

## Corning



**M**OTORISTS to the Finger Lakes Region have found Corning a touring axis of many historic and scenic spots, with a rich background of history and a present beauty all its own. To such extent has motoring developed in Corning that the local automobile club has boasted the distinction of having the largest membership in the United States for a community the size of Corning. Though settled years before, Corning really

started its advance with the completion of the Chemung Canal in 1833. Six years later the road from Corning to Lawrenceville was opened for business; in 1840 the advance guard of the New York & Erie Railroad made its appearance in Corning and in 1849 the Erie road was finished to Corning. That year the community stood third in the state in the list of shipping points.

The village was incorporated in 1848, when it had but 850 inhabitants. The growth of the place from 1880 to 1890 was the second greatest of any city in the state. The first school was opened in September, 1839 at the house of S. B. Denton. From this start the system has grown until today there are six modern schools, two of them High schools.

Founders of the city in selecting its location were influenced by the promising appearance of the surrounding country for agricultural purposes and for its central location. The wisdom of these far-



Fishing is always good near Corning

seeing settlers was soon made apparent as the community developed.

Corning has a peculiarly distinctive advantage in industry. Being located less than 40 miles from the soft coal region, with natural gas for heat and light, cheap electric power for light and power, an A-1 insurance classification, and a divergent type of labor procurable from a wide territory naturally tributary to the city, it is a natural industrial center.

Corning is particularly fortunate in its railroad transportation facilities. With three trunk line roads running with all points of the compass, the New York Central, Lackawanna and Erie, furnish quick and cheap express and freight service between New York and Chicago, via Buffalo, and all points north to Syracuse, south to Williamsport and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Division offices of the New York Central are located here and of the Erie and Lackawanna close by. A 24 hour freight service with New York is of great value to the package or less car lot shipper. Switching arrangements are interchangeable and great convenience results.

Corning has 37 manufacturers, producing and shipping for the markets of the world many products of great merit. In glass production it leads all other cities in the volume of diversified manufacture. Edison and Westinghouse bulbs are produced here, as



Lake Salubria, northwest of Corning



# KEUKA COLLEGE

## KEUKA PARK, N. Y.



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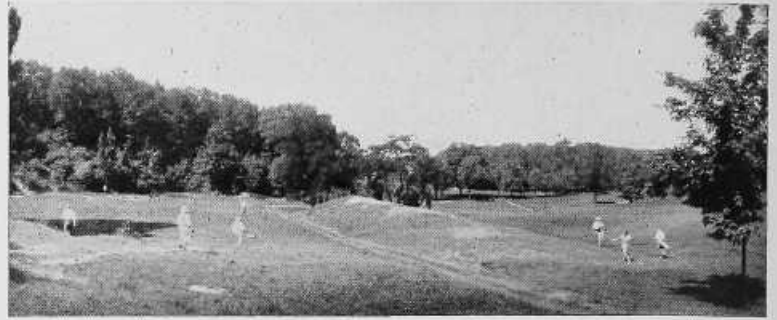
In diversified manufacture Corning has many large factories producing gas engine regulators, wire fence stretchers, glass making machinery, brick, terra cotta and tile, plaster relief work, mill work, confectionery, printing, ice cream, monument works, furnaces and castings, butcher shop supplies, meat saws and cleavers, pressed steel products, silk gloves, artificial limbs, auto timers, auto springs and wheels, cigars, etc. Terra cotta and plaster relief shipped to all parts of the country for some of the finest buildings.

Unexcelled school facilities, 14 churches, 5 fraternal homes, large new hospital, and 40 acres of beautiful parks with all kinds of recreational facilities, provide the needed requirements to guarantee to industry and business the sort of conditions that have produced and will continue to produce and maintain the required supply of satisfied industrial workers of the highest class.

No city was ever better equipped with fraternal homes than Corning. Nearly all new, and built for the purpose, in size, appointment and general purpose they form a group of which any community may be proud.

The Masonic Scottish Rite Cathedral on Walnut St., the Knights of Columbus Home on Cedar St., the Elks Home on Walnut St., the Odd Fellows Temple on Erie Ave., the L. O. O. M. on Market St., all provide ample accommodations for the members and to the visitor to the city.

In civic organizations, Corning has the Chamber of Commerce, Corning Rotary, Woman's Club, Woman's Business Club, Clonian Circle, American Legion and



Corning has an admirable golf course

Women's University Club. Nearly all of these organizations function through the Chamber of Commerce, on the broader civic questions and issues.

People of Corning enjoying club life and service have at their disposal three finely appointed clubs in Corning Club, Corning Country Club and Imperial Club. Corning Club, one of the finest clubs in Corning, was built about 25 years ago and has always served its members with a high standard.

It has made a most happy meeting place for the smaller civic functions and quiet dinners between business associates. Its membership embraces all that is best in the citizenry of Corning. The Country Club, built but four years ago, with its location one mile from the city line, gives a twelve month's recreational service to its large membership through its finely appointed nine hole golf course, tennis courts,

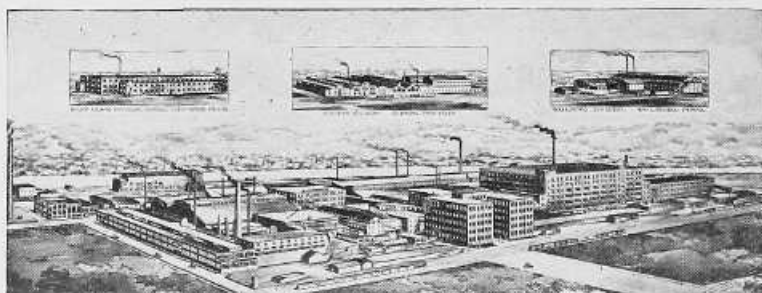


Corning is the home of art in glassware

and wintersports. The club house is finely appointed.

The Imperial Club, for employees of the Ingersoll-Rand Co., the largest air compressor factory in the world, is in a beautiful old Colonial building, to which has been added a large dormitory capacity.

Corning is on the Liberty route between New York and Buffalo, and at the head of the Susquehanna Trail from all points south through Williamsport. Within eighteen miles of the Finger Lakes with Watkins Glen but twenty-two miles away, the beautiful Keuka Lake with its wineries and vineyards within twenty-eight miles, the routes to these on hard surfaced roads leading through the picturesque valleys of Steuben, makes the city a natural starting point for all these places. A deluxe tourist camp site in beautiful Denison park with bathing facilities, gas to cook with, sanitary conveniences and police protection is of great value to the visiting



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the city for their various errands and business. In this area there are 21 rural communities, depending on Corning largely for their wholesale and retail supplies.

With this natural development has come a corresponding balance in the number and variety of stores in the city. In the place of a few standard lines on one block there has developed a business section two miles long on which are located some of the finest stores and business places to be seen anywhere.

Corning's manufacturers now produce and ship all over the world, the following widely known products. Glass in blubs, tubing, auto lenses, ovenware, railroad signal, optical, clinical, laboratory, auto glass wings, etched, cut, engraved and colored. Gas engine regulators, wire fence stretchers, air compressors (Painted Post), glass making machinery, brick, terra cotta and tile, plaster relief, mill work, confectionery, printing, monument works, furnaces and castings, butcher shop supplies, meat saws, garters, silk gloves, ice cream, artificial limbs, pressed steel products, auto timers, auto springs and wheels, cigars, fibre boxes, piston rings, etc.

*Painted Post*

Northwest of Corning lies the village of Painted Post, said to have been named because of a painted post marking the grave of Captain Montour, a son of the famous Queen Catherine. As late as 1810 the post was kept in a bar room as a relic preserved by the first settlers.

No sketch of Corning would be complete without mention of the development of glass making there on a scale unequaled in the world. Though the ancient Phoenicians are said to have first discovered how to make glass and the Egyptians made sham jewels of glass at least 5,000 or 6,000 B. C., the greatest advance in the art has been achieved at Corning. There the Corning Glass Works has the foremost laboratory and most comprehensive knowledge of glass making possessed by any industrial institution in the world.



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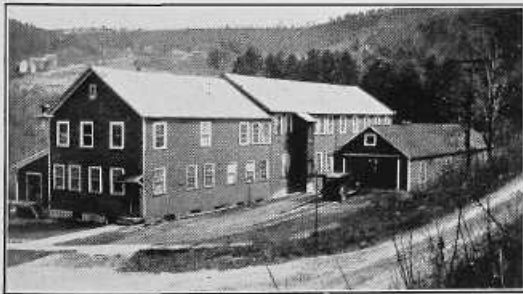
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*Wayne*

**R**ISING nearly 400 feet above the waters of Lake Keuka, the charming village of Wayne rests at the head of Waneta Lake. Truly Waneta is a mountain lake of rare beauty. The invigorating atmosphere and scenic grandeur that are Wayne's heritage of nature make the village a fitting objective for tourists in the Lake Keuka district. Beautiful Lake Lamoka lies about due south of Waneta, and is approximately 1,100 feet above sea level.

*Pulteney*

**P**ULTENEY, on the new Hammondsport-Branchport highway, is in a picturesque setting along the west side of Lake Keuka opposite Bluff Point. As a shipping center for the grape industry it is well known. Wagner's Gully and several interesting waterfalls near the village make it a pleasant stopping place for the tourist. One of the most interesting side trips in the region is that from Pulteney west over the state highway to Prattsburg, touching the Elmira-Buffalo highway at Bath and Kanona. Pulteney has been an enthusiastic backer of the Finger Lakes movement and has extended a cordial welcome to the visitors attracted to the town.



*Hector-Valois*

**A**LONG the picturesque Seneca Boulevard overlooking Seneca Lake, the twin communities of Hector and Valois have a scenic setting and historical background that are alike unique. Hector Falls is the first masterpiece of nature that greets the motorist coming around the corner of Seneca Lake from Watkins Glen. Then through Hector and Valois a majestic panorama greets him as the concrete road winds through the famed Seneca fruit belt on a plateau high above the sparkling waters of the lake.

Along this trail the soldiers of Sullivan marched, here setting eyes upon the first of the Finger Lakes as they trod northward, awestruck at the beauty of the scenery.

Near the foot of Hector Falls was the first frame house on the east slope of Seneca Lake, the first grist mill, carding machinery and distillery.

*Myers*

**M**YERS, with a population of about 300, is on the Auburn division of the Lehigh Valley on the east shore of Cayuga Lake and about eight miles north of Ithaca.

It received its name from its first settlers, the Myers family. Andrew Myers came through Ithaca when that place contained only eight log houses. He followed the Indian trail to the mouth of Salmon Creek. There he built a log house and settled with his family.

Later, when Andrew, Jr., came to manhood, he located in Ithaca.

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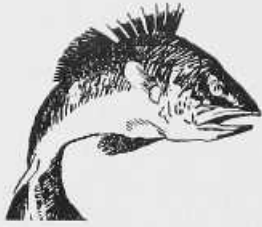
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## Finger Lakes Region Fish Fancies



**S** HIS It's true. There are fish in the Finger Lakes that are as vicious as wolves — fish that grab men's noses, mutilate boys' hands, smash umbrellas and make all sorts of "whoopee" without thought of consequences. These fish have been seen, encountered and in many instances caught, according to the lurid Finger Lakes fish yarns which are as weird and as numerous as Indian myths in the lake country. But many of these stories, which lend to angling a glamor that only the linesman fully knows, have as backing the words of men whose integrity has never been disputed.

There are thousands of these tales of rudder and stream. A few of them have become "history" among the angling fraternity. They are typical of the yarns that find birth each year in the cottage colonies. A review of all the fish adventures of the region indicates that along Lake Keuka the fish are the most formidable or imaginations the most fertile there in the grape country. For the most unusual narratives generally emanate from Keuka. There is for instance the story of how on August 27, 1873 Harry C. Morse caught an eight pound trout



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Lower Falls in Taughannock



Along Cayuga Lake at Taughannock Park

on his nose in Brandy Bay.

Almost as strange a tale now comes from the same lake, with William Fenner of Penn Yan as the angler extraordinary. He landed a bullhead which had caught a pickerel twice its own weight on its nose. He was fishing about a third of the way across Lake Keuka in front of the "Ark," about a mile south of Penn Yan, when he saw a pickerel jump from the water, then swim about near the surface. Rowing to the scene of the commotion he dipped his landing net and brought out a ten-inch bullhead with a sixteen inch pickerel hanging on its nose.

The larger fish apparently tried to swallow the catfish when one of the latter's horns penetrated the jaw of the pickerel and became lodged there and the captor was captured, being slowly

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strangled as its mouth was held wide open by the head of the catfish. It was necessary to kill the pickerel before it could be freed.

Frank Annona of Buffalo happened to be fishing nearby and saw the incident. Later on shore, Jack Yetter, young son of I. L. Yetter, was photographed holding the two fish while they were still alive. The pickerel weighed a pound and a half and the catfish three-fourths of a pound.

Another Lake Keuka story deals with an unnamed angler who landed a big fish with an umbrella, which was wrecked in the process. The fisherman went out after perch in the twilight. He felt a terrific strike. Quite alarmed over the violent attack that was being made on his bait, yet determined not to lose the monster, regardless of the cost, he began a series of maneuvers that were destined to bring the gigantic fish to inglorious defeat.

With great effort, he finally got the fish within a few feet of the boat. He was at a loss to proceed further, due to the fact that he had no landing net. Casting about for some way out of his predicament, his eye rested on an umbrella he had brought in case of rain. Holding fast with one hand to the violently jerking line, the excited angler opened the umbrella and succeeded, after several wild attempts, in getting its spread beneath the fish.

What was his dismay, however, to discover that the fish was so big, and of such weight, that with one vicious swipe of its tail, it caused the umbrella to collapse into a useless tangle of metal ribs and sopped cloth. Still undaunted, however, the angler immediately turned the umbrella about, and with the crooked handle serving as a gaff hook, he succeeded in landing the finny battler safely into the boat. Those of a curious turn of mind who might be concerned as to the type of fish which caused this great turmoil are informed that it was a gigantic pickerel.

Skipping over to the easternmost Finger Lakes, it is found that Skaneateles has its quota of yarns. One



In Cornell Stadium

is sufficient. It is told by W. H. Hall of Skaneateles village, who swore to the following statement before a notary:

"The list below is the number of, or pounds of fish that I have caught with hook and line in Skaneateles lake from January, 1908, to November 13, 1927, and given away to my friends:

"Four thousand, one hundred and thirty-seven perch, 371 rock bass, 1,452 small mouth bass, 1,831 lake trout, three brown trout, and six so-called land-lock salmon, a total of 7,800; also 390 pounds of suckers, 644 of perch, 181 perch and bass, and 912 pounds of fish, making a total of 2,127 pounds.

"I have also caught with hook and line and sold from April 1920, to September 26, 1927, 613 lake trout and 223 pounds of perch."

Thomas Bamford of Hammondsport is credited with having told of a strange experience he encountered countered in fishing for brook trout in the Lake Keuka Inlet, when he was using a light line and a peculiar make of hook. He was surprised by a tremendous jerk of the line and glimpsed a very large fish as it swam away with his broken line and hook. Upon his return home Mr. Bamford related the incident to several of his friends, one of the friends making a sketch of the peculiar hook he described.

Several days ago Ambrose Burd of Hammondsport was trolling for trout near the head of Lake Keuka and was fortunate in hooking a nine-pound Rainbow. To his surprise he found attached to the mouth of the fish a short line and imbedded in the jaws was a small hook. Mr.



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Bamford has identified the hook as being the one used by himself. This is one of the true fish stories and is vouched for by George Connolly, well known Hammond sport man.

From Bath comes the story of how a ten-year-old boy, Samuel Pruden, hooked a German brown trout in the Cohocton river and suffered for his pains. In endeavoring to land the fish, the lad was drawn into the water, but undaunted he managed to get the fish in his hands and brought it to shore. The boy suffered a number of bites from the fish on his hands and arms. The trout, the largest caught in this community in years, weighed four pounds and two ounces.

Many are the tales of how pennies and other coins have been taken from the stomachs of Finger Lakes fish.

How a snake and an angler landed a trout at the same time in a stream in southern Cayuga County is told by Richard T. Anderson, Auburn. Anderson hooked a big rainbow trout, which lunged for a deep pool, snagging the line in some brush by the water's edge. The fisherman, seeing the writhing white belly of the trout as it struggled to get loose, reached with his hand into the water and drew out the big fellow. In the tail of the fish the fangs of a blacksnake were imbedded. Anderson showed the trout with mutilated tail as proof of the episode.

Stories of boys, some not yet in their teens, who have made big catches, are common among Finger Lakes fish fancies. On June 6, 1924, Harry McConnell of Penn Yan, while casting for bass in Lake Keuka after a nine and a half pound lake trout. The following year he cast over the same place where he saw a ripple in the water. This time he hooked a Steinway piano. Investigation proved it had been a discarded

instrument used in building a dock miles distant the previous year. The ice of winter had dislodged it to send it on its way to the line of the boy fisherman.

Another of the Keuka fisherman, in his own words, tells this story: "I had pushed quietly out in the evening about a hundred feet from shore, when I heard a splashing and swishing in the water a few feet away. I turned and saw a fish, rushing like mad about in a circle, tearing through the water at express train speed. It was a trout which had become what fishermen call 'wind bound.' He had come to the surface to catch a saw-belly, had missed his aim and had taken a goodly gulp of pure air, which put him in the condition of being able neither to get up or go down. So there he was, racing around, bewildered, trying to expell the extra air. I pulled my boat into the circle which the fish was making and waited. I took my landing net, pushed her out in the water just above the spot where I thought Mr. Trout would circle on the next curve. Sure enough that big silver boy came marathoning around, blind as a bat and plunk—right into my net he plopped. And he weighed over five pounds."

The largest small mouth bass ever taken from any of the Finger Lakes, so far as known, was caught by C. B. Dounce of Waverly in Lake Keuka just north of Keuka College, after a battle of more than two hours. The fish tipped the scales at seven pounds and twelve ounces, showing a catch that has seldom if ever been duplicated in this country.

The largest trout in the lake country are taken from Seneca Lake, where they go up to thirty pounds. Indicative of size of fish are figures of weight. In a day three men caught 20 trout which weighed 118½ lbs.



Seneca Lake at Watkins Glen