

Academy Exams Are Scheduled

Congressman John Dellenback is now accepting applications for the Military, Air Force, Naval and the Merchant Marine academies for the classes entering in June of 1968. Prospective candidates will be required to pass the screening test which will be conducted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission throughout the State of Oregon on Nov. 4. This written test will consist of vocabulary, reading, algebra and general mathematics, aptitude and achievement.

Any interested young man who will be at least 17 and who has not reached his 22nd birthday by July of 1968 should write immediately to:

Congressman John R. Dellenback, 1020 Longworth House Office Building, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.

It is important for a prospective candidate to contact Dellenback as soon as possible in order to participate in the Nov. 4 examinations.

Forest Tour To Be Held

Conservation of the resources of the forest will be the featured emphasis on the annual sixth and seventh grade School Forest Conservation Tour to be held September 28, at Foster Brothers Tree Farm near Langlois, according to Walt Schroeder, county extension agent.

Students from the Gold Beach, Ophir, Port Orford and Langlois schools will spend approximately one hour and forty-five minutes in the field on the tree farm. Resource experts from U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers, U.S. Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, Oregon State Board of Forestry, Coos Forest Protective Association, Oregon State Game Commission and Extension Service will man stations to discuss the wise use of forest resources. Stations to be included on the tour are soil and water, tree identification, forest management, wildlife, reforestation, fire control and forest products.

The students have been prepared for the tour since the beginning of school. The tours are part of the conservation education phase of the school curriculum. The tour is coordinated by the Extension Service and instructors are from many public and private agencies working in the conservation field.

FFA Leadership Meeting Is Held

Pacific High Future Farmers of America officers and members attended an FFA Leadership meeting at Myrtle Point, Sept. 11. The new state FFA officers are Barry Fujishin, Adrain, president; Jeff Hanlon, Hillsboro, vice president; Larry Carpenter, Madras, secretary; Tom Frazier, Lostine, treasurer; Ted Forth, Pendleton, reporter; and Jeff Wallace, McLaughlin, sentinel. Attending from Pacific were Brian McLeod, John Loshbaugh, Calvin Higgins, David Morrill, Ken Bess, David Knapp, Dan Keeler, Ronnie Short, Earl Lang and Herman Montgomery.

An interesting part of the meeting was a time of "brainstorming" on the problem of the participation by chapter members in FFA activities. Hanlon conducted this session and 80 members were divided into groups of 16.

Schools represented were Drain, Myrtle Point, Roseburg, Oakland, Marshfield and Pacific.

Upland Bird and Waterfowl Regulations

Upland bird and waterfowl gunners will have seasons and bag limits this fall similar to last year under regulations established last Monday by the Oregon Game Commission at a public hearing in Portland. Reports from biologists show an upswing in most populations of upland game birds which hints for a good season this year for hunters. Waterfowl conditions look fair, according to biologists.

Based on these findings plus suggestions from the public, the Commission set a cock pheasant season from 8 a.m. Oct. 21 through Nov. 26. In western Oregon and Klamath County, the daily bag limit was set at two cock pheasants, eight in possession. In the rest of the state the bag limit was set at three cocks per day, 12 in possession. One hen pheasant may be included in the daily bag or four in the possession limit in Malheur County from Oct. 28 through Nov. 26.

The season for valley and mountain quail in western Oregon will run concurrently with the pheasant season but is extended in eastern Oregon

through Jan. 17. Bag limit in both areas was set at 10 in the aggregate, 20 in possession. Quail populations were reported high throughout much of eastern Oregon. Hunters at the hearing were advised that it could be a bumper year for these species.

CHUKAR SEASON

The chukar and Hungarian hunt will open Sept. 30 and extend through Jan. 17 with a bag limit of eight daily in the aggregate, 16 in possession. Chukar populations look good, with an increase noted in the John Day and Deschutes drainages. Numbers also show a comeback in the Steens and Malheur areas.

A blue and ruffed grouse sea-

son was set in eastern Oregon Sept. 9 through 24 and in western Oregon, Sept. 30 through Nov. 5. The bag limit was set at three daily in the aggregate, six in possession. No sage grouse season will be held this year.

TURKEY SEASON

Hunters will have a three-day turkey season this fall from 8 a.m. Nov. 20 through 22. The hunt will be open to all comers and limited to the Wasco Management Unit. The bag limit is one turkey. In addition, a spring gobbler hunt will be available for 250 tag holders, with this season scheduled April 27 through May 5, 1968. The silver gray squirrel season in Hood River and Wasco counties and in southwestern

Oregon was set for Sept. 30 through Nov. 5, with a bag limit of five daily, five in possession. The squirrel season remains open the entire year in northwestern Oregon with no bag or possession limit.

WATERFOWL GUNNERS

Waterfowl gunners were allowed 90 days of hunting for ducks and geese within the federal regulations, opening Oct. 10 and extending through Jan. 7. The opening is set for Tuesday, the first time the Commission has deviated from the weekend opening for some time. This was done to allow the full 90 days and extend the season to the latest date possible. Special regulations were allowed for the Columbia Basin area, with this season extending through Jan.

17 on ducks. The goose hunt here will close Jan. 7. Columbia Basin counties include Baker, Gilliam, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wasco.

Bag limit on ducks was set at five daily, 10 in possession, except in the Columbia Basin counties where the limit is six daily, 12 in possession. Goose hunters will have the same bag limits as last year, three daily, six in possession, except in the Willamette Valley where the limit on Canadas is two daily or in possession. As in the past, the daily limit may be increased to six geese daily, provided the extra birds are snow geese. The wood duck was made part of the daily bag this year, but only two canvasbacks may be in the daily bag or in

possession.

Bag limit on coot was set for 25 daily or in possession, and merganser, five daily, 10 in possession.

SNIPER SEASON

Sniper hunters will have a season from Oct. 21 through Dec. 9, with a bag limit of eight daily, 16 in possession. The black brant season was scheduled Nov. 21 through Feb. 18 with a bag limit of four daily, eight in possession. This is an increase of one brant in the daily bag from last year.

Except for minor date adjustments, the Commission made few additional changes to shooting regulations on the public shooting grounds. Because of the heavy hunting pressure at the Klamath Game Man-

agement Area, the Commission restricted the shooting to four days a week to allow the ducks and geese a chance to rest without being molested. Previously, shooting every day had driven the birds from the area, resulting in very poor hunting for much of the season.

As in the past, juvenile hunters will be allowed to hunt the E. E. Wilson Game Management Area on specified days in late September. A limit of 75 hunters will be permitted on any one shooting day.

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