

## A WATER COLOR DEMONSTRATION July, 1999



The Grand River has good water color for easier fishing

Recently the **Lunker Hunters Structure Study Group** has been having **Thursday evening outings** at various nearby waters. **On July 8 we had one at Riverside Park on the Grand River.** The next Thursday we had **one at Murry Lake.** Although no 2 days are exactly the same weather, the **conditions at both outings were quite similar: hot, humid, and sunny.** The Grand River outing weather could have been a little worse because the sun was in and out from behind the clouds. This offered **an opportunity to compare the effects of water color.** In the **Grand River** and connecting gravel pits (**dark water**) there are **few weeds** and a white 100 Spoonplug **disappears in 2 feet** of water. In **Murry Lake (clear water),** weeds go to **18 feet** and a lure can be seen about as deep.

**---5 people fished in 2 boats on the Grand River outing.** A number of fish were caught and **everyone caught at least one fish.** Few fish were seen on the depth sounders. No one started fishing until after 5:30.

**---At Murry lake, 8 people fished in 4 boats. Not everyone caught a fish.** Two of the boats started fishing in the early afternoon. Many **huge fish** were seen on the depth sounders and fished for.

**---At both outings the largest gamefish caught was a 16 inch bass.** In the **Grand River** it was caught at **4 feet** on a 400 Spoonplug, and in **Murry Lake** it was caught at **24 feet** on a 100 and wire.

**---In summary, it seems that more fish were caught by fewer people in less time and in shallower water on the Grand River than on Murry Lake.**

**Dark colored waters are easier to fish** because of few weeds. **Fish come shallower and are more active.** They also **warm up faster** and stay warmer longer which **increases the metabolism and extends the growing period** of fish for faster and **better growth.** Buck Perry sez: **Water color has more to do with fishing success or failure than anything else we choose in our fishing.**