



HUNTERS WARNED TO GET FARMER'S PERMISSION

"No hunting" signs are nailed to countless fence posts in Michigan farming country. They are the scarecrows which ragged gamesters flatter in the wind, are fatal. They discourage timid sportsmen and timid crows.

It happens, however, that few sportsmen, or crows, are timid. The courageous sportsman—if he is law abiding and has a lively regard for the rights of others—will respect the signs. Crows, though, are incorrigible—and so are some so-called sportsmen.

Nets and poisons and guns are the farmer's recourse in repelling crop invaders. The Horton trespass law is his protection against the marauding hunter.

The "no hunting" sign has no legal status. But the Horton trespass law, in effect, defines as trespass the act of stepping from one's car with gun in hand. The law is explicit: "No person shall hunt with firearms, or dogs, or in any other manner, upon any farm lands or farm wood lots contiguous thereto . . . without the consent of the owner or lessee of such lands or lots."

The warning is plain: Get permission of the property owner or his representative before you go to his land!

Charge of trespass may be brought within one year from the time the offense charged was committed. The convicted offender shall be fined not less than \$10 and may be confined to the county jail until the fine and costs of proceedings are paid. The conservation department is not charged with enforcement of the Horton law.

The department's game division hopes that, some day, all of the "no hunting" signs will be replaced by signs which welcome hunters to farmers' fields. To this end, game division men continue to promote improved farmer-hunter relationships through the medium of the Williamson plan; the farmer cooperatives whose members issue tickets to hunters. This season, 7,000 southern Michigan farmers are listed in 122 cooperatives which control 481,960 acres, largest figures in the history of the Michigan-born movement.

DEER SEASON WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 15

With three weeks to go before the run season on deer opens in Michigan, on Nov. 15, many hunters who are planning trips into northern counties are studying kill reports before deciding where they will set up camps.

The 1939 season established a new record for hunters licensed 168,142. The total of bucks killed was 44,098. Increase in number of hunters last season was 5,842 over the previous record number—162,301—licensed in 1938. The final kill reports show only 99 more bucks were taken in 1939 than in 1938.

Percentage of hunters successful last season was, as usual, greater in upper peninsula counties than in those below the straits. Iron coun-

ty led in percentage of hunter success, 48.2, followed by Dickinson 43.8, Ontonagon's 43.7, Gogebic's 42.6, and Delta's 42.2.

Those who hunted below the straits last season had best success in Alcona county, where 82.4 per cent got their bucks. Others of the five ranking counties in the lower peninsula were Arenac with 28.8 per cent of hunters successful, Alpena 28, Crawford 27.9, and Oscoda 27.3. Average of hunter success above the straits was 39.1, in lower Michigan 25.4 and for the deer counties of both peninsulas, 26.7. Total of those hunting deer in the upper peninsula was 42,388 and the number hunting below the straits was 117,791.

Deer killed per square mile last season in lower peninsula counties closely paralleled hunter concentrations. Roscommon county was most heavily hunted, 22.60 hunters per square mile killing 5.80 bucks per square mile. Other ranking lower peninsula counties were: Oscoda, 16.02 hunters per square mile; 4.37 bucks killed per square mile; Ogemaw, 15.55 and 3.55; Lake, 15.27 and 2.53, and Montcalm, 14.22 and 3.55. Above the straits, hunter concentration was greatest in Lape county where the kill was also heaviest, 4.08 hunters per square mile and 1.46 bucks killed per square mile.

HEAVY FOLIAGE MAKES HUNTING DIFFICULT

Rainy summer weather that produced an abundance of food and cover for game is proving not an unmixed blessing to hunters already in the field in the upper peninsula, after ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chickens, cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares. The heavy foliage is only now beginning to turn color and fall, making shooting difficult because of poor visibility now and promising noisy woods later. Conservation officers report supplies of game are generally good.

While upland bird hunters may wish for frost and windy weather, wildfowlers are happy because mild weather has kept a plentiful supply of ducks feeding on marshes, lakes and potholes. Because of abundant rainfall, conditions have been good for mallards and other local ducks, with many a pond and pothole dry by this time in former years now sheltering Michigan nesting species.

Prospects for lower Michigan hunters have brightened with the recent lifting of the dog quarantine.

Muskrat Is Michigan's Best Wild Fur Animal

Records of fur returns indicate that the muskrat is Michigan's best importing wild fur animal and the conservation department in cooperation with the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service is undertaking to learn more about the animal so that it can advise interested persons concerning the best methods of utilizing this valuable natural resource.

Luther L. Baumgartner recently joined the staff of the department's game division after conducting a similar study of fox squirrel in

Ohio. He has been studying muskrat populations and habitats in the vicinity of Saginaw and Monro in recent weeks and will extend the study to all sections of the state. Observations of private practices in muskrat management are to be a part of the survey.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration program is carried on under an act of congress that provides for federal payment of 75 per cent of the costs of wildlife restoration projects approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service and carried on by participating states in accordance with federal standards.

Five Million Trout Eggs to be Distributed

Preparations are going forward at the Paris state fish hatchery for distribution in coming weeks to other hatcheries, principally in the lower peninsula, of between four and five million brown trout eggs.

Distribution of close to a million live trout from three to five inches long from rearing stations at Baldwin and on the White and Tobacco rivers in the Paris district has been completed and the crew assigned to the work by the conservation department's fish division has moved on to the Harriette district.

State Color Tours Are Mapped for Travelers

The "flaming forests" of Michigan's hardwood districts will not blush unseen by the tourist if the counties, towns, road commissions and chambers of commerce where Jack Frost's handiwork is most colorful can help it.

Color tours have been mapped, measured for mileage, posted with signs that are easy to follow, and described. Newaygo and Barry counties, and the regions about Traverse City, Cadillac, Ludington and Baldwin are among those furnishing guidance that makes local tours of fall beauty spots convenient for the traveler.

U. OF M. TO START NEW MID-WINTER CONCERT SERIES

Charles A. Sink, President of the University Musical Society, University of Michigan, is optimistic over the future for musical activities. The Society over which he presides is expressing its optimism by the expansion of its concert activities this year. A new series of concerts supplementary to the well-known Choral Union and May Festival series has just been announced.

The Musical Art Quartet, New York City, has been engaged for a special three concert midwinter festival of chamber music. This series will be given in the elaborate auditorium of the Rackham Building, the University's new monumental School of Graduate Studies.

The Quartet is composed of four distinguished musicians who have brought their performance to a high point of excellence in the field of chamber music.

Sascha Jacobsen, the founder and his associates, Marie Roemer, Rosanoff, Paul Bernard and William Hymanson are all artists of solo calibre, and have had wide experience playing alone as well as in ensemble. Fourteen years ago they united their artistic resources into a group which has set a high standard of quartet playing. Mr. Jacobsen plays the famous "Red Diamond" violin dated 1732. Mr. Bernard plays the "Allegrini" violin of 1703. Mr. Hymanson plays the "Gibson" viola of 1723 and Madame Roemer-Rosanoff plays the "Pawle" violoncello of 1730. The concerts will be given Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, January 24 and 25, 1941.

Portion of Highway M-150 to be Relocated

Bids will be received Oct. 23 for relocation of .417 miles of highway M-150 five miles south of Rochester, it was announced this week by State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner.

The project, a portion of the Rochester-Royal Oak highway resurfacing work now in progress, is estimated to cost \$39,000.

Van Wagoner stated plans call for construction of a culvert and elimination of a dangerous curve in the present highway that has been the cause of several accidents.

The new right-of-way passes through the Sylvan Glenn golf course and will necessitate change in location of one of the greens. Plans provide for a 22-foot concrete pavement. It was stated.

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Edward Small knew that he had a truly great screen property when he decided to produce "South of Pago Pago," the epic of South Seas romance and intrigue, which will open Friday at the Redford Theater through United Artists release. That is why he spared neither energy nor expense and that is why he chose an impressive cast headed by Jon Hall, who won sensational fame as the hero of "The Hurricane." Other important names in the cast include Frances Farmer, Victor McLaglen, Gene Eckhardt, Douglas Dumbrille, Olympia Branda and Francis Ford.

Briefly, the story of "South of

the islanders and to free them from Larson's cunning and violence provides the picture with an ending packed with thrills and drama.

The principal location site during filming of "South of Pago Pago" was on the famous Kona coast on the island of Hawaii, the largest in the group. Here 2,000 natives were employed, 300 canoes were assembled and an entire native village built on the beach near the foaming surf. However, for technical reasons it was necessary to make many of the key scenes on a sound stage, so Producer Small called in his noted art director, John DuCasse Schulze, and commissioned him to build an exact replica of the village.

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