



BETTER HUNTING REPORTED IN INGHAM COUNTY

Ingham, considered a typical county in Michigan pleasant territory by conservation department game men, has produced better shooting this season than last in the opinion of seven of every 10 hunters interviewed in the field.

Game division men have circulated incognito among hunters in every county which produces pheasants during the season; just ended and the results of their questioning of hunters are now being compiled.

As against 42 Ingham county hunters reporting more pheasants this season than last, five have reported having seen fewer birds. Twelve said they could see no change. Twenty-eight hunters reported more rabbits, 21 believed numbers had remained stationary and five reported less. Twenty-seven hunters thought squirrels were more abundant, 21 thought numbers were about the same and nine thought there were fewer squirrels this season.

Duck hunters are not quite so optimistic. Those who believe ducks are no more plentiful this season than last outnumbered those reporting more ducks, 21 to 19, and 14 hunters insist there are fewer ducks this season.

Hunters also have been asked about their difficulties in finding places to hunt and whether or not they had arranged beforehand to go on the land they favored. Forty-seven reported no difficulty in getting permission to hunt, while seven had "some" difficulty. Twenty-five hunters had made prior arrangements with land owners and on said they "just went out and looked" for a place and 26 said they had done both.

LIST OF STATE'S BIGGEST LAKES IS REVISED

In resolving in favor of Burt lake a local controversy as to whether Burt or Mullet lake is larger, the geology and fish divisions of the department of conservation have rated anew the 15 largest inland lakes of Michigan.

Airplane photographs and recent surveys made by CCG crews under direction of the department's institute for fisheries research were used in revising the old figures.

Houghton lake, with 20,044 acres, or more than 31 square miles of surface is largest by a margin of 100 acres. It is followed by Torch lake, in Antrim, Charlevoix and Kalkaska counties, with 18,236 acres, is second. Burt lake with 17,792 acres and Mullet lake, with 15,946 acres rank third and fourth. Both lakes are in Cheboygan county.

Next largest lakes, in order are: Charlevoix, 15,200 acres; Gogebic, 14,781 acres; Manistiquie, 10,130 acres; Black (in Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties), 10,060 acres; Crystal, 9,711 acres; Elk, 9,609 acres; Hubbard, 8,820 acres; Indian, 8,000 acres; Elk, 7,782 acres; Long (in Alpena and Presque Isle counties), 5,652 acres; and Grand (in Presque Isle county), 5,681 acres.

Crystal lake, with a depth of 175

feet, is the deepest of the 13 of these lakes whose depths have been sounded. Deepest spot in Houghton lake is only 20 feet.

OWNERS PURCHASE LESS THAN 30 PER CENT OF TAX LAND

Less than 30 percent of tax-rented rural acreage put up at auction at recent sales in Delta, Menominee and Dickinson counties in the northern peninsula at least of former owners was repurchased by them, according to figures compiled by the state.

Former owners of record have opportunity to reclaim properties reverting to the state because of non-payment of taxes at auctions arranged by the department's lands division which administers such properties lying north of the Muskegon-Bay City line. Such properties are placed on the auction block when former owners have complied with regulations governing the filing of applications within the 60-day period following reversion to the state.

Lands auctioned brought slightly more than \$1 an acre. Lowest acceptable bid is 25 percent of the 1939 assessed valuation and former owners of record may complete payments in installments.

COTTONTAILS AND COONS ARE NOW HUNTERS' QUARRY

Ending Tuesday of the lower Michigan season on pheasants, ruffed grouse sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chickens, fox and grey squirrels leaves many hunters in the fields and woods with cottontails, snowshoes and raccoons getting hunters' attention now.

"Coon chasers have five more weeks of the melodic midnight sport ahead of them. The rigid rule leads hunters many a long chase that sometimes ends with the raccoon secure in his den, where according to law, he may not be disturbed, nor dislodged.

With the end of the bird season, cottontails are getting more attention. Cottontail hunting during bird season has been spotty, good particularly in southwestern counties. Further north hunters have been waiting for snowshoe hares to change to white winter coat.

Snowshoe hares and cottontails may be hunted in southern lower Michigan until December 31, in northern lower Michigan until January 31 and in the upper peninsula until March 1.

Fall trapping began November 1, when the season opened on skunk and badger in all of the state, and on muskrat and mink in the upper peninsula. Raccoon trapping begins November 15 in northern lower Michigan. Opium, foxes, bobcats and weasels may be taken at any time.

After an open winter last year and a wet summer that produced an abundance of food, deer are reported plentiful and in good condition. A vanguard of archers, now all hundred strong, is now in the deer country. The main army of deer hunters, which exceeded 170,000 last season, is expected to bag between 40,000 and 50,000 bucks in the two-week season beginning November 15.

The Blue And White

(Too late for last week)

Classroom Notes

Girls' Guidance groups are discussing the relation of physical appearance to social behavior, and have made a special study of individual problems concerning care of hair, hands and nails.

The Mechanical Drawing Class is working on orthographic drawings and lettering.

Club News

HANDICRAFT
The boys' handicraft group has been making and shooting bows and arrows; some are working on model airplanes.

The girls are working on bracelets made of beads and metals.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Gordon McKay and Arthur McCullough gave an illustrated lecture on "How To Take A Good Picture."

The Eastman Kodak Company has furnished some slides for the club.

COMMERCIAL
The Commercial Club met Thursday in Mr. Rohrer's room. A stencil and copy was cut before class by the mimeograph and hectograph machines. These machines were operated by Norma Washburn and Shirley Baker. They showed how to put on a stencil and copy and how to run off duplicate copies.

HOMEMAKING DEPT.
The teachers of the Oakland County M. E. A. Sub-division had a dinner Monday October 28 at six o'clock. The girls of Homemaking III were in charge.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Wallace Watt of the Michigan Child Guidance Institute.

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Blue Monday
By Nancy Lund
Mr. Johnston dimly hears the alarm clock ringing in his ears. He gets very sorry for himself, he crawls out of bed. It would have to be exceptionally cold this morning. He begins to go down stairs when he hears a yell and cries. He hurries into Junior's room to see him sitting on the floor crying. "Stop asking me for the matter, Junior replies that he had been trying to be like Peter Pan and fly from the dresser. Mr. Johnston picks him up and proceeds downstairs. After dressing he comes out to breakfast, to be met by a cloud of black smoke. He becomes alarmed and shoves Junior out of doors. Then he calls the fire department. He gets out his handkerchief and ties it around his face and begins to grope through the smoke to find his wife. He goes through the kitchen and out the back door, to see his wife snoring a few black paws.

"The house is on fire," he yells. "Oh, no," said she. "I just burned the toast, cereal and eggs. Don't be alarmed, dear."

He goes back into the kitchen and gets a healthy stream of water in his face. He goes back out again and around to the front door. He sees just what he hoped he would not see—the fire department! He walks up to the head man and very shamefully he tells him the house really isn't on fire, it's just his wife burning the breakfast.

"False alarm!" yells the fireman and quickly they gather their things together, but as he watched them now and then a "making a public menace of himself" or "small snake and think the town's on fire" comes to his ears and added to the cloud of smoke and despair which had already fastened itself to him. By this time his suit is pretty dirty so he slinks sheepishly into the house, and finds that he is already twenty-five minutes late for the office. Absent-mindedly he kisses the coat rack and tells it that this must be Blue Monday. Going down the hall he meets his wife at the door, and she asks him if he will kiss her. With a hurried "I already have" he rushes down to the station, seeing if he can catch the third train. Parking the car, he hurries up the stairs just in time to see the

train pull out. Ho Hum! Finally after what seems like hours, the next train comes in. When the tide is only half over the train rolls to a stop right in the middle of the city dump. All you could get for miles was glittering cans. After about half an hour, it starts up and soon Mr. Johnston comes rushing into the office where everything is just ailing along. He stops and asks the girl why everything is so dull. She replies "Why silly, the boys really late this morning. Better jump into your harness, fella, and start up before he does come in."

Still feeling very sorry for himself because of all his hurt, he starts into work, promising himself a better Monday next week.

Special Programs Begin Tuesday
Tuesday, November 5, was the beginning of a series of three assemblies to be enjoyed by the students of Farmington High School. The other two will be presented on Armistice Day, November 11, and on November 15.

Abraham Zaba, a young concert violinist was the main attraction of the program. He is a graduate of Royal Oak High School. Only 19 years old, he appeared in concerts throughout the country.

Mr. Zaba played such well known selections as "The Old Rhapsody" and an arrangement of the old Negro spiritual "No One Knows The Trouble I've Seen." As he encores he played "Home on the Range" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The violin he used was made in 1683 by the teacher of the famous Stradivarius.

He was accompanied by Mr. Lancelot Burton, who also gave a monologue along with several skits. These were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

On Armistice Day, November 11, the American Legion is cooperating with the school in presenting the program. It will be a public as well as student assembly. The program will be as follows: Invocation "America"..... Audience Address..... Mr. Archie Leonard "God Bless America"..... Audience Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag On November 15, the speaker will be Dr. Owen Cleary.

Citizenship Mark an Important Part of Grade

Although citizenship grades were explained in a previous article, numerous questions have been asked about them. They appear with the letter grade as C1, C2, C3 or C4. One is excellent, two good, three fair and four poor.

The mark is purely an estimate of the student's school citizenship. It is the teacher's estimate of the individual student's general attitude toward the social situation in his school life with which he comes in contact. The good school citizens are highly co-operative, helpful and useful, enthusiastic for the best welfare of the school, good sportsmen, trustworthy, self-sacrificing and loyal to the best traditions and ideals of the school.

The teachers are as much concerned about development of desirable traits of character, as about subject matter.

Literary Department

Life
There was life in the swamp. Every tree, flower and shrub cried out with it. To the north, a hardwood ridge caught the sun's last rays; trees separated the golden light and shade intersecting shadows along the ground. There was a different form of life here—a dark brown northern hare hopped along into a thicket. A red fox stood sniffing the evening breeze, a stouter statue.

High in the top of an old oak, a grey squirrel chattered his salute to the setting sun. A mink appeared, a shrew-mouse dangling in his jaws.

Suddenly, everything was quiet. All animal voices ceased. A man appeared over the top of the ridge. He was dressed in fringed buckskin, a black fur hat upon his head. His face was bearded and tanned with the look of the soldier of the north upon a mossy hammock. He fondled his rifle, called it "Uncle," cleaned it and adjusted the sights. He arose and prepared to go on. Hardly had he taken ten steps when he stepped into the dreaded "swampy" quicksand, the terror of the swamp.

He felt himself sinking, and cried out in horror, his thrashing arms trying to catch at something,

but to no avail. At last only a hand was visible, and it too sank out of sight. The man had vanished.

In the treetops, the squirrel resumed his chattering. The mink came forth from the thicket to take up the trail of the rabbit. Life resumed its trend.

School Days
That girl you usually find in a crowd of boys seems to have lost her oldest heart-throb.

The smallest boy and the smartest girl in the 8th grade seem to be very chummy lately.

The bill clerk and the Chairman of the Senate in the 8th grade are very friendly.

The eighth grade must have some very ill-mannered boys in the room, that they would throw burrs in the girls' hair.

Students Will Observe National Book Week

Throughout the week of November 10 to 16, in recognition of National Book Week, classes in the use of the library will be held so that students may become better acquainted with the library and its materials.

The history of book week began in 1915. Mr. Matthews, Chief Scout Librarian had undertaken to make reading part of the scout program. He traveled from place to place preaching his gospel and gathering fresh information as to what boys read and where they obtained their reading material.

In the spring of 1919 the American Booksellers' Association held one of its most enthusiastic conventions. Mr. Matthews made a stirring speech full of fact, argument and enthusiasm.

He painted a picture of the boy's needs and persuaded every dealer to put more energy back of his children's department and give it a new impetus.

The American Library Association, at their spring convention promptly took action and their support gave most important back-

ing to the first step taken. All over the country librarians saw a new opportunity to go before their communities under the sponsorship of this national campaign and again asked for more books for children and so rapidly did this develop that in thousands of communities Book Week became a regular part of the school year.

Book Week was placed in November, because November and December will always be the busiest time of the year for the sale of children's books.

Book Week is intended to be a week for arousing new enthusiasm, and the effect of this enthusiasm will spread throughout the year. If the refreshing spirit of Book Week can annually give impetus to the enjoyment and love of books, it will be serving the purpose of its founders.

New Books in the Farmington High School Library
Living Authors.....Tante, Diller Jewels and Gema, Saunders, Lucille Age of Chivalry, Buffin, Thomas Lion.....Johnson, Martin 100,000,000 Guinea Pigs, Hallet, Arthur Plotz Manual of Universal History, Tillingham, William H. Canada, South America, Tappan, Eva March Greece and Rome, Tappan, Eva March England.....Tappan, Eva March Germany and Netherlands, Tappan, Eva March China and Japan, Tappan, Eva March India and Persia, Tappan, Eva March Norway and Sweden, Tappan, Eva March Prussia and Austria Hungary, Tappan, Eva March Italy and France, Tappan, Eva March Egypt, Africa and Arabia, Tappan, Eva March The World War, Dreiser, Horatio W. Home Life in Colonial Days, Earle, Alice Morse Rose in Bloom, Abbott, Louis M. With the Eagles, Anderson, Paul The Outlaw Years, Coates, Robert M. Last of the Mohicans, Cooper, James Fenimore Youth!.....Coward, John The Green Light, Douglas, Lloyd C. Prairie Girl.....Pango, Lucille So Big.....Perber, Edna The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come.....Fox, John G. The House of Seven Gables, Hawthorne, Nathaniel

Captains Courageous, Kipling, Rudyard
Courage Over the Andes, Keemer, Fred Arnold
Cecily Drake, Lansing, Elizabeth
From Boston to Boston, Marble, Annie Russell
Quo Vado, Sienkiewicz, Henryk
Penrod, Tarlington, Booth
Penrod Jasper, Tarlington, Booth
Seventeen, Tarlington, Booth
The Sea Devils, Fo'ale, Lowell, Thomas
Huckleberry Finn, Twain, Mark
The Blue Flower, Van Dyke, Henry
Just Patty, Webster, Jean
When Patty Went to College, Webster, Jean
Cruise of the Ichabod, Bullen, Frank T.
Hawaii Past and Present, Castle, Wm. R. St.

Hunters Urged to Avoid Starting Forest Fires

In the few weeks remaining before snowfall ends the 1940 forest fire season, fire fighters of the department of conservation are hoping hunters will take such care with fire, matches and tobacco that the season loss will wind up the lowest in years.

In 1938, hunting season fires dashed a similar hope. Without further serious fires, the 12,000 acres of state and private forest cover burned over thus far this year may yet be a record minimum. In the twenty-eighth week of the forest fire season, nine fires burned over a total of 25 acres.

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