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CROSSBOW ARCHERS REFUSED PERMITS TO HUNT DEER

Longbowmen have the Michigan deer hunting field to themselves. The "bow and arrow" now allowed by law may not be construed to include the crossbow, in the opinion of the state's attorney general. No mention of crossbows is made in the statutes legalizing hunting by archers in 1937. First inquiries concerning the use of the medieval device, in 1939, roused no opposition. But users of regulation long bows, historically unfriendly to crossbowmen recently took up the question. An official opinion was asked.

The attorney general held the universally accepted definition of "bow" does not include such instruments as the crossbow and arbalest (a crossbow with a bow of steel and a mechanical device for sending it to throw arrows, darts or bullets) which may be bought from manufacturers. His opinion holds also that the Legislature in legalizing archery did not contemplate such contrivances. Thus they fall in the class of mechanical devices which may not be used to take game animals. Last year Michigan licensed 500 archers for their special November 1-11 deer season.

Some hunters carry a raw onion in the mouth to quench thirst.

STATE PAYS \$36,325 IN BOUNTIES ON PREDATORY PESTS

For the protection of livestock and game from wolves and coyotes, the state of Michigan in the 1939-40 fiscal year paid out \$36,325 in bounties. Michigan's predatory animal control program is administered by the field administration division of the department of conservation.

In the first half of 1940, bounties on 13 wolves were \$225 and on 655 coyotes \$11,625, a total cost to the state of \$11,850. The half year record is notable for unusually successful deer hunting in May, when 266 coyote pups were taken. Pups draw the same bounty as adults, \$15 for males and \$20 for females. In June, \$1,515 was paid out for two wolves and 85 coyotes, a take almost identical with the take in March and January. Adding to these figures the \$340 paid for 21 wolves and the \$24,135 paid for 1,380 coyotes in the last six months of 1939 brings the total cost for the fiscal year to \$36,325 for 34 wolves and 2,045 coyotes.

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FIRE LOSS HITS SEASON HIGH OF 184 ACRES

Increasing dryness of the pine plains, coupled with increasing numbers of vacationers in the north woods, raised the weekly forest fire toll to 184 acres in the fifteenth week of the season. In the preceding weeks the loss was 144, 92, 35, 8 and 12 acres.

Because of the growing hazard, conservation department, forest fire fighters are asking tourists and campers to use extra care to prevent fires from starting. To date this season 716 fires have burned over 11,866 acres.

Damage done by forest fires last season is estimated at \$268,500. The 48,000 acres burned, however, amount to less than three-tenths of one per cent of the seventeen and a half million acres of state and private forest land now protected from fire.

Of the 1,468 fires in 1939, 285 were stamped out before they had burned more than a quarter of an acre. Nearly 1,000 fires burned over from a quarter acre to 10 acres. The other 1,183 fires burned over more than 10 acres each.

All but 12,000 acres of the 1939 loss was caused by fires set early in May by a disgruntled individual now serving a sentence in Jackson prison for the crime. Ordinarily, careless smokers are the biggest single cause of forest fires.

Last season was also the longest in recent years, extending from late March to the end of November. This season's first fires were reported in the week ending April 21.

Nail Kegs Substitute For Squirrel Homes

Ordinary nail kegs wired to the larger trees of the farm, woodlot 20 to 30 feet above the ground will make up for a lack of hollow den trees, the game division of the department of conservation is advising farmers who want more fox squirrels on their land.

Eighty such nail kegs are to be put up this month at Swan Creek wildlife experiment station, where Robert D. Montgomery is making a fox squirrel study financed by Pittman-Robertson funds. Of 50 similar kegs set out at the station previously for wood ducks, 23 were used by fox squirrels this season. Kegs put up for fox squirrels should have a hole three inches in diameter cut above the top hoop. Hay can be put in them, though no nesting material need be provided. A roof may be made of boards, but a piece of tarpaper will suffice.

From regular observation of dens and nests, Montgomery reports the fox squirrel population at Swan Creek higher than usual this season, and believes the litters this summer average larger than in the two previous years.

Michigan hunters last year bagged more than 600,000 fox squirrels.

Early Permit Paves Way For Coon Hound Trials

Forestry in obtaining a permit March 13, before the general southern Michigan dog quarantine was proclaimed, makes possible the sixth annual coon hound trials at Lincoln Park Sunday.

Because of the rabies situation, the conservation department, which issued the permit before the health and agriculture departments laid down the general quarantine, will give special supervision at the course in Vertes park, on Telegraph between Gordard and Boorse roads.

As an annual event sponsored by the local American Legion post, the trials attract entries from several outstate dog owners.

"Man, governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty, and holiness."—Mary Baker Eddy.

Hairy Prowler Gets Free Midnight Lunch

Waked at night by the sound of ripping canvas, a woman camper in a tent at Lake Muskallonge camp ground in Lake Superior state forest at Deer Park; saw a hairy arm reach in, seize a block of butter and a slab of bacon from a table and withdraw. When forest superintendent Bernard McTiver and conservation officer R. W. "Dick" Beach kept watch next night, the bear failed to reappear.

Few visitors even to state forest camp grounds can come back with a story of an encounter with a bear, but vacationers who prefer to "rough it" a little are patrolling camping sites in Michigan's 13 state forests in good numbers.

Nearest and thirty-plath in the chain of state forest camp grounds, at Quebec falls—lower Michigan's only waterfalls—Black lake state forest is now complete except for a well. Tables, stoves and toilets have been installed to make the site available this season. Now designed to accommodate 10 to 12 camping parties, it can be expanded as use of the area grows.

Soo Offers Ice Skating Facilities to Tourists

Boasting the only summer ice skating between Lake Placid and Sun Valley, the Soo is offering its ice skating facilities to tourists from now until Labor Day. Professionals from Ontario and Idaho are giving lessons on the 16,000 square feet of ice in the new Pullar stadium, where new ice is produced by refrigeration three times daily.

For those wishing to make a vacation of ice skating in the hot days of August, the municipal rink management is offering low cost reservations that include rooms, meals and skating privileges.

Fisherman Lands 14½-Inch Bluegill at Lake

High fishing pressure on Michigan's game fish waters continues to bring in stories of big ones that didn't get away. From Pratt's lake Roy Austin took a 14½ inch bluegill of a grasshopper bill. Fishing from a dock in Bay Port, on Saginaw bay, Fred Myers, junior, landed a 12-inch black bass.

As hot weather prevailed generally over the state, lake fishing increased in popularity. When temperatures of small streams, game trout moved out to deeper and cooler waters. In some districts a few dead trout have been found along stream banks.

Simplicity, of all things, is the hardest to be copied.—Steele.

Bear Story Ends in Route of Friendly Bruin

The truth of a bear story is often less heroic than northwoods novelists would make it seem.

F. P. Fair, Furlong, supervisor of the sixth conservation district, has a bear story to tell his friends who can only be amused at his anxious moments.

Returning over an old trail after looking over some state lands near the southeastern corner of Luce County, the supervisor found his way blocked by a big bear. Bears are always "big" in such circumstances.

When Furlong advanced the bear retreated just a little. When Furlong retreated the bear advanced a lot. Several hits with small sticks and stones had no effect. An attempted detour brought no gain. The trees were too small to climb.

As the distance between Furlong and the too friendly bear grew uncomfortably small, their tracking led them to an abandoned lumber camp. There an old washbasin and a rusted piece of stovepipe were Furlong's salvation. Banged together they sent bruin scampering, cleared the trail back to Newberry.

"NO TIMBER INACCESSIBLE"

"No timber today is inaccessible to trucks and modern methods of logging," M. J. Fox, of the von Platen-Fox lumber company of Iron Mountain, declared in an address reviewing the local history of lumbering, on the occasion of the celebration of the founding of Ontonagon 100 years ago.

DUCK STAMP SALE HIGH

Of the 1,075,547 duck stamps sold in the United States last year, according to a near-final count, 31,775 were sold in Michigan. Through purchase of six issues of these stamps, hunters have contributed \$1,500,000 for improvement of conditions for migratory waterfowl, principally for purchase and maintenance of waterfowl refuges. The stamps are necessary supplements to the licenses of hunters shooting waterfowl, but already stamp collectors are buying stamps of the 1940-41 issue, now available at post offices at \$1.

Cannibalism in game birds, often a problem for game bird breeders, has been checked at the Patuxent research refuge at Bowie, Maryland, of the Federal Fish and Wildlife service, by raising the salt content of the diet to live or six percent for several days, without harm to the birds.

"He who curbs not his anger will wish undone that which vexation and wrath prompted."—Horne.



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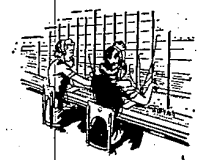
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