



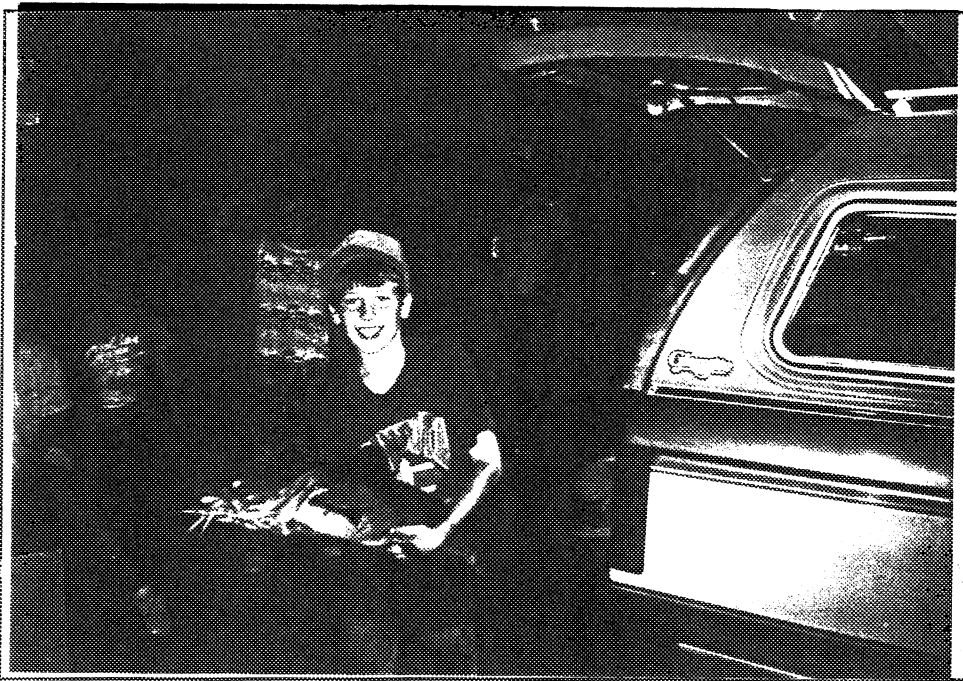
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FISHING THE MINNESOTA

Crisp fall days, leaves gently falling at your feet. The sun shines warmly on your face as you lean back in the lawn chair. An occasional duck comes racing past you on its way to who knows where. It is so peaceful and relaxing that you start to doze, when suddenly the rod is almost jerked from your hand. It is fall fishing on the Minnesota River, and the WALLEYES are biting. Of course there is always a chance that you will catch something else.



You never know what is lurking beneath the muddy brown surface. It could be a walleye or perhaps a mooneye. If you are just there for the fishing, they are both fun to catch. I have spent thirty years, off an on, fishing the Minnesota River, and this year I caught my first walleye. In fact, I caught four in two days. This is also the first time that I have spent any time on the river in the late fall. I thought that possibly it was a channel cat because the fight that it put up was totally unexpected. It was truly a beautiful fish, though it only weighed 1 1/2 pounds. It made a good day on the river a great day.

There were many of those days this year as I spent a great deal of time fishing the river, even though it was quite high earlier in the season. There is something about the river that lets a person relax and unwind. Maybe it's because it is more like a living thing...always moving and changing. Then there is the excitement when, not if, you get a bite. Never knowing what it will be. There is always a chance that the next bite will be the monster you have been waiting for all year. Take a afternoon off this fall, grab your rod and a lawn chair, pick up some bait and head down to the river. You will be surprised at how peaceful and relaxing it can be.

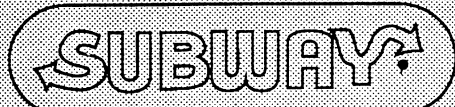
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the November meeting we will have the election of officers. They are as follows: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations, in writing, must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than the October meeting. Terms of office are for three years. Anyone wishing more information, please contact Mike Deinken at 359-9650.



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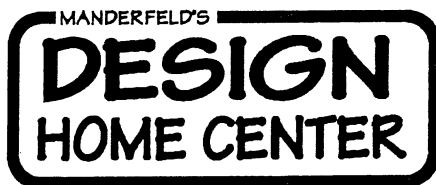
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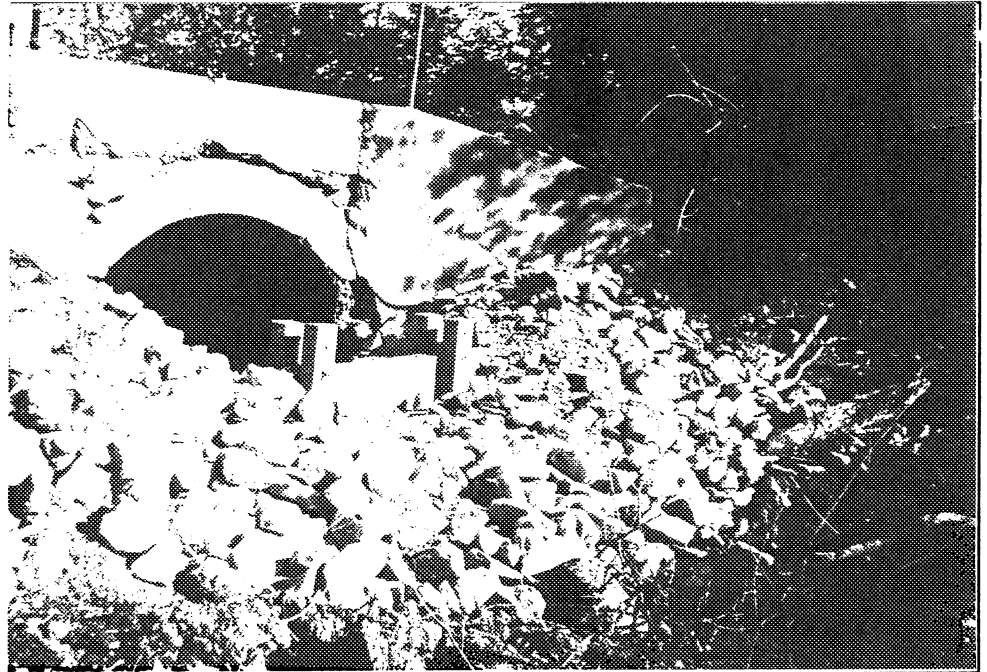
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MINNECON WETLANDS

As you may know, we are in the process of restoring a riverine wetland in MinneCon Park next to the Minnesota River. The first phase was completed in late August. We have already caught the attention of the Twin



Cities media with our little project. The New Ulm Park and Recreation Department has consented to give us the honor of naming this newly restored wetland. At our last meeting we decided to make it a club-wide contest, with the winning entry to receive a club jacket. To enter you must be a member of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen. You may enter as many times as you wish. In case there is a tie, the winner will be determined by random drawing. Please have your entries in by the October meeting, as we will decide the winner that night.



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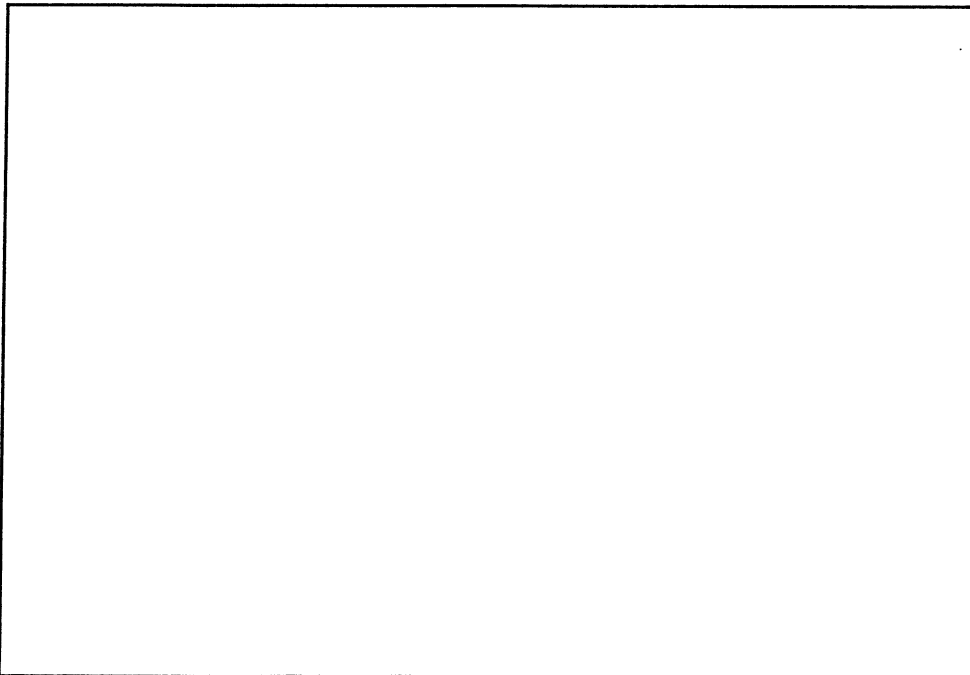
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WHAT SUMMER?

Is it just me, or do the summers seem to be getting shorter every year? It seems that just the other day was June, and here we are in October thinking about ice fishing already. When I was younger the summer seemed to go on forever. Now, if I don't pay attention, I miss half of it. Summer is my favorite season, the warm sunny days spent on the river or at the lake are what I really look forward to. There is nothing as relaxing as spending an afternoon with rod and reel in hand. No stress, no worry, and most of the time no fish. But who cares? The only thing I care about are these shortening summers. If something isn't done to stop this trend, by the time I am ready to retire, there will be no summer left for me to enjoy. Now wouldn't that be a sickening situation? You know, our Congress is pretty good at passing legislation that most of the time makes no sense to the average person, that is if you and I can be considered average. Maybe they could lengthen summer for us guys who need more time. It's about time they did something worthwhile. This has to change. What have I been working for all these years if when I finally reach retirement age and there is no summer left for me to enjoy? Heaven forbid I should have to keep on working.

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ICE FISHING TRIP

There has been some rumblings lately about returning to Mille Lacs Lake this winter for our annual ice fishing trip. It seems that some of you would like to catch some fish. At the last meeting there was some discussion as to whether we should go to Mille Lacs again or find someplace different. It was overwhelmingly in favor of going someplace new. No one had any specific destination in mind, so we are leaving it up to you to decide. If anyone knows of a place that will accommodate us for a couple of days at a reasonable rate, please bring the information to the next meeting or get it to me before the meeting, we need it at that time because it will have to be decided that night where we plan to go. There usually are between twenty and thirty of us, so they will have to be able to handle that number of people. We require sleeping arrangements, preferably in the fish house. If you know of a place, please get all the pertinent information so we can make a decision as to where we will be going this year.

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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 3M employees of New Ulm are having their Fall cleanup this Saturday, October 29th. The cleanup will begin at the 15th South bridge at 9am. They have invited us to help and anyone who is free that day until noon is encouraged to do so. Food and refreshments will be available following the cleanup. 3M has helped us in our section of the river and I hope we can have a show of support for them as well.

Our next meeting will be October 27th at 7:30 PM at Turner Hall. It will feature a catfish fry following the meeting. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 with the proceeds going to the club.

At the last meeting it was brought up to look for alternative sites for the Winter fishing trip. If you have ideas or input please get them, with yourself, to the next meeting.

As you know from the last meeting, the MinneCon Park Wetland will be named by the NUASF. It has been decided that we will have a contest to name the wetland project using our name or parts of it in it. The person who submits the winning entry will receive a stylish NUASF jacket. So get those entries in at the meeting or mail to the "Hook, Line, and Sinker" editor Mike Deinken.

Even though there is more work to be done on the wetland, we can take pride in our accomplishments and state wide fame we received from "River Reach" on KARE 11 TV. This project is the first and only riverine wetland creation project in the entire Minnesota River corridor. We hope other such projects can be completed in other cities in the watershed. I can see a day when this area becomes a virtual floodplain classroom for area students to study such things as wildlife habitat, water quality, and all the biological and zoological links to wetlands. I can also see a walkway across the wetland to let people on foot observe the area firsthand and to view the diversity of such an area so close to town.

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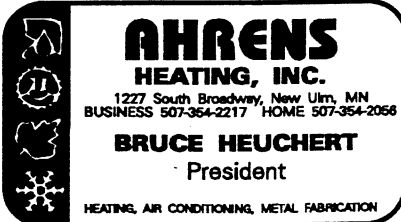
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November 24th
Meeting-7:30 PM
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