

## Michigan mirror

State forecasts  
good hunting

By ELMER E. WHITE

With fall fast approaching, there's good news for Michigan's pheasant and duck hunters.

First comes a prediction of a good fall pheasant season. The Department of Natural Resources, working with statistics gathered by rural mail carriers, said the state's general pheasant population in the southern lower peninsula is up about seven per cent over last year, and in the central area, it's up some 33 per cent. Counties with the most birds appear to be Ingham, Eaton, Van Buren, Shiawassee and St. Clair.

NOT EXACTLY a pheasant population explosion—there's a 13 per cent drop in Ottawa and Allegan counties and an 18 per cent drop in southeastern Michigan—but cause for optimism.

The Department said that over the past three years, the number of pheasants has increased consistently.

Lower Michigan's pheasant season this year begins at 10 a.m. Oct. 21.

ON THE DUCK FRONT, the DNR offers some help to hunters who want to set up their own "know your duck" clinics. A limited number of identification kits are available from the department, through district offices primarily in the southern lower peninsula. Kits include stuffed birds and a slide presentation.

The "know your ducks" idea is important because bag limits are based on the types of ducks taken.

DAILY BAG LIMIT is 100 points, with the canvasback and redhead worth 100 points each; the female mallard, black duck, wood duck and hooded merganser, 90 points each; and the male mallard and ringneck, 35 points each.

Worth 15 points apiece are the blue-winged and green-winged teal, baldpate, shoveler, Old Squaw, common and red-breasted mergansers, goldeneyes, bufflehead, gadwall, scaup, pintail, scoter and ruddy duck.

Duck season begins Oct. 2 in the upper peninsula and Oct. 9 in the lower peninsula.

## More for gas?

That 10-cent-a-gallon tax hike on gasoline—being talked about these days in Washington—could prove hazardous to Michigan.

So said Gov. William Milliken, who recently wrote about the proposal to Roy Ash, director of the federal office of management and budget. "It can be assumed that little, if any, of the tax would be absorbed by the producers, distributors, or retailers," the governor said.

"The entire tax would be borne by the consumer, because its imposition would simply increase the pump price," Milliken said.

TOURISM, CAR SALES and people movement could be adversely affected by such a tax increase.

"Much of our tourist trade this summer has come from Michigan residents who vacationed close to home," Milliken said. "To stifle this remaining flow of tourist traffic with a 10-cent penalty could be disastrous."

"If this tax does reduce the consumption of gasoline, it would be sure to have an impact on new car sales—a further setback for the slumping auto industry," he continued. "If the cost of driving is raised this way, most Michigan residents—rural and suburban citizens especially—will not have any alternative mode of transportation because of the lack of public transportation in many areas."

## Note to farmers

Price-later agreements do indeed give farmers a chance to agree on the sale price of grain before it is sold from an elevator.

Clarifying earlier statements about such agreements, the Michigan Agriculture Department said "the price-later agreement does provide for an agreement on sale price between the owner and the elevator."

Such agreements "have been used increasingly by Michigan elevator firms in recent years because of the greater flexibility provided in the physical movement of the commodities covered," explained a representative of one firm.

He said that farmers "do have the right to agree on price with the elevator operator at any time prior to the expiration date of the agreement."

"This is exactly the same option that the farmer has on a commodity in elevator storage under a warehouse receipt. In either case, he is storing his commodity for sale at an undetermined later date at his option."

A MESSAGE  
IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST:

*The following telegrams recently exchanged between Stanford C. Stoddard, Chairman of Michigan National Bank of Detroit; and Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, are of such importance to the present inflation, that we feel they should be published:*

SEPT. 6, 1974, 4:34 P.M.

TO: PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

WE WANT TO INDICATE OUR SUPPORT OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE RATE OF INFLATION IN OUR DOMESTIC ECONOMY. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT HIGH INTEREST RATES ARE TRULY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND THAT THEY IN FACT ADD FUEL TO THE INFLATIONARY FIRES THAT ARE BURNING TODAY. ACCORDINGLY, MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT INTENDS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW.

OUR BANKING INSTITUTION, WITH ASSETS IN EXCESS OF \$1 BILLION AND 33 OFFICES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AREA IS TYPICAL OF MANY CONSUMER TYPE BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES. OUR LOAN PORTFOLIO IS LARGELY CHARACTERIZED BY LOWER FIXED-RATE LOANS THAT HAVE BEEN ADVANCED TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO PURCHASE CONSUMER GOODS, PURCHASE HOMES AND FINANCE THEIR BUSINESSES. WE CANNOT PASS ON INCREASES IN THE PRIME RATE TO THESE CONSUMER BORROWERS. OUR INTEREST COSTS, NEVERTHELESS, HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY AS A RESULT OF THE DRYING UP OF THE CONSUMER SAVINGS MARKET AND THE ADVENT OF SAVINGS DEPOSIT MARKET THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY 12 PER-CENT CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

THE CURRENT 12 PER-CENT PRIME RATE OFFERS LITTLE OR NO MARGIN OVER CURRENT COST OF FUNDS. AS A RESULT, OUR PRE-TAX OPERATING EARNINGS HAVE DECLINED APPROXIMATELY 25 PER-CENT DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS THIS YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, WE FEEL A DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT IN THE PRIME WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR ECONOMY, ALTHOUGH IT CERTAINLY WILL NOT IMPROVE OUR EARNINGS, UNLESS THERE IS A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RATES. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, WITH ITS MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER ACCEPTING A LOWER RATE ON THEIR CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT FROM OUR INSTITUTION, RECOGNIZING THE FACT THAT WE UNILATERALLY LOWERED OUR PRIME LENDING RATE.

OUR PRIME RATE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, WILL BE SET AT 11 PER-CENT, IN THE HOPES THAT FURTHER REDUCTIONS CAN BE MADE IF THE COST OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS ALSO DECLINE. WE HOPE THAT THIS ACTION WILL INDICATE TO OUR COMPATRIOTS IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY ACROSS THE NATION OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY AND REDUCE THE CURRENT RATE OF INFLATION.

STANFORD C. STODDARD, CHAIRMAN  
MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT  
GUARDIAN BUILDING  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

SEPTEMBER 9, 1974 6 P.M.

TO: STANFORD C. STODDARD, CHAIRMAN  
MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT  
GUARDIAN BUILDING  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TELEGRAM TO INFORM ACTION BEING TAKEN TO LOWER YOUR PRIME LENDING RATE. MAY I COMMEND YOU FOR LEADING WITH EFFORTS IN THIS CONCRETE MANNER TO STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY AND REDUCE THE CURRENT RATE OF INFLATION.

GERALD R. FORD  
PRESIDENT, U.S.A.  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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County Red Cross  
needs volunteers

To help maintain the programs and services to the community, Red Cross needs 800 men and women to become volunteers. The week of Sept. 22-28 has been set as Red Cross Volunteer Recruitment Week.

The greatest need for volunteers in Oakland County is in the Red Cross Blood Program. Individuals are being sought to volunteer in the Oakland regional office blood donor station in Berkley, as well as on bloodmobile units, and to make open heart surgery telephone calls. "VOLUNTEERS play an important part in securing blood required for surgery and transfusions. Within the blood program there are a multitude of services volunteers are needed to perform," said Mrs. John Klett of Farmington Hill, chairman of Blood Program volunteers in Oakland County.

Bloodmobile and blood donor station volunteers perform "non-medical" duties such as taking temperatures, registering donors

and serving refreshments. Open heart surgery callers make appointments for volunteer blood donors, by blood type, to donate blood for open heart surgery.

Red Cross has developed the "team" concept which enables members of clubs and groups to work together on various activities within the Red Cross Blood Program.

RIGHT NOW in Oakland County, Red Cross is seeking five teams, a total of 100 persons, to work in the Oakland County blood donor station in Berkley and on bloodmobile units scheduled in the area.

Additional volunteers are also needed to make open heart surgery telephone calls, to serve as transportation drivers, and to work in hospitals.

For more information about volunteering at the Red Cross call the Oakland regional office at 354-3575 or the Berkley Office at 542-6622 or 542-6700.

Bronson said. "I want to continue my efforts in that direction and at the same time accept the new challenges and significant questions presented by new cases that come before our court."

Bronson was Oakland County Prosecutor from 1964-68.

There are two Court of Appeals elections in each division this year. The Michigan Legislature recently increased the number of seats on the bench from four to six in each division.

## Bronson in race

Michigan Court of Appeals Judge S. Jerome Bronson has announced he will seek another term in the state's second division.

Bronson, 44, has served six years on the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals race divides the state into three geographical districts, with Division Two comprising Oakland and 14 other counties in the southern and eastern portions of the state.

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