenor's Office. Ron will explain the function of that office and how it relates to the work that T.U. does.

Ojibseau T.U. has made arrangements for persons planning to stay overnight for either the 13th, 14th, or both. Reservations have been made with the Eau Claire County Youth Camp for lodging up to 30 persons. Showers, bathroom facilities, and a kitchen will be available. Bunks will be provided, but guests should bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. Cost is a mere \$3.50/night. To make reservations, contact NO LATER than three days in advance: Don Golembiewski at (715) 835-2283.

The chapter will also take interested parties on a tour of Elk Creek, which has received extensive rehabilitation work by Ojibseau T.U. Fishing guides and fishing information will be provided for Friday evening by chapter members. Please make sure that YOUR chapter is represented.

Buettner, Williams honored at National

As this issue went to press, we are pleased to report that two members of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, Caspar "Cap" Buettner and J. Nash Williams, have been honored as recipients of Trout Unlimited 1984 Distinguished Service Awards at the National Meeting held June 14-17 in Traverse City, MI.

Buettner, from White Lake, was honored for his many years of work preserving the Wolf River from logging operations, dewatering from irrigation schemes, and ill-advised dams. Buettner also was one of the original members of Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, helping to form the Wolf River Chapter in 1959.

Williams, of Madison, received his award for his work in developing Trout Unlimited in Wisconsin and his efforts in preserving the outdoor recreational resources of the state.



Right, Nancy Bergstrom-Sieg, a graduate student in fisheries at UW-Stevens Point, received a research grant from Trout Unlimited.

From the Chairman...

Twenty-five years old...Silver Anniversary...that's the big news for Trout Unlimited this year. Twenty-five years of dedication to the protection and restoration of trout and trout habitat...twenty-five years of solid accomplishment and hard work. In this twenty-fifth year of existence, it's good to sit back for a moment and remember how it all got started.

Of course, most folks know that TU got its origins in Michigan. From there, it spread rapidly to other states, and Wisconsin was one of the earliest states to embrace TU. In 1959, Cap Buettner and others began the Wolf River Chapter, with the purpose of protecting the Wolf from dam builders. The TU notion caught on in other parts of the state soon after. Southern Wisconsin, Southeastern Wisconsin, Green Bay, Central Wisconsin, Fontinalis, Kiap-TU-wish, and Fox Valley were the early forerunners of our present statewide organization. In the mid-seventies, the likes of Ojiblaeu, Northwoods, Harry Nohr, Coulee Region and Antigo appeared. Then for several years we held steady with these 13 chapters.

By 1982, however, things started happening fast. We began to generate interest in T.U. in areas where we really needed chapters. First, it was Aldo Leopold. Then, in quick succession, arrived Shaw-paca, Chequamegon, Oconto River Watershed, Blackhawk, and Wisconsin River Valley. In 1983, we welcomed Wild River, Marinette County, and Lakeshore into the fold. In 1984, we are again consolidating those gains from the last two years, while we make plans for further expansion into needed areas like Fond du Lac, Stevens Point, Park Falls, Racine-Kenosha, Superior, Black River Falls, Grant County, Ladysmith, and Sheboygan.

The work and accomplishments of our chapters and State Council speak well for the organization. We've fought dams on the Wolf, Prairie, and Willow rivers, plus smaller creeks like Handsaw and the Blue River. We've improved trout habitat from one end of the state to the other, on streams like Harker Creek in Iowa County, the Kinnickinnic in St. Croix, the Pine River in Waushara, Paradise Springs in Waukesha, the East Branch of the Eau Claire n Langlade, the South Branch of the Oconto in Oconto, Elk Creek in Eau Claire, Noisy Creek in Oneida, Allen Creek in Rock, LaBudde Creek in Sheboygan, Black Earth Creek in Dane, the Davis Creek in Waushara, and...well, this could go on almost forever.

More than that, though, TU has shown the will to get involved in the often distasteful political process. It was TU that pushed for the Inland Trout Stamp to provide needed funds for stream habitat improvement. We've pushed for support on numerous DNR Fishery Master Plans. We fought successfully for a program to control beaver populations on our trout waters. We opposed efforts to politicize the DNR and succeeded in keeping it a non-partisan agency. And, we've helped lay the groundwork for installing special regulations on certain streams to protect the fishery from over-harvest and to increase brood stock.

For these efforts, TU has not gone unnoticed. In 1982, we received the first annual John Brogan Environmental Award from the Natural Resources Board for our extensive efforts in conservation. In 1983, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the state's oldest and largest conservation consortium, recognized Wisconsin TU as the "Conservation Organization of the Year." This year, 1984, we received the President's Award from the National Wildlife Federation as one of the sixteen top conservation organizations in the entire country.

How have all these awards and this recognition come about? Leadership. Over the years, Wisconsin has had the likes of Cap Buettner, Tom Poullite, Greg Isaksen, Tom Sopkovich, Ron Ahner, and Tom Flesch to guide the State Council. We've also had the likes of Roger Fairbanks, Clint Byrnes, Bill Baebler, Lowell Genrich, Tom Mertens, Jim Kalkofen, Nash Williams, Ron Koshoshek, Bob Burnham, Wally Cooper, Bob Retko, and scores of others who have toiled in various capacities, both at the local and state levels.

And, above all, we've had the likes of YOU! Yes, you, the average TU'er, who pays his/her dues. Who attends meetings. Who works on the stream projects. Who gets involved!! That's what's made the difference all these years. And that's why Wisconsin TU has claimed the respect it has received.

What lies ahead for us, now that we've reached 25?? Certainly, the problems facing our coldwater resources



Shown receiving the President's Award with Mitch Bent are, left to right: Dale Gonnering (Aldo Leopold), Bob Retko (S.E. Wisconsin), Pat Kordus (Antigo), Bent, Bruce Deuchert (Green Bay), Earl Little (Aldo Leopold), Tom Nelson (Green Bay), Bob Heding (Central Wisconsin), and Ron Koshoshek (Ojiblaeu).

aren't diminishing. You know it, and I know it. Acid rain is a vexing political problem that just isn't going to go away. Lawmakers are going to have to come to grips with it eventually, whether they like it or not. Native American hunting and fishing rights present one of the thorniest issues to date. Stream improvement and spring pond rehabilitation...public access to fisheries...conservation education...fund-raising...these are the continuing and ever-present matters we must deal with. But, we will deal with them. Because we are TROUT UNLIMITED!

But, one of the biggest challenges ahead will be the development of both leadership and followship. In every

Chapter reports...

Coulee Region

Coulee Region has held a series of seminars this year that have helped to build up the chapter to a point where paid membership is double that of two years ago.

President Bob Obama has held a series of informal fly-tying sessions on various types of mayflies and terrestrial insects.

Also, Coulee Region has directed streambank work done by Boy Scout groups. Some Eagle Scouts are now working on Mormon Coulee Creek. The chapter will work with a district camporee on Sept. 23-24 at Fort McCoy and hopes to present slides to the State Council at the October meeting.

Fox Valley

The evening of March 31 proved to be another fun filled and enjoyable evening as the Fox Valley Chapter held its annual banquet. Along with the good food and auction, the record crowd of 577 enjoyed a number of displays of taxidermy and art. A special thank you to talented artist Sharon Anderson for attending and helping to make for a very successful banquet. Nearly \$6,000 was raised for Trout Unlimited's goals.

The Fox Valley Chapter has started working on a model stream project. The purpose of this is to show the before and after effects of different stream improvements. Although work is a little behind schedule, this should prove to be a very good means of informing the public about stream improvement techniques when completed.

Saturday, May 12 was the date of the chapter's fishing outing with some very special handicapped youngsters and adults. Many rainbow trout were caught and at times the assisting members could hardly keep the hooks baited. This was the sixth year that the Fox Valley Chapter has had the opportunity to do this. Many are already looking forward to next years outing.

The chapter has also entered the second phase of its Davis Creek project. Over the winter, rock was hauled back to the work areas and is now waiting to be placed. Work dates for the summer are as follows: June 30, July 28, and Aug. 25. The chapter will also be providing food

chapter, in every state council, it is necessary to bring new blood into the leadership positions, to extract new ideas and new enthusiasm for the program. Without it, the organization goes stale. Being a leader isn't the most enjoyable thing. It certainly isn't for those who are on an ego trip, because they fall flat quickly. It will be important, vitally important, for each chapter of TU to bring along new persons to head committees, take charge of official positions, and handle the affairs of TU.

But, just as important, it is necessary for TU members to instill in themselves a sense of followship. Nothing makes a leader's job more aggravating than the lack of co-operation from those he is to lead. The goals of the individual must become secondary to the goals of the organization. Personality differences must be set aside. They aren't important. The only thing that's important is the protection, restoration, and enhancement of our coldwater resources. Not everyone can be a leader. It takes time, effort, and some extra effort that not everyone has or can afford to give. But...everyone can be a good follower, to share in the work, to pitch in where needed, to not only give constructive criticism where needed but to work to achieve those ends that need fixing.

So, in this our twenty-fifth year of existence, it is fitting that we remind ourselves of the goals and purposes of Trout Unlimited. To savor the past, indeed! But, also to remember that our goal is never really finished...that somewhere there is a stream that needs work...a young man or woman needs to be taught the fundamentals of conservation and outdoor ethics...a legal battle needs to be waged to save a river. Keeping that in mind, we cannot but continue our success. So, Happy Anniversary to everyone in TU! Have a good one! And, make it a point to get involved with YOUR chapter. Attend a meeting, participate on a work project, help out when needed. It's all up to you to make things better. And, I know you will. Because YOU are TROUT UNLIMITED!!

and beverage at the June and August work days. We would encourage members from other chapters to help on any of these work days. For more information, contact Lee Snyder at 425 Henry St., Neenah, WI 54956, phone (414) 725-4245.

Annual elections were held at the April meeting. The new directors are as follows: president - Forrest Grulke, vice-president - Ron Evans, secretary - Robert Meier, treasurer - Dale Peterson.

Green Bay

The Green Bay Chapter held its ninth annual fund-raising banquet on March 31 at Cliff & Ceil's Hall in Green Bay. Seven hundred people turned out for a variety of door, raffle, and auction items. The chapter set a new fund-raising record with over \$16,000 netted for conservation work. Dan Ferron received the Member of the Year Award for his years serving as Stream Improvement Chairman, and John Davis, a teacher at Green Bay Southwest High School, received a Silver Trout Award on behalf of the Green Bay Southwest High Chapter of the Future Farmers of America for their much-appreciated assistance on stream improvement projects in 1983.

The chapter again awarded four scholarships to students for week-long workshops at the MacKenzie Environmental Center in Poynette. The scholarships are given in honor of Hank Bredael, one of the co-founders of the Green Bay Chapter who passed away last year.

Chapter members Jack Koivisto and Jim Vanden Branden assisted the Fox Valley Chapter at their annual Handicapped Kids Fishing Day on May 12. Tom A. Nelson and Mitch Bent worked with Lakeshore TUers that same day removing brush and logjams from Casco Creek in Kewaunee County.

Chapter members sent letters to the DNR in support of the DNR Master Plan for acquisition of easements along

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Stream profile

Noisy Creek — past, present, future

Noisy Creek begins at Shingle Mill Lake and flows, as a crow flies, for about nine miles and then enters into the Wisconsin River.

A small stream by some standards, the stream winds and turns, but if it were pulled into a straight line it would be about 50 miles long. Traveling down the length of the stream, one will encounter every type of trout fishing possible.

Approximately one-half mile below its headwaters, Noisy Creek is fed by a large set of springs. This is the beginning of the trout fishing that continues to the stream's confluence with the Wisconsin River.

Downstream from the springs, fishermen encounter grassy meadows. This stretch has many bends with numerous grass cutbanks. About one-fourth mile farther downstream another large spring flows into the mainstream. Following another quarter mile of grassy meadows, the creek takes on the character of its name. A stretch of noisy rapids flows about 2,000 feet. This is the first of 14 sets of rapids.

At this location the stream flows about one to two feet deep and is from three to five feet wide. This is the makeup of the stream. First a set of noisy rapids and then peaceful meadows.

As one travels farther downstream the stream is joined by Pine Creek. This is one of the many small feeder creeks which empties into the mainstream. There are also numerous small springs emptying into the main stream. As the stream gets larger and deeper its character stays the same — noisy rapids with beautiful pools, followed by hay meadow cutbanks. The main stream is only nine miles long but with its numerous feeder creeks there are about 22 miles of trout waters.

As I look back into the past, I remember first fishing this stream when I was about 10 years old. My father would set me on a big bend then he would go farther upstream or downstream. Before long I was tagging along behind Dad, up and down the banks. I became familiar with more and more of the stream as I got older. By the time I was 16, I had fished it in its entirety.

At the time it was a truly beautiful stream. Most of the wooded areas consisted of large pine, hemlock and magnificent Elm. The stream flowed clear and cool. Brook trout were in abundance. Through the fifties and sixties this stream produced many large and beautiful brook trout.

Quite suddenly disaster struck. Not just by one entity, but by three—man, Dutch Elm beetle and beaver.

Man's destruction was unforgiveable. On both county

and state land logging operations were carried on. Hemlock, balsam and spruce trees were slashed down. This logging was done right up to the streambed. Whole trees and tree tops, whatever fell into the stream, were left there. The new growth was aspen trees which is excellent beaver food. (It is requested that this practice will never again be carried out along the sides of our trout streams.)

Our second problem began slowly then spread like wildfire. Many magnificent elm trees, tall and green, stood along the stream banks. Some of these elms were three feet in diameter at the base and were 60 feet high. Within five years these trees were dead, most often breaking and falling into the streambed—what a mess!

Then came the nearly fatal blow. Most of our northern trout streams always had an occasional beaver dam on them, Noisy Creek included. The beaver pelt had a reasonable price and the trappers kept the beaver under control. The beaver pelt price began to drop and suddenly the population of beaver began to increase.

Some of us sounded the alarm, but were ignored for the most part. Within three years Noisy Creek had over 50 beaver dams on the main stream and its tributaries. Feeder creeks and spring pond flows were shut off almost completely. Trees died along the banks of the stream and the water began to get very stagnant. What once was a beautiful trout stream was now a series of stagnant beaver ponds, dead elm trees, and loggers' tree-top debris. Fishing conditions deteriorated rapidly and the fish managers of the Department of Natural Resources were ready to write this stream off as a total loss.

All was not lost. Through a determined effort of a few people, there was a push to save the Noisy. Northwoods Chapter of Trout Unlimited adopted this stream as its major project. The chapter pushed the DNR to take another look at this stream. First priority was to get the stream flowing freely again. Through leg work and aerial surveys all the beaver dams on the Noisy and its tributaries were located and marked. Trappers then were encouraged to remove the beaver. Our Northwoods Chapter began an intensive beaver and beaver dam removal project. Next came the dead elm and logger tree tops. Following five years of work, the stream now is nearly completely open. Only five known beaver dams still exist on this stream. They will be removed this year.

Stream surveys completed last year show native brook trout are coming back strong. Last year's fishing on the Noisy was good but much work is yet to be done. The work will be done. Work projects are being suggested to complete beaver dam removal and brushing. With the formation of the Wisconsin Conservation Corps, Trout Unlimited has a helping hand. A W.C.C. crew will spend 10 weeks improving the Noisy this summer. Trout stamp money is being supplied for half logs and stream bank improvements.

A project is now being written up for Embrace-A-Stream funding. Northwoods T.U. in cooperation with Northern D.U. plans to install approximately 100 wood duck nests along the stream as a public project. Through membership growth and public awareness, this stream is steadily improving. The future of this stream is bright. Most of the headwaters and a large portion of this stream is on public land. The chapter also has had excellent cooperation from the private land owners. Through a determined effort of Northwoods Trout Unlimited, this can and will be one of the best trout streams of Northern Wisconsin. This is a success story.

Noisy Creek is located in Oneida County about five miles south of Rhinelander. As previously stated, most of the stream is on public land. The remaining private land can be fished with landowner's permission. This is a superb fishing stream. As many areas of this stream are not very accessible, it sometimes takes a one-half to three-quarter mile walk to reach the stream.

There are only four public road crossings on the entire stream, although roads parallel it on both sides.

Both brook and brown trout are in this stream. A 10 to 12 inch brook trout is not uncommon. Stream surveys last fall showed brown trout in excess of 18 inches and brook trout have been caught up to that length.

For some excellent Northern Wisconsin stream fishing you may contact me. However, I am hard to get in touch with, as I am usually on the Noisy trout fishing.

—Wally Cooper

Chapter reports (con't)...

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the North Branch of the Embarrass River in Shawano County, and Vice-President Jack Koivisto attended the hearing and spoke in favor of the plan. Chapter members also worked at the ShopKo-sponsored "Take-A-Kid-Fishing-Day" on June 2 at the Brown County Reforestation Camp.

In May, the chapter approved a donation of \$4,000 to T.U. National for unrestricted funding, plus an additional \$500 to the State Council for funding. Work projects are scheduled for alternating Saturdays between June 16 and Sept. 8. Finally, the chapter approved an appropriation of \$5,000 toward the final phase of clean-up of acid water pollution of the Boundary Brule River, contingent upon approval of plans by the Michigan DNR.

Kiap-TU-wish

Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter is completing work on its 1984 Operation Restore project on the Lower Willow Race after delays due to weather and road conditions. This year's project involves erosion control and back cover at two sites. Early season fishing results have confirmed the effectiveness of last year's project. The chapter also worked on driftwood removal on the Kinnickinnic River during the early spring.

The chapter's April meeting featured instruction by four local fly tyers on recommended patterns for area streams. Interest was high, and many good ideas were exchanged.

Lakeshore

Lakeshore T.U. held its first National Banquet on Jan. 27, at the Club Bil-Mar in Manitowoc. Dr. Jack Heaton of UW-Stevens Point gave a talk on stream improvement to the crowd of 250. DNR fish manager John Nelson of Plymouth was given an award by the chapter for his cooperative work with Lakeshore TU on LaBudde Creek in Sheboygan County.

The chapter set up and maintained a membership booth at the Lake Michigan Sports Fishing Show in February, and it has had rod-building and fly-fishing demonstrations at their monthly meetings.

The first work day of 1984 for Lakeshore was on Saturday, May 12. Members removed brush and debris from a ¼ mile stretch of the Casco Creek down to where it meets the Kewaunee River. Additional streamwork on Casco Creek is dependent upon permission from adjacent landowners.

The chapter combined forces with the Manitowoc Fish & Game League and the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen group to purchase a double-headed thermograph, which will be used by the DNR at Point Beach to monitor water temperatures in the Branch River (which is the proposed

stream to receive a planting of Skamania rainbow trout, a strain that grows to 20 pounds or more).

Lakeshore TU also has sponsored scholarships for two area students to attend the Natural Resource Workshops at Poynette and Stevens Point.

Marinette

Marinette County TU held its first National Banquet on Thursday, April 26, at the Dome Cabaret in Marinette. Over \$4,200 was netted by the chapter for resource work. This was the largest net total for a first-time TU National banquet.

The chapter will be combining forces with Green Bay TU on work projects set for June 16 and 30, July 14 and 28, and Aug. 11 and 25, on various streams in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Oconto River Watershed

The Oconto River Watershed Chapter held its second annual National Banquet on May 3 at the Cotton Patch Supper Club in Shawano. Net proceeds from the event were over \$5,000. Twenty-five new members were signed up that night as well.

Working together with the Underhill Sportsmen's Club, the chapter organized a trout stocking program for the Oconto River and its tributaries. Some 1200 large brook and brown trout were stocked in the river system. Due to the chapter's efforts, an additional six new members were signed up.

Elections at the May 29 general meeting resulted in the following: president - Dale Halla; vice-president - Charles Rueckert; sec.-treas. - John Severson; directors - Mitch Muenier, Mike Ascher, and Jeri Gauthier.

Ojibseau

The Ojibseau Chapter will be winding down its summer activities so that members can enjoy the early fishing season. The final regular meeting for the season was held on Wednesday, May 23, at the chapter's property on Elk Creek. This was the first meeting held on the property since its acquisition in 1983, and partial restoration since that time.

The meeting focused on introducing the regular membership to what is available on the chapter property, as well as a fly-casting demonstration on nearby Elk Creek. Elk Creek is not only the site of the chapter's most extensive project ever undertaken, but also boasts a notable population of some of the larger trout to be found in the area.

The chapter sponsored a trip to the Wolf River on the

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Membership report

130 netted in direct mail campaign

As this issue goes to press, Wisconsin TU is nearing its 20 percent increase in membership for the year. At the start of 1984, we stood at 1977. As of the end of April, that number was 2235, and

growing.

Exceptional gains have been reported by Southern Wisconsin, Southeastern Wisconsin, Harry Nohr, Antigo, Blackhawk and Lakeshore. Moderate to good gains are shown by

Green Bay, Central Wisconsin, Fox Valley and Coulee Region. We hope that all chapters will continue to recruit new members for their chapters and the TU organization. Also, be sure

to contact your delinquent members and get them to renew.

The direct mail campaign for new members has netted about 130 new TUers so far. Mail coordinator and national director Tom Flesch wishes to express his thanks to Paul Gephardt and Beaver Dam High School for their kind and generous assistance in the large undertaking. We appreciate the willing support!!

Use the membership form provided with this newsletter to sign up a new member for Trout Unlimited today!! More members mean more support for trout conservation in our state and nation.

Chapter	5/84	1/84
Wolf River	25	25
Southern Wisc.	271	227
SE Wisconsin	269	237
Green Bay	256	238
Central Wisc.	180	162
Fontinalis	28	28
Kiap-TU-wish	117	110
Fox Valley	157	143
Ojibseau	79	76
Northwoods	70	62
Harry Nohr	68	44
Coulee Region	40	34
Antigo	82	61
Aldo Leopold	101	102
Shaw-paca	70	65
Chequamegon	33	28
Oconto R. Watershed	66	61
Blackhawk	87	64
Wisc. River Valley	98	98
Wild River	27	25
Marinette	41	40
Lakeshore	69	48
Totals	2235	1977

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weekend of June 2. This has been a very successful trip in the past, and final plans for the trip were discussed at the May 23 meeting.

The State Council of Trout Unlimited will be having their meeting in Eau Claire on July 14. In that regard, chapter members have formed a committee lead by member Don Golenbiewski, which is making preparations for hosting that event. We plan to invite the State Council to the Elk Creek property to share in beer and bratwursts, after the Saturday meeting. Plans have been made so that State Council representatives coming in from a distance can stay at the Eau Claire County Youth Camp.

The chapter is considering two stream projects which will require a certain amount of work by members this summer. The first is to be done in conjunction with a nature center planned on Beaver Creek, located east of Eau Claire. This project will primarily be a demonstration of stream improvement by man, rather than any real large scale stream improvement. It is felt that because of the topography where the stream is located, stream improvement would not have any lasting effect; however, the nature center is expected to draw large numbers of visitors each year, including university students and school groups. Many of these people will be studying various conservation and environmental protection techniques. It is felt that a stream improvement demonstration area of stream improvements would have some educational benefits, as well as give some exposure to the type of work done by Trout Unlimited.

The second project contemplated involves extension of

the stream improvement work already started on Duncan Creek, located in Chippewa County. The chapter did some work on this stream several years ago, which produced some very satisfying results. It is felt that Duncan Creek has a lot of potential for further improvement, and is also one of the more heavily used streams in the area. It is hoped that this summer can be used to do some informal surveying of the improvements necessary in order to make application for funding (if necessary), so that the actual work can commence in the spring, 1985.

A fall fishing outing is generally planned for sometime in September. This will be preceded by a Board Meeting, to be called in late August.

Shaw-paca

The Shaw-Paca Chapter held its first annual banquet on March 24, and netted over \$7,000.00 for resource work. Dan Christopherson, Keith Hoffman, and Jerry Weatherwax were given awards for helping to establish the chapter.

The chapter made donations to area libraries for conservation education, and these donations were gratefully accepted. Stream projects on Whitcomb and Spaulding Creeks are taking shape, and will be helped along with the purchase of a new brush cutter. The chapter also has worked out plans for fencing off part of Mill Creek in Shawano Co., just south of Hwy. 29.

Southeastern Wisc.

On April 30 representatives of the chapter attended the spring conservation hearings in most counties of the Southeast District of the DNR. Of special interest to the

chapter was a proposal to establish a portion of Paradise Springs as an artificial only catch and release area. The proposal passed and the proposed portion of Paradise Springs will be open to fishing on a catch and release basis starting in July. A work project to complete the installation of crib structures in the spring pond has been scheduled for July 7.

On May 29 the first meeting of the chapter's newly formed Project Task Force was held. Over twenty members have expressed an interest in becoming involved in laying the ground work and planning of potential trout habitat projects. Task force members will be working in committees each to deal with a specific project. The intended goal, is a succession of well organized trout habitat projects utilizing maximum membership input. At the first meeting three other potential projects besides the Paradise Spgs. Project were identified. They are:

- 1) Allenton Creek (possible half-log installation project)
- 2) Lulu Lake Watershed (Walworth County)
- 3) The Milwaukee River Watershed (concentrating on potential headwater trout habitat)

Southern Wisc.

The chapter held an awards banquet on April 14, netting a little over \$300. Also, the chapter is continuing its project on the Dan Ripp farm near Cross Plains. The project involves a clean-up, removal of an old cattle crossing, clearing of some downed trees, fencing, and installation of a new cattle crossing and floodgates, with cost-sharing coming from the Soil Conservation Service. Future work dates are set for June 16 and 30 and July 7.



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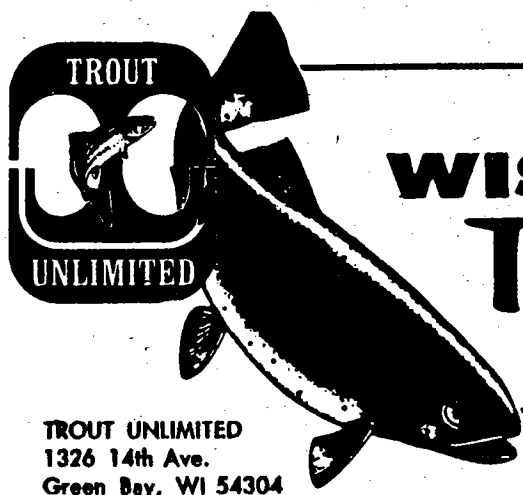
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Second state banquet slated

The second annual Wisconsin Trout Unlimited State Council Awards and Fund-raising Banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, 1985, at the Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Appleton, WI.

The banquet will culminate a day-long series of planned events, including the winter State Council meeting and an arts and crafts show put on to display various skills of artists and craftsmen from around Wisconsin.

For the second State Council Awards and Fund-raising Banquet, TU will be in need of support from businesses, corporations, and individuals. Persons who are artists or craftsmen and who would care to donate an item for use as an auction piece are needed. Businesses and individuals who would care to make a tax deductible cash contribution toward purchase of one of the major raffle prizes are also needed. All donations should be sent to:

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All who contribute toward the banquet will be recognized for their donation.

Tickets are again \$15 and can be purchased by using the ticket order form shown below. The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be mentioned in the next issue of Quarterly Report.

Proceeds from the evening will be used by the State Council for its work in promoting and enhancing coldwater resource conservation in the state.

Awards will again be presented to various TU chapters, individuals, and friends who have worked to enhance and protect Wisconsin's trout resource. We hope that we will again have another good turnout like this year's first State Council Banquet.

Plan now to be at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on Jan. 26. Your support will help your State council to better protect our coldwater resources!



Fox Valley TUer Del Schwaller assists at the chapter's annual outing for handicapped children at the K&S Game Farm near Shiocton. The outing was held in May this year.

Habitat workshop a success

The Trout Stream Habitat Management Workshop sponsored by the Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, Wisconsin DNR, UW-Stevens Point, and Trout Unlimited was held on June 3-6 at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Center east of Stevens Point, WI.

According to Professor Dan Coble, Professor Jack Heaton, and DNR Coldwater Research Chief Robert Hunt, the three-day seminar was successful in creating a better understanding among Trout Unlimited volunteer workers about the "hows" and "whys" of trout stream management and improvement.

Participants in the program came not only from Wisconsin, but from Il-

linois, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Colorado. There were also representatives from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U. S. Forest Service, Minnesota DNR, and the Trout Unlimited National Office.

The symposium began with overviews by professors Dan Coble and Jack Heaton from UW-Stevens Point on the purposes of fish management and how stream improvement can assist streams in maintaining viable population of native fish. Heaton also stressed the limits that one must accept in designing habitat improvements. Following Heaton, Dr. Robert Hunt, head of DNR's Coldwater Research Unit, guided the group on a field trip designed to show

various types of stream habitat improvement projects that the Wisconsin DNR fisheries personnel are undertaking. Hunt showed the group stream improvements on Peterson, Emmons, and Trout creeks in Waupaca County, and DNR personnel displayed a stream shocking demonstration on Emmons Creek.

The second day was somewhat of a repeat of the first one. Hunt continued with his explanation of the ecological principles underlying habitat management. Pam McClelland, the water resources coordinator for Trout Unlimited, addressed the group and explained how to plan and implement a volunteer

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Jerry Schaefer, WCC crew leader; Duke Andrews, DNR area fisheries biologist; David Maas, WCC worker; Harley Erbs, TU members took part in an electroshocking demonstration at the Northwoods Chapter's activity day

Aug. 18 in Noisy Creek. The results of the survey showed some deterioration of the stream, which Andrews attributed to beaver activity. Photo courtesy of the Antigo Daily Journal.

State Council meeting Oct. 20

The autumn meeting of the Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Red Room of the University Center at UW-Stevens Point.

Lawrence Claggett of the DNR Bureau of Fisheries will give a talk and discussion on proposed changes in regulations for trout fishing in southern Wisconsin streams.

Fish managers and concerned anglers have worried about a steady decline in the quality of trout angling in the southern part of Wisconsin,

and, in particular, in the decline of numbers of larger sized trout.

Claggett will discuss with the State TU representatives various proposals that fish managers have come up with for inclusion in next year's Conservation Congress hearings, including lowered creel limits, higher size limits, "slot-sizing", and special regulation stretches.

In addition, Claggett will report to the Council on progress toward a comprehensive study of Black Earth Creek (Dane County) in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Service study by Steve Fields (see separate

article).

Besides Claggett's talk, other important agenda items will be: planning for the second State Council Awards Banquet (see note inside on ticket reservations), chapter reports and legislative updates, and election of officers for the next year. Nominations for chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, and National Director will be open for acceptance from the floor. Written nominations for any of those positions should be mailed to: Dick Wachowski, 310 Water Street, Eau Claire, WI. 54701

A northern Class II stream? But its the Peshtigo!

Northeastern Wisconsin contains many hundreds of miles of Class I trout streams, so it may seem unusual to feature one with a Class II rating in the Stream Profile section.

But when we're talking about a river which meanders, rushes and roars through many miles of public land and features some very good trout fishing, it's worth a good look.

From its beginnings in Forest County until it crosses Highway C in Marinette County, the Peshtigo River slowly builds from a series of three placid branches into a tumbling stretch of white water with a world class reputation.

During this journey of nearly 100 miles, the Peshtigo is a beautiful wilderness stream with almost no human settlement and very limited access. It is a classic challenge to both spin and fly fishermen. It is this wilderness aspect that draws a few hardy anglers to its rugged banks.

The Peshtigo River originates in the central portion of Forest County. It has a relatively narrow watershed, draining in a generally southeasterly direction. It drains 1,131 square miles of land some characterized by precipitous slopes and hilly countryside.

The headwaters originate at the

highest point in northern Wisconsin, about 1,000 feet higher than the mouth where it enters Green Bay a few miles east of Peshtigo. The Peshtigo's rapid descent through a relatively narrow drainage basin has resulted in development of hydroelectric dams on the main stream.

Below Highway C, its water is stored in three flowages; Caldron Falls, High Falls and Johnson Falls. All are clean, cold and hold good populations of bass, walleye, musky and panfish. The flowages are used for hydroelectric power by Wisconsin Public Service.

Below Johnson Falls, a five mile stretch has been designated as fly fishing only waters and has been a favorite of many fly fishing enthusiasts from around the state. The stretch was the idea of Lyle Kingston, then an employee of Wisconsin Public Service. The water flow is controlled at the Johnson Falls hydroelectric dam, and dam operation usually occurs during daylight (between 8 a.m. and 10

p.m.). During dam operation, water level is usually high and not safe for fishing. Incidentally, a phone number is available to inquire of dam operation. The number is 715-854-7205. You will hear a recorded message. However reports have been unreliable recently because the message you hear reports on the previous day's dam operating hours.

Fishing the Peshtigo above Highway C requires a map simply because there is so much water and not many access points. The Marinette County map is excellent. Most of the land adjacent to the river is public so you don't have to worry much about trespassing.

The stream is wide enough for fly fishing and offers all types of water from flat stretches to waterfalls. The rapids seem to provide the most action during the day and holes are productive for big browns from dusk on.

If you're fishing the Peshtigo for the first time, I'd recommend driving along Benson Lake Road here you can drive along the stream for several miles before choosing your

spot. All three species of trout are present in the river with browns most common. Fishing pressure is light to moderate due to the remoteness of the river.

The future of the upper Peshtigo looks bright. With no development foreseen in the area, and with the DNR and conservation groups like Trout Unlimited keeping an eye out, this could be a fabulous resource for years to come.

The future of the Peshtigo fly fishing stretch is in doubt. With regular all-day operation of the Johnson Falls dam so prevalent, there is little opportunity for fishing. Preliminary DNR creek census reports for this year indicate very few fishermen are able to even get onto the river because of the high water. Tom Thuemler, area DNR fish manager (and TU member), has expressed his concern for this situation and we owe him our support in bringing this problem to the attention of WPS.

— John Cantwell

DNR still negotiating over Mecan River fishery area

While the DNR Board has given final approval to the Embarrass River Fishery Plan, it is still attempting to negotiate an agreement with landowners and town officials in Waushara and Marquette Counties over approval of the Master Plan for the Mecan River Fishery Area.

DNR fisheries chief Jim Addis has

asked the Board to put off final approval of the plan so that he and the Department can try to come up with an understanding with the local people who have to date vociferously objected to state acquisition of lands in their area. The Board is expected to make a final decision in either September or October.

GB artist takes double

Winning one art contest is something. Winning two is something else. And, winning two in the same day is really something.

Just ask the Rev. Sam Timm of Green Bay, who had the unusual distinction of having both of his entries for the 1985 Trout Stamps

(Inland and Great Lakes) judged as number one in the competition for the stamp design.

Rev. Timm entered an acrylic painting of brown trout for each of the contests sponsored every year by the DNR for the stamp design.

Creel census on South Branch of Oconto

Fish manager Ross Langhurst of the Shawano DNR office undertook a study of the South Branch of the Oconto River this summer. The stream is one of the area's finest trout waters.

Personnel from the DNR con-

ducted a creel census downstream from the Menominee Indian Reservation in order to determine angler success rates and also to find out if anglers would like to see some type of special regulations placed on the river, or parts thereof.

Board approves Embarrass plan, removal of Nelsonville Dam

At the August meeting of the Natural Resources Board held in Woodruff, the DNR Board gave final approval to the North Branch of the Embarrass River Fishery Master Plan.

The plan calls for acquisition of easements along the banks of the North Branch of the Embarrass River and its tributaries in western Shawano County.

Once approved by a legislative

committee, the plan will bring into being eight years of work on establishing the program for Shawano County, which has over 400 miles of classified trout water but very little (less than five miles) of public ownership or easement along these waters. Once easements are acquired, plans can be made for stream improvement projects using Trout Stamp funds and Dingell-Johnson monies.

The Board also gave approval to a request to spend about \$38,000 to purchase and remove the old dam on the Tomorrow River at Nelsonville. Removal of the dam will not only improve the stream in the flowage area, but will also eventually provide better living conditions for trout downstream from the damsite because cooler water temperatures will exist once the impoundment is lowered to its natural stream course.

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Chapter reports...

Aldo Leopold

On Saturday, June 9, members of the Aldo Leopold Chapter assisted the local Shopko Store and the Beaver Dam Parks and Recreation Department co-sponsor a Take-a-Kid fishing event.

Approximately 75-80 boys and girls ages 7-15 participated. Crystal Lake beach and its lagoons and park area were ideal for the event, and despite persistent drizzle, the kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mostly bullheads, but a few bluegills, were caught. To the kids, it made no difference, just catching any fish was rill enough.

On Saturday, August 11, six chapter members working with Tim Arsen, DNR fish manager in Colum-

brushing. Another day was spent on the Edgar Frater Farm placing large rocks in the stream for fish cover. A total of 83 man-hours was invested in these two projects.

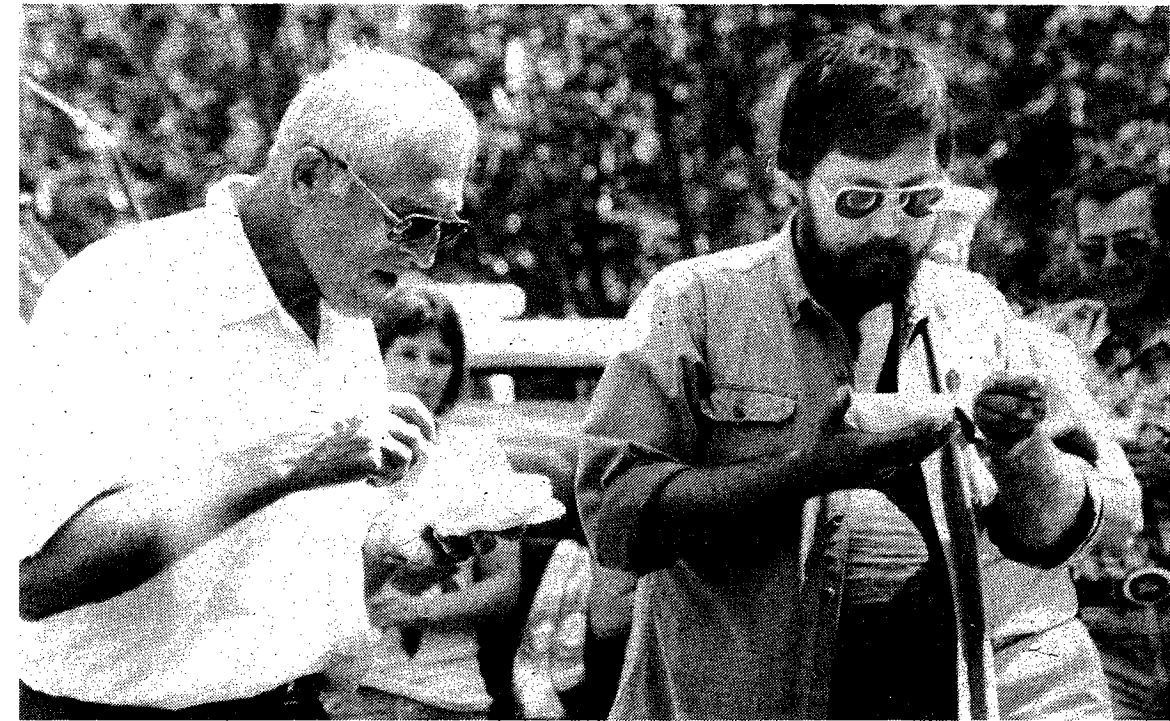
Emmons Creek, Waupaca Co. — The chapter has held three workdays on the Emmons so far this year. The work has been mostly brushing, as this is a former meadow stream now heavily overgrown with tag alder. Another workday will be held there Sept. 22. A total of 167 man-hours has been spent on the Emmons so far this year.

Several chapter members put on a weekend fishing clinic for Vern Lunde's Fly Fishing Chalet in Mount Horeb back in May. The chapter provided a combination of classroom instruction at Vern's shop and on-

Fontenalis

A raffle project was conducted that netted \$335. Proceeds are being used for this fall's half log project on the Brill River in Barron County. One work day was done Aug. 25 and another is planned for Sept. 22.

Future activities include a wild game cookout at the Bruce Park on Oct. 9. Any statewide TU members that will be in the area are welcome to join us. The cookout will start at 6 p.m. with the regular monthly meeting following. At the meeting the members will discuss possible banquet plans and the annual November tackle swap.



caught eating beaver stew at the Northwoods Chapter's activity day were Roman Bentz,

TU member, and John Zatopa, president of the Northwoods

Chapter. Photo courtesy of the Antigo Daily Journal.

in La County, completed a project on Rocky Run. Brush bundles were constructed and then plowed in the stream to create greater depth and better flow over a spawning bed. Upon satisfactory completion of this project, DNR personnel subsequently plowed adult trout in the stream to utilize the improved bed.

Members will attend public hearings addressing proposed changes in trout angling regulations for northern Wisconsin trout streams.

The chapter will be organizing a fly-tying class to start early in January, 1985. We are also organizing a fishing seminar to take place in March, 1985. We are lining up speakers and exhibitors. We will have better information in a few months.

As of this time, we are looking for stream projects. We will be meeting in the near future with two area fish managers in hopes of getting some projects underway.

stream instruction on nearby Mt. Vernon Creek.

The chapter held its annual Fly Fishing School in June, at Camp Hiwela near Wild Rose in Waushara County. The school provided an intensive weekend course in all aspects of fly fishing for trout, and students were again enthusiastic about the quality of instruction provided. The chapter even managed to recruit a professional chef for the kitchen crew this year, and the meals were better than ever.

The chapter provided three scholarships for a seminar at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Center at Stevens Point. The purpose of the seminar is to expose high school seniors to career possibilities in the natural resources field, in hopes that they might enroll in UW-Stevens Point's College of Natural Resources.

Chequamegon

The Chequamegon Chapter is setting up a fly-tying class for this winter.

The club is beginning its plans for its second National Banquet in late April, 1985.

The 1984 National Banquet netted \$3200.

Central Wis.

The chapter held the following workdays.

Pine River, Waushara Co. — The chapter spent two days this summer working on the Pine at two different locations. One day was spent on DNR property removing log jams and

The Fox Valley Chapter has also expanded its scholarship program to include UW-Stevens Point. The school is currently selecting the individual who will be the recipient of this award. The Fox Valley Chapter also gives a scholarship to a student at the Fox Valley Technical Institute. Both of these scholarships are made to students who are enrolled in a program dealing with wildlife or fisheries management.

The Fox Valley Chapter will soon have its own chapter pin. The pin is being designed by artist John Neble. Hopefully, these pins will be available by Dec. 1. If any chapter or member is interested in the details of having its own chapter pin they should contact Forrest Grulke, 1356 Home Ave., Menasha, WI 54952.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20. All meetings are at the Forester Club in Appleton at 7:30 pm.

Green Bay

The Green Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited has just completed another summer schedule of work projects, fund raisers, and volunteer programs such as the Shopko Take-A-Kid Fishing Day at the Brown County Reforestation Camp. Several of the members spent an enjoyable day helping kids with their equipment, taking fish off hooks, and judging in the casting contest.

This year the chapter worked on several different streams and participated in several types of stream improvement projects. Some of the projects included completion of a major project on the First South Branch of the Oconto River, brushing on the Beaver, adding rock and brush structure on the Lamon Tongue Creek, and starting a new project on the Embarrass River in Shawano County. Members also supplied a helping hand to the Shawpaca Chapter on a fencing project it was working on south of Highway 29 on Mill Creek.

The chapter was also involved with several trout boils again this year as part of its fund raising program. As of last count, 147 people were involved in providing 471 man hours of work on these projects during the summer.

The Green Bay Chapter resumed its monthly meetings again on Thursday, Sept. 6. A review of the accomplishments of the summer and a report on the Oconto River from Oconto Falls to its confluence with

the bay of Green Bay by Ron Fassbender were featured at the September meeting.

Lakeshore

The chapter sponsored two students to the Natural Resources Environmental Workshop, held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station east of Stevens Point, and at the Mackenzie Environmental Center near Poynette.

Stream projects included 70 man and woman hours on two streams. The chapter cleared and brushed a section of the LaBudde Creek in Sheboygan County, and a section of the Casco Creek in Kewaunee County.

The chapter will sponsor a booth in a sports show Sept. 21-23 at the Edgewater Mall in Manitowoc, sponsored by the Manitowoc County Fish and Game Protective Association.

Some of the members will demonstrate fly tying. We donated \$500 along with the Manitowoc Co. Fish and Game Protective Association, and the Northeastern Wis. Great Lakes Sport Fisherman, to purchase a thermograph to be used by our local DNR people. The chapter is planning their second annual banquet to be held Jan. 31, 1985 at the Club Bil-Mar just south of Manitowoc.

Marinette County

Members of the Marinette County Chapter provided 33 man hours on projects this past summer.

They helped clear brush from the North Branch of the Beaver Creek in preparation for next year's intensive instream work. They also helped to finish projects on the First South Branch of the Oconto River and Lamon Tongue Creek.

An announcement was made in the County Soil Conservation Newsletter stating that the chapter is willing to help landowners with erosion problems on trout streams. Contact was made with some of the landowners and steps will be taken this winter to see if something can be worked out for next summer.

One result of the announcement was somewhat unexpected. A man called us and wants to sell Trout Unlimited about 40 acres of land which has the Upper Middle Inlet flowing through it. The chapter hopes to make a decision about the offer this fall.

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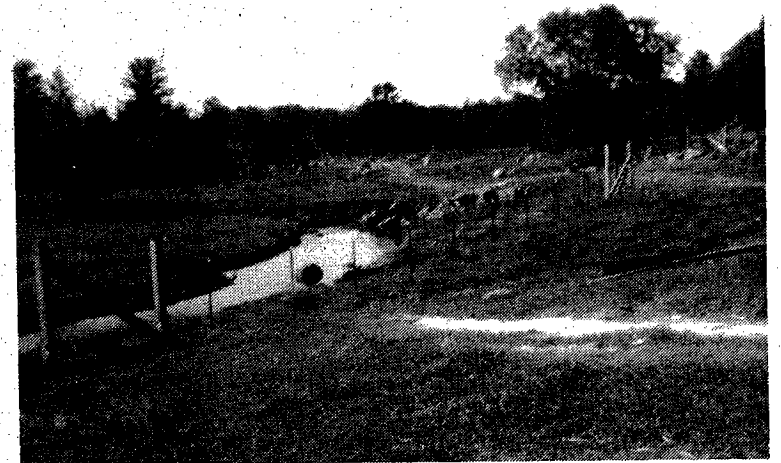
Fox Valley

The primary thrust of the Fox Valley Chapter over the summer was the continuation of the Davis Creek Project.

Work included locating and marking areas in the stream that would benefit by the use of bank structures. Teams then came in and placed pilings into the stream bed. Another team then nailed the planking in place. With one more work date scheduled for Sept. 22, the remaining bank structures that need to be placed should be finished to this point.

The chapter will have to wait for some cold weather to harden up the ground so that the rock can be moved back to each of these structures. Next summer should see the completion of the Davis Creek Project.

Members of the Fox Valley Chapter also participated in the annual fall scatter plant operation of the Wolf River Chapter. Ten members made the early morning trip up to Langlade from the Valley (including one member from Waupaca). After the plant, several of the members made a trek to Antigo in search of felt soled wading shoes. This was followed by several hours of fishing on the Wolf where Wayne Larson demonstrated his wading skills while being swept through the Hollister Rapids.



Pictured is the fencing project along the Mill Creek in Shawano County. The project was one developed and completed by

the Shawpaca Chapter, with some help from the Green Bay Chapter.

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Northwoods

On Sunday, June 24, Northwoods TU held a work day on Noisy Creek from noon until 4 p.m. Seven members cleared nearly a quarter mile of the stream of heavy alder growth and instream debris. The work activities were followed by refreshments and a brief business meeting.

An "Activity Day" on Saturday, Aug. 18, was a tremendous success! It was attended by over 40 people, including State Senator Lloyd Kincaid, State Representative Jim Holperin, Director of the Wisconsin Conservation Corps Bill Brakken and the Oneida County WCC crew.

Activities included streamside brushing and a demonstration of half log installation. One of the highlights was an electro-fishing demonstration by DNR area fisheries biologist and Northwoods TU member Duke Andrews. Approximately a quarter mile of stream was surveyed, producing several nice brook trout over 10 inches and a brown trout of nearly 17 inches. Duke emphasized that the results were significantly poorer than his last survey due to habitat deterioration as a result of beaver activity. A picnic lunch was served featuring Wally Cooper's beaver stew. The final event was a free drawing for a "Prairie River Solitude" print. Matt Nowak, Sr., won the print, and in turn donated the print to the Wisconsin Conservation Corps in recognition of their work on Noisy Creek. The print was signed by

the upper half of the stream. Only one dam remains. It is on Pine Creek, a major tributary of the Noisy. The chapter hopes to hold another work day in October to remove beaver dams on the lower half of the creek. This will allow the chapter to pinpoint the areas of activity for future beaver control efforts.

An offer of help for area trout streams has come from an unexpected, but welcome, source. Lincoln Hills School for Boys has contacted Max Johnson, Antigo area fisheries biologist, and Northwoods TU to discuss working with area TU chapters about working on local trout streams, particularly with brushing and beaver dam removal. The school has about 20 boys, 16 and 17 years old, who are available for this work. A meeting is planned for mid-September. Wally Cooper will report the results at the October State Council meeting.

Oconto River

The Oconto River Watershed Chapter hosted a four-chapter get-together in July at the Underhill Park in Oconto County to meet with other chapters and DNR fish managers to make some long-range plans for stream improvement projects.

DNR fish managers Ross Langhurst and Tom Thuemler met with representatives from Green Bay, Marinette County, Oconto River, and Shaw-Paca to both talk with and listen to the chapters. Potential areas of activity for the TU

although rumor has it that Mitch had to be told to use the creek, not the meadow.

We were glad that so many of you had a chance to see the Elk Creek property and our project area, and hope the State Council and all of you as individuals can come back. Thanks to chapter member Don Golembiewski for coordinating our end of it.

The chapter has also had a series of informal meetings on the property. Work continues on the building on the site; we are prevented from doing much more on the creek itself because of problems associated with the draining and dredging of Elk Lake located downstream.

September will begin our fall meeting schedule, with at least one and perhaps more meetings at the Elk Creek property before winter forces us indoors.

Shaw-paca

The Shaw-Paca Chapter spent many hours this summer on their fencing project on Mill Creek, about 8 miles west of Shawano just south of where Highway 29 crosses the stream.

Working in cooperation with a private landowner, the Soil Conservation Service, and DNR, the chapter began and completed that project that DNR and SCS has wanted to see get done for over two decades. Livestock activity along the banks of the Mill Creek had severely degraded the bank and bank cover, and had correspondingly ruined good trout habitat. The Shaw-Paca Chapter contacted the landowner, received permission to fence the stream where it coursed through his 80 acres, and went to work. By the end of August, the stream was completely fenced off, and will, according to Shawano area fish manager Ross Langhurst, soon begin its natural healing process.

Southeastern Wis.

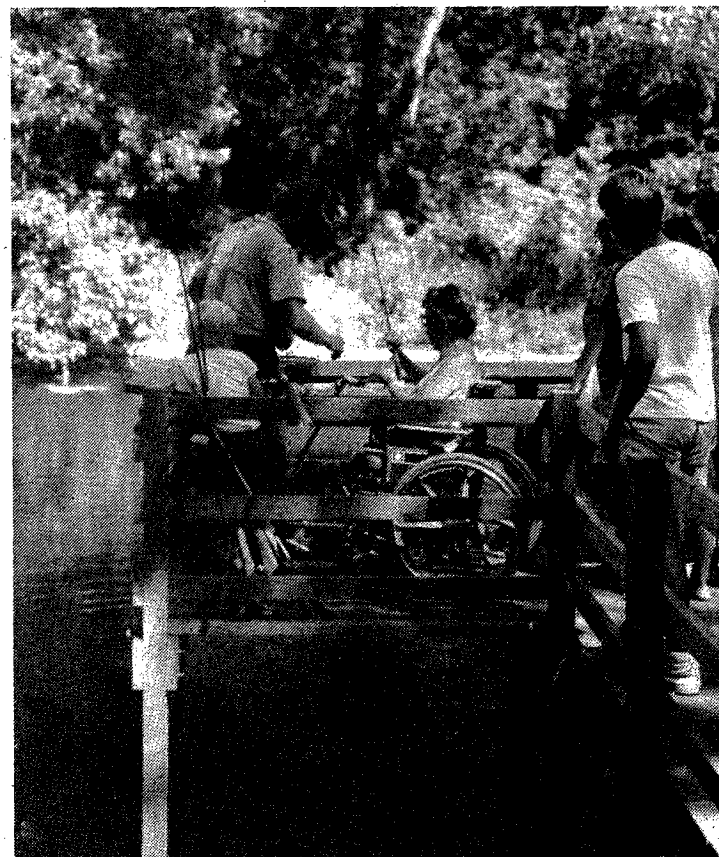
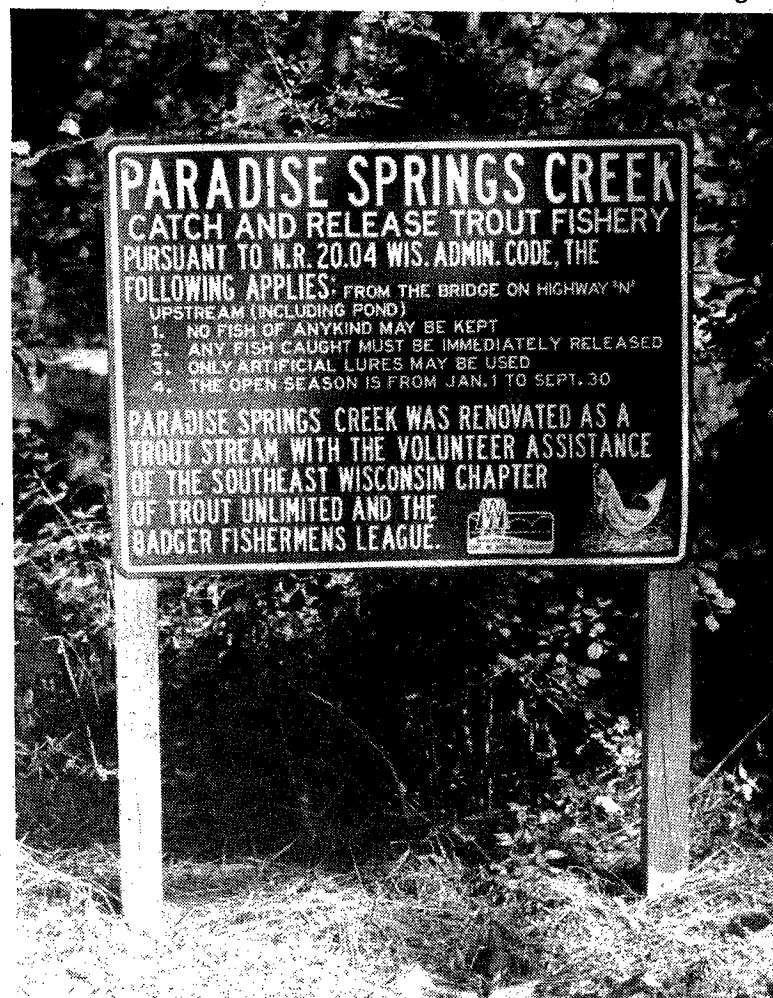
On Aug. 8, chapter members attended a meeting concerning the Illinois Fox River watershed.

Under 1983 Wisconsin Act 410, the Scenic Urban Waterways Program, there is \$200,000 available to local units of government for recreational and water quality improvements on waters of the Illinois Fox River drainage. Presently the chapter is exploring the possibility of working with a municipality to apply for the funding of a cold water quality improvement project.

On Sunday, Aug. 19 the catch and release trout fishery at Paradise Springs in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest officially opened to public fishing.

A dedication ceremony marked the cooperative efforts of the DNR, the Waukesha Lions Club, Trout Unlimited, and the Badger Fishermen's League to improve the area. Incorporated into the spring pond area is a nature trail and fishing pier accessible to the disabled.

The Waukesha Lions Club donated over \$12,000 for the pier, trail, and other facilities in order that disabled individuals may have better access to the unique spring pond environment. Aside from past Trout Unlimited habitat restoration funding and habitat work, the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter and members donated five fly rod and seven spinning outfits that may be



The Paradise Spring fishery has been made accessible to the disabled. Part of the project was

checked out for use by the disabled, from the State Forest headquarters.

Recently, the chapter gave a presentation to the Brookfield Kiwanis Club on trout habitat and habitat improvements in Southeastern Wisconsin. The program utilized slides and information from the Trout Habitat Workshop sponsored by the DNR, TU, and the Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit, held earlier this June.

In cooperation with the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter and PBS station WMVT, Channel 36, the film "The Way of a Trout" was broadcast to the Milwaukee area on

sponsored by the Southeastern Wisconsin TU Chapter.

Sept. 15 at 10 p.m.

Southern Wis.

The center stage for the Southern Wisconsin Chapter during the summer quarter was occupied by a work project on the Dan Ripp Farm in Cross Plains.

The chapter constructed a cattle crossing and fencing for part of a blue-ribbon trout stream in Dane County — Black Earth Creek. (Researchers regard Black Earth Creek as the second most productive

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Pictured are members of the Blackhawk Chapter working on

its Allen Creek Project.

the WCC crew and will hang in the WCC headquarters in Madison.

Everyone had a great time and the cooperation among our members and the media generated much good will and positive publicity for TU, including a five-minute spot on the local TV station news program, a large photo spread in the local Sunday paper and mention in two feature columns.

Behind the scenes, the work on Noisy Creek has continued through the summer. The Oneida County WCC crew has worked, cleaning and brushing about 4 miles of stream in about three weeks. It is expected that they will continue to work on the stream until mid-October, for a total of about 10-weeks work. They will be working on more in-stream projects, such as installation of brush bundles.

Other work on the stream has involved control of the beaver population and removal of beaver dams on

chapters that the managers stressed were streamside fencing, brushing projects, and obtainment of long-term leases along trout waters.

Ojibleau

The Ojibleau Chapter had the honor of hosting the State Council meeting July 14. The business meeting was held at the Eau Claire County Youth Camp. The camp is in a beautiful setting about 10 miles east of Eau Claire, and also had bunkhouses for those who chose to stay the night.

After the meeting, we adjourned to the TU property on Elk Creek for what was planned to be a beer-brat dinner. A surprise torrential downpour nearly cancelled our plans, but the rains quit and we managed to have the cook-out anyway. Mitch Bent and a few others even managed to wet their lines,

Habitat class great for planning

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stream improvement project.

Max Johnson, DNR fish manager from the Antigo DNR Office, gave a report on interacting effectively with your local fish manager on projects. Max stressed that it was important for TU volunteers to not only participate in stream improvement projects, but also to make their presence felt in the legal and political battles that often occur over uses of the coldwater resource, particularly with respect to proposals for damming and diversion of trout waters.

Following his talk, Max took the group on another field trip to look at

more areas where coldwater resource habitat improvement is going on. The first stop was along the East Branch of the Eau Claire River in Langlade County where Inland Trout Stamp money is being spent to improve a section of the river. Max then took the group into Lincoln County to view an example of the effect of placing sky-hook boom covers into trout streams to increase trout populations on the Prairie River.

A subsequent electro-shocking of the stream displayed an awesome number of good-sized brown trout between 12 inches and 18 inches. Max commented, though, that the trout

populations could be even higher if angler harvest was not so intense on that stretch of water. The final leg of the journey was to observe a spring pond dredging operation on the Garski Flowage, several miles east of Antigo, where the DNR is removing accumulated silt and debris from one of the many spring holes in Langlade County. Removal of the silt will open up clogged springs and provide more spawning and living areas for the native brook trout population.

Most of the participants and group leaders felt that the three-day seminar was a valuable learning experience and that it provided a better understanding and appreciation for trout habitat improvement projects and how they are designed and implemented. Thanks are due to Dan Coble, Jack Heaton, Bob Hunt, Max Johnson, and others who helped set up this program.

The information gleaned from the program by TU volunteers should be of much help to them in planning for the future for improvement and protection of their coldwater resources.



Lowell Gennrich and Pam McClelland observe close-up the improvement structures placed in Emmons Creek while Ron Spry of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listens to Dr. Jack Heaton apparently describing some big fish he lost.



Lowell Gennrich of the Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Chapter shows trout researcher Bob Hunt of the Wisconsin DNR and Larry Oborny of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service how a rod is run through a half-log to hold it in place.

Soil erosion hearings attended by T.U.

Six hearings were held statewide in August by the State Ag Dept. and Land Conservation Committees to obtain input and suggestions for ways of solving Wisconsin's soil erosion problems.

At the Aug. 28 hearing held in Green Bay, State Council Chairman Mitchell Bent of DePere, spoke to the committee chaired by Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Laverne Ausman and DNR secretary Carroll Besadny. Bent emphasized the need for stricter controls on soil erosion both from agricultural practices and from construction and development operations, particularly as they affected trout waters in the state.

Bent also emphasized that TU chapters in Wisconsin have both money and manpower available to work in close cooperation with Land

Conservation Committees and the Soil Conservation Service to provide erosion control work as it may pertain to coldwater resource watershed protection. He showed the committee photos taken of a fencing project carried out by the Shaw-Paca TU Chapter, with some assistance from the Green Bay Chapter, and he stated that such forms of erosion control and streambank protection can be carried out by TU volunteers who are eager to put their financial and physical resources to work. Secretary Besadny thanked Bent and TU for its offer of support.

It is the organization's hope this can be the start of expanded efforts by TU and state agencies to tackle the twin goal of soil erosion and trout stream protection and restoration.

DNR to fund study of Black Earth Creek

The Department of Natural Resources has decided to fund a major study and assessment of existing and/or potential trout habitat and environmental problems in Black Earth Creek, Dane County. The entire study period is to run from October of 1984 to July of 1988.

Black Earth Creek, one of southern Wisconsin's most important trout fishery resources, may be undergoing a change toward a more eutrophic state. Recent observations note increased sediment deposition and weed bed proliferation in the stream. Dense weedbeds retard streamflow, cause greater dissolved oxygen fluctuations, and hamper fishing activity. Sediment deposition, in addition to carrying excess

nutrients, can blanket spawning gravel, fill pools, and add to substrate available for plant growth. If nutrient and sediment loadings in the creek are becoming more excessive, habitat changes could occur which would have a negative impact on trout populations.

Nutrient and sediment sources of point and non-point sources are several. The Cross Plains sewage treatment plant is one identifiable source, along with pumpage from a gravel pit above Cross Plains. Agricultural lands in the drainage basin of Black Earth Creek and Brewery Creek are thought to be the major sources of non-point pollution. Urban development sites also are suspected of playing a role in this.

Planned work of this problem involves the following:

- a USGS-DNR cooperative study of nutrient and sediment loads and sources,
- an aquatic plant study, with DNR and UW-Madison participation,
- monitoring nutrient output from the Cross plains sewage treatment plant by DNR,
- detailed analysis of watershed land use, non-point source inventories, and stream habitat assessments by DNR,
- dissolved oxygen surveys by DNR and Trout Unlimited,
- annual fish population assessment by DNR,
- an inventory of benthic invertebrates, and
- analysis of study findings, management recommendations, and program implementation.

Operation restore applications due Nov. 30

A reminder to all chapters is hereby given that Nov. 30, 1984, is the deadline for filing applications for grants under TU's Operation Restore and Living Brightwater programs for matching funds for stream projects in 1985.

The Living Brightwater Program provides funds from a grant through the Richard King Mellon Foundation that National distributes to local chapters and state councils for funding of stream improvement pro-

jects, stream restoration projects, and educational programs.

Last year, three Wisconsin chapters (Blackhawk, Central Wisconsin, and Kiap-TU-Wish) and the Wisconsin State council were recipients of funds.

For further information on the program, contact Wisconsin TU National Director Tom Mertens at: 1368 Biemeret St., Green Bay, WI. 54304 (Phone: 414-498-0798).



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We wish to give our warmest thanks to Trout Unlimited for all the hello's. We wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for Trout Unlimited.

Our crazy hours are the same. Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday all day. In the near future we will be open seven days a week. Our catalog will be at the printers soon.

The Barry v. Brooke Fission Hatch came off in July. It was like a snow storm on the Mecan River.

Thanks to Christain T. Schnieder, Stevens Point, WI. Special thanks to V. Dalberg, Richland Center, WI.

—Prop. John D. Roglinske

Update on Brule River acid problem

By Tom Mertens

In 1966, after nearly 85 years of iron ore mining operations, the Hiawatha Mine complex ceased operations. The miles of interconnected mine shafts began filling with ground water and six years later the iron and sulfur bearing waters from the mines began to flow into the Iron River and downstream into the Brule River at the Wisconsin/Michigan border.

Today the acid water from the mines continues to pollute the Iron and Brule Rivers. Acid water flows into the rivers at an average daily rate of about fifty gallons per minute.

If you've ever visited the Brule below the confluence of the Iron River one can easily see the effect of the acid water as it mixes with the clear water of the Brule River. The water is clouded and colored yellow. The gravel bottom is coated with sulfur deposits.

Scott Paper discharge modification request opposed

On Aug. 15, Wisconsin TU State Council Chairman Mitch Bent of DePere appeared before a DNR informational hearing in Oconto, WI., to join with others in opposing a request by the Scott Paper Company of Oconto Falls to seek a modification of their wastewater discharge permit (WPDES permit) so that the company could discharge more suspended solids and BOD (biological oxygen demand) into the Oconto River and the Machickanee Flowage near Stiles.

Also, Wisconsin TU objected, as did others, to Scott's plan to discharge about 7½ pounds per year of poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) into the river. PCB's have contaminated salmonids (trout and salmon) in the Lake Michigan area to such an extent that new and stricter guidelines for consumption of the fish

insect life is limited to few organisms which can tolerate the slime coated bottom. Trout which were once abundant are now scarce.

In 1980 the EPA and the state of Michigan sought legal action against Hanna Mining Company to bring about a halt to the flow of acid water. The legal ramifications to the ensuing suit were very complex. Hanna had closed their operations in accordance with the law at the time and the possibility of winning a suit against Hanna seemed unlikely.

Sensing the possibility of a long legal battle without a timely resolve to the pollution problem, the Green Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited organized several meetings in the Iron River area with representatives from Michigan DNR, EPA, Hanna Mining, Wisconsin DNR, Michigan Technological University, local officials and area sports clubs leaders.

All agreed to form a "cooperative

team" to bring about a solution to the acid water problem. Because of our cooperative approach, legal action was dropped. Nearly \$40,000 was raised to enable Dr. Allan Johnson and colleagues of Michigan Technological University, Institute of Mineral Research, to investigate a feasible solution to the acid water problem.

Hanna Mining made a substantial contribution to the project. The Green Bay Chapter obtained an Operation Protect grant from TU National, and Iron County Sports Clubs contributed to the project. Area towns and villages also endorsed the work.

After several years of field work, data collecting, and testing, Dr. Johnson has determined a practical and low cost system for correcting the acid mine drainage problem.

The proposed system involves diversion of controlled amounts of Iron River water into the main pond where the acid water emerges from the mine complex. In this pond, neutralization and precipitation of insoluble sludge would occur. Transfer of the water through a series of presently existing ponds below the mine would allow further settling of insoluble metals. A much cleaner effluent would then be returned to the Iron River about one fourth of a mile downstream just before the Iron River enters the Brule River.

In late June of this year, Dr. Johnson completed his 100 page report documenting his recommendation. That report is presently in the hands of the Michigan DNR. The report and Dr. Johnson's recommendation has been endorsed by the Michigan Conservation Commission (similar to our Natural Resources Board). We are now awaiting approval by the Michigan DNR. Once approved, necessary permits will have to be obtained and necessary construction can begin.

by humans have been issued by DNR, U. S. Food & Drug Administration, and the Division of Health.

Many local landowners along the Oconto River objected to Scott Paper's request, saying that they did not want to see a reversal in the progress that has been made in the past several years in the Oconto as far as pollution clean-up goes, and several residents, especially women with children, expressed the fear of chemical contamination of the fish they eat from the Oconto. Although classified as a warmwater fishery in that area, the Oconto River gets a run of steelhead trout and salmon each year up to the dam at Stiles, and PCB's discharged into the river would end up downstream from the dam and pose contamination problems for fish and animal life.



Lobbyist Tom Harnisch is pictured here with Sen. Joseph Strohl of Racine, the 1984 Conservation Legislator of the Year.

Harnisch's work pays off for sportsmen

Former State Sen. Tom Harnisch has amassed a fine record so far in his first year as lobbyist for the sportsmen and women of Wisconsin through the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, of which Wisconsin TU is a state affiliate.

During the past session of the Legislature, Harnisch worked diligently to secure full funding for the DNR beaver control program, succeeded in helping to get passed legislation easing landowner liability for legal trespass on private property (thus making it easier for people to get permission to gain access to lands for fishing and hunting), worked to get license increases approved

by the Legislature, and labored on a variety of other laws such as the phosphate ban in detergents, the groundwater protection bill, and bills affecting the navigability status of free-flowing streams in Wisconsin.

Harnisch works on a part-time basis for the federation, and also works for other non-conflicting interests such as the Great Lakes Sports Fishermen. Because of his presence in Madison, we have been able to accomplish many things that we would not have been able to otherwise. A big thanks is due to Harnisch for his efforts on behalf of anglers, hunters and trappers in Wisconsin!

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trout stream known in the world.)

The total cost of the project was approximately \$1,900. Sound expensive? All but about \$700 of the cost will be reimbursed to the chapter through county cost-sharing and the Soil Conservation Service.

Four major work-days were held to construct the fence and crossing. In May, a work-day was held in which the old broken cattle crossing, fencing and some brush were removed to prepare for the construction. On June 30 about 25 people spent the day installing the fence. On a Thursday evening in July, another group built the flood-gates, and July 28 a heavy group of eight workers pulled a marathon work-day and installed the flood-gates and the rest of the crossing. As of this date, all that remains to be done is some minor clean up and the placing of stiles.

Project chairman Andy Morton reports that the landowner is very pleased with the project. That's what it's all about! TU working in cooperation with landowners for the benefit of cold-water resources.

Other events in the last few months included a fishing outing on Castle Rock Creek for the members of the

fly tying classes, and a group of volunteers who helped Tom Flesch prepare a mailing for a state-wide membership drive.

As the chapter moves into fall, it is planning for the spring 1985 banquet, rod-building and fly-tying classes, and a fence-maintenance work day on Dec. 1. In addition, the chapter sent six of its members to the Trout Habitat Workshop held in June at UW-Stevens Point. The chapter hopes to put their added expertise to work in the next year with some in-stream habitat improvement projects.

Wis. River Valley

The Wis. River Valley Chapter held its First Annual Trout Fishing Jamboree on June 2. Rainbow trout had been stocked in a netted-off area of the Prairie River. Handicapped adults as well as Big Brothers/Sisters descended on the river for a day of fishing. Plans are to make this an annual event.

Also, the chapter assisted the DNR in improving habitat along the Plover River in Marathon County. Brush

was cut and anchored along the stream bank in the hopes of trapping sediment causing a gradual rebuilding of the bank, which should cause the river to become more narrow and deep.

Wolf River

The Wolf River Chapter assists with all trout planting in the Wolf River.

On April 25 members helped plant 12,000 brown trout legal. On June 10 the club scatter-planted 16,000 brown trout fingerlings that were about three inches in length. On Sept. 8 the chapter scatter-planted with rubber rafts 16,000 five to six inch fingerlings. Wolf River is the only chapter in the state that uses this method and encourage others to consider it.

This will be the fourteenth year of trout scatter-plants with rafts. Members of other chapters help with manpower along with other volunteers. The chapter provides a lunch and refreshments and a free raffle drawing of 20 items donated.

Having a small chapter, it cannot have a money raising banquet. The projects are 95 percent financed by two local businessmen, namely Herb

Buettner and Cap Buettner. The two do not receive any reimbursement from TU National or State Council. The estimated cost of the Wolf River yearly projects is \$2500.

The chapter does receive some financial help at times from other state chapters. The way the chapter operates is the only way it has survived. On occasion fishermen that patronize Cap's fly shop do donate to the scatter-plant fund.

Land for Sale

200 acres northwest of Shawano in the Gresham area. Includes 77 acres of grassy openings, the rest being wooded. A trout stream meanders through the property. Also includes three bedroom stone house with fireplace, drilled well, two-car garage, and three other sizable buildings; \$125,000; (414) 766-9282.

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Membership report

Clubs should attend to renewals

Membership in Wisconsin TU as of the first of August is 2264, up from 2235 at the end of April. We had reached a high of 2330 earlier in the

Chapter	8/84	5/84
Wolf River	23	25
Southern Wisc.	263	271
Southeast Wisc.	275	269
Green Bay	260	256
Central Wisc.	172	180
Fontinalis	29	28
Kiap-TU-Wish	110	117
Fox Valley	168	157
Ojibseau	76	79
Northwoods	75	70
Harry Nohr	66	68
Coulee Region	42	40
Antigo	91	82
Aldo Leopold	92	101
Shaw-Paca	78	70
Chequamegon	33	33
Oconto River Watershed	98	66
Blackhawk	86	87
Wisc. River Valley	96	98
Wild River	22	27
Marinette County	46	41
Lakeshore	63	69
Totals	2264	2235

year, but because of non-renewals and late renewals we have slipped back. Chapter-by-chapter membership totals are shown here.

TU National is promoting a year-end membership renewal/recruitment campaign in order to reach its goal of 20 percent membership increase for 1984.

Any chapter that increases its total membership by 10 percent between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 will receive its choice of several fine prizes, including spinning rod and reel sets, fly reels, float tubes, video cassettes, and other items. During this period, chapters are strongly encouraged to get their suspended members renewed, plus recruit new blood for the organization.

To help in this cause, use the membership blank provided here to sign up another new member for Trout Unlimited. Your efforts will help promote the Trout Unlimited message of clean water, better fishing, and responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

TU greeting card program notices out

Trout Unlimited National has again put into operation its annual Christmas Card/Greeting Card program for this year. All TU members received a notice in late August from National regarding the program asking if they wanted to receive the cards. As a reminder, anyone who does not want the cards should have marked the appropriate box indicating as such and mailed the card back to National in the envelope enclosed with the notice.

If you did want the cards, you were either to have done nothing and waited for the cards to arrive (upon which you would send National your check for the right amount) or you could have sent your check for the cards immediately and will receive the cards in November or December.

Each year, we get complaints about the program. Please remember:

- State Councils and chapters have nothing to do with the program; it is operated by National,

- the program last year brought in \$40,000 for TU and is expected to bring in \$55,000 this year, funds that are badly needed by National to maintain operations,

- if you receive cards that you did

not ask for, it is because you failed to read the letter TU sent to you and thus you did not indicate that you didn't want the cards, and

- if you receive cards you didn't ask for, you are under no obligation to pay, since this was a mail-solicited offer. We urge all TUs to participate in the program for the better-

ment of Trout Unlimited and or coldwater resources.

If you have a question or complaint regarding the card program, do not contact your State Council officers or chapter president. Instead, address all communication to: Trout Unlimited, c/o Christmas Card Program, 501 Church St., Vienna, VA. 22180.



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Ross Langhurst and Tom Thuemler of the DNR met with range trout habitat management projects for the area.

Environmental issues examined each week

Wisconsin Magazine

An update on the controversial Project Elf in Clam Lake...

A report on the proposed bill before the State Legislature banning inner tubes on the Brule river...

A look at Wisconsin's loon, a unique bird that has become a symbol of the northern woods...

An examination of the toxic waste controversy...

All of these important Wisconsin environmental issues and more were covered during this past year on Wisconsin Public Television's weekly statewide series, "The Wisconsin Magazine."

"We've been traveling around the state during the past ten years to bring viewers information about topics of concern to people in Wisconsin," says Executive Producer Carol Cotter about the program.

Beginning Oct. 5, The Wisconsin Magazine airs Fridays at 8 p.m. on channels 38/Green Bay, 36/Park Falls, 31/LaCrosse, 28/Menominee, 21/Madison, 20/Wausau and 10/Milwaukee.

The Green Bay broadcast will be rebroadcast on 55/Ellison Bay. The Menominee broadcast will be rebroadcast on 55/River Falls. Check local listings for repeat times.