

Migratory Birds ... Waterfowl Census Conducted Here

By HALE SCARBROUGH
A two-week waterfowl census has just been completed here, and the findings of the census-takers will be one factor in the U. S. fish and wildlife migratory bird laws for 1947, but Jim Savage, who is the game management agent here is not giving out any information as to the number of birds considered to be here at present.

His figures will be sent to the service's regional office in Portland, then on to Chicago for final compilation, and it may be several months before the fish and wildlife service begins to make an estimate of the duck population after the 1946 shooting season.

Savage's area of count covers eight counties in northern California and seven in southern Oregon and he has been aided by state police, game wardens and private individuals.

They don't make an actual bird-for-bird count—it would have been impossible to actually count the ducks on Link river last week—but gather an estimate as to how many birds are where during the two-week period, Savage said.

The count is going on all over the United States at the same time, so when all the figures are gotten together back in Chicago the fish and wildlife service can come up with a total that in a fairly correct way tells how many ducks and geese there were around during the weeks of January.

Last year the service set its estimate at 80 million birds. In 1944 the estimate was 125 million. The difference showed up in the shorter hunting season and bag limits.

The counters also divide their estimates into species—honkers, cacklers, mallards, etc.

These local bird counts in themselves don't mean a thing as far as numbers are concerned, Savage explains, but when they're all gotten together they make a picture of the migratory bird population.

But the population is just one determining factor in the law that comes out in the fall. To check on the yearly crop of new birds, the fish and wildlife service holds a spring count in the Canadian pothole breeding grounds and that becomes another factor. Weather is another, number of hunters is another.

The count here is over except for Savage's job of getting his figures from such spots as Tulakee, Coos Bay and Eureka, together and transmitting the data to the Portland office. The Portland headquarters covers six states for the fish and wildlife service.

Team Match Paces Card

It'll be the meanies against the cleanies again tonight in the armory squared-circle when two opposing teams square off in the main event tag match.

Buck Lipscomb and Tony Ross will be in one corner, Billy Weidner and Billy Fox in the other, and with that lineup the railbirds should see a fast, action-packed display of fireworks.

Fox and Weidner, particularly Weidner, hold the most recent win in a match of this type, over Lipscomb and Sammie Cohen last week, but Tony Ross is an old hand at the business and will be reckoned for before the night is over.

The tag match is not time-limited, and will go until one team accomplishes two out of three falls.

In the opener, starting at approximately 8:30, little Billy Gutz will tangle with Bulldog Jackson over the six-round route.

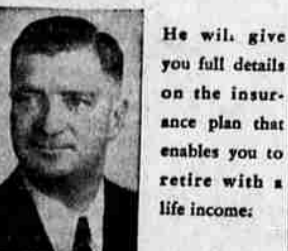
Binks Crunch Gunners, 38-17

The Binkley team, federal division of the Victory league, out-classed the Gun store quint in all departments of the game to win 38 to 17 on the Fairview gym floor. Gilchrist had 13 points for the winners and Jim Flora seven for the losers.

Binkley's retained a margin of about 2-1 all through the contest. The other game last night was entirely different. The Grease Monkeys topped T and I of the National circuit 27 to 25 after having trailed for three periods. Fred Fuller counted 15 points in that tilt, Elwood Rose 10.

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Gun Club In Action

The Klamath Gun club is again conducting its Sunday trap shoots at the Wocus firing grounds and has been assured of enough ammunition for all members to come out and blast away.

E. E. (Pete) Driscoll is the new president of the club and Dr. Martin Adams vice president. On the board of directors are C. J. Martin, Prent Puckett and Dale West.

The shoots are held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Last week Paul Hilton and Shirley Congdon hit 48 out of 50 birds from the 16-yard line for high in that department, and Tom Walters broke 48 in the handicap. Pete Driscoll was high in the doubles with 42 of 50.

Latest Results:

16 Yds. Trap	40 Yds. Trap
Paul Hilton 48	42
S. J. Martin 48	42
Clyde Fox 47	44
Pete Driscoll 47	39
Prent Puckett 47	39
C. A. Dunn 47	40
James Horn 46	35
John Nelson 46	35
Dale West 45	45
A. V. Jacobsen 45	40
C. J. Martin 45	40
J. M. Adams 43	45
Nelson Reed 43	38
Al Hatton 43	38
A. W. Schupp 42	—
Bill Houston 42	—
Robert West 42	—
S. L. Woodward 40	—
E. G. Geisinger 39	—
Tom Walters 38	48
F. D. McMillan 38	39
Allen Moebe 38	39
Neal Ferguson 32	41
Paul Dalton 32	39
E. Z. Davis 30	—
Bill Davis 30	35

Bears Put Off Coach Choice

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 23 (AP)—Announcement of a new head football coach for the University of California appears likely to be a week away, perhaps more.

The student body executive committee met last night but made no revelation following reported submission to it of a list of six possibilities lined up by Track Coach Brutus Hamilton on a nationwide hunt for prospects.

Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern still remained as a speculative choice but another big name coach, H. O. (Fritz) Crisler of Michigan, denied an announcement by a newspaper here that he already had been selected.

"I'm not looking for a job," he said at Ann Arbor, adding that he had been approached. At Evanston, Ill., Waldorf intimated he would "consider" a California offer, but said he had been made no concrete proposal. His five-year contract at Northwestern has two more years to run.

Dick Metz Cut From Golf Trail

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 23 (AP)—Officials of the Professional Golfers' association announced today that Dick Metz of Arkansas City, Kas., has been suspended from competing in the next two PGA-sponsored golf tournaments.

The disciplinary action came as the aftermath of an incident at Carmel, Calif., two weeks ago in which, it was charged, Metz struck Fred J. Corcoran, PGA tournament bureau manager. The suspension was voted by a newly-formed PGA tournament players' committee headed by George Scheiner of Ogden, Utah. The committee found Metz guilty of violating PGA's code of ethics for "conduct likely to injure the reputation and standing of the association or any of its members."

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Landing Plane On Sandbar And Letting Ducks Drift In Is Lazy Man's Hunting

By HILMON PINEGAR
MEMPHIS, Jan. 23 (NEA)—No getting up before day-break and shivering in the blinds until sun-up when Joe Bowen goes duck hunting.

Instead of getting planted and waiting for the ducks to come to him, Bowen finds the ducks and goes to them. A beautiful feature of Bowen's system is that he seldom has to walk more than a few hundred feet, rarely ever gets his feet muddy. "You can wear the clothes you've got on without getting messed up," he promised.

Before I could say no, Bowen had donned his hunting cap, slung some decoys over his shoulder, picked up his trusty .410 shotgun, headed for his shiny two-place plane on the flight line of the West Memphis, Ark. airport he operates.

The engine was warmed up briefly, and we were off—winging our way up the Mississippi river.

A few miles above Memphis, we saw thousands of ducks swimming and waddling around on sandbars.

A little farther up, Bowen pointed out a smooth strip of sand, and said: "That's where we're going in."

He set the little plane down, put on the parking breaks, tied the ship down, began unloading his paraphernalia. The ducks, leery of such goings on, swarmed into the air and sailed away. I thought our expedition would be a flop because of this.

"Don't worry," he said, as he set about building a blind of driftwood and grass. "There will be more along in a few minutes. Ducks are moving down the river. It may sound funny but when a bunch of them leave a place a new bunch will nearly always come in."

Blind completed, decoys out, we got under cover.

In a matter of minutes we spotted a lone mallard hen coming down the river rapidly. When she saw the decoys and began circling to look the place over, Joe began quacking the old drake's "Whatcha doin' tonite, Babe?" on his duck-caller.

The hen plopped right in among the decoys. Before she discovered that she had been duped, Joe stuck his head through the front of the blind, and shouted "Shoo!"

As the hen took to the air under full emergency horsepower, Joe let go with a volley. The duck shivered for an instant, spun in.

"Don't even have to wade out to get the duck," said Bowen. "It will drift to the bank with the wind."

"This is not as easy as it seems, however, for sandbars are tricky and dangerous. No one but an experienced pilot should try to land on a bar, and then only after he has carefully checked the firmness of the ground. I came up here by boat and walked over every foot of this bar before I tried to land on it."

"While taxiing into position for a takeoff the other day, the plane rolled into a soft spot, mired up over the wheels. If that had happened to someone while coming in for a landing, the plane would have flopped over on its back, and someone might have got hurt."

But Joe Bowen certainly has the lazy man's way of hunting ducks.

Papa Greenberg

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—Hank Greenberg, the 1946 home run king, can now make plans for a conference with his new employers, the Pittsburgh Pirates. His wife, the former Carol Gimbel, presented him with an eight and one-quarter pound boy last night at Harkness Pavilion.

Kahut Signs On

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—Joe Kahut, Oregon heavyweight boxing titlist, will meet Bobby Zander of Los Angeles, February 4. The bout, scheduled for Los Angeles, will replace a Kahut match with Pat Comisky, cancelled when the latter said he could not make the trip west.

Charleston, S. C., boasts of a bridge nearly three miles in length across the Cooper river.



Landing plane on sandbar. Joe Bowen builds blind of driftwood and grass, plants decoys and is ready for action.

Sportsmen Urge Game Law Remain Under State Police

SALEM, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Oregon Wildlife Federation and the Oregon division of the Isaac Walton league issued a joint report today recommending that enforcement of the state game laws remain a state police responsibility.

Sports Edge Past Wools

Hall's Sports squeezed past the Oregon Woolen team 44 to 42 in a Basin league basketball game played last night on Altamont court. It was a well-played, close tilt in which Andy Anderson counted 22 points for the Woolens.

Bob Perkins scored 12 points for Hal's. In the second game at Altamont Rickys topped the Four-Star Merchants 59 to 43, but for the Merchants Mac McGoughy ran up 24 points and Ted Wilger had a dozen. Paul McCall scored 18 times for Rickys and Wayne Scott 17.

Out in the county the Merrill teams split a doubleheader. Henley beat the Townies 41-39, and the Independents got by the Langell Valley Beavers 43-33.

But over at Chiloquin the pace was terrific. Chiloquin rooters were sorely disappointed when their boys failed to hook up a basket in the final minute of play—but won the game 98 to 42 from Beatty. Hatcher scored a phenomenal 39 points.

Tokyo War Crimes Trial Goes On

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (AP)—Former Premier Tojo and his 25 co-defendants won an important point in their war crimes trial today. The international tribunal ruled that statements they made to investigators since their arrest would be considered as evidence against only the individual who made the statement.

The ruling sustained a month-old defense motion. Carlisle W. Higgins, assistant chief prosecutor, agreed with the decision, which is in accordance with U. S. court practice. It was pointed out that the ruling will not preclude any defendant from testifying voluntarily in court against other defendants.

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Zale Given Ring Award

Boxing Hall Of Fame Suggested By Writers

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—Survivors of the New York boxing writers' annual eating and drinking derby were buzzing today with talk of a hall of fame for the sport and a campaign to curb punch-drunkness.

Actually, last night's party in Ruppert's brewery was put on to present the Edward J. Neil memorial award to Middleweight Champion Tony Zale as the man who did the most for boxing in 1946.

The trophy is awarded in memory of the Associated Press sports writer and war correspondent killed during the civil strife in Spain in 1938.

Former Postmaster General James A. Farley, a one-time New York boxing commissioner, made the presentation.

In addition, the Gary, Ind., steel-mill puddler also took home the Ring Magazine's award as 1946's "fighter of the year"; Promoter Mike Jacobs, now recovering from a cerebral hemorrhage, won the boxing writers' trophy for "long and meritorious service" to the sport, and the Damon Runyon cancer fund was given part of the dinner's proceeds.

But aside from the post-throwing for Zale and "Uncle Mike" Jacobs, the large hangover from the oratorical eruption was left by the suggested plans for the hall of fame and the drive in New York to keep fighters from winding up with bells ringing in their heads.

Abe J. Greene, president of the NBA, came up with the suggestion for the hall of fame, built something along the lines of the baseball shine at Cooperstown, N. Y. Abe even went so far as to pledge the NBA to collaborate with the New York Boxing Writers' association on it.

And Brigadier General John Reed Kipatrick, president of Madison Square Garden, offered a part of the proposed new block-square Garden as the site for the hall.

Then Eddie Egan, New York commission chairman, without mentioning "punch-drunkness," revealed that the commission is exercising double precautions now, not only in examining fighters the days they fight, but in watching their records from bout to bout to determine if they are suited for swatting and capable of doing same without suffering permanent bodily harm.

As a result, last year alone, Egan said, the licenses of 61 fighters were revoked for one reason or another.

Sportsmen Meet

The Klamath Sportsmen's association, conservation group, will meet tomorrow night in the Willard hotel at 8 o'clock for the purpose of nominating officers for 1947. Paul Winter is outgoing president.

All members are urged to attend this business session. Election of officers will be held early in February.

Hostak Loses Comeback Try

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 23 (AP) Al Hostak, two-time middleweight boxing champion of the world, found his comeback string cut in the middle today.

The 159-pound Seattle slugger caught a right cross flush on the chin last night and dropped a four-round knockout verdict to Steve Belloise, New York middleweight.

Hostak floored the No. 7 contender for division laurels for a nine-count in the first round but a steady diet of left hooks dished up by Belloise set him up for the knockout punch.

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MOSCOW, Ida., Jan. 23 (AP)—The make-or-break Oregon State-Washington basketball series this week-end topped interest in the northern division Pacific coast conference today despite the valiant efforts of Idaho, last season's titlists, against Oregon last night.

Dropping their seventh straight conference game with no victories, the hapless Vandals put up an unexpectedly stubborn battle before losing, 45 to 43. Although Idaho had a 28-27 lead at half-time and jumped it to a 32-27 margin at start of the second half, Oregon rallied to win.

Roger Wiley, lanky Oregon center, dropped in 13 points to lead both teams. The Oregon State team was to arrive in Seattle this afternoon for pre-game workouts before the two-game series opening tomorrow night. Oregon State, leading the loop with four wins and no defeats, has lost only one game all season, to Long Island university in New York, and Washington had won 12 straight before dropping two close ones on the Washington State floor last week. Its conference record is four won and two lost.

Oregon, with a conference record of three won, three lost, could not pullman Friday and Saturday for games with Washington State, which has won four and lost three in conference play.

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