

delay the trial and await developments.

I didn't have to wait long. Commissioner Gould contacted me shortly, stating that he had an official letter of protest from a prominent member of the state American Legion whom Sandy had guided in Cook County. The Legion leader charged that I, a nonveteran, had seized the lawful property of a fellow legionnaire and was persecuting him for a purely technical infraction of the law.

I told the Commissioner that two game warden legionnaires, not I, had seized the guns; also that the offense was not "just technical" but was the downright avoidance of United States citizenship in an effort to maintain a dual citizenship for private gain. I referred the complete file to the Commissioner who turned it over to the State Attorney General. The Attorney

General upheld the confiscation, and the guns remained the property of the State of Minnesota. Thus, a hunter's complaint after a typical deer season squabble resulted in the prosecution of an entirely unsuspected violation.

My tour of duty in Grand Marais ended on December 26, 1926. Commissioner Gould informed me that I was transferred to Duluth, there to undertake establishment of another district headquarters in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Forestry. Though anxious to be located closer to my St. Paul home, I was sorry to leave Grand Marais. I had learned many things of value there concerning the problems of game wardening in the northern part of the state. Also, I had made many enduring friendships which have persisted for these thirty-four years.

CONSERVATION EXHIBIT WINS

Michael Brown, 16, Appleton, won top honors in 4-H soil and water conservation demonstrations at the Minnesota State fair.

Michael's demonstration was how to "Save Your Soil With Minimum Tillage."

FISHING FOR GUPPIES

How many adult guppies can you remove from an aquarium and still keep about the same number swimming around in it? The answer is—up to 50 per cent every three weeks, according to Drs. Ralph P. Silliman and James A. Gutsell, Fishery Research Biologists with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Fishery Bulletin 113). They "fished" the aquaria every three weeks because guppies breed every three weeks in contrast to our native fishes which breed only once a year. Of course, the fish removed were replaced rapidly by young fish growing up. Although removal of 25 to 50 per cent each three weeks caused no trouble, removal of 75 per cent was definitely "overfishing" and caused the guppy population to decline.

The guppy results are similar to those found in Minnesota lakes where recovery of marked fish by creel census show a usual fishing harvest of 10 to 45 per cent of the fish of catchable size each year. And, as with the guppies, there have been no indications of population decline with such a sportfishing take. J. B. M.