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M. L. C. A. Calendar

NOVEMBER—

8 FAMILY DIN-
NER, 12 to 5 p.m.
TURKEY
SHOOT, 10 a.m.
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9 Pistol Shooters at
Ferndale Gun
Club

Jr. Rifle Shooters

10 Rifle Shooters at
Roseville

11 MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
(Nominating
Meeting)

12 Pistol Shooters

15 Skeet and Trap

17 Sr. Rifle Shooters

19 Pistol Shooters

22 Skeet and Trap

24 Sr. Rifle Shooters

26 THANKSGIVING
DAY (Club house
closed)

29 Skeet and Trap
Copy Deadline for
Dec. Multi-Laker

DECEMBER—

1 GREAT LAKES
STEEL vs. M. L.
RIFLEMEN AT
M.L.C.A.

2 December Board
Meeting

8 BLOOD BANK,
4-10 p.m.

10 Pistol Shooters at
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To Give Up To Date Information On Michigan's Deer Herd At November 11th Meeting

Ilo Bartlett of the Michigan Dept. of Conservation will be guest speaker at M.L.C.A.'s Nov. 11 membership meeting. One of the nation's top deer authorities, Bartlett will bring us up to date on Michigan's deer herd and will show some outstanding deer pictures.

the Youth Conservation Education Program. M.L.C.A. assisted in setting up the program, and still assists financially.

The Door Prize committee will offer as main door prize a beautiful transistor radio, and many other useful items will be on the prize lists.

Youth Conservation

Al Masini, manager of the Proud Lake Recreation Area and a member of Multi-Lakes, will be on hand to tell us about

Nominations Taken

Nomination of officers may be given from the floor during the business meeting. Be there at 8 p.m. sharp.



ILO BARTLETT

Blood Bank At MLCA Tuesday, December 8th

Another Bloodmobile visit to Multi-Lakes club house is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.

Special arrangements have

been made to furnish transportation to willing donors in the club area. A phone call to the club house prior to December 8 will arrange transportation to and from the Blood Bank to your home.

The first 50 donors to register will receive free admission tickets to the regular club dance on Saturday night, January 17, 1960.

Help Needed

Your Blood Bank committee can stand additional help. If you have a few hours to spare to help out on a worthwhile project, submit your name to A. Rahn of the Blood Bank committee or phone the club house, Empire 3-9109.

Make your Blood Bank appointment, arrange for transportation, or offer to work on the committee by phoning EM-pire 3-9109 during club hours.

Family Dinner and Turkey Shoot Nov. 8

Don't plan anything else for Sunday, November 8 except to come out to M.L.C.A. Chicken and turkey dinners for the entire family will be served from noon until 5 p.m.; 1.50 per adult and .75 for children will pay for all you can eat at one time.

John Esler and Harold Purdie will be in charge of the dinner, and Ted Czarnecki of the Skeet and Trap committee will conduct a Turkey Shoot on the grounds, starting at 10: a.m.

Ted advises you to bring along your shotgun or borrow one and come on out and win yourself a turkey for that Thanksgiving Day (or any other day) dinner.

NOTE: Deer Hunters, this may be your last chance to take mama and the kiddies out to dinner before you go North to get that deer.

- 12 CLUB DANCE
- 15 Lincoln Park vs. M.L.C.A. Riflemen at M.L.C.A.
- 16 MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNUAL ELECTION
- 17 Pistol Shooters vs. Trenton at M. L. C. A.
- 20 Annual Kids' Christmas Party

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★ The President's Column ★

By Weldon Payne

As is the annual practice, the November membership meeting will be moved up so as not to conflict with the opening of Deer Season—this year the meeting will be held on the SECOND Wednesday, November 11th.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a list of the candidates who were presented by the Nominating Committee at the October meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at the November meeting. Some of Multi-Lakes' best officers have been nominated from the floor and you will be doing your club and yourself a service if you nominate a capable man who is willing to serve. A photograph and thumb-nail sketch of each candidate will be printed in the December Multi-Laker.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs, at their October

Board meeting in Elk Rapids, decided to defer action on the 1960 Skeet, Trap and Archery Shoot until their December meeting in Jackson, as John O'Donnell, Chairman of that Committee was unable to attend, being suddenly called out of the state on business. Our letter of application was submitted and although three clubs have applied for the shoot I am hopeful Multi-Lakes will receive favorable consideration when the vote is taken in December.

For the benefit of our newer members, our Annual Meeting is held in December, at which time the officers and directors are elected for 1960. Ballots are mailed to all members and in the event you are unable to attend the meeting you are urged to mail your ballot in the envelope provided.

Notice of District No. Seven Meeting

The November meeting of District No. 7 MUCC will be held at the Presbyterian church in Linden, Michigan, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.

Your host club will be the Linden Sportsmen's club. All members are urged to attend if possible. Many interesting conservation issues will be discussed.

Everett Ramsey
Dist. No. 7 Chairman

organized groups who are endeavoring to obtain favorable regulations, either for their own selfish ends or for the good of all of the people.

It appears now that one of our Commissioners, namely George A. Griffith, of Grayling, has organized such a group in his home on the Au Sable. It is known as "Trout Unlimited", with memberships open on a national scale and its purpose to improve the lot of the trout and the trout fisherman. They are making fellowships available for the "unbiased study and evaluation of state trout management policies and programs". Commissioner Griffith, long avowed advocate of "flies-only" trout fishing in our streams is on record as favoring more miles of fly-only waters.

As sportsmen and fishermen we should not be opposed to such a group and their idealistic view of flies-only trout fishing in our streams, but perhaps we should question whether a Commissioner is representing all of the people of Michigan when he heads up such a pressure group and then has a voice and a vote in Commission rulings on such determinations.

Conservation Around Our State

By Weldon Payne

Representing all of the people of Michigan in the preservation and wise use of our natural resources, are seven conservation commissioners appointed by the Governor.

As you know, these men not

only set our fishing and hunting regulations but they make the decisions regarding our state land, parks, inland lakes, minerals, oil and forests. The Conservation Department carries out and enforces these regulations.

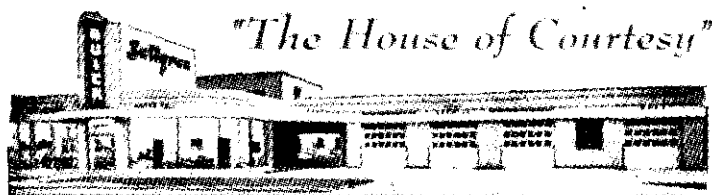
It follows therefore, that these Commissioners must of necessity be men of wisdom, integrity, and above all honest to themselves and the people of Michigan whose interests they are sworn to uphold.

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Multi-Lakes Rifle Team Back in Business?



As the above picture attempts to show by the Buickized antlers, Bill James, Church Teehey, Clayt Adams, Harry Horner and yours truly (Lin Bush) met with complete success on our annual Wyoming deer and antelope hunt.

Also, before Clayt Adams tells it on me, Bush shot a bob-cat. Fortunately, Bill James shot one too, so be careful of the descriptive adjectives, fellows. No one will ever know whether the

one I got was a tom or not. It was hit in the right place.

So, again, our sincerest thanks to our rancher friend, Loyal E. Coy.

Our hunt left the Rifle Team short-handed and in default on the first match with the Marksmen (there) and on the second match with Allen Park (here). I understand Sam Spica was our solo performer against the Marksmen. Now the above mentioned will be able to bolster John Zeph, Sam Spica, Emmert Nelson, Gerry Buxton, Jack Alcock, Aaron Taylor and Bill Markowsky.

Any of you old or new or would-be shooters are really needed to get us back on top. Rifle shooting is still held Tuesday nights. See you there.
Lin Bush

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Meanderings

Heavy activity on the Big Bore range, also on the Skeet and Trap ranges, preceded the hunting season—Another huge crowd attended the Ladies Bowling League dance October 17—Overheard at the October membership meeting, "Let's leave capturing wildcats alive to Don Gillies"—Deer have been seen again on the club grounds. This time by Harry Horner near the rifle range—The Skeet and Trap range will be open every Sunday afternoon, weather permitting—1960 duces are beginning to roll in—M.L.C.A. Blood Bank will again try to meet its quota on December 8—The fall colors on the club grounds trees were wonderful to see—Coming events—Family Dinner and Turkey Shoot, November 8; Blood Bank; Christmas Party; New Year's Eve Party (hope it doesn't end with weather like last year's) Check your calendar NOW—The new steam table for the kitchen and the cabinets for the office have been delivered to the club house—Not a single member has shown any interest in playing in a Multi-Lakes Shuffleboard League What 'cha'all want for recreation in YOUR club?—Continue to bring in your newspapers and magazines for M.L.C.A. Boy Scouts—Four supermarket grocery baskets were recently donated to the club house bar by Hank Giroux of Union Lake. Many thanks, Hank—REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE

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Hunter's Calendar

NOV. 10 THROUGH 14

One of the big closing dates, Nov 10! Last day on squirrels in Zones 1, 2 and 3; on pheasants in Zones 2 and 3; on ruffed grouse in Zones 1 and 2, and on prairie chickens and sharp-tails in Zone 1.

Seasons continue on water-fowl, rabbits, hares woodchuck, mink, skunk, badger, raccoons Zones 1, 2 and 3; on ruffed grouse in Zone 3 and archery deer in Allegan.

NOV. 15 THROUGH 18.

Deer hunters will be happy, duck hunters sad.

Nov. 15 marks opening of the regular deer (and bear) season and the special concurrent "any deer" seasons, by permit, in 37 designated areas in both peninsulas.

Nov. 15 also is the last day of the state's curtailed duck season. The shooting ban also goes on coots, rails and gallinules, but geese remain legal game for another 30 days.

Continuing in season, in addition to deer, bear and geese, are rabbits, hares, woodchuck, mink, badger, skunk and raccoon in all zones; archery deer in Allegan and ruffed grouse in Zone 3. But—

NOV. 19, THROUGH 29

Curtain falls Nov. 19 on ruffed grouse in Zone 3.

Deer and bear hunters have until 7 p.m. Nov. 30.

Beyond these... geese, rabbits, hares, woodchuck, mink, skunk, badger and raccoon in all zones, and archery deer in Allegan county.

NOVEMBER 30

It's all over for the deer hunters and the bear hunters this day, except archery deer in Allegan county.

Continuing: Geese, rabbits, hares, woodchuck, mink, skunk, badger and raccoon.

DEC. 1, THROUGH 6

Special "any deer" gun season in Allegan county, for permit holders.

Archery hunters still at it in Allegan, too.

Geese, rabbits, hares, woodchuck, mink, badger, skunk and raccoon.

AFTER DEC 6.

Archers wind up in Allegan

county Dec. 15, and that closes the book on deer. Last day on geese, too. And on 'coon in Zones 1 and 2.

On that same date, bobcat hunting becomes legal in north part of the lower peninsula and runs through March 15.

Mink hunting winds up Dec. 31 in Zone 1, Jan 31 in Zones 2 and 3.

Badgers and skunks are fair game until Jan. 31 in all zones. Zone 3 'coon hunters may

keep going until Dec. 31.

But the biggest game of all, as winter settles down, will be Br'er Bunny. No rest for him, in any zone, until March 1—unless there's another rough winter, like last year, with snow so deep nobody could hunt rabbits anyway.

There is no closed season on coyote, wolf, fox, 'possum, porcupine, weasel or red squirrel.

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Pictured above is Fred Bordner, 9030 Funston, route 5, Milford, with his dog, White Ghost and nine coons they bagged Tuesday night, October 20, on the opening of the hunting season.

They treed 11 coons between Pettibone Lake road and Beaumont road near Highland Recreation Area. One was run for three hours before it was taken. The dog is a purebred Treeing Walker and used only for coon hunting.

FREE

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Local transportation will be offered to all donors on request by appointment to Multi-Lakes December 8 Blood Bank.

Free admission to the regular club dance on Jan. 17, 1960 will be given to the first 50 persons to register at . . .

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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October Membership Meeting

October 14th 1959

With a small attendance on hand the meeting was called to order by President Weldon Payne at 8:20 p.m. The following officers were present:-

Weldon Payne, President
 Monty Wysong, Vice-president
 Harry Helvey, Treasurer
 Everett Ramsey, Membership Secretary
 Kenneth Cracknell, Acting Secretary

All present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag and recited the conservation pledge.

Moved by Devore and seconded by Ringwald, that the minutes of the September Membership Meeting and the September Board Meeting be accepted as printed in the Multi-Laker. After explanation about the contribution made to Harry Gaines, and in the Board minutes, correction of the misprint of the kitchen allotment, and correction in report on annual picnic which cost us \$317.-10 instead of showing a profit, the motion carried.

Motion by Lup, seconded by Ringwald, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as printed in the Multi-Laker, carried.

The President reported that Wayne Hinkle, who was to be Secretary for the Membership Meeting was on the sick list, and that once again yours

truly was pressed into action with about an hour notice. Well, the members who sold more than fifteen M.U.C.C. books finally got rewarded by being treated to a nice steak dinner at Driscoll's Steak House, also received a real nice Pendleton shirt. So you see it really pays to sell those tickets. Carl Devore was one who had a steak dinner coming, but on account of a real bad cold was unable to attend, but Carl was not to be forgotten. He was called to the platform by the President and presented with two of the nicest steaks you ever saw. Of course he has to cook them, but a happy man, yes sree. Also getting steaks and shirts with Carl were Wayne Smith, John Ringwald, Joe Whitmore, Gene Montini, Inner Hurd, Otto Schmidtke, and Day Perry. In appreciation for all the hard work he does handling the books at the Club House, Arnold Rahn was taken along for a nice steak too, and a good time was had by all. Also at this meeting Maurice Brackney was given a spinning reel, and Russ Bachelor a shot gun shell vest for their part in the M.U.C.C. drive.

The President also reported that the new chairman of District No. 7 was our own Everett Ramsey. Called up to say a few words, Everett asked everyone that could to attend some of these meetings. They have something new coming up on the program on Water Safety and Hunting, so come on out when you can, like to see you. After a little side talk it wasn't made very clear whether he was railroaded into the position or not.

Nick Lup was called upon to make a report on the last District Meeting and stated that the business at the last meeting was more or less in the discussion stage, but anything on conservation that is started at Multi-Lakers first goes by letter or delegate to the District Meeting, then on to the Regional Meeting, from there to Convention. Also at this time one real topic was the regulation on guns.

The President at this time reminded the members that the kitchen was open for nice hamburgers and we have fried shrimp to-night and that on November 8th we are going to have another family chicken and turkey dinner at the Club House, all you can eat, Adults \$1.50, small ones 75c, hours to be 1-5 p.m. So bring your wife and family out to dinner before you go deer hunting, and by the way, that day there will be a range officer on duty so get your rifle sighted in at the same time.

Harold Purdie, chairman of the House Committee, reported that the openings between the bar and ball room and the kitchen and the ball room will be enclosed with a nice aluminum roll door which should be installed in the next four or five weeks. He also reported the purchase of a steam table to match the rest of our kitchen equipment and now we won't have to borrow any more from the members.

It was mentioned again at this time that a range officer will be present on the big range Sunday November the 1st and 8th. You have to obey this officer and he also will help you sight in your rifle if you need any assistance.

With no one present from the skeet and trap committee it was reported that someone would try and open up the range around 10 a.m. to give the members extra practice.

Monty Wysong, the man in charge of the dances; this Saturday evening the Ladies Bowling League will put on their

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dance, and you know they always have a wing-ding affair, so come on out, don't miss it, and two weeks later Hallowe'en. Now as this date falls right on Hallowe'en night we ought to have plenty of costumes, and a real good time. Sure we are going to give prizes for the best dressed. Got a letter from Floyd Snyder who wants to be signed through 1963. This raised an eye-brow or two, so you members that like Floyd Snyder or don't like him, better speak up. The Presidents Ball will be the first regular dance night in February, and also the New Year's Party tickets will soon be available, so get yours early.

Up stepped a man with a big list, Stan Tusan, chairman of the Nominating Committee, and this is what everyone was waiting for:

Running for the office of President,

Monty Wysong, Stan Tusan.
Vice President

Nick Lup, Walt Peters

Recording Secretary

Wayne Hinkle, Ken Cracknell, Jim Shivas.

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Everett Ramsey

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Stan was very happy the way the Stag Day turned out, a real success, and will have a final report later and a great big thank you to all of his committees.

Just to keep things rolling Stan read a letter received from the Dept. of Conservation re: the hours the fishing site is closed on Orchard Lake. If this keeps up long enough, maybe we will get some action at Union Lake yet.

Jack Thompson for Boy Scouts: Jack spoke that he thought a lot of new members were bringing out their old papers for the Scouts but a lot of old members weren't doing so well. But it certainly means a lot to the scouts to get your old papers, so let's bring them out to the next meeting. We have Twenty registered scouts now and our charter should be returned any day. How about those old papers?

Our guest for the evening, Don Gillies, outdoor editor of the Detroit Times, who came to show us his movies of a mountain lion hunt taken in New Mexico. He reported that he had just returned from a hunting trip some spot north of Kenora in Canada. Well, he got himself a 260 pound 10 point buck and a moose, so I guess hunting is pretty good up there. He also spoke briefly on the Michigan Gun Owner Association in which there are some 300 members and that they are trying to reach the average man that owns a gun, and he doubted if a bad gun law could ever be passed in Michigan.

Now to the movies:—Gillies explained that the reel was not yet complete, but it looked pretty good to me. It showed two men capturing a 155 pound mountain lion. Well, I would rather stick to my job. A nice

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round of applause was given Gillies.

With tickets still available up stepped Crouse and Co. and Gillies proceeded to pull them out of the box so here they are:

- Boots Wayne Fagerlie
- Binoculars F. Paller
- Compass C. McKillop
- Wool Shirt P. Nave
- Hunting Suit A. Larges
- Insulated Underwear, J. Morris.
- Insulated Underwear, C. DeVore
- Lantern D. Pacific
- Grinder R. Baker
- Vice R. Olson
- Axe A. Larges
- Car Compass H. Purdie
- 1 set of W.S. Wipers donated by C. Lysinger, M. Swink
- 300 Savage G. Perkins.


Everybody wanted to leave so the meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

K. R. Cracknell
Acting Secretary

Training Helps Hunter Safety

The National Rifle Association and the Conservation Education Association reports that eleven states—New York, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana and New Jersey—have instituted legislation which now requires training of young gunners in the safe use of firearms before they are eligible for their first hunting license. Although not mandatory by legislation, 14 other states have similar training programs on a voluntary or permissive basis.

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Boy Scout News

"Sir, I Wish To Repo.t"
By Jack Thompson

It is with great pleasure that I can report to M.L.C.A. members that we now have 20 registered Boy Scouts. The charter for Multi-Lakes Troop No. 170 is expected to be returned to us any day. All formalities, requirements and procedures have been fulfilled and the charter is in New York being processed by headquarters personnel of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Troop wishes to thank those members who "haven't forgotten the kids" by bringing their scrap paper out to the club on meeting nights. Your efforts are adding up to an amazing pile of papers, the sale of which will help your club's troop to acquire necessary equipment and paraphernalia for a well turned-out troop of Scouts.

Many of the boys are working hard and faithfully on their achievement and merit badge requirements. They will, in the not too distant future, show their progress and just how

Dances

No club dances will be held during November. The two dances in December will be on the 12th and on New Year's Eve.

In 1960 dances will be held on January 17 and 31, February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, and May 9 and 23.

diligently they have kept the faith of their sponsors, by having a Court of Honor at the club house with the club membership and their parents present. These youngsters are proud of what they are doing and of their sponsor, and you can well afford to be proud of them.

There are tentative plans to extend invitations to other Scout troops in this district to attend campout and Scouting activities on M.L.C.A. grounds during spring and summer months. If these "young-uns" are going to learn to be sportsmen and gentlemen it's time to begin their training as hosts to others and to assume the proper responsibility that goes with such an endeavor.

Conservation and Scouting go hand in hand. "Grass Roots", a policy of conservation expressed by our representation to the M.U.C.C., certainly hit the big nail on the big head. "Grass Roots" starts with the youth of America, morally and physically, under the sponsorship of an organization such as M.L.C.A. and eventually educates them to the destinies of our country in their thinking and activities.

Thank you again, M.L.C.A. for your sponsorship and your support.

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Williamston Plan Tickets Sent Out

Conservation Department workers sent signs and tickets this week to 41 farmer clubs which are participating in the Williamston Plan.

The clubs represent approximately 2,000 farmers and 122,000 acres in southern Michigan.

The Williamston Plan is designed to regulate hunter kill in proportion to available game and reduce hunter trespass problems in this sector of the state where most lands are privately owned.

Landowners post their lands with signs provided by the Department and personally issue tickets to hunters. Only ticket holders are allowed hunting access to their lands. The landowner, himself, determines hunter quotas.

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State Buys, Sells And Trades Land

Land matters received major attention during the Conservation Commission's October meeting at the Higgins Lake conservation school.

Action was postponed on the proposed Blue Lakes Ranch exchange in Thunder Bay River state forest until the next formal meeting in which the Commission is at full strength. Two commissioners were unable to attend last session.

Commissioners voted to transfer approximately one half of the 2,000-acre Ogemaw state game refuge to the Ogemaw county board of supervisors. Conveyance of a public use deed to the board was approved for a 40-acre parcel on which the refuge's buildings are located. A special use permit was granted for the remaining 960 acres.

If the Commission's terms are accepted, the board will assume responsibility for managing the property while financial obligations will rest with the Ten Lakes Sportsman Club. The land will be maintained as a

game refuge and used as a public deer display area.

Commission action added approximately 640 acres of public hunting and wildlife habitat lands at Middleville, Three Rivers, Flat River, Muskegon River and Portland state game areas.

Approximately 210 acres were acquired at the Proud Lake recreation area in exchange for 257 acres at the same area. The newly-acquired land, combined with previous holdings there, gives the state almost complete ownership to frontage on the lake.

In another exchange, the state received 55 acres in D. H. Day state park and 72 acres in Muskallonge Lake state park for 520 acres in Hiawatha national forest of Schoolcraft county. The exchange blocks in state ownership at the latter park, providing more than one mile of continuous frontage on Lake Superior and Muskallonge Lake.

In a minor boundary revision, the Commission approved the transfer of a small plot from Munuscong state forest to the adjoining Brimley state park. The change will permit expansion of the park's sewage system.

Dock Foreman: "Boss, the men on the dock are a little leary of that new freight loader you hired yesterday."

Terminal Manager: "Why so, he checked out well."

Dock Foreman: "Maybe so, but this morning he stubbed his toe on a crate of iron castings and said, 'Oh the perversity of inanimate objects.'"

Parties for the pre-school child should be small, simple and short, recommend home economists at Michigan State University.

Duck Hunting Gets Off to Good Start

With native duck numbers slightly higher in most areas and conditions generally favorable, hunters recorded better success than in 1958 during the opening days of Michigan's waterfowl seasons.

Average hunter success rose approximately 24 per cent above the 1958 level for opening day, according to reports from 26 Conservation Department checking areas.

Mallards, blacks, blue-winged teal and wood ducks were the principal shooting targets. Green-winged teal also attracted hunting attention in some areas.

The Department's Caro district reported Saginaw Bay harbored "the most ducks seen in years" while geese were more plentiful there than last season. More Canada and blue geese were also reported in the Traverse City district than in previous years.

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Sportsmen's Challenge

Several years ago the Sport Fishing Institute conducted a survey of state fish and game administrative set-ups. The basic structure of the commissions has remained virtually unchanged in the six years that have elapsed since that study.

The most frequent requirements found to determine the selection (by the governors) of commission members are these: (1) there must be proper geographical representation; (2) the membership must be bipartisan; and (3) the individuals selected must be well informed and interested in fish and game matters.

The study pointed up a number of weaknesses that are inherent, not so much in the commission system as in the frailties of human nature. It was clear to us that the majority of commission members want to do a good job. These are some of the apparent weaknesses:

1. A tendency to give personal advancement (political or otherwise) priority over conservation.

2. An inclination to "know the answers" instead of relying on

the findings and recommendations of the professional personnel.

3. A tendency toward "taking over" administrative functions that should be handled by the director.

4. An inclination toward "provincialism"—giving prior consideration to their own district—in-stead of thinking on a statewide basis.

5. A tendency toward feuding with other commission members, or with staff personnel, leading to low morale, confusion, and program deterioration.

6. A tendency to bow to pressure groups regardless of the merits of the proposals of these groups.

7. A tendency to show too little interest in the program, by failing to attend commission meetings, or by failing to keep up on developments.

Many conservation leaders are disturbed that conservation agencies are not yet as secure from political manipulation as some other state agencies—for example, public health. Some of these folk are giving thought currently to the possi-

bility of defining the optimum qualifications of the individuals to be selected by the governors to serve on the state fish and game commissions.

The Montana Wildlife Federation, for example, is considering setting up a committee to present a written list of such qualifications to bind the Governor in his appointments. The idea is to secure written commitments of acceptance or rejection of the guidance system from candidates for Governor. The committee would then send copies of each candidate's reply to all sportsmen's clubs and conservation organizations throughout the state.

As we see it, this might be a constructive approach to a key problem. The big task, of course, would be in properly defining the qualifications for selection of commission members. To be most helpful, the list of qualifications would need to be fairly specific yet reasonably brief—say, five or so items in number. It should clearly define the requirements of character, experience and education, and attitudes and philosophy required to assure sound conservation administration, planning, and programs.

To this end, the Sport Fishing Institute offers to serve as a clearing house to receive and summarize specific suggestions for a list of ideal qualifications for possible use by state governors in making selections for members of fish and game commissions. This is a matter deserving of much serious thought. Perhaps by this means you may collectively be able to help strengthen the effectiveness of policy-making that controls the conservation programs you purchase when you invest your license dollars . . .

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

September Income Statement, Multi-Lakes Bar

Net Sales		\$1,823.37
COST OF GOODS SOLD:		
Beginning Inventory, 9-1-59	\$2,094.99	
September Purchases	620.33	
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Goods Available for Sale	\$2,715.32	
Ending Inventory	1,766.68	948.64
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Gross Profit		\$ 874.73
EXPENSES:		
Salary and Wages	\$ 679.63	
Supplies	10.09	
Miscellaneous	6.92	696.64
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Water Safety Study Underway

The opinions of citizens throughout Michigan will be sought on questions of watercraft law and water safety at meetings to be held by the Water Safety Commission.

In announcing a series of regional meetings, George Clay, Chairman of the Water Safety Commission pointed out that the Legislature next year will have the task of evaluating many bills offered to keep Michigan's water playgrounds the safest in the nation.

Marine operators, sportsmen, watercraft owners, water sports enthusiasts and other persons with community, economic, legislative, or other interests in water safety are urged to attend.

Among the leading persons who will keynote the regional conferences are officials such

as James M. Hare, Chairman of the State Safety Commission who will speak on "The Coming Battle for Water Safety."

Among the questions to be discussed are:

1. Would you favor a law requiring a life preserver for each occupant of a boat?
2. Would you favor a law requiring two people in every boat pulling a water skier?
3. Would you favor laws allowing zoning of lakes on a local basis?
4. Would you favor an over-all state level agency to have the primary enforcement power of boating laws? This would not eliminate the sheriffs as enforcement agents.
5. Would you favor placing a minimum age limit on motor boat operators?
6. Would you favor requiring

licenses for boat operators much the same as automobile operators?

7. Would you favor state laws similar to highway "rules of the road"?

8. Would you favor speed limits for motor boats?

9. Would you favor additional watercraft white, red, and green light requirements?

Water Safety meetings were held at Muskegon on October 23, and in Pontiac on October 27. Others are scheduled for Benton Harbor, November 4; Detroit, November 6; Battle Creek, November 12, and Saginaw, November 18.

Additional meetings may be scheduled elsewhere in Michigan as public interest and demand grows, Hare indicated.

"Water safety is growing in importance and we want to both inform the public of the problem and to hear their recommendations for improving the situation," Hare pointed out.

"Public officials and Legislators should not introduce new legislation without getting grass roots advice and information. Public understanding and acceptance will be greatly needed if a State-wide water safety program is to be carried out," Hare said. This is a problem which affects not only our health and welfare but our future growth in tourism and in our economic prosperity as well."

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

Range House Committee Report, October, 1959

Balance on Hand October 1, 1959		\$301.36
RECEIPTS:		
Range Fees:		
Rifle—Senior	\$ 6.25	
Junior	1.25	
Pistol	14.35	
Total Range Fees		\$ 21.85
Ammunition: Cost	\$ 54.95	
Profit	11.20	66.15
		88.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$389.36
PURCHASES:		
Pistol Ammo	\$ 45.00	
Bank Charge65	
Targets	26.11	
Gun Repair	5.47	
Fuel Oil, 85 gal.	13.36	
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Water Accidents Take Heavy Toll

At least 261 persons have been drowned and 176 injured in 398 water accidents since January 1, according to provisional figures compiled by the State Police.

Of the 398 accidents reported up through October 12, 224 were fatal, 121 resulted in personal injury and there were 53 property damage mishaps each in excess of \$50.

The figures will increase with the receipt of delayed reports.

Of the 261 drownings, 33 were boat operators, 60 boat passengers, 76 swimmers, two skin divers, one water skier without a life preserver, 23 children who wandered away from parents, 11 children who slipped into the water while fishing or playing, and 55 were due to miscellaneous causes, including 24 suicides.

With the close of the water sports season there is, of course, expected to be a sharp decrease in casualties. Deaths always de-

crease sharply after Labor Day, with only 19 occurring in the last three months of 1958. The victims were principally hunters and fishermen who fell through the ice.

Know These Addresses?

Periodically club mail is returned to the club because members have moved without giving a change of address. When the new address is known it is given to M.L.C.A. on the returned mail.

Recent returns include correspondence to the following club members:

John Rich, William Norman and Wm. E. Weir. If you know the addresses of these members, please notify the club.

Handy household hints: Dark wool or blue serge suits are ideal for removing dog hairs from furniture.

Foliage and Rain Bad for Hunters

Although hunters reported a general increase in ruffed grouse numbers above last year, unusually heavy foliage and rainy weather handicapped their shooting success during the opening days of Michigan's small game seasons in the upper and northern lower peninsulas.

Conservation Department district game men report that hunting conditions should be improved by mid-October.

Sharp-tailed grouse populations were said to be fairly good in the western sector of the upper peninsula. In the Seney area above the Straits, their numbers were estimated to be about the same as last year.

Although woodcock were reported in good numbers on Drummond Island and the southern part of the northern lower peninsula, they were scarce in most areas. Snowshoe hare hunters experienced good success with dogs in the upper peninsula.

The number of deer archers afield was comparable with the level for other years.

Multi-Lakes Conservation Association

Range House Committee Report, September, 1959

Balance on Hand September 1, 1959	\$258.68
RECEIPTS:	
Rifle—Senior	\$ 4.75
Pistol	9.80
Total Range Fees	\$ 14.55
Ammunition: Cost	\$ 28.95
Profit	4.50
	33.45
	48.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$306.68
PURCHASES:	
Freight for Ammo	\$ 4.80
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**Still Fights to Save Eye
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Doctors at the University hospital in Ann Arbor are still fighting to save conservation officer Gary L. Dutcher's right eye.

Dutcher was shot in the face by a Jackson teenager who said he mistook the officer for a rabbit.

The Jackson Citizen-Patriot recently paid an editorial tribute to Dutcher for his level-headed reactions to the accident. In part, the editorial read:

"It takes considerable will

power for a man, after being shot in the face by a hunter and then seeing him and his party running away, not to shoot at them but rather fire a warning shot to halt them.

"It takes quite a man to walk to his car instead of waiting for an ambulance.

"It takes quite a man to radio to state police a comparatively calm report that he had been shot and was being driven to the hospital by the hunting party which caused his injury.

"It takes quite a man to abstain from being vindictive despite great pain and to tell his superiors that he didn't believe the shot was intentional.

"Yes, Gary Dutcher must be quite a man. The Conservation Department and the people of our state should be proud of him."

**W. L. Sixth Graders
 At Proud Lake Camp**


Some of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' sixth graders will attend classes at Proud Lake Conservation Group Camp in Nov. and December. Students from Twin Beach and Commerce schools will participate in activities starting November 16 and December 7.

William Doggett, principal of Twin Beach school, will head the group, assisted by Ethel Mugler. Teachers in attendance will be Mary Marsh, Mary Sellway and Ralph Hoyt.

Students go to the camp by school bus, enjoy hikes and settling-in on Mondays, and regular classes get underway on Tuesdays.

Al Masini, manager of the Proud Lake Recreation area, will be on hand at the November 11 membership meeting to tell members about the Youth Conservation program. Multi-Lakes assisted in setting up the project, and still aids financially.

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