

FIELDS ALIVE WITH GAME THIS YEAR

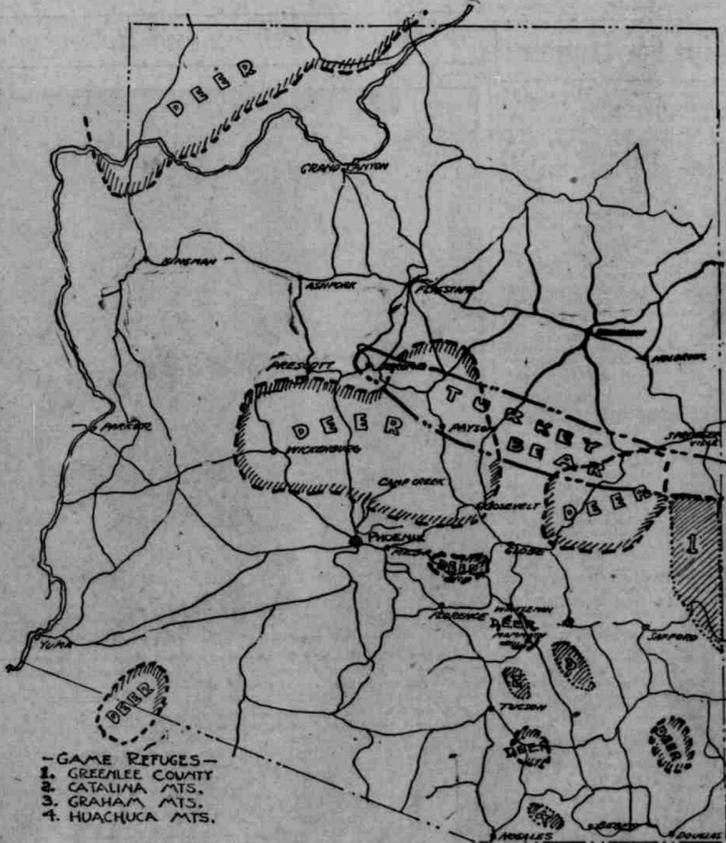
GAME WARDEN PROCHASKA PLANS RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF GAME LAWS THIS FALL

325 Special Deputies Have Been Sworn In To Serve Beginning October 1—Heavy Penalty Prescribed By Law for Flagrant Violations

Mr. Sportsman, beware, watch your step and toe the mark. Never before in the history of the state have such extensive preparations been made for the protection of game as those outlined by State Game Warden Joe Prochaska for the period beginning October 1. "Game laws are to be rigidly enforced this season," Warden Prochaska said, and to this end he has named hundreds of special deputies whose sole business it will be to see that birds and animals are not wantonly slaughtered by hunters. And as an evidence that he intends to back up his statements, Phoenixians need but refer to news arti-

cles appearing in recent issues of local papers, wherein the arrest of 11 violators on a single day was chronicled. These violators were punished to the full extent of the law, as will be all violators this season, Prochaska has said. Violation of game laws comes high when one considers that he is subject to a fine of \$10 for each bird illegally taken. In other words, if a hunter takes 20 birds illegally, he is subject to a fine of \$200 in the wisdom of the court before whom he is summoned. Of course, the court has sole jurisdiction in the pronouncement of sentence, but Warden Prochaska has been assured by many that they will back up his efforts to protect game by "giving violators the limit." Prosecution of violators of the game laws will be pushed in every instance, Warden Prochaska said recently. Ignorance of the law does not excuse, he emphasized, for the game department has prepared, in booklet form, all statutory provisions regarding the protection of game, as well as federal laws. These booklets

Hunting Map Shows Popular Game Resorts and Best Ways Of Reaching Them By State Roads



Here's just the thing you've been looking and waiting for—a hunting map of Arizona. It shows you the location of the most popular hunting retreats of the state, how to reach them and other information that the sportsmen will find valuable in determining where to go and how to get there. Although deer are quite plentiful over the entire state this year, they are to be found in abundance in the districts shown on the map. The great district lying north of Phoenix and extending from just west of Wickenburg on the west to the east of Payson on the east holds perhaps 75 per cent of all deer in Arizona. This does not mean that there are not deer in other sections, for State Game Warden Joe Prochaska has said that they are more plentiful over the entire state this year than he has ever known before. The White Mountain region is also quite thickly populated but is not as accessible. There are more than a dozen good routes to this district, but probably the most popular one is the Cave Creek route. The deer district can be reached within a few hours' ride of Phoenix by this route and it is in the section directly to the north of the city where the first deer of the season are generally taken. The Payson country will also be a popular one this fall, the route from Phoenix, of course, taking one over the Apache trail to Roosevelt and thence north-east up to Payson. Hundreds will go to that section this fall because of the mountainous nature of the country and the excellent camping facilities provided in the pine forests. The districts shown in the southern part of the state are easily reached from Tucson, Nogales, Bisbee and Douglas and, although they are small in area, contain enough deer to make the hunting interesting. The turkey belt is confined alto-

gether to a strip extending from a point northwest of Jerome and continuing in a southeasterly direction clear across that section of the state. As the snow flies, the turkey retreat from this district in a southerly direction, but not in any great distance. From Phoenix, the turkey belt is best reached either by Prescott and thence to Jerome over the new Prescott-Jerome highway, or over the Apache Trail to Roosevelt and thence northward through Payson. The Prescott-Jerome route will probably be used more this season than the other for roads by that route are in good condition at the present time. The turkey belt is also the bear district, practically all bear taken in Arizona being caught in the section outlined on the map as the "Turkey-Bear" district. While almost inaccessible, the great country north of the Grand Canyon abounds in deer. Hunters from the Kingman district get into this country, with some little difficulty, as do also those from Winslow and Flagstaff. The automobile roads shown on the map are the main roads of the state and show in a clear manner how the various districts may be reached. The game refuges are few and can be easily identified.



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are distributed free to the hunter and can be had either at sporting goods stores, at the office of the state game warden or from any deputy game warden. It is announced. More than 300 special deputies, 225 to be exact, are now employed by the state game department to enforce laws during the hunting seasons. Warden Prochaska left this morning for northern Arizona to personally institute a drive against game law violators in that district. In addition to the state deputies, the federal forestry provision will specially deputized every ranger in Arizona for a period of 60 days to devote his entire time and attention to game protection, according to advice received at the office of the state game warden. Special game wardens will be on duty throughout the hunting seasons at White Tanks, New River, Fish Creek, Moen's Flats, Four Peaks, Blue range, Catalina mountains, the Mogollons, Sierra Anchas, at Pine, Payson and Pleasant Valley. In fact, every place where deer and wild turkey are to be found, Prochaska said before his departure for the north. With the opening of the quail and duck seasons, ample provision will be made for the protection of these birds in the state, he declared. A trapper's license in addition to the hunting license is required for persons killing predatory animals, such as mountain lion, bear, wolves, etc., he added. Because of the great number planning hunting trips this fall, Game Warden Prochaska has sounded a warning against carelessness. "Greater caution should be exercised by the hunters this year than ever before because of the hundreds of other sportsmen in the field," he said. "Few hunting fatalities have occurred in Arizona in past years and we are anxious to maintain this good record," he continued. "But accidents cannot be avoided unless every individual exercises the proper amount of care and is always sure that he himself is right before he goes ahead." Camping parties are also warned against leaving lighted fires or smoldering fires. Campfires should always be covered with dirt before departure, he said, to make sure that no serious blaze will result.



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