

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS

Happenings Affecting Woods, Waters and Wildlife
By THE BLUFFTON COMMUNITY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.

North Ohio Starts Squirrel Hunting

The Ohio squirrel season in the 35 northern zone counties Friday and nimrod may hunt these frisky creatures in all counties of the state until nightfall, September 30. Ample ammunition and an abundance of game point to more shooting than last fall, when between 185,000 and 200,000 squirrels were killed, Don Waters conservation director, said. The bag limit on squirrel is 4 per day. All indications from field men for the department point to a better squirrel season this year than in 1943. In reporting to the department, only a half dozen field men have made pessimistic reports. The more general estimate is that bushy tails will be at or near, the peak in numbers for five years.

great numbers of squirrels in nearby woods. Russel Montgomery saw 20 east of town in a woods in about an hour's time. Jess Manges also visited a woods in the Settlement where the squirrels were plentiful. Jess says the squirrels were tame as well as plentiful and would just sit up on the trees and bark at him as he walked through the woods.

War production Board officials said ammunition for sporting purposes would be more plentiful this fall, with each hunter permitted to purchase 100 rounds of shotgun shells from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1.

The rabbit, pheasant and Hungarian partridge season opens Nov. 17th and is followed by the Dec. 4 to 9 deer season in Adams, Pike and Scioto

reports the stand of nut trees back of the gymnasium are producing in Good quantities. At one time was able to gather two wheelbarrows full of English walnuts from several of the trees. Berkly also stated that this spring squirrels were very plentiful and there were sufficient numbers that live trapping could have been attempted for redistribution to other areas. This fall there are some squirrels, but have not been noticed in such large numbers.

Harry Wingate bagged a whopper of a crow in the Schaublin woods near his place south of town. Wingate says the crow seemed to be the leader of a large flock and measured 37 1/2 inches in wingspread. Wingate bagged the crow while it was flying and says there are plenty more to be had in the area. Sometimes the birds make so much noise at night the neighbors trouble getting their eight hours sleep, Wingate said.

Paul Shulaw and his family have accomplished a good turn for conservation in our area. The past few days the Marsh run has dried up nearly to the point of extinction spelling doom to a great number of catfish trapped in the receding waters. With the help of his family Paul was able to seine out several tubs full of bullheads and release them in the Buckeye quarry. The fish were of nice size and measured 3 to 6 inches in length.

Duck Season Opens Sept. 20
Duck season in Ohio runs from Sept. 20 to December 8. Daily bag limit is 10 ducks and in addition—singly or in the aggregate—5 mallards, pintails, or widgeon.

Shooting hours on ducks are from one half-hour before sunrise until sunset.



All persons over 16 must have on their person in addition to their regular hunting license a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, validated by his signatures written across the face thereof in ink. These duck stamps are obtainable at the post office and cost \$1.00.

Coon Purchased
Albert Garmotter has purchased another coon for the club. This makes 29 raccoons that will have been released through auspices of the club in the Bluffton hunting area. This coon and several others will be released on Oct. 1 at the Ricky Game Refuge in the afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. All directors and others interested in the activity are urged to be present. Plans are underway to release a few squirrel and install dens in the timber. Motion pictures will be taken and photographs for publication.

Channels are Hitting
Some folks have the technique for snagging those big channels in the Buckeye quarry. Last week Sam Stepleton in one hour's time hooked 11 nice channel catfish in the evening at the quarry. The fish were of good size and averaged 14 inches in length. Sam used leeches and crawlers for bait and the episode was witnessed by Joe Herrman, Fred Tschantz, and Frank Cunningham.

W. R. Dally hooked a nice bass at the quarry on minnows, but other than these two incidents no other anglers reported any sizable catches.

LaFayette
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snyder and son Ed. Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Snyder and daughter, Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Carey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Plate and children of LaFayette, Miss Lilly Selover and Miss Pearl Selover of Ada spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Selover of Ada. The day was in honor of Mr. Selover who is 83 and his grand-daughter, Mrs. Carey, who is 35.

Richard Wait and Edsel Downing are spending furloughs with their parents and friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Williams of Toledo are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Biteman.

Mrs. Eda Hall is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hall of Huntington, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Stober and daughter of Ada were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bailey of Cridersville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Desenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wickett of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bechtolt of Harrod were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Robert Shriver.

TRIPLETT SOFTBALL TEAM WINS 16



Pictured here are members of the Triplett softball team which concluded one of its most successful schedules in history by winning 16 of 17 games against some of the strongest opposition in this area. First row, left to right, Robert Burkholder, Bert Swank, Evan Anderson, Paul Eikenbary, Don Ream, Timmer Spaeth, Russ Gratz; back row, Weldon Depler, Roger Berkly, Maynard Geiger, Robert Luginbuhl, Fred Swank and Jess Manges, manager. Absent from the picture are Ken Moser, Norm Triplett and "Cubie" Basinger.

Triplett softball team in the 1944 season racked up the best record of any outfit in the district by winning 16 games in 17 starts against strong opposition.

The lone setback came at the hands of the Routh Packers, of Tiffin, a team which Triplett beat on the home field, 7 to 4, but which turned the tables at Tiffin for a 4 to 2 victory.

That the loss to Tiffin was no blot on the record of the outfit is seen in the fact that the Routh outfit was one of the few to defeat Ferguson's State Auditors during the regular season. The Auditor's outfit, with Dizzy Kirkendall, former Triplett hurler, on the mound won

the Ohio state championship in August.

During the regular season the Triplett crew scored dual victories over Ada O-K, Pandora, Columbus Grove, Cairo, Findlay Point Service and Findlay First Lutheran.

A two-game series was split with Tiffin Routh Packers, and single wins were racked up over Jenera, Findlay All-Stars and the Bluffton Lions team. The latter outfit was an exhibition game played for the benefit of Buckeye Lake.

Timmer Spaeth and Maynard Geiger were the hurlers for the crew throughout the season, and between them turned in four shutouts; four games in which opponents made but one run, and four in which only two runs were scored.

Complete record for the successful season is as follows:

Tripett 15; Ada O-K 3
Tripett 16; Pandora 1
Tripett 1; Ada 0
Tripett 5; Pandora 4
Tripett 21; Columbus Grove 5
Tripett 10; Cairo 2
Tripett 7; Tiffin Routh 4
Tripett 8; Findlay Point 0
Tripett 2; Tiffin Routh 4
Tripett 2; Findlay All-Stars 0
Tripett 2; Jenera 1
Tripett 8; Findlay 1st Lutheran 1
Tripett 20; Lions Club 8
Tripett 14; Findlay Point 2
Tripett 8; Findlay 1st Lutheran 2
Tripett 3; Cairo 0
Tripett 7; Columbus Grove 1.

Bluffton High Eleven Will Play Ada At Harmon Field Friday Night

Smarting under the sting of a 20 to 0 setback administered by Kenton at that place last Friday, Bluffton High's inexperienced gridirers will try the fortunes of war again this Friday night in a tilt with Ada under the floodlights at Harmon field stadium.

In most respects this week's game will be a more severe test than the season opener against Kenton, for Ada has an all-veteran outfit which already has one victory to its credit.

Wapakoneta, which also is able to put a full team of experienced players on the gridiron this year, lost to Ada last Friday night in a 7 to 6 game, and with that hurdle past many Ada backers already are talking in terms of an undefeated season.

Last year Ada won over Bluffton 18 to 12 by scoring the winning touchdown late in the last quarter.

Beaverdam

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and Ralph Williams visited on Wednesday with Mrs. Williams' brother who is quite ill in Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Ellen Clark, Clem Yoakam and Addie Yoakam spent Sunday afternoon at Bellefontaine.

The Mary and Marha S. S. class of the Methodist church enjoyed a picnic at the church on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoffman and children Karen and Bill of Continental were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rockhill of Columbus Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Anderson and daughter Karen of Bluffton and Mrs. Etta Yant spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cook.

Ralph Elliott of Indianapolis was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Beery and son.

Mrs. Lillie Anderson spent a few days during the past week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weaver of Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lee were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gender of Lima.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burden, Lewis Burden and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burden attended funeral services for Clark Burden of Roundhead which was held on Monday.

Jack McCullough and Jim Neu who are with the Cruiser Cincinnati in the U. S. Navy are on furlough and were guests of Bill and Dean Chiles during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Augsburger, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. William Younkman, Mr. and Mrs. Ira LaRue, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Michael and children, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pugh and son Jack attended the LaRue reunion held at Lafayette park Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Homes and Mrs. Lloyd Hardwick of Bluffton were Sunday guests at the J. T. Huber home.

Mrs. W. C. Lacock was hostess to the Leisure Hour club at her home on Thursday evening. Other than the members two guests, Miss Betty Herron of Lima and Mrs. Margaret Robnolte were present.

Pleasant Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Huber called on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mefford, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blosser and children spent Sunday evening in the Lyman Barnes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stratton attended the home-coming, Sunday afternoon at Bethel church.

Mrs. Harvey Welty called on Mrs. Paul Faze, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gleason and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stines of Lima.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Basinger and daughter called at the Jerry Basinger home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zimmerman and children were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long, Coline O'Neil and Carol Sue Hitchens of Beaverdam.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gleason and children of Red Key, Ind., were Sunday overnight guests in the C. M. Gleason home. Mrs. Gleason and children remained to spend a few days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Watt and son Roney of Lima spent Saturday evening in the Raymond Stratton home.

Mrs. Chas. Miller and Mrs. Arden Baker and son were visitors in the Dennis Brauen home, Sunday. Mr.

Elrose

Mrs. Frank Haines of Toledo spent the week end with the E. L. Bish family here.

Callers at the Ami Nonnamaker home were Betty Bish, Helen Pifer, S. F. Nonnamaker of Bluffton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mamilton and daughter Betty, Chas. Nonnamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nonnamaker, sons Dean and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Klingler, daughter Marilyn and son Howard.

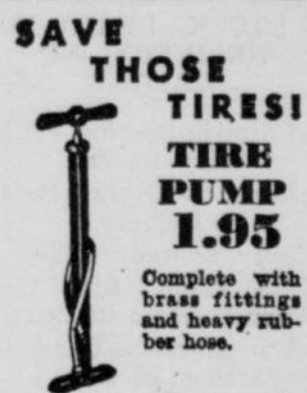
Union prayer services at the Bethesda church Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ida Stratton of Tiffin spent Saturday and Sunday at the M. J. Stratton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Basinger, daughter Jeanette and son Gareth, called Friday evening on the Philip Basinger family.

Mrs. Anna Koontz of Kenton spent the week end at the Arthur Nonnamaker home. Callers on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stratton and Mrs. Ida Stratton of Tiffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clymer, Mrs. J. R. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koontz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nonnamaker and daughter Kaye spent Friday evening at the Ivan Montgomery home.



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All Firearms, including Rifles, BB Guns and Shotguns will be confiscated if used for shooting game or song birds within corporation limits.

This order will be enforced by the Police Department in cooperation with the Bluffton Community Sportsmen's Club, Inc., operating under state laws.

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