

To Sell Petroleum Leases On 122,000 Acres

Oil and gas exploration leases on about 122,000 acres in ten mostly northern lower peninsula counties will be offered at public auction at Lansing November 29 and 30, the conservation department announced.

Sale will be held in the capitol senate chamber at 10 a.m. daily. Light bidding in the recently held first half of the fall sale resulted in the leasing of only 31,235 of the 119,000 wildcat acres offered. An extremely low bid of 12 cents an acre was the average bid.

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EXPECT 1,000 BEAR TO BE TAKEN DURING SEASON

While the deer is the major hunting target during the big game season, bears are getting some deluge as well as incidental attention.

Most bears are shot by hunters incidental to deer stalking, but a few specially seek out the creature in hunting jaunts.

There are upwards of 5,000 bears in Michigan, according to best conservation department estimates. If the fall bag is close to that of the last ten-year annual average, about 1,000 will be taken. Highest kill — since 1937 when first completed kill figures were available — was about 1,700 in 1937.

The hunter who wants a crack at bears would have his best opportunity across the Straits. Approximately three-quarters of the bear population is in the upper peninsula. Better northern lower peninsula bear-hunting territory includes Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alcona and Alcona counties.

Highest bear ever taken with bow and arrow or gun was shot by archer Dean P. Loveless of Hamtramck last fall near Newberry. The giant, dressed out at 555 pounds, computed full weight was 625 pounds.

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got a work-out recently. A Canadian twin-engine airplane, lost in a snowstorm, wandered into Michigan. CD officials said "hundreds of ground observers reported the flight of the unidentified plane to the air raid filter center at Grand Rapids."

The state will need 12,000 more classrooms for 357,000 additional school children in the next few years, says J. P. Thaden, of the MSC department of sociology and anthropology. He bases his figures on birth rate statistics.

U. of M.'s \$25,000,000 postwar expansion program is some two-thirds completed. Fourteen new buildings or building additions are now in use. Construction is under way on four other projects and three structures are in the planning stage.

Latest reports indicate there are 135,000 unemployed in Michigan, compared with 36,000 a year ago. Williams' full employment committee laid the blame on delay in obtaining new plants and machine tools to perform defense contracts already issued.

Public service commission made its first outright denial of a rate increase in the state's history. The company wanted a \$22,500,000 rate jump. President John Greene said his company would continue its effort to not money "we need for sound operation." Says the governor "... sound thinking."

Since police handle more breaking and entering cases than any other major crime, State Police will conduct a series of special schools in fingerprinting, identification and burglary investigation during the next two months. Classes will be held in various communities all over the state.

Before Christmas arrives more than 1,000,000 Yule trees and many tons of evergreen boughs will be brought in from Michigan forests.

Carley Gets Kalamazoo Blood Typing Post

L. David Carley, a 1946 graduate of Farmington High School, has been appointed director of the civil defense blood typing program for Kalamazoo, according to an announcement by Kalamazoo City Manager C. H. Elliott.

Carley, who received his B. A. degree from Western Michigan College in 1950, was awarded an Urban Community Research Institute scholarship for graduate work at Kalamazoo College. He received his M. A. degree this year. After receiving his M. A. degree he was hired by the City of Kalamazoo as administrative assistant to the city manager.

His appointment as director of the Kalamazoo blood typing program means the responsibility of typing 130,000 people of Kalamazoo County. He is being temporarily relieved of his administrative assistant duties to direct the blood typing program which starts about December 1.

The right thinker works; he gives little time to society manners or matters, and benefits society by his example and usefulness.

REMEMBER TO FEED WINTER STAYING WILD SONGBIRDS

"It is a good time to remember the hardy songbirds that remain in Michigan with us," says Charles Shick, extension specialist in game management for Michigan State College.

He pointed out that although winter feeding of wildlife is not badly needed under the state's winter conditions, it can be lots of fun for persons who act as hosts to our feathered friends. There is no better way to learn to appreciate and enjoy birds than by watching them at feeding stations close to the window.

And the wild birds that are attracted to the feeding stations add to the natural surroundings of the home. Shick points out, "They add color and life to the landscape at a time when many of our birds are spending their winter in southern climes."

Cracked corn, suet, bread crumbs, weed seeds and small grains of all kinds can be used to attract such birds as nuthatches, blue jays, brown creepers, chickadees, juncos, and crossbills to your yard. Grit also should be made available since birds require it for digesting food.

Ninety-One Year Old Bids For Oldest Hunter

Who will be the oldest licensed deer hunter out in the current big game season?

Making a bid for the honor is 91-year-old George W. Glinther of Owosso, the conservation department discloses.

Glinther, who says he has hunted throughout northern deer country, is hunting for the third year in a row with his son Harold, also of Owosso. The Glinthers stalk deer in the Grayling area. Although many younger hunters use glasses, the elder Glinther still has good enough vision to hunt without them. Should there be other 90-year-old big game hunters, they are invited to write to the conservation department.

Rita Fieron, who is attending the University of Michigan, was home during a recent week end. She brought with her a room mate, Shirley Lowe from South Carolina, also a student at the university.

Kenneth Swarthout Attends Army School

Mr. Kenneth L. Swarthout, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Swarthout of 21010 St. Francis, recently reported to Keesler Air Force Base to begin training in electronics fundamentals, an integral part of the "Electronics Training Center of the World," located only a few hundred feet north of the Gulf of Mexico at Biloxi, Mississippi. Army authorities report.

Housing the 3250th Technical Training Wing, Keesler is also known as the "Push-Button College of the Air Force". At Keesler, incoming students will attend one of 16 different schools, offering over 55 separate curricula.

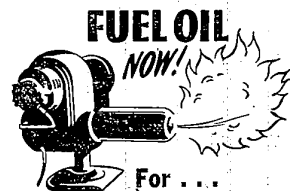
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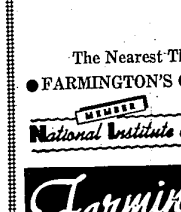
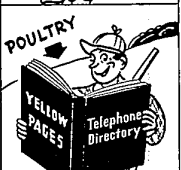
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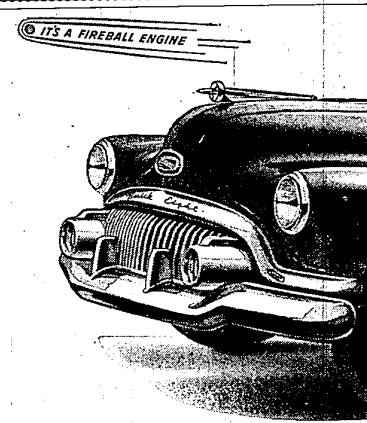
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