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## Where to Go

In order that the readers of KANSAS FISH AND GAME might have a better idea of the fishing possibilities of Kansas, we asked our district game protectors and park superintendents to give us a report on the general conditions of their districts and parks. Their informative letters appear in this issue of KANSAS FISH AND GAME.

*From District Game Protector Byrne:*

"DEAR DAVE—In answer to your letter of April 13. The fishing is just getting under way in my district. The streams have been up and the banks have been very muddy. I think that the best stream to present date has been the Little Blue river. While I have not heard of any large fish, nor of any really large strings, the fishermen have caught fish out of this stream from the state line to the mouth of the stream in Washington county. While there has been some fish taken from the Republican, the only place that has reported an large amount of fish so far this spring is near Morganville, in Clay county. There have been a number of six-to-ten-pound fish caught in this locality, both channel and flatheads. The best fishing along this river are at holes left by last year's floods. One just west of Scandia and another south of Morganville recently yielded several nice strings of channel cats. Some bass have been caught out of these ponds as well as a large number of bullheads and carp.

"Fishing has not been very good along the Solomon in my district. The fishermen have caught quite a few bullheads at the Tanquarry dam, and at the Beloit dam, but few channels. Most of the fishing there has been for bullheads in the creeks and this has been excellent. Marsh creek in Republic county, Buffalo and Salt creeks in Cloud county, Chapman creek in Clay county and Mill and Coon creeks in Washington county, have been very good.

"The pheasant population seems about the same as last year, but I believe we have a decided increase in quail. This is especially true in Cloud and Jewell counties. I believe that quail has increased all over my district, but the above two counties show the largest increase.

"The spring waterfowl flight was very similar to that of a year ago. There seemed to be a slight increase in the numbers of pintails and baldpates and perhaps a slight decrease of mallards.

"The fur season just past has been very disappointing. All of the fur-bearing animals, with the exception of coon, seemed to be more scarce than in former years. Coon held their own or were slightly more plentiful than in the past few years. Muskrats showed the greatest decline."

*From District Game Protector Hepperly:*

"DEAR DAVE—Several days ago you asked me to tell you something about the conditions of fish and wildlife in my district. Due to the fact that the rivers and lakes in this area are in perfect condition, it looks like this will be a record fishing year.

"The Neosho, Cottonwood and Marais des Cygnes rivers are producing more and larger fish this spring than at any time since I have been in this district. I do not know any good reason for this other than that streams are thoroughly cleaned out from last year's floods and fish are coming up from the big rivers. It has been a pleasure to check the fishermen with nice strings of channel cat, crappie and bass.

"Lyon County State Lake and Emporia's city-owned lake, Kahola, are the two pet fishing lakes in this area. Mose Neill and V. M. Shelley hold the record for catching the largest channel cats. Neill held the record for a long time with a seventeen and one-half pounder, but Shelley now tops the list with an eighteen pounder. Now, Dave, if anyone challenges this statement, send them to the Emporia Sport Shop for proof.

"The new city-owned lake of Council Grove is nearly completed. It will have a capacity of 595 acres. Our Department has released over one hundred thousand channel cat, crappie, bass and drum fish in this lake. This lake will not be open for another year, but it has all the earmarks of being one of the best in the state.

"From observation, and information gathered from farmers and sportsmen, the seed crop of quail is the best in years. Due to bad roads during the hunting season last fall, plenty of quail area was not touched. One can hear the familiar 'Bob White' in most any direction. If migratory birds come through this fall in proportion to the number this spring, hunters will get the thrill of their lives. It is rather amusing to hear fishermen tell about how they are going to their favorite fishing spots. Parties of five or six are going together in one car so as to save rubber. We will no doubt miss a lot of our young fishermen this season, but with so many big fish stories circulating

around, a lot of new anglers will take their places. Lyon County Wildlife President E. S. Dumm tells the story that he is a poor fisherman, but after having a conversation with his partner this morning, I learn that Ed really landed a whopper yesterday. In case you feel like getting some new 'curves' put in your fishing tackle, drop by, and visit me for a few days."

*From Thos. Grady, Superintendent Crawford County State Park:*

"DEAR DAVE—Fishing has been especially good at both the Crawford County State Park No. 1 near Pittsburg and the Crawford County State Park No. 2 near Farlington. Denny Harding of Frontenac, Kan., caught a fourteen-pound channel in one of the strip pits at the park. Crappie fishing also has been good. Clyde Kennedy, of Pittsburg, caught a two-pound, five-ounce crappie recently at Crawford County No. 1. Pete Elliott, of Farlington, has been catching a number of four- and five-pound channel cats at Crawford County No. 2. The boat dock at that lake has been opened. All boats are being put in condition for the opening of the bass season. Chatting has been started on the roads at the lake soon to be opened to the anglers and park visitors."

*From District Game Protector Minckley:*

"DEAR DAVE—The outlook for fishing and hunting in the months to follow in 1942 is exceptionally good in the counties of Douglas, Johnson, Miami, Franklin, Linn and Anderson. In Douglas county, Lone Star Lake, situated five miles southwest of Lone Star, is one of the leading fishing lakes in eastern Kansas. It is one of the few lakes of the state, stocked with bass. Wakarusa creek is the leading fishing stream. It flows east, coming in about the center of the county on the west line, and east and a little north to empty into the Kansas river at Eudora. It is a channel cat stream. Other good fishing streams in Douglas county are Rock creek, Deer creek and Washington creek.

"Quail are on the increase in this county, due largely to the coöperation of the farmers and the Douglas County Sportsmen's Club. Wherever we find an active organization of this kind, we find game on the increase. Under favorable conditions, waterfowl shooting is good along the Kansas river and at other spots in the county. Squirrel and rabbits may be found in all parts.

"Anyone contemplating a trip to Douglas county lake at Lone Star, should contact Mr. E. Price, superintendent of the Lone Star Lake, Route 6, Lawrence, Kan., or the Douglas County Sportsmen's Club, Lawrence, Kan.

"In Johnson county there are several streams which afford good fishing, for pan fish, bullheads and channel cats. In the northern part of the county are Cedar, Mill and Kill creeks. They all empty into the Kansas

to the north. The mouth of Kill creek is just east of De Soto. Cedar runs out of the lake west of Olathe and flows northwest to the Kansas about three miles east of De Soto. Mill creek runs from Olathe north to the river. In the southeast corner of this county is the headwater tributaries of the Blue river which flow east into Missouri. Due to plenty of rainfall the past three years, all the creeks have been running normal flow of water, thus permitting fish to move up from smaller streams.

"The Gardner lake situated two miles north of the city of Gardner is a desirable place to fish. All species of Kansas fish being found there. Channel cat up to fifteen pounds have been caught there this spring.

"Quail, rabbit and squirrel are to be found in all parts of Johnson county.

"The Marais des Cygnes and Pottawatomie rivers converge in Miami count, both streams are good fishing. Channel cat, bass and crappie are the principal fish caught in these streams. The Marais des Cygnes passes through the county west to east in the south part. The Pottawatomie comes from the southwest, joining it at Osawatomie.

"Paola and Osawatomie each have a lake near their limits which afford good fishing. The Miami county state park in the southeastern part of Miami county has a sixty-five acre lake which is well stocked with fish of all species. Quail are quite plentiful in this county as well as other small game.

"In Franklin county there are several good fishing streams. The Marais des Cygnes river and creeks which empty into it, have been good fishing this year, except during the rainy periods. Middle creek near Princeton and Tequa near Williamsburg are good bass and crappie water. I know of a good many channel cats being taken from Middle creek in the past three years—up to eight pounds in weight. Eight Mile and Appanoose creeks, north and west of Ottawa, and Hickory creek south of Wellsville are nice fishing streams and have fish in them. The Pottawatomie river crosses the southeast part of Franklin county near Lane. This county has a lot of quail and quite a few prairie chickens. The chickens are in the southwest part of the county with a scattering over the south half.

"Anderson county rates as one of the best prairie chicken areas in the world, this is the greater prairie chicken. Excellent quail hunting may be found in most parts of the county. The Pottawatomie river and tributary streams are excellent fishing this year. The north fork of this stream runs through a beautiful valley just north of Garnett toward Greeley. South fork is south of Garnett and the two meet at Greeley. Deer creek, east of Colony in the south part, is a good fishing creek. It flows southwest to the Neosho river. The Garnett lake, just north of town and Cedar

creek west of town, are favorite fishing spots. No fee is charged for fishing in Garnett lake.

"There are several good fishing streams in Linn county. The Marais des Cygnes river flows through the county by La Cygne. Trading Post is the largest, and possibly the best, with Big Sugar next in line. Both are good fishing this season, although the river has been muddy a lot of the time during the past two months. The Pleasanton city lake, west of town, has been good. Rock creek southeast of Beagle, and Mine creek south of Pleasanton are both worth trying. Linn county is well up to the top of Kansas counties in quail population. I feel that anyone who can put forth the effort—plus the necessary skill—will enjoy fishing in this part of the state, and will catch some fish too."

*From District Game Protector Kyser:*

"DEAR DAVE—I gather that you wish a little information on fishing conditions in this corner. Weather conditions have been unfavorable for good fishing, but when right, a great many are out trying. Spring river is still the mecca for the bulk of the anglers. A great number of nice bass and crappie were taken there and on Shoal creek just before the season closed. Part of this area will be closed for the duration.

"Crawford and Cherokee counties have a great many strip pits, some of these were stocked recently. All of the older pits afford excellent fishing and practically all of them are open to the public, a fishing license being the only requirement. Some of these pits have over 200 feet of water, and run in depths up to forty feet. The owners of these pits only require that the rules and regulations of the fish and game department be observed as to seasons, limits, etc.

"The Neosho river in Allen county will be the popular fishing spot for Allen countians this summer as the migration of fish from Grand River Lake will be at its peak through Allen county. Elm, Big, Deer and Owl creeks in Allen county afford excellent bass, crappie, perch and catfish. These creeks all empty into the Neosho river.

"Bourbon county has the Little Osage and Marmaton rivers, not large streams, but mighty good fishing. Also Mill, Point, Pawnee and Drywood creeks along with Rock creek lake and Elm creek lake, both southwest of Fort Scott. Trust this meets your approval."

*From District Game Protector Andrew:*

"DEAR DAVE—I hereby make an attempt to give you the information you request in your letter of April 13.

"Sumner county: Fishing in the Arkansas, Ninnescah and Chicaskia rivers in this county hasn't been quite up to par yet. I think that they will have to get a raise or two. But the Wellington city lake has been producing some good fishing at times, especially channel cats. The fish have been very spasmodic in

biting this spring. The Gumbo Pit, west of Wellington, has been good for crappie fishing. A lot of fish have been caught there already this spring on flies. Quail crop is good in Sumner county.

"Harper county: Bluegill and crappie fishing has been good in the Anthony city lake this spring. Heretofore the bluegills have been too small, but they have increased in size during the last year and are about right now. There has been a good many channel cats caught an a few bass. Have a nice carry-over on the quail stock. There is plenty of seed left, and if hatching conditions are up to par this spring, we will have plenty of quail next year. In fact, it looks better now than it has for several years and has become that way on account of having been stocked more the last two years than in the ten years preceding.

"Barber county: This county has a lot of private ponds which are spring fed, and they have a lot of fish in them. The Medicine river is on a comeback where the holes are deep enough. There has been more fish caught out of this river this spring than for several years. It all depends on the rainfall this summer how it holds up. Quail and pheasants both are on the increase in this county. Quail shooting was good last year and there is plenty of seed left.

"Comanche county: This county is like Barber county in regard to rivers. Most of the fishing is done in private ponds as the creeks and rivers are not big enough, or deep enough for good fishing. There are some good ponds that are deep and spring fed that have been stocked for some time and should produce good fishing. Comanche county has a lot of quail this year and there was a nice carry-over. They didn't shoot them down as in the past and I have been informed by reliable people in this county that they have more quail than they have had for fifteen years. A pheasant stocking was made last year in Comanche county and this year I expect a good increase as the cover and range are very suitable for this bird."

*From B. E. Hale, Superintendent of Scott County State Park:*

"DEAR DAVE—The visitor to this park will find readily available all facilities that are required for an enjoyable and at the same time inexpensive vacation. The topography of this park is of a type strange to most Kansans and worth seeing. Here are to be found deep, far-flung historic canyons. Legendary history records that as early as 1604, an outpost and rendezvous of the early French traders and trappers was established along the bank of the ever-flowing Beaver creek that now forms the beautiful 115-acre lake within this park. Many facilities for the visitor's enjoyment and comfort have been provided. The larger and smaller canyons are suitable places for camping and picnicking. Ovens and tables have been erected for that purpose. Roadways have been built

to the peaks of the canyon walls. Footpaths and bridle paths lead to observaion points that afford a splendid paroramic view of the countryside. The lake abounds in fish life. Modern beach equipment is available for water sports. Park records reveal that since 1929 the Commission has placed in Scott County State Lake 57,000 bluegills and crappie, 10,000 bass, 500 bullheads, 600 yellow perch, 35,000 channel cats and many trout. Cabin accommodations are not available at the park site but may be had at near-by Scott City at reasonable prices."

*From District Game Protector Shay:*

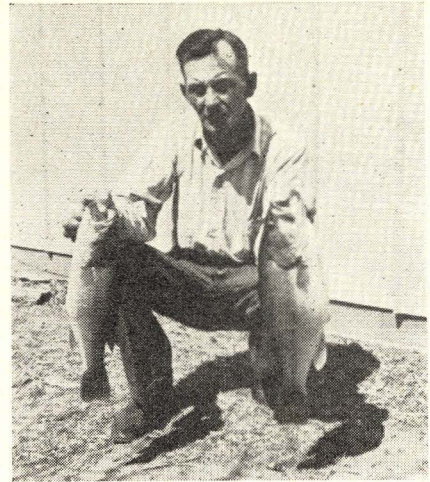
"DEAR DAVE—Here is some information about the fishing conditions in my territory. In Kiowa county they have been catching some nice channel cats from the Medicine river. In Pratt county the fishing has been good in the county lake and along the Ninnescah river near Cairo. In Edwards county they have been taking some fish out of the Big Arkansas. Until the recent rise, the fishing has been mighty good around Kinsley, Dundee and also in the McQuine lakes east of Kinsley. On the Rattlesnake creek, west of St. John, fishing has been good this spring. In Reno county fishing has been good. They have caught some nice bullheads out of Cow creek. The Arakansas river has furnished some nice channel cats around Haven. In Kingman county there has been some nice drum, crappie, channel cat and bass taken from the State Lake; also some fine channel cats from the Ninnescah river. The State Lake furnishes fishing for a wide area. In Sedgwick county the Big Arkansas has furnished some very good fishing this season. The Little Arkansas should have some good fishing this spring as it has been well stocked by the Department."

*From Lee G. Henry, Superintendent of Leavenworth County State Park:*

"DEAR DAVE—The Leavenworth County State Lake has provided fine bass fishing for the anglers of this part of Kansas. The largest catch so far this spring was recorded at eight pounds, with many, many, others ranging from three to five pounds. I confidentially look forward to a continuation of this story when the season opens again May 26. Will soon have our visiting sportsmen out of the mud. The roads around the park are nearing completion and will soon be open for use. Because of several defense projects in this area, we look forward to our best park season this year.

*From Matt Sprigg, Superintendent Woodson County State Park:*

"DEAR DAVE—A visitor to this park, a short distance from Toronto, Kan., will discover an area of rough, untouched, natural beauty. The park area comprises 445 acres and is as nature planted it, heavily matted with an accumulation of moss, centuries old,



John Gough of Sharon Springs, Kansas, using minnows for bait and a casting rod, takes 8½ pounds of bass from one of the nearby Wallace county streams.

particularly in the areas that are densely wooded. Here, too, will be found a great many massive sandstone rocks, many serving as natural bridges and many more as water basins large enough to sustain a variety of fish life and aquatic plants. I have no hesitancy in recommending this park and lake to the week-end vacationist. The lake is literally alive with bass, crappie, bluegill and channel cats. Hotel and cabin accommodations are available at near-by Toronto and Yates Center, Kan. For the vacationist who likes to rough it, camp sites may be found on the park site."

*From Duane Carpenter, Superintendent Butler County State Park:*

"DEAR DAVE—In reply to your letter for information regarding the fishing possibilities and the recreational facilities of this park. The spillway here was raised three feet during the past year, which has caused an increase in the water levels. This tends, of course, to improve materially the fishing conditions. Crappie fishermen can expect to find this lake a fishing paradise this year. Many large catfish have been taken this spring and we hear reports of many more having been caught but not landed. We now have a concessionaire with rowboats available to those who wish to rent them. The existing swimming and picnic facilities are policed and maintained. The Wichita Sailing Club have approximately forty sail boats on the water at this time, and have planned to hold yachting races each week end. Because of the increased Wichita population, its citizens are making a greater use of this park for fishing and other outdoor activities.

There are probably not more than 250 real Texas longhorn cattle in existence. About 170 are on the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.

## More Sportsmen But Fewer Days of Sport Predicted During War

More sportsmen but fewer man days of hunting and fishing is the war-time expectation of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, after a survey of America's sporting experience during the World War.

Data compiled by W. E. Crouch, Chief of the Service's Division of Game Management, show that in the 22 states from which accurate figures were obtained the number of hunters increased 1.6 percent from 1916 to 1917, 2.6 percent in the next year, and nearly 30 percent in the year following the war. Only 4 states among the 22 showed decreases, and these were slight.

Crouch's compilations show also that "on the whole there was a gradual increase of funds available to the states for wildlife conservation during the war period, and a much larger increase immediately following the war." These increases were 5 percent from 1916 to 1917, 8 percent in the following year, and 20 percent from 1918 to 1919.

Fewer man days of hunting and fishing are predicted, however, because "many will be too busy helping to win the war to spend much time with hunting guns and fishing tackle," though they will continue to need outdoor recreation. Increasing taxes and shortages of automobiles and tires are also cited as reasons for expecting a decrease in the amount of hunting.

Ammunition shortages are not considered a determining factor at present.

"The best information obtainable," says Crouch, "indicates that there are stocks of ammunition and arms in the hands of sportsmen and dealers to take care of the hunting needs at least for this year and probably for another year or longer. It should be

noted, also, that except for a very limited number of items, sporting arms and ammunition have no value as equipment for organized military forces."

Crouch admits that "it will be difficult to determine accurately what will happen to wildlife as a result of the present war by drawing conclusions from the effects of the last war. This war covers more territory and influences directly the activities of more people. More materials and food are needed. Automobiles are difficult to get and tires are rationed. We will have a larger army and a larger navy than in 1917 and 1918. Also, the nation's population is larger."

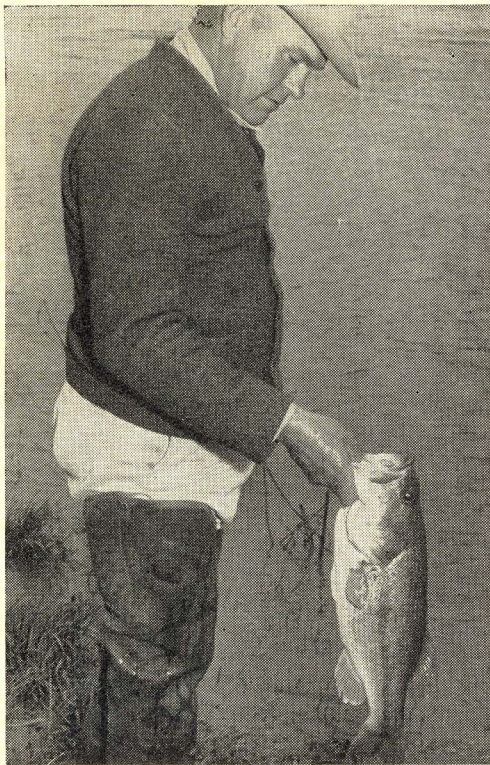
"Nevertheless," he concludes, "history tends to repeat itself, and I think we can profit much in wildlife management by using the experience gained in the last war."

## Big Ones in Little Arkansas

Sedgwick county anglers recently witnessed the rare sight of fish being planted in the Little Arkansas river. We say this is an unusual sight because very little stocking effort has been made to this river because of the park rules and regulations of the city of Wichita. Now that H. M. Gillespie, a member of the Commission, and J. B. "Burt" Doze, former state fish and game warden and editor of the *Wichita Eagle*, have successfully prevailed upon the city fathers of Wichita to lessen their fish restrictions along that river, two truck loads of fish, weighing from a few ounces to as much as fifty pounds, were placed in that part of the river just north of Thirteenth street bridge. The holes along this particular stretch of Little Arkansas should provide many good fishing trips for some time to come.

Seth L. Way, fish culturist, and son Ellis Way, put a few big ones in the Little Arkansas river near Wichita. The cat held by the smiling Way weighed approximately fifty pounds.





Many fish of this size were recently planted in the Little Arkansas near Wichita.

## Wildlife Administration Endangered By Appropriation Cuts in Congress

"Sportsmen and other conservationists are alarmed at the cuts recently made by the lower house of congress in the appropriations for the Fish and Wildlife Service," said Fred W. Kahn, President of the Kansas Fish and Game Development Association.

Mr. Kahn called attention to the cut made in Pittman-Robertson funds which are made available for federal aid to state wildlife restoration projects in forty-six states of the Union. These revenues arise from an excise tax of ten percent on sporting arms and ammunition.

"At the present time this fund has nearly eight million dollars in it, which represents an accumulated surplus over former appropriations. It is money paid in willingly by the sportsmen of Kansas and the other states of our country for the purpose of building up and restoring our wildlife and its environment of field, forest and water," said Mr. Kahn.

"The National Budget Director recommended that \$2,250,000 be appropriated for Pittman-Robertson projects. The House cut this to \$1,250,000, a wholly inadequate sum to carry on this important work the country over," said Mr. Kahn.

"A nation-wide drive is being made among the sportsmen to write their senators, asking them to urge the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to restore this item to the full amount of \$2,250,000 recommended by the Budget Director," he concluded.

## Looks Good From Here

Early reports from the state game farms are very encouraging to us. They would indicate that all previous bird production records will be broken this year.

Leonard Sutherland, superintendent of the state pheasant farm near Meade, Kan., has reported that the 865 hens at that farm have produced nearly 12,000 eggs during the first four weeks of the thirteen weeks' laying season. Sutherland assures KANSAS FISH AND GAME that we can expect to liberate 20,000 pheasants next fall.

Charles Troxel, superintendent of the Pittsburg quail farm, declares that his 300 pair of breeders will produce nearly 14,000 birds this spring. Despite unfavorable weather conditions early in the spring, his birds produced 1,367 eggs during the last three weeks of April.

Henry Mitchell, superintendent of the State Quail Farm at Calista, reports that his incubators now contain 2,500 eggs, gathered during the last three weeks of April from 277 breeders.

On the basis of these early reports, we are led to predict that 25,000 bobwhite quail will be available to the sportsmen this fall.

## A Better and Bigger Lake

Commissioner Jay J. Owens, Salina, reports that all work necessary in the improvement of Ottawa County State Lake near Bennington, has been completed and that the lake is being gradually refilled with crystal-clear water.

That lake, because of its frequently muddy water and the absence of vegetation, was not considered the best of the Commissioner's fishing lakes. The work which was done, under the direction of Commissioner Owens and Superintendent Dameron, included the fertilization of the lake bed with more than one hundred tons of lime, the planting of moss and other vegetation, the anchoring of fifty-nine spawning beds and fish shelters and building one thousand feet of desilting fence along the lake water sheds. These fences are of forty-seven inch, heavy mesh wire and in lengths of one hundred and one hundred and fifty feet, so constructed and arranged to cause the silt from heavy rains to be disposed short of the lake.

Because of this improvement of this lake, we are led to confidentially predict its suitability as a fishing lake.

In a subsequent issue of KANSAS FISH AND GAME, the official opening date will be announced.

With the unerring instinct of a homing pigeon, the Pacific salmon returns from the sea to the streams and lakes of its origin to spawn and die.



## Kansas Dogs Cop Prizes

Kansas greyhounds captured the three most prized trophies—and—purses—as the spring meeting of the National Coursing Association closed Sunday, April 26, after a mudsplashed week of racing. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Betterson of Salina were there, all smiles and arms as the massive Derby trophy went to their Pitch Out, a big light brindle dog which just a year ago had divided the all-age stake with Gold Flag, another Betterson racer which was not on hand at this time.

Pitch Out had been established the all-age favorite in the first round of racing and moved past Fearless Ruby, Country Rube, Sir Second, Texahoma and finally Lady Avon to win. He led Lady Avon up by three lengths and won in 21 seconds in the finals and had led Texahoma by two lengths and won in 27 in the semifinals. Pitch Out was trained and nominated by Guthrie and Jones.

**MRS. HARDEN GETS PRIZE.** Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harden, of Talmage, were there for the prize, and the praise, when their Happy Guide, deep barreled brindle racer, won the Futurity stake by beating Cheerful Glory in the finish. Happy Guide was up by 4½ lengths in the grand finale to win in 21 seconds. Happy Guide in his march to a championship beat Tornado Joe in 44, Slam in 26, High Strike in 42, Mild Menace in 46, and then ran a semifinal bye. The Harden dog, conditioned and trained entirely by Mrs. Harden, was established a Futurity favorite in the first day of racing and left nothing to the imagination during the whole meet, winning every course by big margins.

**ANOTHER KANSAS VICTOR.** The Sapling winner was Your Side, owned by Knox Brothers of Detroit, and a favorite from the first. Her final victory was over Pago Pago (Carroll) in 14 seconds after a run-up which was by less than a length. She had beaten Proud Daughter (Carroll) to the hare by five lengths in the semifinal. Her other victories were over Helen Hunt—later the Consolation winner—Fanny Brice, Time Passes and Night Lady, this being her closest course, a 9-second dash through the mud with a split decision of the judges.

The Futurity consolation went to Spec's Babe of the Blackwell Kennels beating Silver's Spirit of the Lowland Kennels. The Sapling consolation went to Helen Hunt, owned by Kenneth Hutchings, of Wichita, which beat Ski Runner, owned by Dr. W. M. Lockard of Oklahoma City.

The Derby purse, for first round all-age losers, went to Just a Pip. Guthrie and Jones nominee over My Gosh, also a Guthrie and Jones entry. The Derby Plate, for second round all-age losers, went to My Trouble (Ollie Payne) over El Paso (Barry Hagen-don) in a close 21-second course.

## Fishing Good In the Far West

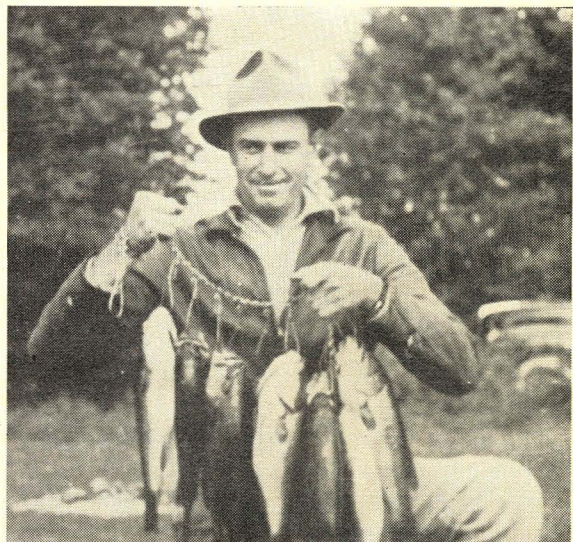
Harry F. "Swede" Lutz, member of the Commission, editor, and mayor of Sharon Springs, Kan., writes: "If it's the thrill of the slashing, smashing, attacking black bass you are looking for, by all means fish the many streams of Wallace county." Since receiving Mr. Lutz's suggestion, we have checked up on the fishing possibilities of Wallace county, and we find them as he represents them to be.

Wallace county, although far out in western Kansas, is one of the counties of Kansas blessed with numerous streams of crystal clear water that are particularly adapted to sustaining bass. In early days, we have fished the streams of that county with a great deal of success, and have no hesitancy in following Mr. Lutz's suggestion in recommending them to you.

Sharon Springs could very well be made the headquarters for your fishing trip. A fraternal welcome will be extended to all visiting sportsmen by the citizens and sportsmen of that county.

## State Shoot May 29-30-31

The Russell Gun Club will be hosts to the Kansas state trap shooters, May 29-30-31. KANSAS FISH AND GAME regrets that it is impossible to give its readers, at this time, the complete program of this annual shoot which will attract many expert shots from all over Kansas. A patriotic note has been added to this year's shoot in that many of the prizes will be defense war stamps and war bonds. Jim Andrew, Anthony, Kan., the present state singles champion, as well as many other title holders, will defend their titles at this shoot.



Ira D. Stocklebrand, Independence, appears to be well pleased by a string of bass recently taken from the Woodson County State Lake near Toronto.

## Sport Fishing Maintains Morale During War Time

With the opening of the fish seasons at hand in many states, fishermen are planning to resume their favorite recreation even though government priorities and the rubber shortage will limit their excursions.

"Sport fishing in England, which helps to maintain civilian morale in war time, has not been reduced materially because of the war; in numerous instances it has actually increased," stated Charles E. Jackson, Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, at the recent North American Wildlife Conference held in Toronto, Canada, by the American Wildlife Institute.

"The English people," declared Jackson, "undoubtedly have found that their nerves, shattered from endless bombing, may in some measure be restored by slipping away on a brief fishing trip. Men who are working under tension and at high speed, as they are in these times, need hours of relaxation in the great outdoors to bring them back to normalcy."

Every pound of fish taken by the sportsmen relieves the food situation, Jackson also pointed out. The sport fisherman distributes his catch among his friends and neighbors, and the meats and other foods that would be purchased by the housewives for those meals are available for other food uses.

Although government priorities have stopped the manufacture of steel rods in order to conserve steel for war use, sporting goods dealers still have large stocks on hand to take care of this season's requirements. Waders, which are made of rubber, will probably be the item hardest hit this year. Nylon lines are still plentiful, but lines of the future will undoubtedly be made of plastic.

"Fish for the Fight," which was the theme of Jackson's speech, fills two war needs, he said. Sport fish-

ing affords relief from the nervous tension that war activities engender, and the commercial fisheries provide essential food requirements supplying important mineral elements needed for our fighting forces. He outlined plans for insuring the production of the Nation's fisheries.

## Tune In

Four Kansas radio stations are now broadcasting fifteen-minute weekly conservation programs sponsored by the Kansas Fish and Game Development Association, according to President Fred L. Kahn.

This program, arranged by the American Wildlife Institute, is a fifteen-minute spot on the Lawrence, Coffeyville, Salina, and Garden City radio stations. Sportsmen, and other interested groups, are urged to tune in on these weekly programs. WREN, Lawrence, broadcasts this program at 12:45 p. m. Sunday.

During these critical times the conservation of our natural resources is one of the essential war efforts, and for that reason we think the sportsmen should be weekly listeners of these broadcasts.

George Gould, secretary and treasurer of the Kansas Fish and Game Development Association, is appealing to every sportsman to become affiliated with one of the county organizations and for the county organizations to become members of the state association. Secretary Gould urges this coöperative action in order that the rights of the sportsmen and conservationists can be safeguarded during the present emergency.

## COVER PICTURE

This month's cover picture is of George Ormand, Dale Jones, Ross Chadd and Lewis Brant, eastern Kansas sportsmen and their day's catch of fish from the Leavenworth County State Lake.

# APRIL ARRESTS

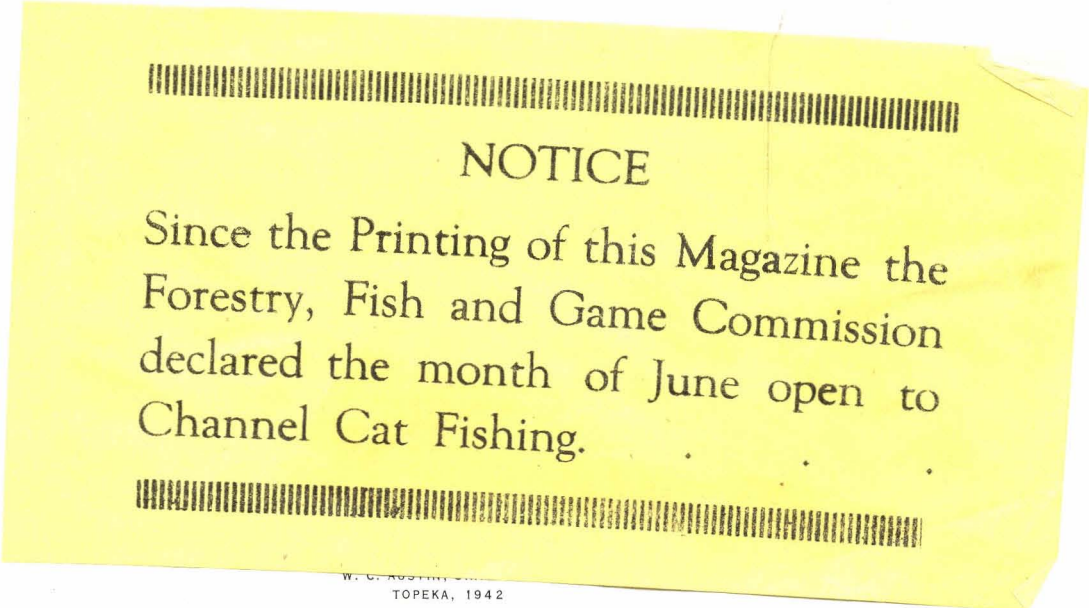
DEFENDANT	CHARGE	PROTECTOR	DISPOSITION
Frank Regier, McPherson	Fishing in closed season	Suenram	Convicted
Elmer Goddard, Morland	Shooting pheasants out of season	Faulkner	Convicted
Tony Wiesner, Hays	Fishing without license; illegal size fish	Jones	Convicted
Raymond Moses, Erie	Illegal fishing equipment	Rickel	Convicted
M. R. Howard, Junction City	Illegal fishing methods	Toburen and Carlson	Convicted
Dan Murphy, Downs	Shooting migratory birds during closed season	Jones	Convicted
E. D. Smotts, Bushton	Illegal hunting of migratory birds	Jones	Convicted
William Janne, Great Bend	Illegal fishing	Jones and Ramsey	Convicted
Earl I. Brougher, Seward	Illegal fishing	Jones and Ramsey	Convicted
Kenneth Hosford, Seward	Illegal fishing	Jones and Ramsey	Convicted
Neal Hogue, Radium	Illegal fishing	Jones and Ramsey	Convicted
Edwin Root, Radium	Illegal fishing	Jones and Ramsey	Convicted



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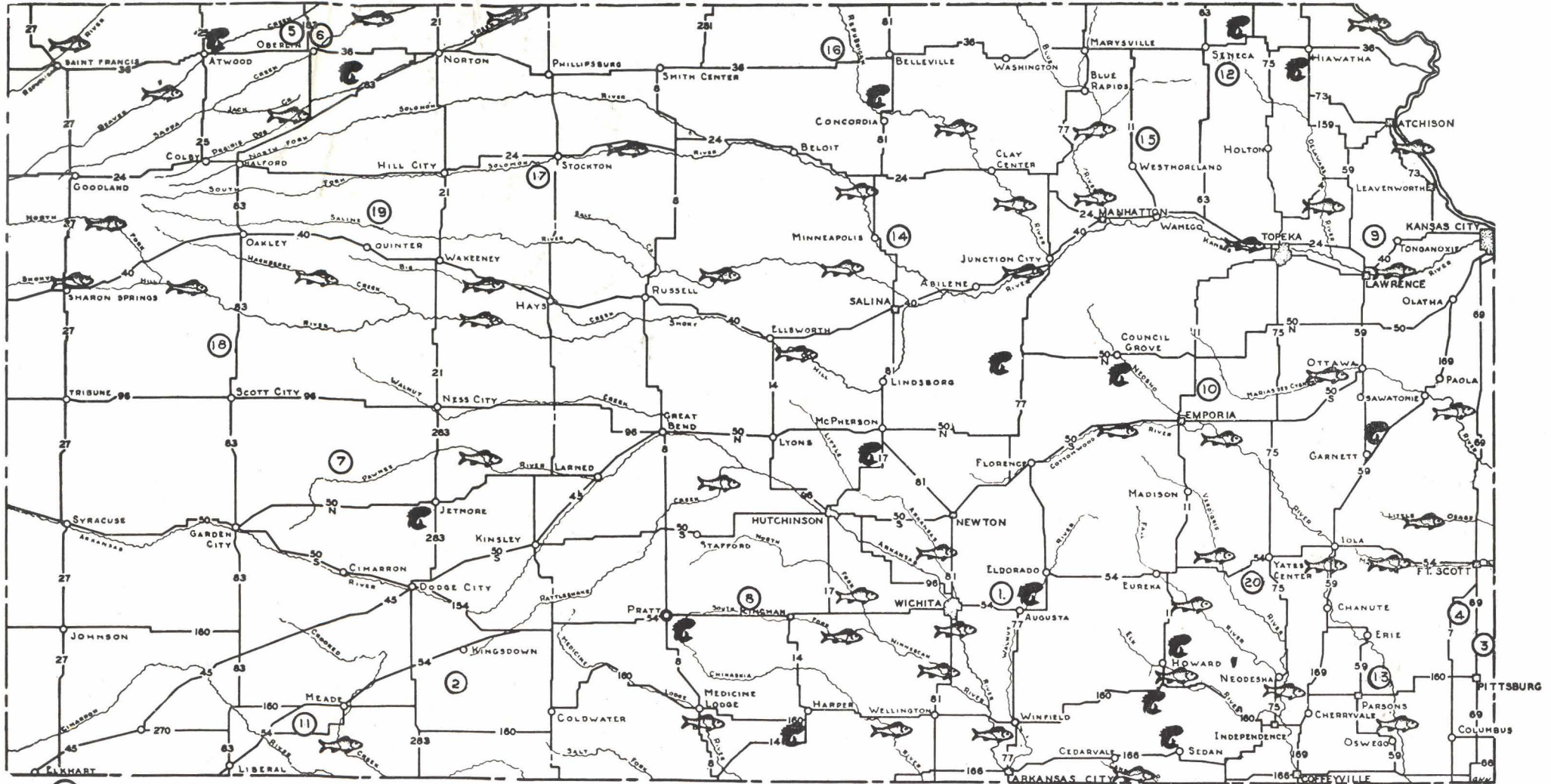
The season on bass and crappie opens May 26.  
The season on channel cat closes June 1, and  
remains closed during the entire month of June.



### NOTICE

Since the Printing of this Magazine the  
Forestry, Fish and Game Commission  
declared the month of June open to  
Channel Cat Fishing.

# KANSAS FISHING LAKES AND STREAMS



(2) State Lakes



City and County Lakes



River and Stream Fishing

1. Butler County State Park
2. Clark County State Park
3. Crawford County State Park No. 1
4. Crawford County State Park No. 2
5. Decatur County State Park No. 1
6. Decatur County State Park No. 2
7. Finney County State Park

8. Kingman County State Park
9. Leavenworth County State Park
10. Lyon County State Park
11. Meade County State Park
12. Nemaha County State Park
13. Neosho County State Park
14. Ottawa County State Park

15. Pottawatomie County State Park
16. Republic County State Park
17. Rooks County State Park
18. Scott County State Park
19. Sheridan County State Park
20. Woodson County State Park