



WITH THE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Friday, the long awaited day, is at hand and hundreds of anxious hunters are waiting impatiently for the eleventh hour to take to the fields in quest of a plentiful supply of rabbits and pheasants. Upland hunting in this section of Ohio will possibly be as good as last season even with the drowning out of the first hatch of birds and many nests of rabbits destroyed the early part of the year.

The WPB said that production of such ammunition had been much slower than had been anticipated and that farmers and ranchers, invoking their priorities, had taken most of the present supply. The extension is designed to permit manufacturers to complete their production quotas.



Game limits are as follows: Pheasants, 2 cock birds per day, 4 in possession after first day; Rabbits, 4 per day, eight in possession; Hungarian partridge, 4 per day, 4 in possession; and ruffed grouse, 2 per day, 4 in possession.



Trapping seasons are: Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk, Nov. 15 to Jan. 15 inclusive. No bag limit on any of the above species. All traps must have the name and address of the owner stamped into the trap, or stamped on to a metal tag and the tag attached securely to the trap.

Although the local dealers to date have not yet received their quota of shells for release, there is still an opportunity for Bluffton to get its share since the War Production Board granted a time extension of six weeks in which hunters and sportsmen can purchase shotgun and rifle ammunition.

Seems as though some folks were not contented to wait until the opening day last Monday to start their trapping activities. As a result arrests are frequent these days and the fines imposed are heavy. Game Warden Lloyd Ohl, of Hancock county, arrested Melvin E. Ernest of near Findlay for trapping muskrats out of season, and Warden Copeland filed an affidavit against the same defendant, charging him with the setting of traps not properly labeled for fur bearing animals. Total fines imposed by Mayor Duttweiler amounted to \$45.00 and costs.

Over by McGuffey Rev. Seward Dyer was fined \$50.00, and William Newland, of Alger, and Korney Werman of McGuffey were each fined \$25.00 for game law violations.

In order to prevent the arrest of Bluffton citizens shooting within the corporation limits this year a warning is given out now that such action will be taken on all violations by the local police force. The council had signs printed stating "NO HUNTING WITHIN CORPORATION LIMITS. VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER STATE LAW-BY ORDER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL."

The signs are placed in business places in the town and in likely hunting spots within the corporation and around the corporation limits. The boys scouts of Troop 82 are erecting the signs.

The college campus game reserve is also well posted and all violators hunting on the grounds will be subject to prosecution.

Hunting in the squirrel and raccoon game reserves maintained by the club is absolutely forbidden. No hunting of any type is permitted by any person. The balance of the land owned by the farmer may be hunted with the landowner's permission. The game reserves are located on the Roy Rogers, Ezra Moser and the H. H. Rickley farms. All three reserves are well posted so there is no excuse for any hunter to go into the areas. It is also illegal to go into these areas with the intention of driving the game out into the open. All game reserve areas, including the campus reserve, are being patrolled by the game wardens.

The Sportsmen's Club has made an excellent showing for the year both in restocking and increase of membership. To date the membership stands at 414 with a few more names yet to be turned into the secretary. This year acknowledges each renewal and new member with a card mailed by the secretary at the time the name is entered on the books. If you have paid your dues and have not received a card from the secretary showing

Under Ohio Skies AS TOLD BY THE CONSERVATION DIVISION

IT PAYS TO KNOW YOUR DUCKS!



HUNTERS WHO CALL THEIR SHOTS ON WATERFOWL CAN SAVE VALUABLE SHELLS - A STUDY OF DUCK PICTURES WILL TEACH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EDIBLE DUCKS AND NON-EDIBLE FISH DUCKS.

HUNTERS MAY TAKE 3 REDHEADS OR 3 BUFFHEADS OR 3 IN THE AGGREGATE OF BOTH SPECIES IN THE DAILY BAG LIMIT OF 10 DUCKS.

LARGE CRAYFISH LOSING BOTH THEIR CLAWS LOSE HALF THEIR TOTAL WEIGHT. YOUNG CRAYFISH SHED SEVEN TIMES THE FIRST YEAR - TWICE THE SECOND YEAR.

COONS LOVE TO EAT CRAYFISH.

that your name has been entered on the books please check with the secretary at once in this matter.

In a report given at the last public meeting, Dallas Berry treasurer, submits the following figures: Cash on hand totals \$319.38. Other assets—in bonds \$300.00.

New stove for the club room—\$38.00, and furniture and equipment. Restocking activities: 17 Raccoon were purchased and released at a cost of \$98.47. Sixteen additional coons were received from the state and released.

In fish restocking—1000 Blue gills, 5 to 8 inches, and 200 Bass, 9 to 12 inches, were released at a cost of \$227.00. The fish were released in the Buckeye quarry with the exception of 300 of the blue gills which were placed in the National Quarry.

In squirrel restocking 25 grey and 33 fox squirrel were released at a cost of \$108.25.

Feed for the campus game reserve cost—\$35.50. Total Restocking cost—\$469.24.

The organization in addition to the above activity has also four game reserves in operation with raccoon and squirrel dens installed in three of the reserves. The 4th reserve will be developed next spring.

Deer Hunters Return The big game hunters are back in town from the wild regions of northern Ontario, Canada. The party consisting of Dr. J. S. Steiner, Gail Mumma, Leland Sechler, Hiram Wenger of Bluffton and William Ingalls of Fayette, Ohio, had a whale of a good time at their camp site located on Shookum Lake about sixty miles north of the Soo.

The group had a cabin at the farthest point north on this particular trail that leads from Bruce Station, the last outpost of civilization. The men were well equipped for the hunt and all were veterans at the game. Special arrangements were made for a guide to escort them thru the hunting area and in the words of Jim Sechler, "The guide was the best to be found in Canada."

The territory was exceedingly wild and two members of the party were lost on one of the hunting forays. One hunter was able to make it back to camp at dusk after wading streams and thrashing thru the brush. The other member finally reached the lake late in the afternoon and after firing a series of shots with his deer rifle was rescued by the men with the use of a boat.

The hunters carried on their hunting under severe rainy conditions which made it difficult to stalk game. Gail Mumma was successful in shooting an eight point buck weighing 175 pounds. The shot entered the deer's head just back of the ear and came out thru the eye on the other side. William Ingalls was also successful and bagged a 175 pound doe. Both deer were shipped back to the states by train.

The best hunting weather was encountered the last two days, for snow fell ending the rainy siege. If snow had fallen at the beginning of the trek into the woods the rest of the men in the party probably would have been able to also bag their quarry. As it was, they were kept contented with the excellent cooking that always accompanies such an expedition. Doc's cooking was tops and the men say the mulligan stew and his special blend of pancakes were the best obtainable in all Canada.

Other deer were seen on the hunt but the men were unable to get within range due to the inclement weather conditions. The guide wounded a deer and for two days the men were able to trail the animal, but in the end the men were eluded and the deer escaped.

Every member of the party enjoyed excellent fishing and lake trout ranging from 1 1/2 to 4 pounds were caught. Nearly 30 of these big game fish were hooked on minnows used as bait. Fish, fresh from the cold waters of these Ontario lakes, are unsurpassed in quality.

Mumma bagged a porcupine with a well placed pistol shot in the animal's head—Gull fired—well the number of times he shot is a dark deep secret,

so he says. After a two weeks stay the men returned home by train having had to make the trip by this means of travel due to rationing conditions. In the wilds at Bruce Station several cars were encountered dragging trailers and bearing license tags from Ohio and Indiana. This caused no end of wonderment to the Bluffton men for they were unable to get no gas for such an outing.



Club to Lease Buckeye Fishing Rights

The directors of the Sportsmen's Club have submitted a proposal to the town council in regards to the club obtaining the fishing rights from the town at Buckeye quarry. The town is considering the renewal of the Buckeye lease from the Central Ohio Light and Power Co. Under the new plan the fishing privileges of the quarry will be controlled by the Sportsmen's Club.

With a plan in mind to develop the fishing in the quarry to the greatest possible extent the club directors plan to build protection areas and raise a considerable fund of money over the regular appropriation for fish restocking to be used exclusively for the restocking and development of the quarry. Plans are being considered, as a result of the discussion held with James Light, manager of the Wayne Lakes Hatchery, to perhaps develop a rearing pond where fingerlings can be force fed to proper size before being placed in the quarry.

Already as a part of the program a large cotton wood tree is being felled into the quarry at the small end of the Buckeye to give an added protection area for the smaller fish.

The club has expended a considerable sum of money the past three years for the restocking of the lake and the bass and blue gills restocked in the quarry this fall were nearly all of legal size. The bass placed in the quarry cost the organization fifty cents each and the blue gills cost nearly twenty five cents each. With the cost of restocking steadily on the increase the club directors feel that more protection should be given the community in regards to the fishing rights of the only remaining 'fishing hole' in the corporation.

The four trap shooters that journeyed to Upper Sandusky on Armistice day to attend the turkey shoot held by the Wyandote Gun Club came home with their share of the prizes offered. Ed Reichenbach, Clarence Stonehill, Loren Hosafros and Harold Stonehill each were able to bring home a turkey. A good sized crowd of gunners attended the shoot and shells were supplied by the gun club for all the shooters participating.

Our Want-ads bring results.

UPSET STOMACHS YIELD INCHES OF GAS AND BLOAT

"I was so full of gas I was afraid I'd burst. Sour, bitter substance rose up in my throat from my upset stomach after meals. I got ERB-HELP, and it worked inches of gas and bloat from me. Waistline is way down now. Meals are a pleasure. I praise Erb-Help to the sky."—This is an actual signed testimonial from a man living right here in Bluffton. ERB-HELP is the new formula containing medicinal juices from 12 Great Herbs; these herbs cleanse bowels, clear gas from stomach, act on sluggish liver and kidneys. Miserable people soon feel different all over. So don't go on suffering—Get ERB-HELP. Hauenstein's Drug Store.

Pirate Gridders Score 98 Points In Winning Five Games During Season

In a nine-game schedule against opposition that came for the most part from larger schools, Bluffton High gridders won five contests for a fairly successful season's record.

Of the four games lost, three were to Class A schools which had unusually fine teams this season, which speaks well for a Bluffton outfit that had only a handful of veterans at the opening of the season.

Bluffton's victories were over Kenton, Pandora, St. Marys, Wapakoneta and Columbus Grove. Of these all but Pandora and Columbus Grove are Class A schools. Losses were to Van Wert, Ada, Bellefontaine and Celina.

Coach Russell Hasson's Bluffton team scored 98 points against seven of the nine foes, being shut out only

by Van Wert and Celina. Opponents tallied 101 points against the locals. Columbus Grove and Pandora were held scoreless.

Seven seniors were on the squad this season, and have appeared in Bluffton grid togs for the last time. They include Co-capt. Robert Burkholder, Roger Klay, Raymond Kohli, Jack Koontz, Varden Loganbill, Bill Mericle and Robt. Stratton.

Complete record for the season follows: Bluffton 14; Kenton 7 Bluffton 12; Ada 18 Bluffton 6; Pandora 0 Bluffton 6; Van Wert 20 Bluffton 0; Celina 24 Bluffton 7; St. Marys 6 Bluffton 28; Wapakoneta 7 Bluffton 6; Bellefontaine 19 Bluffton 25; Columbus Grove 0

Bluffton Eleven Goes On Rampage To Beat Columbus Grove By 25-0 Score

Closing the 1943 season with their fifth victory in nine contests, Bluffton High gridders routed Columbus Grove, 25 to 0, at Harmon field last Friday night.

Except for slippery going underfoot and an intermittent rain that hindered ball handling, the rampaging Pirates probably would have run up a larger score, and as matters stood they completely dominated all departments of play from the start to finish the contest.

Columbus Grove faculty officials did not help their chances by freak scheduling that resulted in the Putnam county team playing Lima Shawnee on Thursday, then meeting Bluffton on the following day. At Shawnee, Columbus Grove earned a tie, but the outcome here was not as fortunate for them.

The Pirates took a first quarter lead on a touchdown set up by a spectacular 50-yard pass completion, then went on to score in each of the following periods.

Bluffton's aerial attack was re-

sponsible for the first tally, and the ball was put in position for the touchdown try when Neil Schmidt snagged a pass from Fred Herrmann that gained half the distance of the field.

Schmidt was spilled on the four yard line after making a sensational catch but the Bluffton threat was not to be denied and Fullback Herrmann hammered on across the goal for the first six-pointer. The attempt at conversion was unsuccessful.

Schmidt scored the second Bluffton touchdown, taking a seven-yard toss from Herrmann in the end zone. In the third quarter, the Pirates tallied again on a three-yard plunge thru the line. Ronald Zimmerly, a former end who was shifted to the backfield when influenza put Bob Burkholder out of action, was the ball carrier on the play. Herrmann added the extra point on a plunge.

Bluffton's final touchdown in the fourth quarter was scored by Herrmann on a two-yard drive thru the center of the line.

SPORTS IN SHORTS

Bluffton High's 25 to 0 victory over Columbus Grove last Friday night gave the local gridders a record of five victories and four setbacks during the 1943 season. Three of the four defeats came at the hands of larger Class A schools which had their best teams in years, so the green Bluffton outfit that opened its season with a win over Kenton had a good performance record for the year.

Van Wert's powerful Cougars ended a perfect season by trouncing Celina, 18 to 0, last Friday for their ninth straight win. The victory gave Van Wert its third consecutive Western Buckeye league championship. In another league game last week, St. Marys won over Wapakoneta, 9 to 6, by virtue of a field goal in the closing minutes of the tilt.

Bellefontaine ran roughshod over Kenton, 56 to 0, in a third league contest.

Pandora demonstrated its strength by trouncing Arlington, Hancock county league champs, 19 to 6, at Arlington last Friday night. Pandora won every one of its nine games except the traditional tilt with Bluffton. Halfback Charles Boehr, of the Pandora eleven, received a broken right leg in the third quarter at Arlington.

Mt. Cory tied with McComb, 7-7, last week, and Vanuee drubbed Rawson, 48 to 6. Defiance won over Lima Central, 32 to 0, and Lima South beat Piqua, 12 to 0.

Something new in football schedul-

ing came to the attention of Bluffton fans last week, when they learned the Columbus Grove team beaten by Bluffton, 25 to 0, on Friday night, was playing its second game on successive days. On Thursday the Grove outfit battled Shawnee to a scoreless tie at Lima, but they lacked the punch on the following night when the team tangled with Bluffton at Harmon field.



Troop No. 82—by Dean Ferguson

Troop Inspection was made at Monday night's meeting by the Troop Committee. Registration for another year was completed by Troop members.

Bluffton Boy Scouts will post "No Hunting" signs along the corporation limits of the town, and along the creeks inside the corporation, it was announced at the meeting.

In the game period, the scouts divided into two teams, one group of which was blindfolded. The other group had a potato which was secreted near one of the players. Each two boys had the call of an animal, and when that name was given the blindfolded boy had to attempt locating the potato. Kenneth Bracy and Jim Howe were the winners of the game.

Troop No. 56—by Malcolm Basinger

The first part of the meeting was spent in recreation, followed by inspection of the troop by Porky Stratton and Don Augsburg. A short business meeting followed.

Merit badges passed by members of the troop are Scholarship, Don Augsburg and Robert Ramseyer; Music, Dean Niswander; Firemanship, Dean Niswander.

Eagle Scout training received in Troop 56 helped John Schmidt pass a test promotion as an air cadet, it was learned this week. Schmidt was the only one in his class to qualify.

Coach A. C. Bureky and Gerhard Buhler, of the troop committee, are taking the scoutmaster's training course in Lima.

Moisture Favors Borers Corn borers thrive under conditions of high moisture and temperatures. White, shiny masses containing from 15 to 40 eggs in each cluster can be found on the underside of sweet corn leaves. The moths seem to prefer the tallest and best plants, laying from 2 to 15 or more masses on each plant.

MUNSON R. BIXEL, M. D. Office Hours: 8:30-10 A. M.; 1-3 P. M.; 7-8 P. M. Office, 118 Cherry St. Phone 120-F Bluffton, O.

Insurance -- Real Estate

This is a good time to list your properties and farms for sale.

A. E. KOHLI

Phone 165-W 235 W. College Avenue

WANTED

WHOLE MILK

for the manufacture of Spray Powder

AND

SOUR CREAM

for the manufacture of Butter

Highest Prices Paid for All Dairy Products

THE PAGE DAIRY CO.

BLUFFTON, OHIO

PHONE 489-W

THANKSGIVING FEATHER PARTY

BENEFIT

St. Mary's Catholic Church Bluffton, Ohio

2 BIG NIGHTS

Saturday, Nov. 20 -- Sunday, Nov. 21

American Legion Quarters City Hall, Bluffton

Come Early for Chicken Sandwiches

CAFETERIA LUNCHEON

AMUSEMENTS -- TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

Games for Young and Old - Attendance Prizes