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Falcons, Trojans To Meet Friday

Football will get off to a roaring start in the Farmington area Friday when the Farmington High School Falcons and the Clarencville Trojans clash at the Clarencville High School athletic field in traditionally strong rivalry. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

This will be the opening game of the season for both teams and both clubs will be putting all they have into the contest.

Last year the two teams played to a 9-9 draw. This was the first year since 1939 that the Trojans had not lost to the Farmington eleven. They will be going all out to break the string of setbacks.

FOX NOT HURTING PHEASANT CROP, AUTHORITIES STATE

An interesting wildlife situation has appeared in Michigan this year to disconcert an old belief about certain damage caused by foxes.

Proponents of the bounty system of predator control have long argued that foxes rise Cain with rice-necked pheasant populations. According to the line of argument used, if all the foxes could be killed off, the pheasant populations would be high.

This and other arguments were presented in 1947 when the fox bounty system was enacted in Michigan, over the objections of conservation department biologists.

But two facts have come to disprove this business about Reynard being highly destructive — at least to pheasant numbers.

On the one hand, this year for the first time, the fox bounty fund, which started the fiscal year containing \$125,000, ran out of money.

That means wild game and trappers bagged more than 25,000 foxes, the highest total for a single year since the bounty system started. In 1948, about 23,000 foxes were taken. In 1949, about 21,000 were bagged and each year since then an average of about 20,000 has been hunted.

These continuing yearly totals indicate the inadequacy of the bounty system to reduce fox numbers, as well as showing its ineffectiveness.

But the other side of the coin turned up in the annual mid-summer brood count of pheasants, conducted recently by Michigan's rural mail carriers.

The survey showed pheasant numbers very high and "possibly near a record" this year.

In short, high populations of foxes apparently do not cut into pheasant numbers to any noticeable degree.

Meanwhile, game workers point out, Michigan needlessly continues to distribute bounty money that could better be used in a different, more efficient type of predator control.

Game specialists favor a system of specific control, where individual marauding predators are removed, rather than the scatter-shot bounty system that attempts wholesale removal of the species.

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Falcon Backs Ready For Big Test



Football will get under way locally this Friday afternoon when the Farmington Falcons and the Clarencville Trojans tangle in a traditionally tough contest. Being put to the big test are probable starting backs for the Falcons will be the four gridironers shown above. They are: Bob Byrne, halfback; Don Robinson, fullback; John Rawcett, quarterback; and Jerry Rice, halfback.

Falcon - Trojan Football Schedules

FARMINGTON	CLARENCVILLE
Sept. 17, Clarencville (here)	Sept. 17, Farmington (here)
Sept. 24, Rochester (here)	Sept. 24, Milford (here)
Oct. 1, Berkley (here)	Oct. 1, Huron Twp. (here)
Oct. 8, Vanlyke (here)	Oct. 8, Northville (here)
Oct. 15, Southfield (here)	Oct. 15, Clarkston (here)
Oct. 22, Waterford (here)	Oct. 22, Holly (here)
Oct. 29, Walled Lake (here)	Oct. 29, Brighton (here)
Nov. 5, Livonia (here)	Nov. 5, Reggio Harbor (here)

All games will be day games and start at 3:30 p.m., except the Falcon - Berkley game and the Trojans' games with Milford and Holly, which will be night contests. The games under the asterisk will start at 8:00 p.m.

PRE-SEASON REPORT GIVEN ON 1954 SMALL GAME HUNTING CONDITIONS

There is good news for pheasant hunters in the conservation department's pre-season report on small game hunting conditions in Michigan.

Pheasant shooting this year should be as good, perhaps even better, than it was in 1953 when shooting bags were more than one million ringnecks.

The birds will be most plentiful in the Thumb district and in Ottawa County. Southeastern counties, where pheasant hunting has been popular for years, will not measure up to the Thumb and Ottawa areas. Southwestern Michigan, never considered especially good pheasant country, will show no signs of improvement this year.

The outlook for partridge hunters is not so optimistic. After five above-average years of shooting, a downward swing in the population cycle of these birds is quite evident in northern counties, although less marked in the south. The report indicates, however, that good partridge hunting will continue in the area from Tuscola through Gratiot and Saginaw Counties.

Snowshoe rabbits will not be as plentiful in northern swamps as they were last winter.

Moderately good is the forecast for sharp-tailed grouse in the Upper Peninsula. There is no open season on these birds in the Lower Peninsula.

NO SUCH THING AS 'BLUEBIRD', SAYS U-M PROFESSOR

A bluebird? There's no such thing, according to Otto S. Pettigrew, professor of ornithology at the University of Michigan's Biological Station on Douglas Lake.

According to the professor, a bluebird is really brown. Its feathers just reflect light so as to give the effect of blue coloring. As proof, he wet a blue feather and it came out brown.

"Actually," he adds, "the only true colors in bird feathers are red, yellow and brown — all the many different hues come from combinations and reflections."

These bright impressions are used by the males as "a means of advertising their availability."

For example, he points to the Costa Rican hummingbird, one of the world's smallest birds. It appears to be all dressed up in sequins due to its many iridescent patches of feathers.

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MICHIGAN LEADS IN SALE OF HUNTING, FISHING LICENSES

More persons have gone hunting and fishing in Michigan in recent years than in any other state in the Union.

A check of conservation department records shows that the state has ranked either first or second nationally in sales of both hunting and fishing licenses for at least six years.

Michigan was first nationally in sales of hunting licenses in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1953 and second in 1948 and 1952.

In the aggregate, no other state can equal or surpass that record of outdoor activity.

Also, on the basis of these license sales, Michigan in recent years has been right at the top in the amount of money returned to the state under the National Wildlife Restoration Act — federal statutes that provide for collection and earmarking of taxes on sporting equipment. The money is returned to the states on a pro-rata basis for fish and game habitat and restoration work.

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B. P. W. Club Will Hold First Meeting Friday

The first meeting of the new season of the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club will be held Monday evening, September 20, at Huck's Redford Inn with dinner beginning at 6:45 p.m.

The budget for the coming year will be discussed and new members will be voted on.

Reservations must be made by Friday, September 17. Any member bringing guests must contact Miss Ethel Foster at Farmington 1142-M by Friday evening.

The total cost of construction on the new Mackinac Straits bridge will be \$80,000,000.00.

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