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Spend Some of Your

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On Friday, the thirteenth, John Bromfield and his Parade of Champions performed for an always enthusiastic Chicagoland audience at the International Amphiteatre. The famed Sportsman's and Vacation Show has become a family affair, after 38 years. Three generations have enjoyed its versatility, with this year's being greater than ever. You'll see boats, campers, fishing and other recreational equipment to meet every outdoor need. The travel section can prescribe recreation for every direction and in any section. Youngsters may fish and dad can buy his equipment and make family plans on where to go and use it. The show opens weekends at noon and weekdays at 1 p.m. The Parade of Champions is seen daily at 2 and 8 p.m., featuring many skilled and colorful entertainers. Senior citizens are charged half price on weekdays.

Ever wonder what happened to those good smoked fish we used to buy along the lakefront in Chicago? They were smoked chubs and really tasty. State officials are wondering too, in fact, a conservation department census, on Lake Michigan waters last fall, revealed an unusually low number of chubs...only two per cent of the sampling. The most abundant fish were alewives and smelt. Both are originally a salt water specie that entered via the St. Lawrence waterways. Both are competitors for food favored by chubs...appears the salty competition is too much for the local team. Years ago seven chub species were present in great numbers, while the fall check located only one. Lake trout are numerous and big but are not reproducing as they return to spawn in the harbors, rather than utilizing the offshore reefs. Turbot, a cod cousin, seemed totally absent, although native to this water. Turbot were hard hit by the lamprey invasion of the '50's. Another spring sampling is planned, which may cast more light on some of these questionmarks raised by Conservation's October-November census.

COMMERCIAL fishermen, in Illinois Chain-O'Lakes, got the Go Ahead from Conservation, after a December sampling showed a relatively low polychlorinated biphenyl (PBC) count. This year's carp harvest is expected to go way up over last, based on controlled licensing and supervision.

A fisherman hoisted a 22 lb. coho off his boat and lay it on the dock area, just as a young boy came along with his pole and a stringer of six perch. The boy stared at the fish and then at the "button bustin'" fisherman. "Just caught the one, huh?", the boy commented, sympathetically.

On February 12, 1947, a fella named Stewart, caught a record shattering sailfish, off the Galapagos Islands. It weighed in at 221 pounds and if it hadn't happened on Lincoln's birthday, I'd hardly believe it.

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