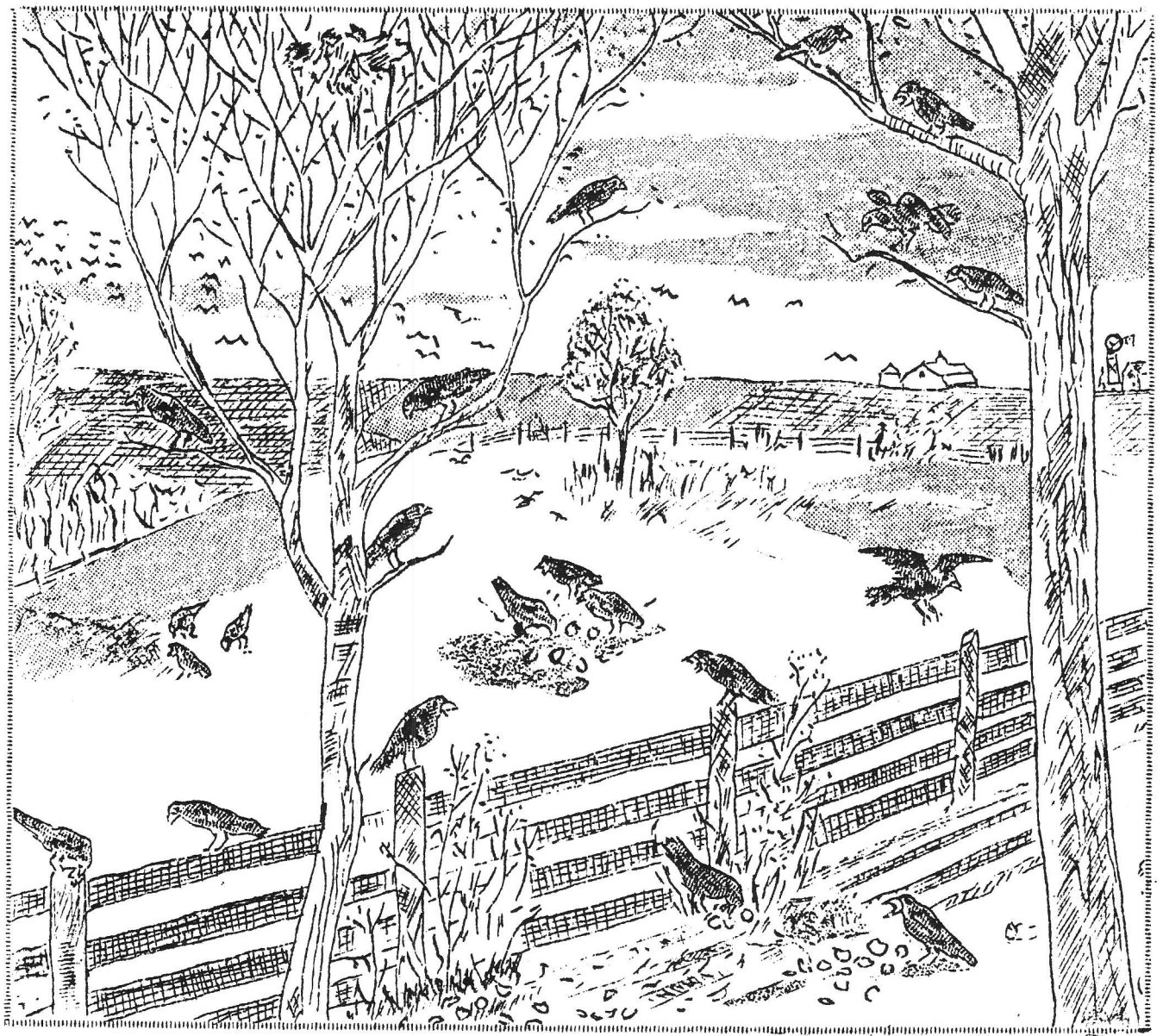


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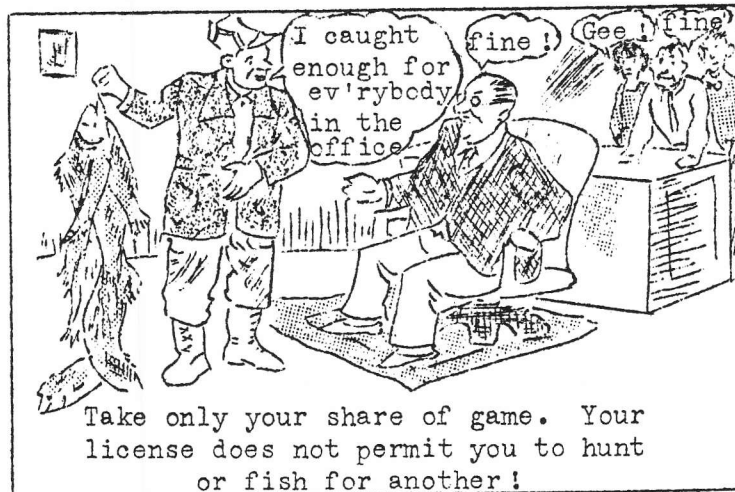
One of the discouraging problems that the department has to contend with in its program of restocking depleted areas with game birds, is the lack of understanding of those who make applications for birds for restocking. The deputy wardens upon investigation of the applicant's farm are often confronted with the statement that in years gone by the farm of the applicant was well stocked with quail, and other game birds, not taking into consideration and comparing conditions that existed on his farm when he had an abundance of birds, and the conditions that exist at the present time when he has none. He does not give a thought to the fact that he has changed his farm, that at one time had every inducement for our upland game birds to become co-tenants with him, plenty of cover for nesting and for the producing of natural feed for them, shelter for the wintry blasts from the north, and has made of his once ideal home of our quail and prairie chicken a barren wind swept desert as far as birds are concerned. Often it is found that there is no water close at hand, even should other conditions be favorable, which often is the cause of birds leaving for more favorable environment.

Seven fish traps were taken by Warden W. F. Piggott from Spring River and Shawnee recently. The traps were confiscated and destroyed.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made at the Tonganoxie State Park for the coming season for drinking water. The past season the wells became polluted, and consequently were closed to the public.

Dan Ramey, superintendent of the quail farms, has been busy mating up 450 pair of Bob White quail as well as 50 pair of Chukar Partridges. Dan will also rear some Ring Neck pheasants during the coming season. At the present time, April 28, he has one small incubator going with a mixture of quail, Chukar Partridge, and pheasant eggs. All indications point to a good season for Dan.

There is no closed season on channel catfish this year. The closed season on bass and crappie only extends from April 15 to May 15.



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The Fish and Game Department has just finished the distribution of last years hatch of 1,200,000 fish consisting chiefly of channel cat, large mouth bass, and crappie. These were distributed in various parts of the state, in State Lakes and public streams to which the public have access, provided they are equipped with a fishing license.

The morning of May 30, seven o'clock A. M., has been the time set as the official opening of the Woodson County State Lake for all of those who have fishing licenses. This lake has been well stocked with channel cat, bass, and crappie, by the Fish and Game Department.

Commissioner Roy Wall in making an investigation of this lake reports catching 12 bass in twenty minutes, averaging one and one half pounds each. These bass were all returned to the water. This report of Commissioner Wall, as well as others that have been received by the department, means that this lake will be a Mecca for hundreds of fishermen during the coming summer.

Mr. Wall, also, reports that Copperhead snakes seem to be quite plentiful around this lake. The department asks every one to exercise extreme caution when visiting Woodson County State Lake. Signs to this effect will be placed around the park.

The need of true conservation is now apparent to everyone but governmental agencies cannot be expected to restore overnight what we ourselves have destroyed through the years. The waste of nature's gift has been carried on without thought of the destruction which it would bring about nor has thought been given to the things we are now deprived of by that destruction.

Warden L. C. Webb is having some live beaver trapped in Cloud County on the Republican river. These beaver will be placed in various parts of the state, where applications have been made for them, and conditions have been found suitable. The writer and Warden Hank Byrne, of District Seven, released two pair of these animals in Grouse Creek in Cowley County, also, two pair on a creek at the Ninnescah State Park. More will be released in the near future. These beaver were trapped by Charles (Pat) Green an experienced beaver trapper. Basket traps were used in their capture. Mr. Green estimates that there are at least 100 beaver in a radius of one mile in this particular section on the Republican river in Cloud County.

The Sturgeon is almost extinct in the Great Lakes; at one time commercial fishermen heaped up tons of Sturgeon to rot on the beach because they regarded them as a nuisance.

An outstanding achievement that will be a great deal of interest to everyone in south central Kansas is the completion of the Pratt County Lake. This lake will cover an area of 100 acres, a total of 130 acres was acquired for this project by the County Commissioners, a bond election voted \$15,000 in bonds to supply material and equipment, supplemented by \$50,000 Federal aid for labor. Seventeen months were required to complete the job, working on an average of 35 men, 15 days per month. There are very few counties in Kansas that do not have one or more suitable conditions and locations where the above could not be done. County Commissioners and sportsmen's organizations from other counties should visit the Pratt County Lake.

This lake is a great gathering place for thousands of water fowl. Ducks of all kinds, geese, many species of snipe, and one lonely avocet have been observed. This latter bird is becoming very rare in this locality although at one time seen by the thousands.

Of the 250 Chukar Partridges reared at the hatcheries and released in test lots of five pair in each test, each district received at least 20 birds. The Fish & Game Department anticipates a great deal from these game birds, and these tests are being made to see if they are adapted to our State.

The rabbit round ups, so common during the winter months, display an unnatural trait of many of our people, in as much as it seems to develop a blood thirsty lust to kill. With many it is not so much that the jack rabbit may be a pest and a destroyer of crops, but it is kill! kill! kill!

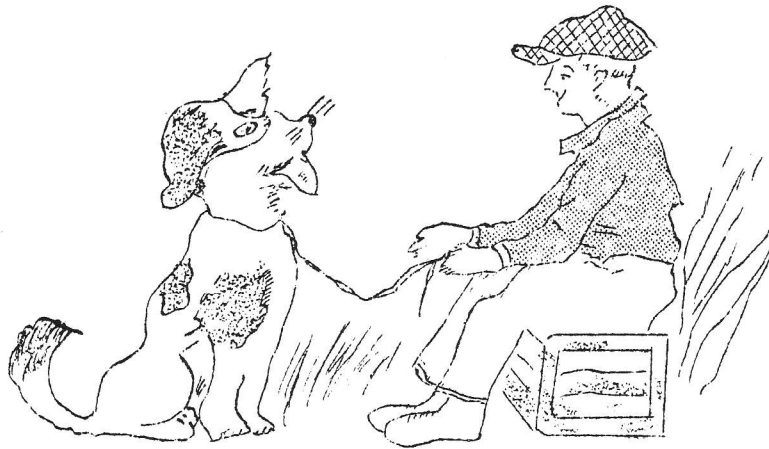
It seems that these rabbit round ups are not only developing a lust to kill but are an economic waste since the jack rabbit has not only food value, but his pelt has become of value. There is a market for every jack rabbit in the State of Kansas in the congested industrial sections of the east. There certainly can be some plan worked out so that these rabbits can be placed upon a market that wants them, at a profit, and not club them to death, like savages, and let them rot. In addition, a great deal of sport can be had by hunting them.

Deputy Warden Allen, of the Fourth District, reports "in the past winter the rabbit shortage was very noticeable but I am very glad to report that throughout my district there are an enormous number of young rabbits, and if the next breeding season proves to be as successful it will go far toward replenishing the cottontail. Not for a good many years have I noticed as many young rabbits, about half grown size, as I have this year!"

J. C. Bichelmeier, of Kansas City, Kansas, is not only an enthusiastic sportsman and conservationist but is, also, a breeder of Bob White quail, Chukar Partridge, and pheasants.

It is estimated that 75% of the fishing licenses sold in the state are purchased by those who do not use casting or fly rods, and that the bamboo pole is still the prevailing method used by the large majority.

The Forestry, Fish and Game Department has made arrangements for the immediate planting of 20,000 trees at the Sheridan County State Park. Chinese elm, hackberry, cottonwood, as well as many cedars and pine and other varieties adapted to that part of the state will be used. Cedars and pines seem to do well after getting them started. This park and lake will be one of the really fine lakes in Kansas. This lake covers 124 acres.



"THE RIGHT SORT"

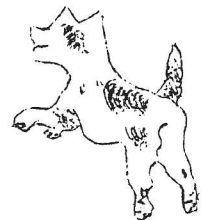
By Berton Braley



The kind of a dog that I like the best
Is the kind of a dog I've got.
Though the kind of a dog he is--I'm blest
If I can say just what.
A bit of a bull and terrier too
Collie and setter, hound,
And a trace of mastiff and kangaroo;
--But he's good to have around.



He gives his paw with a graceful art
To anyone, I opine,
For he's polite; but he gives his heart
Only to me and mine.
Doctor or ashman, burglar, waif
Outdoors he greets them fair,
But I know at night the folks are safe
So long as my dog is there!



On the hunting trail, or a ten-mile tramp
He's never too fagged to roam,
He's a loyal friend, and a roistering scamp,
And a pal for us all at home.
He's eighty pounds of mixed-up breed
But a thoroughbred for sure
Because of his faith to his canine creed
Of love, unmixed and pure!



Ohio Conservation Bulletin.

The comparatively open winter, and reports from the deputy wardens as well as from the sportsmen throughout the state leads us to believe that the loss of our game birds has been very light. With some extra efforts in protection by destroying homeless cats, crows, and bull snakes, the results will be noticeable next fall when the hunting season opens.

Man is a most peculiar animal and has many peculiarities, that even they themselves cannot understand. They will for instance rear, feed, protect and pet birds and animals, then kill and eat them. Man is the only living creature that has this trait.

George Kubach of Bennington, purchased 75 Chinese Elm trees and gave them to the Ottawa County State Park to replace the trees killed by the drought. Mr. Kubach purchased and set out the grove of trees surrounding the concession buildings several years ago, and in examining the trees this spring found that 75 had died. He left his place of business in Bennington and spent a whole day helping replace these trees. The sportsmen and those interested in the park greatly appreciate the effort, time and money that Mr. Kubach has donated in making this park beautiful. They realize that he is one of the few remaining sportsmen who is trying to preserve our wild-life and trees.

The last of the 11,000 Bob White quail reared at the Pittsburg and Calista hatcheries have been placed on many farms over the state.

The pollution of our Kansas streams is fast becoming a major problem and one that the Fish & Game Department can no longer ignore. It can readily be seen by everyone in the increasing development of our oil fields in every part of the state, the increasing population in our industrial centers, the using of our streams by cities and industries for sewage disposal, it is obvious that to continue to ignore the practices of some of our oil companies and other industries, our streams will soon be sewers and devoid of fish and uninhabitable for aquatic life. Aside from the fact that the practices as described above, they will eventually become detrimental to the health of the community. We would not go as far as to say that in many cases of pollution that they were of a malicious origin but rather are of a "don't-give-a-dam" attitude, and quite often, are of criminal negligence.

Robert Bowman of the Arkansas City Chapter of the Izaak Walton League reports rather a discouraging case of oil pollution, in which their bass rearing pond, on which they had spent a great deal of time and work, was completely destroyed. From the report received it would seem that this could have been prevented by this oil operator, as the "don't-give-a-dam" attitude of his employees would indicate.

An adequate warden force composed of high class men is a perfect link between the Fish and Game Department and the public. Its purpose is educational rather than punitive. If the warden force operates as it should well considered wildlife management programs can become effective without

wholesale arrests, simply because the public has learned to respect and cooperate with the men in the field. On the other hand, brilliant game management policies will fail, with consequent money and wildlife lost, if the wardens do not measure up to the proper standard.

The following arrests and convictions were made during the month of April, fines include costs.

Leonard N. Edwards, of Osage County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Merle M. Allen, fined \$18.50, serving jail sentence.

Newton Jackson, of Labette County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden W. F. Piggott, fined \$22.50, serving jail sentence.

Bernard Spradling, of Labette County, arrested for unlawful seining by Warden W. F. Piggott, fined \$22.50, serving jail sentence.

M. D. Roles, of Labette County, arrested for unlawful seining by Warden W. F. Piggott, fined \$22.50, serving jail sentence.

J. F. Smith, of Kansas City, Mo., arrested for fishing without a non-resident license by local warden N. D. Rash, fine \$20.00, which was paid.

V. Tabor, of Butler County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Chet Yowell and local warden Ayres, fined \$17.75, which was paid.

D. Comfort, of Butler County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Chet Yowell and local warden Ayres, fined \$17.75, which was paid.

Don Elliot, of Butler County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Yowell and local warden Ayres, fined \$13.65, which was paid.

Lawney Giddings, of Mitchell County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Hank Byrne, fined \$17.60, serving jail sentence.

Ralph Rhodes, of Osborne County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Hank Byrne, fined \$17.50, which was paid.

R. A. Booker, of Wabaunsee County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Merle M. Allen, fined \$17.50, which was paid.

Virgil Dykes, of Labette County, arrested for illegal fishing by Warden W. F. Piggott, fined \$16.85, serving jail sentence.

Joe Clark, of Kansas City, Mo., arrested for fishing without a non-resident license by Warden Carl Teichgraeber, fined \$20.00, which was paid.

Sam Johnson, of Johnson County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Carl Teichgraeber, fined \$20.00, which was paid.

Dean L. Petrie, of Shawnee County, arrested for fishing without a license by Warden Teichgraeber, fined \$18.80, which was paid.

Joseph M. Grover and Ben Warman both of Kansas City, Kansas, were arrested in Johnson County for fishing without license, by local warden O. A. Gordon. They were tried before Justice of the Peace, J. C. Keepers, of Clathe. Each were fined \$20.00, which was paid.

Lyle Collier, of Johnson County, arrested for fishing without a license by local warden O. A. Gordon, fined \$20.00, serving jail sentence.

Ivan Gephardt, of Clay County, arrested by Warden Hank Byrne, for selling catfish caught in Kansas waters, trial pending.

L. E. Slonecker, of Clay County, arrested by Warden Hank Byrne, for buying catfish caught in Kansas waters, fined \$42.50, which was paid.

The same principles that have put the automobiles, the radio, and many other of the fine things of life within the means of every American will put wildlife and its benefits within the reach of every man, woman, and child in the United States.

You ought to have an economic interest in the preservation and restoration of a great natural resource. No matter what your business, no matter what your position, you derive a large portion of your income from the wildlife dollar.