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These introductory sketches of Game Protectors Jones and Gillespie are the first in a series on the 33 game protectors of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission. Believing that their work is vitally important to the cause of conservation, the Commission is proud to introduce them around the state in Kansas Fish and Game.

A veteran of 14½ years with the commission, Arthur C. (for Clarence) Jones works out of his own home town, Downs.

When he joined the game protector force June 1, 1939, Jones had thirteen counties in his district. But that was during the war when manpower was limited. He now has Smith, Osborne, Rooks, Russell and Barton counties to look after. He assisted Warren Moore with the operation of the Cheyenne Bottoms blind shooting area in Barton county last fall.

Jones was an engine dispatcher on the Missouri Pacific railroad at Downs before becoming a game protector.

His hobbies are, naturally, hunting and fishing.



Clement Gillespie, 33, entered the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission's game protector service seven years ago, not long after he got out of military service. He had served from 1940 to 1945 in the medical service and was in Alaska thirty-two months as a supply sergeant.

He is game protector for the south half of Cowley county, Chautauqua and Elk counties. He lives in Arkansas City. His family includes his wife, Myrl, and two daughters, Cheryl Ann 7, and Sheila Kay, 5.

His hobby, aside from fishing and hunting, is raising Weimaraner dogs. He was one of the first in Kansas to take over the breed after it was brought from Germany where it had been the exclusive property of the aristocracy.

There is something basic and elemental, and even primitive, in man's response to fishing—something that comes nearer taking him entirely out of the world of tension in which he lives and bringing him into communion with the soothing forces of nature. This



Joe Concannon

JOE CONCANNON has earned his unofficial title of "dean of the game protectors" by his long service in that branch of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game commission. His career extends from July 30, 1906, when D. W. Travis, then state fish and game warden, appointed him a deputy fish and game warden. The official notice of his first appointment is carefully preserved by Joe, along with others through the years signed by L. L. Dyche, Bert Doze, Alva Clapp, Guy Josserand and Dave Leahy, directors, and Henry Allen and Ben Paulen, governors.

Joe was born in Leavenworth county. One of the most notable trends in his long law enforcement career is the change in the wildlife conservation attitude of the public. As Kansans have watched wildlife disappearing, they have become more co-operative with conservation aims and less defiant of the law, Joe believes. Joe is a roving game protector working with other members of the group as he is needed.

He and his wife live near Lansing. They have five



**Ralph Junger** 

sons, a daughter and fourteen grandchildren. The sons are Paul of Tampa, Fla., with the U. S. immigration department; James and Joseph, Jr., lieutenants at the U. S. penitentiary, Leavenworth; Lloyd, farm boss No. 2 at Lansing state prison; and Dave, who farms near Leavenworth. His daughter, Mrs. Homer Cory, lives near her parents.

RALPH JUNGER, 29, has been with the Forestry, Fish and Game commission since September, 1950. He works in Finney and Haskell counties, in which, he claims, "there is the best hunting in the state," and takes care of the buffalo herd at the Finney County Game Preserve.

Junger's home town is Wichita. He was in the navy three years and was a gunner on a tanker in the Pacific twenty-one months. He was a mechanic before becoming a game protector. He and his wife, Joyce, and their two daughters, Susan Jane, 5, and Mary Margaret, 2, live in Garden City. For a hobby, Junger raises Weimaraner dogs.

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Leon Hopkins

LEON HOPKINS, 30, became a game protector of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission in January, 1947, a month after his release from the air force. As a gunner and bombardier, he flew sixty-one combat missions in Italy and Japan. He was overseas nineteen months of his four-year hitch in the service.

Hopkins lives in Lincoln and works in Ottawa and Lincoln counties. His home town is Bridgeport, but he attended high school in Assaria.

His family includes his wife, Darlene, and two children, Larry, 8, and Melissa Sue, 3.

When he is off duty, he likes to go hunting or fishing.

The common toad eats about 10,000 garden pests a year. Its work is worth about twenty dollars.



**Pressley** Piner

PRESSLEY PINER, 32, is another veteran of World War II in the fish and game commission's game protector service. As a first lieutenant in the field artillery, he served in the army five years, twenty-two months in Europe. He volunteered at the age of 18.

From his home base in Ulysses, Piner covers Grant, Kearny, Hamilton, Stanton, Morton and Stephens counties. He started working as a game protector in July, 1952.

Piner's home town is Arlington. After his military service, he completed work for a B. S. degree at Sterling college and earned a master's degree in zoology at Kansas State college. He taught school at Potwin three years.

His wife, Dorothea, shares several hobbies with him. Right now he is interested in photography and copper craft.

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John Shay

John Shay of Kingman began working with the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission as a game protector fifteen years ago. The service records of Shay and Eddie Gebhard of Meade date back to the same day, May 15, 1939.

Shay is a former sheriff of Kingman county. He was also in the bakery business before becoming a game protector.

Shay's district includes the counties of Kingman, Pratt, Stafford, Kiowa and Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Shay live in Kingman. Their four children are Mrs. Donald McLain of Des Moines, Mrs. Robert Miller of Pratt, John Shay, Jr., with the Santa Fe railroad in Waynoka, Okla., and Gene Shay, who has a cleaning shop at Kingman.

Shay's favorite pasttime is fishing.

Carl Suenram

Game Protector Carl Suenram, 53, is following the vocation closest to his heart. He says he was "raised with a gun in one hand and a fishing rod in the other" and he has always liked the outdoors.

He took his present.job of game protector in Reno, Rice, McPherson, Harvey and Marion counties in June, 1939, with headquarters in Moundridge. A native of Oklahoma, he has lived in Moundridge since he was seven years old. He was a farmer before joining the department.

His son, Wayne, is city engineer of Moundridge. A daughter, Mrs. Robert Durst, and two grandchildren, also live there.

Judging from the kind of nerves they have, it seems certain that fishes do not suffer pain to the extent that humans do.



#### Fred Anderson

Fred Anderson made the transfer from commercial fishing to the game protector department of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission 26 years ago. He was first a local game warden, then became a district game warden September 1, 1930.

He lives in Doniphan (population 125) and works in Doniphan county. He also conducts all seining operations for the fish and game commission. Drawing on his commercial fishing experience, he directs the commission's activities in ridding ponds and lakes of such rough fish as carp and buffalo. He also aids in recovering bodies of any victims of accidental drowning in the state lakes, a job he doesn't like, but feels "somebody has to do."

Anderson has lived in Doniphan all his life, with the exception of 2½ years. Atchison is the mailing address for the small community.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of five children, Joe, who lives two miles north of Doniphan; Mrs. Charles Young of California; Frederick of California; Mrs. Bus Peterson of West of Horton; and Anna Marie Anderson of California. They have six grandchildren. One son was killed in France in World War II.



Henry (Hank) Byrne

A life-long interest in guns, hunting and fishing has stood Henry (Hank) Byrne in good stead in his job as game protector of Cloud, Republic, Jewell and Mitchell counties. He took over the job June 15, 1937, after serving 8½ years as sheriff of Cloud county.

Byrne, 49, was born at Clyde, also in Cloud county. His wife, Charlotte, is a native of near-by Jewell county.

Byrne is handy with a gun and loves to try his luck at hunting and fishing. During his term as sheriff, he won a second place in pistol shooting at a Kansas Peace Officers meeting. Now he goes in mostly for trap shooting.

He is a charter member of Ducks Unlimited in Kansas. A few years ago he was awarded a chapter founder button of the Isaak Walton League.

During the 16 plus years he has been a game protector, Byrne has watched the attitude of the public change from one of resentment of hunting and fishing laws to one of co-operation. He believes more and more people are realizing the importance of conservation to the fish and game of the state.

In order to make a tablespoonful of honey, a bee must visit about 2.000 flowers.



#### George Whitaker

George Whitaker, 35, began work with the fish and game commission in the fisheries division in November 1945, soon after being discharged from military service. As a sergeant with the 1st Armored and 45th Divisions, he spent three years overseas in England, France, Africa, Italy and Germany.

Whitaker was promoted to state game protector on February 1, 1948, and assigned to the district comprising the counties of Cheyenne, Rawlins and Thomas. He makes his home at Atwood.

His family includes his wife, Lee Vena, and one son, Michael, 7. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker were born in Pratt county.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing.



#### Jim Bryan

Jim Bryan, 34, is another veteran of World War II in the fish and game commission's game protector service. Volunteering for service in the U. S. Marine Corps in August of 1943, he served nearly three years in that branch of the service, before being discharged in February, 1946.

Immediately following his discharge, he was appointed under-sheriff of Harper county before joining the state game protector force on September 1, 1946. He makes his home in Independence and his district comprises the counties of Montgomery and Labette.

Bryan was born at Iola, but attended grade and high school at La Harpe. His father is a Missouri Pacific railroad agent, so the family have moved around considerably. They call Anthony "home."

His family includes his wife, Betty, and three children—Betsy, 12; Jimmy, 7; and "Chuckie", 2.

Bryan's hobbies are all sports and he takes particular interest in his hunting dogs, an English setter and a Weimaraner.

A rainbow trout that migrates from fresh to salt water, changes in coloration and becomes a steelhead when it returns to fresh water.

A bullhead tastes with his tail and his skin; he can't



#### A. W Benander

These two game protectors, A. W. Benander, left, and Eddie Gebhard, have served with the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game commission for the past 16 years.

Benander works in Shawnee, Wabaunsee and Jackson counties and lives in Topeka. He is in a field that he enjoys thoroughly since his main hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is a veteran of World War I.

His family includes his wife, Alberta; two sons, Duane and Dean; and one grandson, Kent Duane.



#### Edwin Gebhard

Edwin Emil "Eddie" Gebhard is assigned to Ford, Gray, Seward and Meade counties. Although a native of Wisconsin, he lived in Liberal many years and was in the automotive business there before becoming a game protector. He was on leave from the fish and game department for three years during World War II to serve in the military police corps. Gebhard and his wife, Helen, live at Meade.

Like another well-known Kansan, the one in the White House, Eddie lists his favorite hobby as cooking.



James Crawford (Jimmy) Carlson, Sr., has been a game protector for the fish and game commission for twenty years. He is stationed at Salina and works in the counties of Ellsworth, Saline and Rice.

Carlson, a native of Saline county, had sporting goods and book stores in Salina and Abilene before becoming a game protector. He was a gunner on the warship, U. S. S. Minnesota, in World War I.

Carlson and his wife, Angeline, have three children, Jimmy, Jr., II, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Cy Curnow of Sumter, S. C., and Mary Helen at home. There are also three grandsons, Dan and James Crawford, III, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy, Jr., and Nicholas (born on Christmas day), son of Mr. and Mrs. Curnow.

Carlson's main hobby is fishing, with reading a close second.



Charles H. Toland, a veteran of World War I, has been with the fish and game commission as a game protector since 1939. He formerly served with the state highway patrol for seven years.

Toland was a member of the 90th division and saw overseas service in the first World War.

His game district covers Sedgwick and Butler counties and the northern part of Cowley county. Toland and his wife, Edith Irene, live in Wichita. Toland finds time for his favorite hobbies, hunting and fishing.

Meadow larks, formerly hunted as game birds, are not larks at all, but actually belong to the blackbird family.



Paul R. LeGer, with the fish and game commission the past 11 years, works in Leavenworth, Jefferson and Douglas counties.

He formerly was a marketing specialist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He has served two terms as mayor of Perry where he and his family still live.

His family includes his wife, Colleen, a son Bob, and two daughters, Sandra and Mrs. Russell Palmer.

His hobby is guns and Indian relics. He has a private collection of 20,000 Indian relics and about 100 guns.

Art Kyser, game protector in Crawford, Bourbon and Allen counties, is a veteran of 17 years at his job. Last spring he was named one of four game warden supervisors for the state.

Before becoming a game protector, he was in farming and the undertaking business. He was born in Pittsburg in 1901 and can remember southeast Kansas before strip mining was started.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyser live in Savonburg. They have three children, Cecil Kyser of St. Paul, Mrs. Sidney Wooldridge of Miami, Okla., and Junior Kyser of Elsmore. He prefers hunting as a hobby.



Elwyn Lambert (Pat) Bryan

Elwyn Lambert (Pat) Bryan, a seven-year man with the Forestry, Fish and Game commission, was transferred in June, 1955, to Wyandotte and Johnson counties. He previously had been working in Trego, Ellis, Gove and Graham counties.

Bryan, a native of Batesville, attended Hutchinson junior college and the University of Kansas City. During his 7<sup>½</sup>-year hitch in the marine corps, he was a pilot in the South Pacific and in administrative and organizational work.

His family includes his wife, Arlene, and three daughters, Patti, 11, Cindy, 9, and Debbie, 3. They live at Sunflower. In spite of the feminine slant to his family, Bryan is active in Boy Scout work. While stationed in western Kansas he was district camping and activities chairman for the Boy Scouts.



**Eugene Herd** 

Eugene Herd, with the Fish and Game commission since July 1, 1948, was transferred last spring (1955) to Hodgeman, Ford and Clark counties from eastern Kansas. He previously covered Cherokee county and lived in Baxter Springs. Before that he lived in Scott City and worked in Greeley, Wichita, Lane, Logan, Wallace and Scott counties.

His home town is Coldwater. In World War II he was a radar man with the navy in the Pacific.

His wife, Marion, also is from Coldwater. They have three children, Roger, 9, Merletha, 7, and Ironda, 5. The family lives in Dodge City. Herd's hobbies are hunting and fishing and he is interested in church work.

#### How T' Catcha Frog

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John J. Spence

John J. Spence is another World War II veteran on the roll of game protectors of the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission. He was with the field artillery in the European theater 4½ years.

He is the game protector for Atchison, Brown, Nemaha, and Doniphan counties and lives at Horton. John entered the game protector service eight years ago.

Spence and his wife Martha have three children, David, Laura, and Barbara.

His hobby is cars.

#### Handiest Thing in Aluminum

Yeah, I know I'm covering a lot of territory, but the



Roy R. McKinsey

Roy R. McKinsey covers a game district composed of Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee and Jackson counties.

He began working for the Fish and Game Commission in September, 1946, after his release from the army. He entered World War II in 1940 as a first lieutenant, and was discharged with a rank of lieutenant colonel. He received eight service and combat decorations, including Military Merit medal, Philippine Island government award for meritorious service in Manila, and a United States individual commendation medal for training of combat troops.

McKinsey and his wife Helen live in Holton. He is a printer by trade. His hobbies are game bird breeding, breeding and training of hunting dogs, game management study and youth education in conservation.

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Jack McNally, 36, has completed ten years as a game protector in Greenwood and Woodson counties. He also has served temporarily in Wilson county.

A native of Iola, he was a fire controlman in the navy forty-four months in World War II. His ship sailed Caribbean, North Atlantic and Panama waters.

He and his family, his wife, Isabel, son John, 9, and daughter Cynthia Sue, 6, live in Eureka.

His special hobbies are coin collecting and bird egg collecting.



John J. Sharp, game protector in Lyon, Chase and Marion counties, has an outstanding military record.

He served six years with the 6th Armored Infantry Division, European theater, as a combat scout. He received the Purple Heart with two oak-leaf clusters, a presidential citation with one oak-leaf cluster, the Belgian Fourragere and a Certificate of Merit for honorable service above and beyond the call of duty.

He grew up on a ranch in the Flint Hills in Chase county. He and his wife, Elsie, live in Cottonwood Falls. They enjoy fishing and hunting. Sharp's hobby is collecting firearms, especially antiques.



Floyd (Jim) Andrew, 55, can relate many experiences of his 16-year career as a game protector. Many exciting cases and unusual violations have occured during "Big Jim" Andrew's office tenure. "I especially like the investigation and interrogation part of my job," he says.

Jim's district contains Sumner, Harper and Barber counties. He was born at Corwin, not far from Anthony where he and Mrs. Andrew now live.

"Big Jim" was Kansas state trapshooting champion in 1941 and in that same year placed high in the national trapshooting championship meet in Vandalia Ohio.

Hunting and fishing rate just as high as hobbies in his book, however.

Bill King, 40, a veteran of World War II, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in 1955. Bill was born in Hays and has lived in that vicinity all his life except for his service with the U. S. Navy. While assigned to the armed guard and amphibious forces he participated in the Philippine liberation and the invasion of Okinawa.

Previous to his employment as state game protector he served as undersheriff of Ellis county. He has been assigned to the district comprising the counties of Ellis and Trego.

His family includes his wife, Thelma, and two daughters, Kay Louise and Billie Ann.

His hobbies are bird dogs and firearms.



Clyde Ukele, 32, is another World War II veteran on the staff of game protectors for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission. He entered V12 training as a Naval Air Cadet in 1943, later receiving a medical discharge. He then entered the Army Air Corp and served with the 8th Airforce as turret gunner, completing 30 missions over Germany.

Clyde was born in Ogallah and attended the Wa-Keeney schools. Being an expert with woodworking tools, he was employed as carpenter for several years.

He is the game protector for Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties and lives at Norton.

Clyde and his wife Myrtle have four children, two boys and two girls.

His hobbies are woodworking, hunting and fishing.



Alvin Michel, 38, a veteran of World War II, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in 1955. "Shorty" as he is commonly called by his many friends, was born in Lakin and has lived in that vicinity all of his life. His four years of military service with the U. S. Army include two years overseas duty in Europe.

Previous to his employment as a state game protector he served as sheriff of Kearny county and as police chief at Lakin. He is now assigned to the game protector district comprising the counties of Hamilton, Kearny, Stanton, Grant, Morton and Stevens, with headquarters at Lakin.

His family includes his wife, Dorothy, and son, Jim. "Shorty" is a pilot and thus his hobby is flying. He is also fond of hunting and fishing.

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## Know Your Friend—The Game Protector



Wallace Ferrell, 38, became a game protector for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission in April, 1947, and has now completed ten years of service with the exception of a year when he was on leave for navy service. Previously he served four years with the navy during World War II. During both hitches of military service, he was an aviation boatswain's mate on aircraft carriers. After his release from military service he worked for a time for Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica, California, and for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Wally lives in Marysville and works in Marshall, Washington, Clay and Riley counties.

His family includes his wife, Lois, and young son, Stephen Robert.

His main hobby, after hunting and fishing, is carpentry.

George Shaw, 43, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in 1955. He was born in Parkerville, Kansas, and attended the Parkerville schools. As a young man, he farmed for twenty years in Wabaunsee and Chase counties.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector he served two terms as sheriff of Chase County and was employed one year with the Emporia police department. He is now assigned to the game protector district comprising the counties of Linn, Anderson and Coffee, with headquarters at Garnett.

George and his wife, Bernice, have two daughters, Janice and Sandra Kay, and one son, Donald.

His main hobby, like many outdoor men, is hunting and fishing.

Bass feed almost constantly, but early morning and



Ernest Craig, 46, a veteran of World War II, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in 1955. He was born in Garnett, however, moved to Erie at any early age. Ernie attended the Erie schools and has lived in that vicinity all of his life. His two years of military service with the U. S. Army include overseas duty in Europe.

Previous to his employment as a state game protector, he served as sheriff of Neosho County for four years and undersheriff for three years. He is now assigned the game protector district comprising Neosho and Allen Counties, with headquarters at Erie.

His family includes his wife, Anita, daughter, Mrs. Louise Stroup, and son, John.

Craig's hobbies have always been hunting and fishing.



Kenneth Knitig, 34, is another World War II veteran on the staff of game protectors for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission. His military service with the U. S. Army, 31st Dixie Division, includes duty in the South Pacific, the Philippine's and at Guam.

Kenny was born at Felden, Kansas, and attended the Decatur County schools. He became employed as a state game protector in 1946 and will soon complete twelve years of service with this department.

He is the game protector for Sherman, Wallace, Logan and Greeley Counties and lives at Goodland.

Kenny and his wife Marylee have four children, three boys and one girl.

His hobbies are guns and ammunition.

Although it sometimes eats fruit, the bulk of the diet



Marvin Meier, 29, became a Game Protector for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission in September, 1957. He was born in Lincoln, Kansas, and attended the Vesper schools.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector he served as a railroad fireman and was also in the dairy business and automobile tire sales and service.

Marv lives in Garden City and works Finney, Gray and Haskell counties.

His family includes his wife Margaret Ann and two children, Mary Kay, 4, and Mike, 6 months.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing, however, he is especially fond of baseball.



Kenneth Campbell, 39, a veteran of World War II, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in 1956. Ken was born in Richmond and is a graduate of the Richmond school system. As a member of the Armed Service for 40 months assigned to the Army Infantry, he spent much of this time as a staff sergeant in the Pacific theater.

Ken is now assigned to the game protector district comprising the counties of Franklin and Osage, with headquarters at Ottawa. He and his wife Lovina have two children, Allen, 10, and Rita Jean, age 7.

His main hobby, like many outdoor men, is hunting and fishing.



Glen Hurst, 27, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in September, 1956. He was selected for his present position from the Commission's field staff at Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Refuge where he previously worked on a maintenance and development crew.

He was born in Stafford, however, he attended and is a graduate of the Sylvia school system.

Glen lives in Larned and works Pawnee, Rush, Ness, Hodgeman and Edwards counties.

His family includes his wife Helen and two children, Debra, 15 months and Cathy, six weeks.

How does Glen spend his spare time—hunting and fishing.



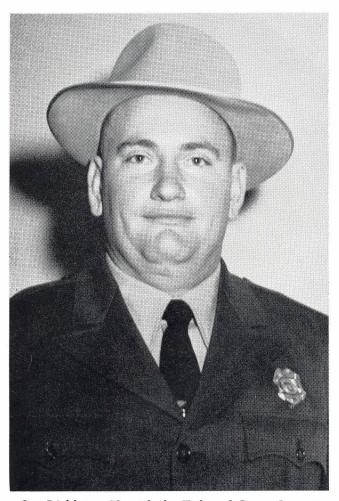
Tom Crispino, 30, became a Game Protector for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission in November, 1957. He was born in Roseland, Kansas, and is a graduate of the Mineral, Kansas, schools.

Previous to his appointment as a State Game Protector he was employed as a welder and press operator.

Tom is assigned to the game protector district comprising the counties of Cherokee and Labette, with headquarters in Parsons. He and his wife, Edith, have one daughter, Cathy Ann, age 1.

His main hobbies, like many outdoor men, are hunting and fishing.

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Jim Lichlyter, 28, with the Fish and Game Commission since July 1, 1957, works in Sheridan, Graham and Rooks counties. A native of Augusta, he attended and is a graduate of the Augusta schools.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector, he served as a patrolman with the Augusta Police Department.

His family includes his wife, Leona, and four children. They live in Hill City.

Jim has a special interest in model railroads and of course, he enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time.



Willard Jones, 41, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in January, 1954. He was born in Saffordville, Kansas, and is a graduate of the Saffordville schools. He also attended the American School of Business in Wichita.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector he operated a farm in Chase County.

Willard is now assigned the game protector district comprising the counties of Dickinson, Geary and Morris. He and his wife, Leitha, and daughter, Ginger Kay, 14, make their home in Herington.

When he is off duty, he likes to go hunting or fishing.



Michael Shanley, 34, a veteran of World War II, entered the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in July, 1958. Mike was born in Pratt and is a graduate of the Pratt school system. During a 42-month hitch with the Navy, he served in the Pacific and carried the rate of motor machinist mate 2nd class.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector, he served as a member of the Pratt Police Department for seven years. He now lives in Dodge City and works Ford, Clark, Comanche and Kiowa counties.

His family includes his wife Vanda and two sons, Steve and Jerry.

Mike has many hobbies and it is difficult for him to choose a favorite.

The bald eagle does not get white plumage on his head until he is nearly three years old.



Claude Blair, 34, became a Game Protector of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission in October, 1957. He was born in Campus, Kansas, and is a graduate of the Page City schools.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector he was foreman for a trucking line and also served with the Oakley Police Department for seven years. Claude is now assigned to the game protector district comprising the counties of Scott, Wichita, Lane and Gove, with headquarters at Scott City.

Claude and his wife, Pauline, have two daughters, Charlene Kay and Marlene Marie, and one son, Robert.

His main hobby, after hunting and fishing, is collecting guns.

When they're a little more than two months old, young golden eagles fly straight off from the nest and join their parents in flight.

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Robert Nease, 34, became a Game Protector for the Fish and Game Commission in October, 1958. He was born in Kansas City, Kan., and is a graduate of the Pratt school system.

Previous to his employment as a State Game Protector he served as a production clerk for the Lion Oil Company and has also had mortuary experience.

Bob lives in Hugoton and works Stevens, Morton and Grant counties. His family includes his wife Gladys and three children, Irene, Linda and Dawn.

His hobbies are photography, hunting and fishing.



Elmer "Bud" Crumrine, 34, a veteran of World War II, entered the Fish and Game Commission's Game Protector Service in November, 1957. "Bud" was born in Humboldt and is a graduate of the Yates Center Schools. As a member of the armed services for 20 months, he served on a naval destroyer in the Pacific theater.

He is now assigned to the game protector district comprising the counties of Butler and Marion, with headquarters at El Dorado. "Bud" and his wife Thelma have two daughters, Lynn, 10, and Gaye, 7.

His main hobby, along with hunting and fishing is coin collecting.