

HUNTERS ASKED TO RETURN LEG BANDS FROM PHEASANT

Hunters who enter the fields of Oregon in search of China pheasants during the coming open season from Oct. 15 to 31, inclusive, in most sections of the state, can help to maintain or increase the supply of birds for future years by taking the slight trouble to return any leg bands that may be found on birds they kill to the State Game commission, says A. S. Einarsen, associate biologist of the Oregon Research unit of the U. S. Biological Survey, located at Oregon State college.

The State Game commission, which cooperates with the Biological Survey, the American Wild Life institute, and Oregon State college in carrying on research work in this field, liberated some 20,000 pheasants following the close of the hunting season last fall. This season they are anxious to learn just how many of them are killed, how, where and when, Mr. Einarsen says. Instructions for returning the bands are simple, and are printed on each band.

Although this is the first hunting season since the birds were liberated, several hundred leg bands have already been returned. Each band carries a number, and this, together with the name of the person who found it, the cause of its death, the date, and the place where it was found are recorded.

A check-up of these records shows that man is indirectly responsible for most of the deaths so far. Automobiles have probably accounted for the greatest number, others have met death through flying into telephone lines, buildings and other man-made structures. A few have frozen to death, some have starved to death, some have been killed by cats or dogs, and other by predatory birds or animals. Mr. Einarsen has a perfect skeleton of one bird killed by a horned owl, which laboriously picks every particle of meat from the bones, without destroying the skeleton. The horned owl is a persistent killer of game birds.

This year the game commission plans to release another large flock of birds immediately after the close of the hunting season, all of which will wear leg bands, Mr. Einarsen says, so that an even more complete survey of

the situation may be made next year.

Present members of the game commission are Dexter Rice, Roseburg, chairman; E. E. Wilson, Corvallis; Lew Wallace, Portland; Charles Reilly, Klamath Falls, and George Aiken, Ontario, who are anxious to obtain as complete information as possible on the birds reared and released by the commission.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Briot and son Billie, and Mrs. Chet Alexander drove to Portland Monday to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Peterson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Briot, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Alexander Saturday evening.

Larry Marshall was home from Oregon State college over the

week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cris Nicar and Sherman and Mrs. Frank DeBate went to Longview Sunday. Mrs. DeBate will make her home there, her husband being employed with the Long Bell Co.

John Roediger went in to Portland to visit his wife and new daughter over the week end.

The Harry Ecklands went hunting Saturday.

O. P. Orkner has recovered his car. He located it at Camp 8 where it has been for the past five or six weeks, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ritchie and daughter Jean of Roseburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGraw over the week end. Mr. Ritchie, who was in the army with Mr. McGraw, and his family have been attending the stock show in Portland. A son, La Brie Ritchie was selected as the outstanding 4 H club boy from Douglas county at the show.

Mrs. Harry Culbertson and son Douglas spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crawford of Manning.

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ROAD MEETING

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 16 COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That in pursuance of a petition duly signed by 5 freeholders, resident taxpayers and legal voters of Road District No. 16, of Columbia county, Oregon, and presented to the County Court of Columbia county, Oregon, a District Road Meeting of the legal voters of said Road District No. 16 will be held in the

Vernonia City Hall, on the 6th day of November, 1937, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day, said meeting to be for the purpose of voting a Special Tax in said District, of not to exceed ten mills on the dollar on all taxable property in said Road District.

Done at St. Helens, Oregon, this 6th. day of October, 1937. J. B. Wilkerson, County Judge. J. T. Graham, Commissioner. Wm. Pringle Sr., Commissioner.

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