



SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE—Minnesota's pine wilderness is disturbed only by the tumbling rivers full of bass and pike.

It Happened in Minnesota

THIS is an honest-to-goodness true fish story as related by Harold Boyd and verified by many witnesses. It took place on Fox Lake near Brainerd, Minn. Nine-year-old Mike Strand, a neighbor's son, tied a half-pound crappie to the boat dock in about eight inches of water with a heavy rope stringer. The next morning Mike discovered the crappie was gone—gone down the gullet of a big walleyed pike. Only the crappie's tail was showing.

The self stringered walleye weighed seven pounds, two ounces. Yes, it could happen only in Minnesota—and Minnesota is where your A.O.C.S. will hold its 1954 fall meeting.

New Book

STANDARD ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF OILS, FATS, WAXES, AND SOAP [as adopted by the German Commission, Berlin (Wizoff 1930 edition)], translated by N. N. Godbole (Banaras Hindu University Press, Banaras, India, 140 pages, 20 figs., 1953, \$2). This volume is a translation of the methods adopted by the German Commission in 1930, and consequently it does not include the newer methods and techniques and does include some that have become obsolete. The subject matter is organized according to association of procedures: estimation of fat; investigation of crude fat; qualitative reactions for determining the nature of fat; physical examination; chemical constants; investigation of edible fats; soap analysis; estimation of glycerin; estimation of waxes and wax products; and important reagents.

The descriptions of the methods are brief. In many instances the reader is referred to "the usual method" without any indication of what choice he should make for the type of sample being examined. No literature references are given.

This volume offers a guide as to the tests that may be useful in evaluating a sample.

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