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Conservation Dept. Gets Radio Network

Immediate contact with field workers and district offices and a more economical means of communication will become a reality when the conservation departments field administration division receives approval, expected not later than July of next year, from the Federal Communications Commission, to begin operation of its own radio network.

At present, the department's communications system is limited in operation since it must share another wavelength in sending and receiving messages from forest fire and law enforcement units. A radio transmitter was completed in January at the state office building in Lansing. Messages originating in Lansing will go to the automatic repeater station at Stanton in Montcalm county. The Stanton station will re-broadcast them to the 26 FM-fixed stations located at regional and district offices throughout the state. Merging into the system, the department's fire towers will convert to FM status as will 25 mobile units in firetrucks, also providing direct contact with the department's headquarters. Another 277 mobile units in conservation department cars and airplanes, now operating on the shared wave length, will change to the new frequency.

A leading plane producer has announced a new 300 mph cargo plane with a direct operating cost, one stop east-coast, of 4.5 cents per ton mile.

CHINESE SCRAMBLE FOR BEANS



SHANGHAI — With three Chinese Communist armies hammering at government positions north of the Yangtze River, Nationalist China faces renewed internal perils of inflation. The value placed on food commodities in Shanghai is illustrated in this scene, showing children and housewives scrambling for beans spilled by a passing truck.

WEST FARMINGTON By MRS. IRVIN KNAPP

The meeting of the Walled Lake M.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. George Helker, 6529 W. Maple Road Tuesday evening. Miss Clara Green spent Thursday evening with her grandchildren, Alice and Edith Green, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Green.

The committee is working on the Cancer drive in this community.

The leaders of the West Farmington extension group will take the lesson on frozen foods this week. They will bring it before the West Farmington group later.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Green and children spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Green's sister at Pontiac. Mrs. June Dempsey and children

and Mrs. Johnson called on Mrs. Edith Saratus and Mrs. Anna Westlake Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Anna Westlake left Wednesday night. She is slowly recovering from minor injuries sustained in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp and children, Evelyn and Nancy, attended a birthday party Wednesday evening for their niece and cousin, Bonnie Westlake, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Gilbert spent the week end motoring to West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Green entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Romulus Easter Sunday.

Pollution Project Gets Federal OK

A \$21,000 Pittman-Robertson project for investigation and study of pollution as it affects waterfowl in the Great Lakes marshes has been federally approved, the conservation department announced.

Field work will be concentrated on the Detroit river and the Michigan area of Lake Erie. Laboratory work is provided for in the appropriation and will be conducted at a station which the department's game division will select later.

Three-fourths of the project money will come from the federal tax on sporting arms and ammunition and one-quarter from Michigan sportsmen's license money.

Chemical pollution of lakes and streams has taken a heavy toll of waterfowl the last few years, with the latest instance, an oil pipeline break near the mouth of the Detroit river contributing to this year's losses.

A married lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy Medical Corps received pay and allowances totaling \$5,011.00 a year.

Waterfowl Survey Shows Duck Crop Up 25%

The spring aerial survey of waterfowl by conservation department game men in southwestern Michigan indicated nearly a 25 per cent increase in geese and ducks. Census estimates showed 25,000 geese and 17,000 ducks with the largest concentrations between Gull Lake, Kalamazoo county and Gun Lake, Barry county. Waterfowl also were spotted in large numbers in the river marshes, Allegan county. A few swan were noted in the major goose concentration areas.

Migration conditions were considered as comparable with those of last year when the count was estimated at 12,230 geese and 14,070 ducks.

Last week the conservation department reported 235,000 ducks, geese and swan, an increase of 35,000, were counted in the three major concentration areas of the state Saginaw Bay, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.

This favorable increase in the waterfowl population is in line with the trend extending over the entire North American continent.

Recovers Dead Doe With 4 Unborn Fawns

Recovery of a dead doe with four unborn but well developed fawns has been reported by conservation officer Rex Joslin.

Usually a doe has two at a time after two years of age and instances of three at a time is not uncommon, but four is considered a rarity, according to I. H. Bartlett, deer investigator for the department's game division. A doe has been observed nursing four fawns, he said. However, there was no way of proving that all four were her own.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Trout Takers Need License And Stamps Too For the trout fisherman, that 1949 trout stamp is every bit as necessary as the fishing license. The law requires both of them, conservation department officials point out. The trout stamp is a supplemental license to take brook, brown and rainbow trout, and it must be attached to the regular fishing license. Trout stamp revenue is earmarked especially for the propagation of trout in trout streams.

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