

California Hunters Bag Near Record

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SACRAMENTO (UPI) — California deer hunters came within a whisker of setting a new deer bag record during 1960 on the strength of an unexpectedly good coastal hunt.

The Department of Fish and Game made public Friday its estimate of the buck kill during the two regular seasons. The total was set at 75,584, just 18 less than 1954's all-time record kill of 75,602.

This qualified the 1960 kill as the second best in history to displace 1959 which held the position only one year. The 1959 kill totaled 73,483.

The kill in the early (coastal) deer season held Aug. 6 to Sept. 25 was a near record 26,079, far ahead of last year's 20,877 and the average for the past five years of 22,396.

But the kill in the late (inland) season held Sept. 25 to Nov. 6 was slightly below last year's 32,505 at 29,505. It also was ahead of the five-year average of 45,570.

The department credited favorable hunting weather and high deer concentrations in more accessible areas for the early season boost and blamed low 1960 buck carryover for the decline along the Sierra.

In a news release announcing the kill, the department said that the kill in 1960 was down "in general" on the eastern slope of the Sierra.

As an example, the agency pointed to a Modoc County kill in this year of 3,353 compared with 5,340 in 1959 and a Lassen kill of 3,120 in 1960 compared with 5,340 a year ago.

The record kill of last year resulted in the low carryover for this year, the department said, and "was one of the principal reasons for the decline of the buck back in these counties this year."

In addition, the department conceded, the major deer migrations did not occur until the last few days of, or after, the season, making deer less available to the hunters.

"Another contributing factor probably was the drought conditions which resulted in poor leader growth on the major deer browse species," said the agency. "As a result of the poor feed conditions, fewer yearling bucks became legal forked horns."

The 1960 kill was led by Siskiyou County with 4,573 bucks killed and followed by Mendocino with 4,426, Tehama, 4,346, Humboldt 4,214, Modoc 3,533, Shasta 3,279 and Lassen 3,120.

Record kills were reported from 17 counties in 1960. Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Placer, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba.

BLAME POWER LOSS
NEW YORK (UPI)—Loss of power was blamed today for a Staten Island ferry boat accident in which 20 persons were injured.

The boat, carrying 1,000 passengers, slammed into a ship at Staten Island Thursday after it had completed its crossing from Manhattan Island.

Marine department officials said the ferry's engine suddenly failed and the crew was unable to reverse the propellers to ease the boat toward the slip.

CRIME PREVENTION
MEDAN, Indonesia (UPI)—Police in this North Sumatra town appear more interested in preventing crime than punishing it.

Pickpockets are sentenced to wear a sign that proclaims: "Hello, Hello, I am a pickpocket."



DUNSMUIR LITTLE LEAGUE'S new ball park at the north end is under construction by a host of volunteers. Here Mel Fitzhugh, Sid Fischer and Harold Walsh, left to right, pause for a moment during filling and leveling work. — Photo by Peggy Walsh.

\$112 Million Program Of Building Forecast By State Architect Boyd

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A 1961 state building program totaling \$112 million was forecast today by state architect Anson Boyd.

He said the construction expenditures would be divided about equally between Northern and Southern California with \$56,040,730 for the north and \$55,784,828 for the south.

Northern California projects included: Highway Patrol: Merced area office, \$85,000; Zone 4 and Fresno area office building, \$175,000.

Corrections: Deuel Vocational Institution, Tracy, correctional industries warehouse No. 3, \$69,800; inservice training building, \$112,400. California Conservation Center, Lassen County, two chapels and bachelor officers' quarters, \$500,000. California Conservation Camp, Tuolumne, initial construction, \$1,084,300.

Education: Chico State College Administration building remodeling, two phases, \$517,900. Fresno State: Electrical distribution system addition, \$71,500; men's gymnasium ROTC addition, \$187,100; men's gym addition, \$757,000. Sacramento State: Site development.

ELEVATOR JOLTS BROWNS
NEW YORK (UPI)—The Cleveland Browns received a severe jolt Sunday before their National Football League game with the New York Giants when seven players were in a hotel elevator that plunged out of control for six floors before coming to a halt.

None of the players, which included Jimmy Brown, was injured and they went on to help defeat the Giants, 48-34, for second place in the Eastern Division and a participating role in the league's playoff bowl in Miami, Fla., Jan. 7.

LANDSLIDE KILLS NINE
TURIN, Italy (UPI) — Nine persons, including an entire family of seven, were killed Sunday when a rain-triggered avalanche swept through the tiny hamlet of Tournin in the Alpine foothills region southwest of here.

Three houses were destroyed and eight others damaged by the landslide in the 3,600-foot high hamlet.

\$101,900; women's gym, \$1,037,000; Salinas office building addition, \$192,000; Eureka office building addition, \$270,000.

Veterans Affairs: Veterans Home at Yountville for a hospital addition, \$186,900, and a medical treatment center, \$223,000.

Youth Authority: Los Guilcos School for Girls near Santa Rosa for water system improvements, \$52,450.

Mental Hygiene: Work on two buildings at Agnews State Hospital, \$245,200; remodeling three wards at Mendocino State Hospital, \$362,650; work on six buildings in Napa State Hospital, \$2,173,500.

Military: Type A armory at Hollister, \$177,740; addition to Redwood City armory, \$85,000; addition to San Bruno armory, \$85,000.

Motor vehicles: San Jose office building, \$229,600.

Forestry: addition to Santa Rosa headquarters, \$54,300; work on the Lake County Conservation Camp, \$683,905; barracks and messhall at Santa Cruz ranger headquarters, \$99,000.

Youth Authority: Northern California Reception Center and Clinic, Perkins, commissary addition and clothing distribution room, \$140,450; living unit, \$358,800.

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Humboldt County Conservation Branch: Initial construction, \$1,000,000.

Education: Humboldt State College—forest building, \$514,800; library building, \$1,095,100; underground power distribution and lighting system, \$138,000; industrial arts addition, \$232,000; psychology building, \$674,720; San Jose State College—outdoor physical education facilities, \$734,200; multistory garage, \$2,500,000; aeronautics building, \$912,900; education building, \$2,066,000; aeronautical test cell, \$174,000; audio-visual building addition, \$392,150; women's gymnasium addition, \$2,047,200; extend steam services, \$121,000; air condition administration building, \$77,200.

Employment: Addition to existing Santa Rosa building, \$135,500;

188 Acres Burned In 1960 Season, Supervisor Says

Supervisor Charles A. Yates of the Klamath National Forest said recently that a study of the past fire season discloses that there were 48 man-caused fires and 77 lightning fires on the forest in 1960.

A total of only 188 acres were burned by these 125 fires. Except for 1958 when only 125 acres were burned, this is the lowest burned acreage on the Klamath National Forest in the past 20 years.

The study showed that the 1960 fire season was comparable to the 1955 and 1959 seasons, with the low rainfall and above average fire danger for long periods during the summer. New methods of fire fighting developed in the past few years, including use of aerial tankers, helicopters, and smoke jumpers, combined with ground forces resulted in faster, harder hitting initial attack on fires when discovered.

Yates states that aerial tankers flew 138 hours and dropped 61,400

gallons of borate and bentonite solution on 32 forest fires this summer. Tanker planes were instrumental in building 20 of the fires to small acreage until ground forces could reach and control them. Smoke jumpers were used on 10 isolated lightning fires during the summer and helicopter crewmen made initial attack on five fires. The study reveals that coordinated air-ground attack on fires results in smaller, less costly fires and less damage to the forest resources.

According to Yates forest fire personnel are currently completing a fire planning project which will bring up to date prevention, preparedness and suppression requirements for all federal and private lands inside the Klamath National Forest protection boundary. The study indicates a need for strengthening of local protection forces to meet current forest fire problems.

VFW Auxiliary Party Tonight

MOUNT SHASTA—Mount Shasta VFW Auxiliary 5288 will hold its annual Christmas party Monday evening, Dec. 19, at the home of Almont Wheeler beginning at 7:30.

A brief business meeting will be followed by a social hour. Greetings and gifts will be exchanged and refreshments will be served.

All members of the auxiliary are invited to attend.

MAC'S CAR DAMAGED
LONDON (UPI)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's chauffeur-driven limousine was extensively damaged in a traffic accident Thursday, but Macmillan was not hurt.

His car collided with another automobile in downtown London.

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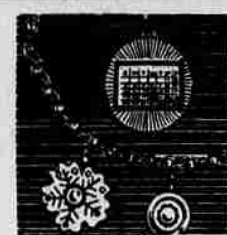
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