

Bag Limits On Geese, Ducks Remain Same As Last Season

Season To Open Oct. 1
For 55 Day Season

Duck and goose regulations for this fall, just announced by the federal migratory bird authority, give Michigan hunters the same 55-day season as was authorized last year; the conservation department reports.

By commission action taken earlier, this means hunting for ducks, geese, coot, rails and gallinules will be open in Michigan from October 1 to November 24, inclusive.

The same bag limits on all those species also were authorized, five daily and five in possession for geese, four daily, eight in possession for ducks, 10 and 10 for coot, 25 and 25 for sora rails and 15 and 15 on other rails and gallinules.

But hunting hours this year have been liberalized, so that all migratory species except snipe and woodcock are now legal game during the season between one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Last year, hunting ended one hour before sunset.

A long-awaited snipe season also was authorized, but season dates for the 15 days allowed cannot be announced until opinions of conservation commission members are polled. This is the first snipe season authorized for Michigan since 1940.

Also, a 40-day woodcock season was authorized this year and the conservation commission has fitted 'this hunting into the framework of the other seasons. Woodcock will be legal same October 1 to November 1 in the upper peninsula, October 1 to November 9 in the northern lower peninsula, and October 20 to November 19 in the southern lower peninsula.

The controversial one-half mile clause has been removed from the baiting regulations. Essentially, all other provisions remain as in past years.



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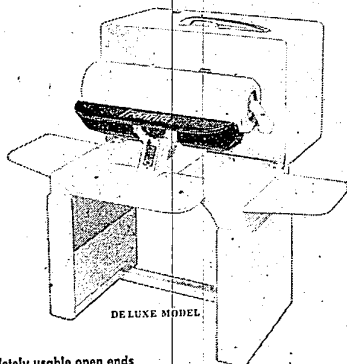


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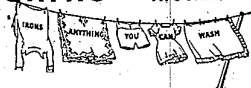
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Farm Workers Average \$172

If you're an average farmer with hired help, you're paying your employee about \$172 a month or an average of \$1 per hour, a Michigan State College survey shows.

The average figures were obtained by Karl A. Vary of MSC's agricultural economics department from 721 farmers in all parts of the state. The survey indicates that monthly cash wage rates vary widely — from \$100 to \$300 a month, and hourly pay ranges from 75c to \$1.75.

While 77 per cent of the farm operators included in the survey hired labor in addition to that furnished by their own families, only 10 per cent of the farmers paid total wages of more than \$200 a year. Of those farmers paying at least \$200 a year or more for non-family labor, about one-half hired on the hourly basis. About one-third hired by the month and the others employed labor by the day or week.

Vary figured the total wage from the amount of cash paid plus the "extras" — meat, milk, eggs, light, fuel, etc. Dollar value placed on the extras averaged \$31.42 a month.

Forty-three per cent of the farmers who gave a bonus in addition to the monthly wage based it on 3 to 6 per cent of the milk check. A small percentage gave a bonus of 3 to 5 per cent of the net farm income at the end of the year.

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STATE REPORTS NOXIOUS FISH CATCH BELOW PAR

Michigan's noxious fish operations have been far below par this year, the conservation department reports.

Generally sportsmen's clubs and independent commercial fishermen take about 500,000 pounds of carp, sheepshead and redbreast each year from lakes and streams.

During the March-April-May season this year, only about 30,000 pounds were taken and the summer catch has been equally unspectacular.

A breakdown of the catch to date shows the Lake St. Clair area topping all others with a total catch there of about 47,000 pounds.

Kalamazoo River area anglers have taken 21,000 pounds, Holland 10,000, Muskegon 5,000 and Harter Beach, 1,000.

The fish are sold commercially in Detroit, Chicago and New York.

Commercial operators are hoping for better luck during the September-October fall season.

State Plans To Salvage Tornado Damaged Trees

Timber blown down on 1,000 or more acres in Porcupine Mountains state park near Ontonagon during a tornado last month will be salvaged as a result of recent conservation commission action.

The commission decided at its August Higgins Lake meeting to salvage the \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of timber left flattened and shredded by the terrific windstorm.

The damaged area, estimated at 8-10 million board feet of virgin timber, is located in the rugged south-central portion of the big wilderness park; salvage operations will be complicated by a lack of good roads and by the rugged character of the terrain.

A thorough aerial survey of the damaged area will get under way this week.

TOWNLINE NEWS

Mrs. Frazer Hulls
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Mr. and Mrs. David Spalding and children are vacationing at Pt. Albion, Canada, this week.

On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush entertained three little friends at a winter roast in honor of their son Paul, who was six years old on Saturday, August 16.

Mrs. Eunice Morris of Twelve Mile Road, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greshover of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and children of Lake City, enjoyed a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simmons of South Lyon on Sunday.

Mrs. Dora Jones had as her guest on Sunday her granddaughter, Miss Thelma Ann Jones, 229 pound tackle, the Hick Martwick did his boxing in Chicago.

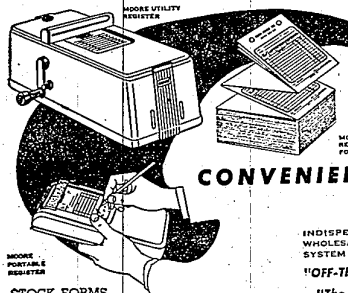
Children have returned home from a three weeks' stay at Leon Lake near Milford, and this week end they will leave for a stay with Mrs. Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kufel of Port Huron.

Guests of the past week at the Hamilton Jones and Dora Jones homes have been Mrs. Beale Davis and Miss Judy Turner of Atlanta, Georgia.

Here's a break for the old timers! The Michigan State Fair will admit elderly people to the grounds free of charge on Old Timers' Day, Thursday, September 10. The State Fair Board of Managers resolved to admit people without charge on that day "65 years and older" but did not set up any requirement of proof of age. Doormen will be instructed to use their good judgment, according to James M. Tare, State Fair general manager.

State law stipulates that cream having more than eight-tenths of one per cent acidity will be rejected for butter manufacture. Dairy-men at MSC advise that keeping down the acid content of cream means clean separators and other milk equipment, fooling the cream well and frequent delivery.

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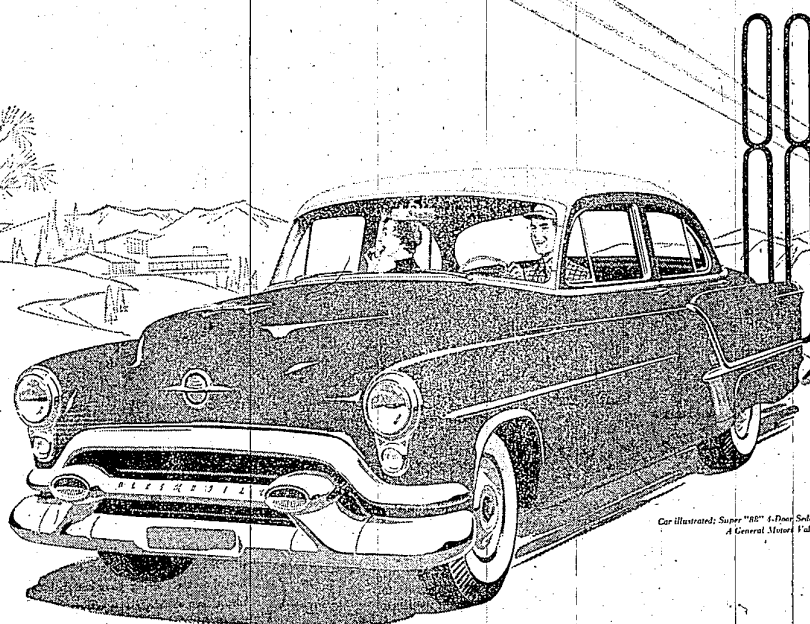
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