



LANDS SHOULD BE CLOSED ONLY TO BENEFIT HUNTERS

Lands should be dedicated as state wildlife sanctuaries and closed to hunting only when a gain in game abundance is likely to result, Harry D. Ruhl, chief of the game division of the department of conservation, said today in commenting upon sanctuary applications.

Where the gain is principally in trespass control, through posting of official state posters and work of conservation officers, the department is not justified in accepting the sanctuary dedication, he said. "The hunter pays the shot, and unless some advantage is likely to accrue to the hunter, we are not justified in posting land against all hunting. The sanctuary law should not be used simply to protect wildlife in an area."

While the game division is investigating the worth of present sanctuary dedications, it is inclined to feel that adequate protection for farm-game species can be secured through controlled hunting, such as is practiced on cooperative hunting areas, and careful regulation of hunting seasons and bag limits, the game division chief declared.

WHEN LOST USE YOUR HEAD, NOT YOUR FEET

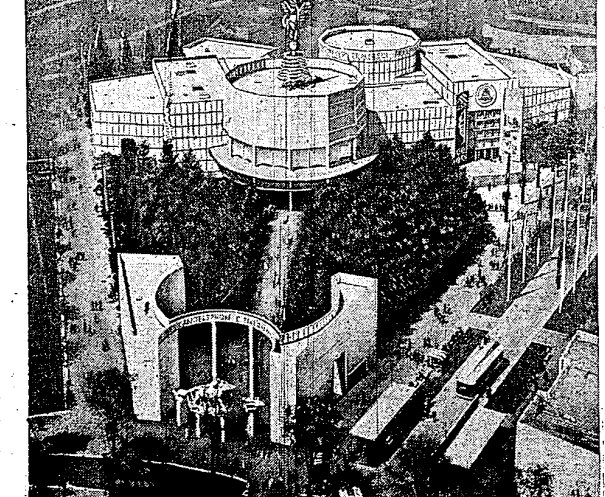
If you are lost or in danger of drowning, it's better to use your head than your feet.

Conservation officers, who each year lead lost persons back to their woods camps, and have rescued quite a number from overturned boats and other water hazards in past seasons are urging vacationers to prepare themselves for emergencies with a few common sense rules. Rule number one is to avoid panic by conserving strength and keeping one's reasoning ability.

If lost in the woods, it is better to stop and try to figure out where you are, instead of wandering about in a storm or fog, or at night. It is best to make camp after gathering fuel for a fire, and wait for better traveling conditions. Streams and telephone lines may be followed to reach assistance. Yelling, running, and carrying help not at all.

If your canoe or rowboat should capsize, it is safer, according to vital statistics records, to cling to the overturned craft than to try swimming any distance across a lake to shore. Practically all boats will furnish some buoyancy, even when overturned or full of water, for persons hanging onto the sides. Shoes and heavy outer clothing should be shed to make swimming easier, when swimming is advisable. Due regard for balancing the boat will dictate care in standing up, changing seats, and in rescuing persons from the water, which is best done over the stern rather than over the side.

A knowledge of artificial respiration, which is part of the training of all conservation officers, may be invaluable for vacationers in remote regions.



VIEW of Bell Telephone Exhibit from Trylon at Theme Plaza, New York World's Fair. The large building, surrounded by a 27-foot gilded statue of the "Spirit of Communication," houses the Voder, the machine that talks; demonstration long distance calls; audition for visitors, hearing tests and the Voice Mirror.

stovepipe hole and placed them in a box outside. The duck escaped and died down the chimney again. Removing her once more Dingman covered his chimney, whereupon the bird abandoned her attempt to raise a brood in that vicinity.

The eggs were turned over to the conservation department's game division. They have been identified as the eggs of the goldeneye duck, or whistler, which ordinarily nests in trees and in some cases in crevices called wood ducks. Several other instances of ducks nesting in chimneys have been reported from the Houghton lake area.

Snapping Turtles Taken By Hand on Manistee

A novel summer entertainment on the Manistee river is the hunting of snapping turtles with bare hands. Caution is the watchword when nabbing the hard biting snappers, which make fine soup when the hunt is successful.

Of six common Michigan turtles, the snapping, Blandings', map, western painted and spiny soft-shelled are edible, while the musk, turtle, or stinkpot, cannot be eaten.

In Michigan there are no restrictions as to season, size or number for the taking of turtles, but it is unlawful to use set lines. A fishing license is needed for the setting of turtle traps, and their placement must be reported to the conservation officer of the county.

Fisheries investigations have so far found that, contrary to popular belief, there is no evidence that turtles are important predators upon game fish.

Conservation Officers Pass Strict Examination

Famed Texas Rangers and the "Mounties" of Canada's great open spaces must meet no severer tests of fitness for their jobs than do the candidates who present themselves for examination nowadays when Michigan's conservation department recruits its fledgling officers.

Announcing examinations to be held next month, the department specifies that excellent physical condition, strength and agility, normal vision and hearing, are requisites. Also, accepted candidates must qualify under one of the following classifications: (1) a background of outdoor life and four years of experience as a hunter or trapper or in allied outdoor work and completion of the eighth school grade; or (2) a background of outdoor life and two years experience as a hunter or trapper or in allied outdoor work and completion of the twelfth school grade; or (3) college graduation majoring in conservation subjects (forestry, wildlife management, biology) or in police administration; or (4) any combination of experience or training or of their respective equivalents, in which neither below the minimum specified. Candidates must be between the ages of 23 and 45.

FOURTH OF JULY CASUALTY

Listed lightly among the casualties of the Fourth of July weekend is a 16-inch bass of one of the state fish hatchery ponds at Harrisville. The bass struck just by a 10-year-old boy hit the water and most of its head was blown off.

However cute bears and cubs may appear, woods visitors are advised to view them from a safe distance.

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QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO OUT OF STATE TOURISTS

A new analysis of tourist habits and desires was made available this week by the state highway department in replies to questionnaires sent to out-of-state tourists.

Tabulations of 739 replies to 3,800 questionnaires mailed out last year show that Michigan's tourist business for 1940 will total \$11,950,000. The total number of persons to enter Michigan during the season will be 11,770,000. These figures are based on reports of the American Automobile Association, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the tourist associations as adjusted by results of the questionnaire.

The average tourist will be one of a party of four. He will spend 15 1/2 days in Michigan and drive a total of 1,154 miles. He and the other members of his party will spend a total between them of \$140 or which \$26.50 will go for lodging and \$18.30 for gasoline.

Of the total number replying to the questionnaires, 22 per cent made their first trip to Michigan last year while 78 per cent were on a return trip.

Highways were rated as the number one tourist attraction in Michigan by 31.4 per cent of the tourists while the Great Lakes were rated first by 25 per cent and inland lakes, or streams by 22.5 per cent. Swimming and boating were listed as number one diversions by 44 per cent closely followed by fishing with 32.8 per cent.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner said that the questionnaire was mailed to a

cross-section of persons stopping at the department's tourist information lodges on US-21 at New Buffalo and on US-41 at Menominee.

"The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide information on which the department can base future highway programs for tourist benefit," the commissioner said. "It will also provide an indication of tourist habits that have never been available before."

"It is especially significant that highways are listed as a number one attraction for tourists and that sports, connected with water facilities are listed as number one diversions. This is an indication that the program of shore road development in Michigan is in the right direction so far as tourist promotion is concerned."

Of the total amounts to be spent by out-of-state tourists \$78,270,000 will go for lodging, \$49,134,000 for gasoline, \$65,120,000 for food, \$131,824,000 to retail merchants, and \$37,302,000 will be spent for entertainment and miscellaneous items.

In connection with these expenditures, the state of Michigan will benefit by \$7,415,000 in gasoline tax collections and \$8,527,000 in sales tax collections.

HIGHWAY DEPT. HAS BALANCE OF \$4,515,036

The state highway department this week closed its books on the 1939-40 fiscal year with a cash balance of \$4,515,036.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner pointed out that the cash balance was unusually large because wet weather has delayed construction which is paid for as completed.

The cash balance will be de-

creased as construction work is speeded during more favorable weather.

Gas tax receipts for the fiscal year were \$31,293,431. The Federal government contributed \$3,721,813 in Federal Aid for construction work during the year and the Public Works Administration contributed \$1,263,449.

Fixed disbursements totaled \$13,769,546 including returns to the counties of \$6,550,000 under the McNitt Act and the gas tax appor-

tionment, bond sinking fund payments of \$3,709,000 and payments to Detroit under the street widening agreement of \$83,194. Maintenance and operations charges were \$6,801,815.

Total expenditures for construction were \$13,442,853. This includes \$1,394,173 for right-of-way costs, \$2,639,805 for new bridges, and \$10,009,875 for roads.

The cash balance at the beginning of the 1939-40 fiscal year was \$1,967,525.



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