

## Would you like to be introduced to Pennsylvania's warmwater fish?

Like people, fish belong to families. There are 26 different fish families living in Pennsylvania today, with about 151 kinds of fish found in these family groups. Compared to the 19,000 species of fish which inhabit the waters of the earth, that may not seem like many fish—but of the 700 kinds of fish found in the fresh waters of Canada and the continental United States, Pennsylvania has its fair share. Most anglers have met and caught most of the warmwater species found in this state. In case you haven't become intimately acquainted with the wonderful variety of warmwater fish families waiting for you to cast them a line, here is a thumbnail sketch of each:

**BOWFIN FAMILY:** Only one member of this ancient family is found in Pennsylvania and the United States, the bowfin. It is rare in our state and although considered inferior in eating quality, is one of the scrappiest of fish when hooked. The bowfin is a fierce and voracious predator, feeding mostly upon other fish although it also eats crayfish and frogs. Pennsylvania anglers occasionally land a bowfin, usually when fishing with worms or even artificial spinning lures.

**WHITEFISH FAMILY:** Two species in this family are found in Pennsylvania waters, primarily in Lake Erie—the Cisco and Lake Whitefish. Both are very scarce, especially the Cisco.

**PIKE FAMILY:** The kings and queens of freshwater fish are members of this famous family. Six species are native to Pennsylvania waters—redfin pickerel, grass pickerel, chain pickerel, northern pike, Great Lakes Muskellunge and Ohio Muskellunge. With the introduction of the Amur pike into Glendale Lake, Prince Gallitzin State Park (Cambria County) by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission in 1968, Pennsylvania now has the distinction of being the only state in the U. S. to have every member of the pike family. The Amur pike is native to the Amur River separating China from Siberia and this species is found nowhere else in the world, except in Pennsylvania.

**SUCKER FAMILY:** Most Pennsylvania anglers are acquainted with the white sucker, the most widespread and commonly caught member of this family. But in addition, the black sucker, golden sucker, shorthead and greater redhorse are found here.

**EEL FAMILY:** Only one member of the eel family is found in Pennsylvania—the American eel. With the construction of dams on rivers and streams tributary to the Atlantic Ocean, the eel has almost vanished from inland waters—but they still move up the Delaware, Lehigh and other rivers in their annual migration from saltwater to fresh.

**CATFISH FAMILY:** Most every kid knows about the bullhead (those spines hurt when he tries to grab this catch from the old mill stream or pond), but in addition to this delicious little member of the family, eight other members of the catfish family are found in Pennsylvania. They range in size from the tiny madtom up to the huge channel catfish and flathead catfish.

**SEA BASS FAMILY:** The family name is misleading because three members are found in Pennsylvania fresh-water lakes and streams—the white bass, white perch and striped bass.

**SUNFISH FAMILY:** To many fishermen, a sunfish is a bluegill. Actually however, this family has 15 members living in Pennsylvania. They include, surprisingly enough, the small-mouth bass, large mouth bass and two kinds of crappie—white and black. Other members of this large and very important family include rock bass, pumpkin-seed sunfish, red-breasted sunfish and longear sunfish.

### PERCH AND DARTER

**FAMILY:** Except for the minnow family, this is the largest family of fishes found in Pennsylvania. It is best known for one of the most prized of all freshwater fish—the walleye—but also includes the sauger and yellow perch. The other 19 species in the family are all darters which most people probably consider as minnows. These include many little fish with interesting names, like Johnny darter, Log Perch, Tippecanoe Darter, Fantail darter and Shield Darter.

**DRUM FAMILY:** Only one member of this family is found in Pennsylvania and then, only in Lake Erie, the freshwater drum.

That's almost all in the family of Pennsylvania's warmwater fish—at least all that are of primary interest to fishermen. The rest are probably known to the average person only as "minnows"—but these family groupings do include some larger fish, like the sturgeons, herrings and shad, and smelts. The minnow family, largest

membership in the state, is popular because most of the angler's "baitfish" belong here, but other families include the gars, chubs, shiners, dace, sticklebacks, killifishes, silversides and sculpins. They all are important in the aquatic ecosystem, perhaps not so much for sporting purposes but simply because they evolved in Pennsylvania waters as part of the interesting and valuable community of living things.

## Makle feted at banquet

On Saturday, May 24, Local Union 5149 Steelworkers of Colonial Metals honored retiring President Griffith Makle at a dinner held at the Copper Lustre Inn.

Mr. Makle has been involved in the union at the local company since 1955. He was presented a plaque from the local union officers and members. Mrs. Makle, attending with her husband, was presented flowers.

Those also attending were: Vice President and Mrs. Charles Andrews, Financial Secretary and Mrs. Michael Lippold, Recording Secretary and Mrs. Michael Leschke, Treasurer and Mrs. Filbert Culp III, Grievance Chairman and Mrs. Barry Gerfin, and Union Representative and Mrs. Albert Danz. Representing Colonial Metals Co. were: Executive Vice President and Mrs. Robert Mann.

## Eigenhauser graduates

Linda McElrea Eigenhauser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McElrea, Route 1, Mount Joy, was a member of the 121st class to graduate from Shimer College. Outdoor commencement ceremonies were held Sunday afternoon, May 25.

Linda received her bachelor's degree in the Humanities.



Margaret Stauffer Fisher  
Mrs. Fisher talks on Love

Margaret Stauffer Fisher will address the Mount Joy Rotary Club on Tuesday, June 10. Her Topic will be "Love American Style."

Mrs. Fisher, who is the wife of the Rev. Dr. Wallace E. Fisher, minister of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, is a graduate of Gettysburg College and also Carnegie-Mellon Institute. She was employed before her marriage in the personnel department of U.S. Steel.

She is weekly lecturer at Trinity Lutheran, was president of the Lancaster County Mental Health association, also of the Embreville State Hospital Board, and of Church Women United of Lancaster. Mrs. Fisher has been a frequent speaker for clubs and groups around Lancaster County.

On June 24 the speaker at Rotary will be William H. Wilson, whose topic will be, "Is Your Financial House in Order?" Meetings are at 12:15, Tuesdays, at Hostetter's, 363 North Barbara Street, Mount Joy.

## New Welcome Wagon hostesses are announced in Mount Joy

Welcome Wagon International has announced that Mrs. Barbara Banks, and Mrs. Cherie Dillow will be the new hostess and assistant hostess for the Mount Joy area.

They are among the approximately 8,000 Welcome Wagon hostesses who make more than a million calls annually on families in more than 4,000 cities throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.

On behalf of the more than 100,000 business sponsors, Welcome Wagon calls on families when they move into a new home, when there is a new baby, and when an engagement is

## Parents & teachers in Maytown search for ways to improve their communications

by Judy Swab

A meeting of concerned parents and teachers was held Thursday, May 29th at 7 p.m. in the Maytown Elementary School cafeteria. For some time, there has been interest in establishing better communications between parent-child-teacher in the elementary school.

Ms. White and Ms. Holtzman, both teachers at the school, took an informal survey among parents, to determine initial interest. Every student was given a questionnaire to take home. There were 102 interested parents, 47 not interested, and 7 who were uncertain. Both teachers felt the survey showed sufficient interest to warrant an open meeting on May 29.

The meeting was attended by a total of 32 parents and teachers, who seemed well motivated and sincerely interested.

One topic everyone seemed agreed on was the need for a relaxed type of interest and involvement group, outside of the PTO.

The meeting was divided into five groups and each group was asked to 'brainstorm' on what exactly they wanted from any type of organization. Many ideas were discussed that were reduced to a few basic conclusions.

The most basic conclusion was that there is a definite need for better communications between home and school. There is a need for more involvement on both sides—teachers and parents. More information is needed about present and any new programs.

Specific topics mentioned were: The need for an expanded safety patrol program, the possibility of fund raising affairs for needed equipment at the school, the sharing of duties for existing programs, with parents taking a more active role, the possibility of parents helping in the classroom itself, and the possibility of parents and teachers having a summer program of activities for students. All ideas were suggestions. A committee volunteered to try to gather more information for these ideas, particularly for the summer.

An open meeting for parents, teachers—all interested persons will be held June 26 at 7 p.m. in the Maytown School cafeteria. This is not a business meeting, or a listening meeting. People should come prepared to express their views, ideas, suggestions, and complaints. There will be no minutes, no officers, no speakers, except the participants.

announced. Welcome Wagon also participates in special events such as golden wedding anniversaries, and other occasions especially important to the family or the community.

Often referred to as the service 'in the business of building friendships,' Welcome Wagon's basic purpose is 'service—service to the family, and service to the community.' A most important part of the Welcome Wagon call deals with civic and religious information especially designed to be of help to the family.

Indicative of the value of Welcome Wagon's volunteer services and civic achievements are citations from organizations such as

the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the United States Postal Department and the United States Treasury Department.

Welcome Wagon performs a public relations function, but, more important, the organization believes it meets a present day need in the field of human relations.

Anyone interested in having a visit from either hostess please call Mrs. Banks at 653-4478 or Mrs. Dillow at 653-1609. 'Should you be unable to reach either of us the first time you call, please call back!'