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M.L.C.A. Members Go Quail Hunting



Herb Harvey, M.L.C.A. secretary, and Bill Harrington, James Jarrell, and Art Herron, all Mutli-Lakers, went quail hunting in southeast Missouri in November. They reported good hunting, bagging a total of 87 bobwhite, 40 rabbits, and eight

greenhead mallards.

Herron didn't get to hunt but one day, as he had to return home due to illness. Better luck next time, Art.

Warm weather handicapped the group's duck hunting, as the ducks were still in the north.

Silent Guns

Harry Seymour, M. L. C. A. member, passed away December 11, 1956 at Detroit. Burial took place at Tomah, Wisconsin.

January Club Dance

The first club dance of the new year will take place at the club house on Saturday night, January 12. Other dances will be held alternate Saturdays throughout the year.

Floyd Snyder and his band will furnish the music, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Valentine Dance will be held February 9, with tickets available at the bar or from any committee chairman.

Women's Rifle News

WHICH WAY DID THEY GO? Who Go? The girls of the Wednesday night rifle shoot.

Come on, girls. Let's show more than a lack of interest.

The few regulars are racking up some pretty fine scores. Come on and join the fun.

Chabot To Preside At First 1956 Meeting, Wednesday, January 16

M. L. C. A. members reelected Ray Chabot as their president for 1957 at the December general membership meeting. He will preside at the first meeting of his new term on Wednesday, January 16.

Howard Perkins was named vice president, and Herb Harvey was reelected secretary. George

Jaffray is the new treasurer, and Marion Pullis is membership secretary. Be there January 16 to give your officers encouragement.

Selected for three year terms on the board of directors were Clayt Adams, Weldon Payne, and Arnold Rahn.

A vacancy on the board of directors due to Chabot being reelected (a past president automatically becomes a board of directors member for one year) will be filled by appointment at the January meeting.

(Complete election returns as included in the writeup on the December election meeting elsewhere in this edition.)

Archery News

Looks like Vince Spencer and Robert Bayer will lead the archers in 1957.

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December Membership Meeting

The December 20 membership meeting was called to order by President Chabot at 8:20 p.m. with the following officers present.

- Ray Chabot.....President
- Walt Peters....Vice President
- Herb Harvey.....Secretary
- John Zepf.....Treasurer

Members stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag, and recited the Conservation Pledge.

Minutes of the November membership meeting and the November board of directors meeting were accepted as printed in the Multi-Laker. The treasurer's report for November was also accepted as printed in the Multi-Laker.

Bill Harrington, Skeet and Trap, reported a net profit of \$970.52 for the year.

Walt Peters, reporting on the Kids Christmas party in the absence of Roy Stiles, who is ill, said that the party was one of the most successful in our history. More than 500 children were entertained, and all had a grand time. Walt also asked for a hand for Ralph Richardson, who donated the swell Christmas tree. Needless to say, Ralph got the hand.

Monty Wysong, Browse Cutting, read a letter from Lavern

Bowman, stating that our date for cutting had been changed to February 2 and 3. Cost per member to be \$6.50, this includes one night in cabin, and four meals. A list is on the bulletin board for signees, who wish to make the trip.

Jim Shivas, Door Prize, announced that for the eight months he had been chairman the committee had taken in \$1,475, had spent \$1,147.70, leaving a net profit of \$327.30.

Harry Horner, Building Committee, made a final report on our new additions, which appears elsewhere in this edition.

Howard Perkins, Entertainment, reported all tickets sold for the New Year's Party, and that he probably was the most unpopular member of Multi-Lakes because many members had put off getting their tickets until too late.

Warren Neuenschwander, Legislative, gave us a razzing for not having a single member in attendance at the District 7 meeting, which was held here December 5. He reported on several proposals for the agenda of the next M.U.C.C. convention, which various clubs have presented for consideration at the Regional 3 meeting to be held in Lansing January 13.

Frank Roselle moved that Multi-Lakes withdraw from M. U. C. C., seconded by Harold Smith. The motion lost.

The following were holders of winning tickets in the door prize drawings:

- R. Durand
- B. Floto (2)
- P. Chaplow (2)
- W. Murphy
- A. Messini
- W. Horstman
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- H. Baunderher
- E. Ramsey
- B. Soltis
- R. Gottschalk
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- R. Chabot
- B. Bem
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- R. Beagle
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- F. Brunyonsky
- R. Batchelor
- H. Givens
- A. Reed
- C. Higgins
- F. Aldrich
- V. Wylston

Bill King, Election Committee, made the following report of the 1956 election:

Results

President

Ray Chabot.....	252
Walt Peters.....	164

Vice President

Howard Perkins.....	132
Arnold Larges.....	84
Stan Tusan.....	73
Jack Allan.....	54
Arthur Marohn.....	40
George Stauch.....	19

Recording Secretary

Herb Harvey.....	401
Joe Giordano.....	1

Treasurer

George Jaffray.....	207
Kein Cracknell.....	187

Membership Secretary

Marion Pullis.....	392
E. Olson.....	11
L. Bush.....	11
S. Gates.....	1
J. Campion.....	1

Board of Directors

Clayton Adams.....	310
Widon Payne.....	252
Arnold Rahn.....	201
George Welbon.....	193
Harold Smith.....	87
Robert Ayers.....	75
W. Lloyd Waters.....	53
Iner Hurd.....	48
Paul Nave.....	1
Marion Pullis.....	1
Al Dixon.....	1

It was properly moved, and seconded, that the report be accepted, and the Committee discharged. Motion carried.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned. Time: 11:00 p.m.

Al Messini had made a special trip to Detroit to pick up two films which were shown at this time. "Yukon Safari" and "Salmon Safari," two very beautiful pictures in color, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

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Pistol News

By Gerry Buxton

Pistol shooting at M.L.C.A. has increased in volume this fall. We have entered competitive shooting in the Southeastern Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association. Five matches have been fired during which time we climbed from last place to third last in actual scores and seventh last on handicap.

Outdoor shooting has been planned, with 25 yard and 50 yard regulation as well as moving target type. How this can be fitted in with the Skeet and Trap, and rifle ranges, remains to be decided.

Five months ago we voluntarily began charging ourselves an additional 25c on range fees and 10c extra on 22 cal ammo. We loaned ourselves enough money to buy wholesale quantities of 38 cal, reloaded ammo. We sell this ammo at 40c profit per pack of 50.

Total profits accumulated from these excess charges have repaid the original loan, and paid for stock on hand worth \$50.00. An additional \$25.00 cash balance is the beginning of a fund to procure 45 reload ammo. The 45 ammo will then be sold at a suitable profit.

The ultimate profit goal is to purchase a smoke elimination installation. This is sorely need-

ed during pistol matches and would be desirable also to the rifle shooters.

At some still later time, when money is available, we intend to install some form of target carrier.

The range house interior and its equipment give an uncared for appearance entirely out of keeping with the excellent exterior. This is due partially to a lack of suitable storage facilities.

Painting, cleaning, cabinet building and other maintenance work will require some money and some work.

We would like to propose that a schedule be prepared whereby all range house users share in the expense and work to complete and maintain the interior.

If it should happen that some of the groups concerned feel that our proposed investment is not warranted, we will continue with our improvement program though it will necessarily be rather slow.

Pheasants See Capitol

Two cock pheasants were seen in downtown Lansing early this week, about 200 yards from the front steps of the state Capitol.

Victor S. Janson, who coincidentally took charge of the Conservation Department's pheasant research program on the following day, reported seeing the two wild birds, thoroughly surrounded by concrete and civilization.

The nearest, and only, grass within shotgun distance was the Capitol lawn and the birds were obviously not headed that direction. One flew up and perched on the Hotel Wentworth's marquee sign, the other sailed around the corner toward the Grand River, 50 feet from the hotel.

Thus; --It Happens

Some hunters seem to be asking for a hunting accident, according to a news release from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

While investigating a hunting accident, a Pennsylvania game officer learned of another might-have-been casualty.

He says, "A sportsman told me he was hunting squirrels on opening day when he spied a furry object moving back and forth on the far side of a tree. The hunter was tempted to shoot, but held his fire because the motion was unusual. As it turned out, a man dressed in dark clothing and wearing a Davey Crockett hat was hiding behind the tree, watching for squirrel."

Browse Cutters; Please Note

The planned browse cutting trip to Gladwin county has been definitely set for Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3.

Arrangements are now being made to pair riders and drivers. If you are going to drive, or want to ride, please contact Monty Wysong at EMpire 3-8951.

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Hunters Bag Some 70,000 Deer This Season

Michigan hunters bagged some 70,000 deer during regular and special firearm seasons in northern areas of the state this year, according to statistical estimates by Conservation Department game specialists.

In the upper and northern lower peninsulas, an estimated 58,300 deer were taken by hunters during the regular season and another 12,000 whitetails were bagged during special seasons.

In comparison with past year, the regular season buck kill was 18 percent below the 71,000 taken last year—but two percent above the 1954 buck kill. Department field personnel reported a general decrease in the number of hunters afield this year.

The largest regular season drop was recorded in the upper peninsula where hunters took an estimated 21,200 buck this year—more than 27 percent below the 29,160 bagged last fall. Another 750 whitetails were taken this year in the first "any deer" season held in the U.P. in more than 30 years.

The northern lower peninsula bag this year—37,100 bucks—was about 11 percent below the 1955 total of 41,930, but also was 11 percent above the buck kill for the region in 1954.

The decline in the buck kill this year—anticipated by Department game biologists—undoubtedly was affected by food shortages last winter when more than 36,000 deer died of starvation. At least 15,000 of

these starvation victims were buck fawns and could have been legal bucks this fall, if they had lived.

Other results of the critical situation last winter were apparent to game biologists who examined thousands of deer bagged this fall. The physical condition of northern deer generally was poorer than in the 1955 season.

Biologists found a decline in antler development, both in number of points and beam diameter, in 1½-year-old bucks. Comparison of deer weights with the special season of 1952 showed that fawns taken this year in the Lake - Newaygo county area averaged almost 12 pounds less than those taken in 1952. This could indicate a threatening future for this year's fawn crop in food shortage areas because feeding experiments show that five pounds may mean the difference between life and death for fawns under critical winter conditions.

Ninety-Day Limit Set

The coming of home and public deep freeze food storage plants in recent years has made an old game law increasingly important to Michigan's sportsmen.

The law declares that game birds and animals may be kept 60 days after the close of the respective hunting season. But if a sportsman wants to keep the legal game meat longer than that, he can request and obtain a permit from any conservation officer.

Ducks, geese and other migratory waterfowl are covered by a federal law that allows a hunter to keep the birds 90 days.

The Cover Picture

Photo by Gene Proulx

A very active group of Multi-Laker archers took time out to pose for this picture. They shoot in the range building every Friday night and Sunday afternoons. Why don't you join them?

Season Is Still Open On Rabbits, Bobcats

With the close of deer season, many hunters have turned their attention to other game—cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares and bobcats.

Cottontails, primarily a southern Michigan game animal, are legal targets in the southern lower peninsula through January 31, while rabbits and hares may be hunted in the northern lower peninsula and the U.P. through March 1.

The northern lower peninsula's bobcat season will be in effect through March 15. Last year, hunters took about 140 'cats in the state's first bobcat season. In the upper peninsula, bobcats still have a predator status and may be taken at any time of year; 754 were bountied in the U.P. in 1955.

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Illegal removal of trees from state-owned land can turn out to be a very costly activity, according to recent trespass cases tried in justice courts.

State law prohibits the removal of forest products, minerals, buildings, or other property from state land without lawful authority. A person who wilfully commits this type of trespass can be ordered to pay the state three times the amount of damage, in addition to the regular fine, jail sentence and court costs assessed by the courts.

Recent cases of voluntary trespass at Gratiot - Saginaw state game area illustrate how expensive these penalties can be.

One man, convicted of removing 39 small white pine and white spruce trees from the game area, was ordered to pay \$83.30 in fines and court costs and serve 45 days in jail—and the violator must pay the state \$117 in damages, three times

the value of the trees.

Another man unlawfully removed a seven-foot white spruce from the game area and was assessed a \$25 fine, \$5.40 in court costs, and must pay \$21 to the state in triple damages.

These trees were planted at the Gratiot-Saginaw area under the Conservation Department's game habitat improvement program and loss of trees means loss of valuable cover for wildlife.

Under provisions of the state law regarding removal of property from public land, a person causing wilful damages not exceeding \$200 is guilty of a misdemeanor and can receive a maximum penalty of a \$100 fine and 90 days in jail, plus court costs and payment of three times the amount of damage.

If damages exceed \$200, the crime is considered a felony and can be punished by a \$100-\$500 fine, two years in jail, court costs and triple damages.

Fifteen Days Plus Five Bucks Equal No Kill

If a man hunted all day for 15 days, in a mile-square enclosure containing five bucks, it seems that he couldn't miss bagging a deer.

Well, he didn't get his buck.

The "man" involved here is a product of statistics, but the deer and the situation are genuine. Conclusions are based on the annual controlled hunt at the Conservation Department's

Cusino wildlife experiment station in the upper peninsula.

In order to bag one of the five bucks in the Cusino enclosure, Department hunters had to spend about 108 man-hours of hunting—more than 15 full days of hunting for one man.

The controlled hunt is designed to remove surplus deer and to provide further information on the effect of a certain hunting pressure on a known number of deer. In total, it took 243 man-hours of hunting to bag two bucks, five does and three fawns from the herd of 29 deer in the mile-square area.

The hunt was set up with a two-day "bucks only" season and a four-day "any deer" season. Nine of the deer, including one buck, were bagged in the four-day section. During this "any deer" hunt, it took an average of about 15 man-hours

of hunting to get each deer.

Other information gained from these controlled hunts at Cusino emphasizes the tremendous reproductive capacity of deer. Each year, about one-third of the deer are taken from the enclosure, but fawn production brings the herd back to its original level. In contrast, hunters take only 10-12 percent of the state's deer herd each year during regular hunting seasons.

From three to nine Department hunters took part each day in the Cusino hunt. The 10 deer taken were turned over to public schools for use in hot lunch programs.

Hunters found that deer drives were the most effective means of hunting. Less productive methods used were still hunting or stalking, trailing and sitting.

Uses Muzzle-Loader To Score Neck Shot

The December 1-2 special deer hunting season was really "special" for F. W. Terwilliger, Conservation Department geologist. Terwilliger, an enthusiast of muzzle-loading guns, bagged his deer with a 90-year-old firearm.

He was hunting in Area 4, near Gladwin, Saturday, Dec. 1, when he sighted a doe and a fawn about 40 yards away. Terwilliger dropped the doe with a neck shot.

It was the first deer he has bagged with the muzzle-loader, which was manufactured in the 1860's.

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Meandering

After many years as Santa Claus at the annual M.L.C.A. Kids Christmas party, Bill Grams had to miss this year due to ill health. Ed Blavet, as his substitute, did a fine job. Bill would no doubt appreciate some get well cards from the kids he has entertained. His address is 4015 Green Lake Rd., Orchard Lake, R.2, Michigan....

..Orchids to Roy Stiles, too, who came from a sick bed to manage the party with the competent help of Walt Peters. Peters and his family selected, put up, and decorated the beautiful Christmas tree which was donated by Ralph Richardson for the occasion.....Good luck to Ray Chabot in his second year as president of M.L.C.A., to the other officers and board of directors members.....Howard Perkins, new vice president, again packed the house for the New Year's party, in his usual role as entertainment chairman. Everyone seemed to have plenty

of the good food offered..... Get active, fellows! Volunteer to work on or head one of the committees in 1957. The range building is seeing a lot of use throughout the week with junior riflemen two evenings, archers one evening and Sunday afternoon, senior riflemen, pistol shooters, and lady rifle shooters.....That browse cutting trip is getting closer all the time.....Holiday drawings on the front windows were made free hand by our teenage assistant, Tom Ward..... There's still a lot of M.L.C.A. mail being returned to the club because of members' incorrect addresses. Won't you please get your correct address to us? Pay your dues NOW. REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE!.....

Pay Your 1957 Dues Today

All 1956 M.L.C.A. Membership cards expired on December 31, 1956. To protect your membership, pay your 1957 dues today by mailing a check to Membership Chairman Marion Pullis, 179 South Edith Street, Pontiac, Michigan; or to Multi-Lakes Conservation Ass'n., 3860 Newton Road, Walled Lake, Mich.

Dues will also be accepted at the club house. Ten bucks, that's all, and you'll be a 1957 member.

The next monthly meeting of the state Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 10-11 in Lansing. The informal session of the meeting will be held January 10 and the formal session January 11.

Dance Jan. 12 & 26

Skeet and Trap, — 1956 Report

By Bill Harrington and Fred Edwards

As chairman and co-chairman of the M.L.C.A. Skeet and Trap committee for 1956, we wish to make our final report of the doings for the past year.

First of all we wish to thank everybody for their cooperation, and for the help we were given by their hard work and attendance both in the regular shooting and during the Outdoorama. Also during the turkey shoots which we held twice during the year.

Inventory shows on hand, Jan. 1, '56	\$ 360.49
Cash advanced by Treas. Jan. 25, '56	500.00

Total cash and Inv. to start	\$ 860.49
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Total cash rec'd for year	3019.06
Total Inv. purchases for year	2311.03
Expenses other than inventory	42.23
Total Inv. & expenses for year	2353.56
Total Inv. on hand Dec. 31, '56	548.65
Total cash in bank Dec. 31, '56	665.80

Cash & Inv. to start Jan. 1956	1214.45
	860.49

Net profit from Skeet & Trap Comm.	353.96
Net Profit from Fish Dinner & Turkey Shoot (2/26)	205.00
Net Profit from Outdoorama (9/22&23)	164.11
Net Profit from Fish dinner & Turkey Shoot (12/2)	247.45

Total profit for Skeet & Trap Committee for year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 21, 1956	970.52
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Peters apprehended the defendant in Schoolcraft county with three mink pelts and five muskrat skins—before the opening of trapping season.

After the violator pleaded guilty, Justice Edward J. Doyle asked Peters' opinion on the value of the furs. The officer estimated the total value at \$50. Justice Doyle then ordered the violator to pay the amount of restitution, plus a \$10 fine and \$7.50 in court costs.

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Will Count Dead Deer

A systematic count of dead deer left in the woods by hunters will not be conducted until spring, unless unusual weather conditions make the search possible before then.

The count was to be held in two areas December 3-5, but had to be postponed because heavy snow made an accurate check impossible. The two sec-

tions are Area 2, the Lake-Newaygo county area; and Area 3, which includes parts of Clare, Gladwin, Missaukee and Roscommon counties.

They're Yours; Use Them!

Ice fishing activity is getting under way in many of Michigan's state parks.

Anglers often forget that many state park waters are fishable and get extensive use during winter months.

Most park managers report that ice is not yet available or strong enough to support fishermen and their shanties, but this picture is expected to change in many parks within the next few weeks.

Parks also are used in winter for hiking, skiing, hunting and other general outdoor activities.

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

Bar Operation

Statement of Profit and Loss for Month of November, 1956

RECEIPTS:	
Gross Sales	\$1,279.65
Other Income	26.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,306.15
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
Inventory—November 2, 1956	\$2,065.80
Merchandise Purchases	491.61
Total	\$2,557.41
Less: Inventory—November 29, 1956	1,946.68
TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD	610.73
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 695.42
EXPENSES:	
Advertising	\$ 9.15
Supplies	20.20
Laundry	29.54
Maintenance	48.00
Miscellaneous65
Net Wages	504.84
Payroll Taxes	80.81
Cash Short	1.20
NET PROFIT ON BAR OPERATION	\$ 1.03

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Lists Faults of Hunters During Deer Season

At least 20 hunters were lost and required assistance in returning to civilization during the firearm deer season.

This high figure emphasizes again that many hunters fail to adjust their thinking to wilderness conditions when they stump out of cars, camps and cabins in search of deer.

One fault committed by many of these lost hunters is to walk one direction for three hours, then expect to return in the half hour that remains until darkness.

Another is to carry a compass, but not to use it until well into the forest and completely turned around.

A third is to hunt alone, or to be unfamiliar with the country or to avoid, as far as pos-

sible, looking at maps when in a new area.

But panic is perhaps the most dangerous enemy a lost hunter must face. There are cases on record of lost hunters who ran themselves into the ground, possessed solely by fear.

Michigan woodlands can be dangerous when any of these faults is committed.

But the hunter who carries matches and tinder, a knife and compass, and a map or knowledge of the country; and knows how to use all these items can walk out of the most difficult situations.

It is not a lack of woodmanship that gets hunters lost; it's a lack of pre-planning and forgetting common sense.

Skeet and Trap News

M. L. C. A. Skeet and Trap Shooters will resume their Sunday shoots on January 20, beginning at 2 p.m. Members are invited to bring guests with them for an enjoyable afternoon of skeet or trap shooting.

Hungry Deer Raid Crop

Area 2, a seven-county unit centering Baldwin, was designated for special "any deer" hunting this fall because deer over-browse their natural food range in the area and sometimes feed on farm crops, causing damage. Reports from residents indicate the area's deer problem isn't solved yet.

A farmer near Luther recently requested a special permit from the Conservation Department to shoot deer damaging his crops. He reported some 20-30 whitetails digging up his wheat field.

Limits Ice Fishing from Houghton Lake

Ice fishermen are allowed to take unlimited numbers of perch from Houghton Lake this winter, following action taken by the Conservation Commission at its December 13-14 meeting in Lansing. Formerly, the limit was 25 per day.

The Commission ordered the experimental ice fishing regulations in an attempt to solve the problem of stunted perch in Houghton Lake.

The lifting of the perch creel limit for ice fishermen was recommended by Conservation Department fisheries workers after recent studies indicated a tremendous number of perch about four inches long in the

lake.

The abundance of perch also may be a factor in the declining northern pike population in the lake, due to predation. However, continuous "development" around the lake has pinched off pike spawning areas and probably is the major factor in the northern pike decrease.

Several conferences have been held during the past two months with bait dealers, sporting goods dealers and resort owners who are concerned about the stunted perch problem. Department fish workers feel that partial chemical treatment may become a useful management tool for the lake, but agreed to the more immediate plan of lifting the perch creel limit on an experimental basis this winter.

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Annual Hunting Activity Is Being Surveyed

Some 16,000 Michigan hunters are being asked to supply deer hunting information in the Conservation Department's annual post card survey of hunting activity and success.

Questionnaires designed to gather information on the 1956 special seasons were mailed to more than 6000 deer hunters in early December. About two-thirds of the post card replies from this mailing had been received by the Department by December 28. Reminder cards,

urging prompt replies, were mailed to hunters who had not answered.

Another 10,000 questionnaires will be sent out during the next few weeks to a different group of hunters, seeking information on the regular deer season.

In this survey, a statistically-based cross-section of hunters are asked about their hunting success - or lack of it - and hunting activity. Data obtained in the survey provides a close

estimate of the total kill, hunting distribution and other basic information used in establishing hunting regulations and in other aspects of deer herd management.

Under the present system, every 40th hunter on license lists is contacted in the regular season survey. The high rate of cooperation among hunters - as many as 96 percent respond-aids in the poll's accuracy.

Results of the poll won't be known until early spring, after all replies are received and processed.

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

Report of Treasurer December 31, 1956

Total funds in bank December 1, 1956\$5,942.10

Receipts:

Bar Committee	\$ 500.00
Fall Award Committee	25.00
Skeet & Trap—Turkey Shoot	471.78
Sale—Stove	25.00
1957 Dues and Donations	145.00
Advertising—Multi Laker	30.00
Skeet & Trap Committee	665.80
Entertainment Committee	264.50
Refund—Horse Shoe Pits	18.83

Total receipts 2,145.91

\$8,088.01

Disbursements:

MUCC meeting lunch	\$ 17.21
H. Harvey—expense	30.00
Pump repair	10.18
Mailing cost—Multi Laker	13.74
Postage—undelivered mail60
Cleaning incinerator & storing tables	20.00
Freight on new tables	14.56
Ernest S. Hull—final payment	2,735.79
Michigan Bell Telephone	3.90
Charles Le May—painting	26.99
Voorheis & Cox—annual premium	108.75
Detroit Edison	265.77
Jem Installation Service—boiler, well pit, heater, wiring & final for new bldg.	328.30
John J. Zepf—expense	90.00
Oakland County TB San.—Xmas seals	2.00
Harry Altman & Sons—new chairs	150.24
Detroit Edison	8.93
Commerce Hardware—tubs	8.20
Township of Commerce 1956 taxes	586.80
Commerce Oil & Products	186.88
Mich. Dept. Revenue—October and November Sales Tax	160.68
C. W. Floyd—refund 1957 dues & donation ..	35.00

Total disbursements 4,804.52

Total funds after payment of bills\$3,283.49

Funds in bank December 31, 1956

Depository account	\$2,642.57
Operating account	355.16
Savings account	285.76
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Camp Seekers Turned Away at State Parks

Some late and lamentable figures indicate more than seven percent of all persons seeking camping privileges in state parks had to be turned away last year because of overcrowded campgrounds.

Conservation Department summaries show 7241 camps were turned away. A camp represents four or five persons each, making a total of 30,000-36,000 persons that were refused entrance last year.

"This has become a very un-

fortunate situation," said Arthur C. Elmer, chief of the Department's parks division. "State parks are open to all the people. We are very disappointed when we have to turn campers away because of a lack of facilities."

Elmer said 20 parks out of 57 that allow camping had to turn away those seeking overnight privileges; most of these parks are in the northern lower peninsula.

Indian Lake state park west

of Manistique turned away 1695 camps; East Tawas, 1500; Ludington, 1479; and Lakeport, north of Port Huron, 778.

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Multi-Lakes Range House Committee

Report of Condition December 31, 1956

Balance on hand December 1, 1956	\$248.25
RECEIPTS	
Ordinary operations:	
Rifle: Senior	\$ 4.50
Junior	9.50
Ladies	7.75
Pistol	8.50
Archery	11.75
Total range fees	\$ 42.00
Ammunition: Cost	\$ 32.80
Profit	8.20
41.00	
Targets	5.05
Total receipts	88.05
	\$336.30
DISBURSEMENTS	
Fuel oil (419 gal.)	\$ 64.53
Ammunition	163.85
Express	13.84
Total disbursements	242.22
Cash on hand December 31, 1956	\$ 94.08