

Prospects Point to Another Good Hunting Season

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With the general hunting seasons this fall fast approaching, nimrods all over the state are busy checking hunting gear and talking with enthusiasm of the wonderful days that lie ahead. Hope springs eternal in the hearts of hunters, and their dreams now are of whistling wings, the booming flush of a grouse, a cagey mule deer buck sunfishing down a slope, or perhaps a stylish quail dog staunch on point holding for the master's flush. It's the time of year for the good life, of warm companionship, invigorating days in field and forest, and game to be hunted—one of the greatest pleasures of man. The tally shows somewhere around 400,000 nimrods dreaming of the hunts ahead with visions of the birds and the game they will be hunting. What's in store for this mass of hunters who will take to the out-of-doors through the remainder of the year? Is the game there for the taking? Will each one have his opportunity to fulfill his fondest desires? Certainly not all will score,

but, in general, Oregon hunters can look forward to another good gunning season. This is the prediction of Game Commission biologists throughout the state who base their thinking on game production, carryover, and other facts gathered through the year since the hunting seasons last fall. The game is there, they say—some populations up from last year, some below, but in quantities to make a challenging season. The take will depend largely on the skill and desire of the hunters. Chukar hunters can expect fair to excellent gunning, depending on the area hunted. In some areas populations are up, in other areas about the same as last year, and still other areas the number of birds are fewer. From all information at hand, chukar hunting will be only fair in the Deschutes canyons, fair to good in the John Day and Malheur drainages, and good to excellent in northeastern Oregon. The breaks of the Imnaha and Snake Rivers should be the hot spots. However, in almost all chukar areas hunters will find pockets where the birds will be plentiful. It looks like a so-so year for the pheasant gunner. More and

more habitat is being destroyed by urban development as well as by changes in agricultural practices, and pheasant production was not the best this spring. Populations in the north Willamette are about the same as last year, but gunning will be slower in the south end of the valley. Production is down in the Umatilla area also and about the same in the popular Ontario-Vale country. Gunning is expected fair to good around the Wallowa, Baker, and La Grande areas. Deer Kill May Drop Deer hunters are expected to have another fine season, although below the high success made last year. Production is reported good in most areas of the state, and survival is excellent as a result to the most open winter experienced in a long time. Very little mortality occurred on any of the big game winter ranges. August rains, however, scattered the animals all over the countryside, and green feed is again abundant. Black-tailed deer hunters will find the best going in the brushy foothills and the logged or burned areas from three to ten years old. These latter areas will be found throughout the Coast and Cascade mountains. West side areas grown up with a heavy jungle of second growth fir will produce only fair results, mainly because of the heavy escape cover in which the animals can hide. Popular central Oregon will produce its share of mule deer, but the normal heavy hunting pressure in this region always results in low individual hunter success. The Wasco country is a good bet, as will be the Ochoco and the Sprague. As usual, the John Day drainage almost throughout its length will be tops for mule deer hunting, as will the adjacent drainage slopes. Top hunting is also expected in the Wallowa and much of Baker and Union counties. The Heppner area is a good choice. Production is good in most of central and northeastern Oregon, and mature animals came through the winter in fine shape. In southeast Oregon hunters will have to work for their bucks. Production on the desert ranges this spring is again low, although the winter carryover of mature deer is quite good. Some nice bucks will be found in the Steens, Pueblos, Whitehouse, and Mahogany mountains, but they will be tougher to come by than in other areas of the state. Fine Year for Elk It should be a fine year for elk hunters, depending on weather, but the expected high

hunting pressure on the elk herds will force them into hiding much of the season, keeping hunter success low. Hunters will find a few more large, mature bulls around this fall, the result of the shortened season last year. These large animals showed well during the winter inventories. Production is good in most areas. Probably the best producing areas will be the Wenaha, Milam, and Imnaha areas of north-east Oregon and in the Coast Range on the west side. The hunter take in eastern Oregon should be about the same as a year ago and slightly better on the west side.

Bird Hunting Regulations Set

Oregon bird hunters will have 1968 hunting seasons similar to last year with a long gunning period for most upland game birds and waterfowl, according to the rules adopted by the Game Commission following a public hearing in Portland recently. The general upland game bird season for cock pheasants and quail opens October 19 and extends through November 24 except in eastern Oregon, where the season for quail extends through January 19. Bag limit for pheasants in eastern Oregon is three cocks daily, nine in possession, while gunners on the west side are allowed two cocks daily and a possession limit of eight. The bag limit for quail is 10 birds daily in the aggregate, 20 in possession. The general waterfowl season opens on October 19 and extends through January 12, except in Columbia Basin counties where the season extends one more week through January 19. Bag limit for ducks is five daily, 10 in possession. Only three mallards are allowed in the daily bag this year. Bag limit for ducks in Columbia Basin counties is six per day, 12 in possession. Hunters have the same goose limit as last year, three daily, six in possession. The daily bag may be increased to six providing three or more are snow geese. Only two western Canada geese are allowed in most of the Willamette Valley area. Chukar hunters are again allowed a long season beginning October 5 and extending through January 19. This season also includes Hungarian partridge. Bag limit is eight birds in the aggregate, 16 in possession. For the second year, the Commission established a general turkey season and included the Wasco and Sled Springs game management units as open areas. The season extends from November 23 through 27 with a bag limit of one turkey for the season.

America's Future . . .



AMERICA'S FUTURE citizens, presented weekly in the Gazette-Times, presents pictures of three lone area children. Pictured at left is Jeffrey Ball, 16 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ball. In the center with a big smile is Jeffrey's older sister, Robin, age 2-and-a-half. Seven year old Frank Blaine Engleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel C. Engleman, is in the picture at the right.



YOUNG JODI PADBERG, 11 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Padberg, is pictured at the left in this weekly series of America's Future citizens photos. In the center photo is 10 month old Shelley Stroeber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stroeber, Heppner, and pictured at right is Troy Cook, year and a half old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian L. Cook, Heppner.



PRESENTED IN THIS week's section of America's Future citizens are from left, Alan Boschee, 9, and his sister, Tami, age 7, center photo, children of Rev. and Mrs. Al Boschee, formerly of Heppner who now make their home in La Grande. Seventeen month old James Lewis Cason, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cason, Heppner, appears at right.

Boardman News

(Held over from last week) Oliver Potts of Oklahoma City, Okla., has been visiting the past week at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Potts. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stevenson of Salem, former residents here, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Willard. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thorpe of Deer Island were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Thorpe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Obermeier. Their children, Billy and Connie, spent the week-end at the Obermeier home. Other Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Myers of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ball and children Barbara, Karen and Tony of Hemiston were Sunday visitors at the home of Ball's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Vibbert and daughter Henrietta of Salem visited two days last week at the home of Vibbert's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dillon. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes went to Wenatchee, Wash. over the week-end to attend the wedding of Hayes' great-niece, Connie Kerr and Donald McCann. Mrs. Frank Marlow visited her sister, Mrs. Clarence Thomas, in Pendleton from Thursday until Sunday. Visitors at the Marlow home Monday included Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith and Lawrence Smith of Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. Steve Sullivan of Langlois, and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe of Hermiston. Those attending the funeral of Lizzie Smith in Hermiston Saturday from Boardman included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rands, Mr. and Mrs. Chub Warren, Mrs. Zeal Gillespie, Mrs. Leo Root and Mrs. Frank Marlow.

Club to Sponsor Fall Activities

By DELPHA JONES
LEXINGTON — Three Link club of Holly Rebekah Lodge met at the IOOF hall on Thursday of last week for its regular meeting, with Mrs. Dorothy Buchanan serving as hostess. Plans were announced for the beginning of the series of card parties for the winter months starting on Saturday, October 1. This is to be for pinocle played only with prizes awarded each time and a grand prize at the end of the six parties. Date for the annual turkey dinner has been set for November 2. Plans were announced for several quilting dates when members may go to the hall at their own convenience and work on quilts which will be set up. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Archie Munkers, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Wayne Papineau, Mrs. Joe Yocom, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Merle Cornelison, Mrs. Marvin Way, and the hostess, Mrs. Buchanan. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Marvin Way home.

Mrs. Norma Marquardt had had at her house guest recently Miss Roma Bellscher, a missionary from South Africa. Marquardt held a family dinner on Sunday, honoring Miss Bellscher, and those present were Mr. and Mrs. Home Hughes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt and family.

Earl Miller, accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Miller of La Grande, to North Platte, Neb., where they were called by the death of his grandmother. Mrs. Al Fetsch was a visitor in Heppner and Lexington last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fetsch recently moved to a ranch near Pendleton.

Mrs. Florence McMillan and Mrs. A. F. Majeske were among those motoring to Fossil on Saturday, September 14, where they visited a Rebekah District Convention, and were in Hermiston last Wednesday where they visited Sunbeam Rebekah Lodge. They also traveled to Stanfield on Saturday where they attended another district convention.

Delbert Vinson is a patient in the Community hospital in Pendleton where he is recovering from major surgery. Mr. and Mrs. William J. VanWinkle were visitors at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald VanWinkle in Milton-Freewater on Sunday.

Mrs. Alma Viall of Grandview, Wash., is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Viall, and family. Rufus Piper underwent major surgery at St. Anthonys hospital in Pendleton on Friday.

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