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Mallards, the most widely distributed ducks of  
the northern world, are common in much of  
New Jersey and are familiar to outdoorsmen.

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We visit the

# Game Farms

a tour of the Division's pheasant farms

By EDGERTON GRANT, *Copywriter*

A FAWN BROWSING in a pen met my eyes as I searched the side of the road for the State Game Farm at Rockport.

"Well, that's no pheasant farm", thought I as I stepped on the ac-

room where a gentle peeping greeted us from many throats. Here were the newly-hatched chicks that had been taken from the incubators this morning.

They now sat in neat cardboard



*Tours of the game farms are popular with the public—Rockport*

celerator. Then I saw the sign—State Game Farm—and returned my foot to the brake.

## **Incubating Room**

I had barely parked when Duncan Buntain, superintendent of the Farm came out and greeted me. We strolled over to the incubating

boxes labelled "chick pullman" waiting to go out to 4-H Club members for rearing. Buntain and the workers had been up at 7:00 a.m. to sort and box these chicks. He gave a few instructions about distributing the boxes, and we went out to look at the farm.

A few weeks earlier I had toured the Forked River Game Farm with Superintendent Philip T. "Phip" Grant. After his detailed breeder to breeder tour, I knew much more of what to expect at Rockport.

### Breeding Pens

First stop at both farms was the breeding pens. Here selected birds are put out in mid-March with a ratio of seven hens to one cock. Eggs are taken twice daily. Buntain pointed out that this is not easy, since the hens do not always pick the nests that are provided.

The general layout of the breed-

many man-hours. At Rockport the automatic system was put in during extensive rebuilding following storm damage in 1955. It was put in earlier at Forked River, since Wildlife Management Bureau Chief L. G. MacNamara is a great believer in reducing labor costs.

### Pens Not Covered

The breeding pens are not covered because of the terrific expense. Instead, the birds are kept in by clipping primary flight feathers on one wing. Predators are a problem, that is met primarily by alertness on the part of the



*Visitors are welcome at the state game farms—Forked River*

ing pens is the same at both farms, except that those at Rockport are on a slope. There are three pens at each farm, those at Forked River measuring 300 x 600 each, and those at Rockport 450 x 600.

### Breeders

Breeders are fed once a day with a special breeding mash. The watering system is automatic, saving

superintendents. Occasional traps are set and Forked River uses a "hot" wire at the top of the fence.

### The Eggs

When the eggs are gathered they are taken to the egg room where they are cleaned and set in storage trays. Ill-shaped, rough, over-large, and small eggs are eliminated. During storage eggs should be

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turned four times daily. Grant has devised a rack that will turn 1,800 eggs at one motion. A similar rack is used at Rockport. The eggs are kept at a temperature of 50 degrees.

Once a week the eggs are set in incubators. Incubation takes 24

sorted by sex, and the males are boxed for 4-H distribution or put in brooders where they are fed and watered. The trays and incubators are disinfected in preparation for another hatch.

The first hatch of the year is kept for the next year's breeding. Some 4,000 chicks at each farm are gradually culled down until 2,000 breeders remain with the seven to one sex ratio.

Grant has a shorter trip to the brooder house than Buntain, although Buntain more than makes up for it at the next move.

### **Brooder House**

I drove out with Buntain to his brooder house. We passed a wild pheasant with a dozen chicks. Buntain remarked "No matter how many pheasants we rear, it is always good to see the native birds."

The large brooder house at Rockport is 450 feet long and 26 feet wide. There are fifteen rooms, measuring 20 feet by 24 feet with runs 75 feet by 24 feet. Watering is again automatic. A 56-inch diameter hove with gas (Rockport) or electric (Forked River) heat is in the middle of each brooder pen. The temperature is set at 98 degrees for a couple of days before the chicks arrive. It remains there for about ten days, after which it is gradually reduced.

A foot-high ring is put twelve inches from the brooder to keep the chicks nearby until they are acclimated. The chicks are fed at first on paper plates and then gradually switched to hoppers. Great



*Gathering eggs at Rockport*

days during which time the temperature is kept just under 100 degrees. After 18 days the eggs are candled or tested with a strong light to remove infertile eggs.

### **Distribution**

On the morning of the twenty-fifth day ventilators are opened to dry the chicks before they leave the incubator. They are then



*After being sorted  
and cleaned the eggs  
are stored and then  
set in incubators.  
Incubation takes 24 days  
during which time  
the temperature is kept  
just under 100 degrees*



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care is taken at this stage to see that the chicks are dry and free from drafts. They are kept well-fed and watered, and the litter is kept dry and clean.

After the tenth day, the chicks are let out for brief periods in the outdoor brooder house run. These are restricted to clear days until the chicks are four weeks old and well-feathered.

### **Range Pens**

After six weeks the birds are put in range pens. At Rockport there is direct access from the brooder house pens. At Forked River, they must be taken over by truck. The location of the brooder house was such that it was not feasible to build the pens with direct access.

Grant pointed out how the pens



*The chicks are tended with care*



*The little birds are sorted according to their sex*

are solidly built with oak and locust timber. This was done when they were rebuilt after the 1957 storm. Reconstruction, at Rockport after 1955 was likewise designed to last.

Much of the ground is planted with grain, providing ample cover and some food. Other plants provide food in addition to the daily

trailer. Three tons a day are used at the peak season. About 370 tons are used during the year.

A common corridor joins the pens at one end which is used for collecting birds at distribution time. When they are 17 weeks old they are gathered and taken to open lands in the state where they



*Cottontails are being raised on an experimental basis*

feeding of growing mash. The birds held over for breeding are fed quantities of hard grit especially during the winter. Rockport uses the New Jersey feed patch mixture developed by MacNamara, providing food and range.

The growing mash is bought in bulk. At Rockport it is kept in a 30-ton bin and distributed by

are released. The male breeders are also released. Some female pheasants are held for spring liberation.

### **Cottontail Rabbits**

I looked at the six rabbit pens. Buntain explained that 79 cottontails had been released a week before on the Flatbrook and Clinton tracts. Another 70 would be ready

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shortly. He has 35 breeders, 11 males and 24 females. Eventually a 4-H rabbit raising project may be developed. At present the project is purely experimental.

Rabbits were tried first at Forked River with less success. Open pens let in too many predators, and the habitat was not ideal. These mistakes were corrected at Rockport.

I went into one of the rabbit pens at Forked River which was

since "Phip" is reluctant to leave his pheasants.

"Did you say your name was Grant?" he inquired, and we fell to discussing family history. He comes from the pure Scotch stock, while I have some English blood in my veins. He was too polite to dwell upon the extent of this calamity. Instead he told about the qualities of his wife and his son Philip, who was helping at the farm for the summer before going to college.

At Rockport, Buntain explained the pen where I had seen the fawn.



*The farms are regular showcases of New Jersey wildlife*

producing. We had to move carefully lest we step on a nest and we did uncover one such lair. Grant made a point of sprinkling extra food pellets on the ground to entice the cottontails to the trough.

After showing me the rabbits Grant had taken me through the old homestead at Forked River. Mrs. Grant keeps it neat as a pin. The Grants rarely take a vacation

It is a showcase of a variety of New Jersey wildlife. It even contained peacocks who showed off their beautiful tails for me.

Many city youngsters leave pets here to be cared for. Most of them visit faithfully every weekend.

### **4-H Cooperators**

The Conservation Officers drove in to pick up chicks, for 4-H co-operators in their counties. One

stowed fourteen 100-chick boxes in his car, taking great care that they were level so that the chicks would not get crushed at one end.

day old birds and take full responsibility for raising them. Careful instruction and supervision are provided by Wildlife Managers and



*The chicks travel via "baby chick pullman" cartons*

Buntain pointed out that the 4-H youngsters do an excellent job with their chicks. Some 4-H'ers have less mortality than the farm, since the youngsters have fewer birds to care for. Overall mortality runs about 10% a year.

The youngsters are given the

the Conservation Officers. The chicks are bought back for \$2.25 each at the age of 17 weeks and released.

Grant, Buntain, and their fellow workers are justifiably proud of their pheasants and the sport they provide for New Jersey hunters. #

**Make This**

# A Safe Hunting Season

By TED McCAWLEY

Remington Arms Company, Inc.

The summery days are past now and a new crispness has come into the air.

Sure, we'll have some more hot weather and Indian summer. But, the shorter days and cool nights have turned most sportsmen's thoughts to planning this fall's hunting trips.

The planning and anticipation are lots of fun in themselves. Getting together with old friends, swapping yarns (some even true) about past prowess in the field, overhauling equipment, and trying guns to make sure you hit what you shoot at all add to the sport.

## **Don't Forget Safety**

In making your plans, though, don't forget SAFETY. I know, you've heard about it a hundred times before and YOU never disobey any of the rules, but how about the new shooter or that youngster you're taking afield for the first time this year? It's important to impress on them that accidents don't just happen, they are *caused* by careless shooters.

Actually, hunting is one of our safest sports when you consider the relatively small number of mishaps in relation to the total number of hunters. But even one accident is a tragedy for some family, particularly when there is no excuse for it.

Educational campaigns and hunter safety programs have helped to keep the number of firearms accidents at a minimum in recent years. But, in the last analysis, it's up to the individual hunter to practice safe gun handling rules at all times. This, and this alone, can eliminate hunting accidents entirely.

## **Treat Gun with Respect**

There's nothing complicated about safe gun handling. The few precautions are easy to practice. In fact, these simple steps become second nature in a very short time. The most important thing to remember is to treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. Then there will never be a reason for that tragically heart-rending moan, "I didn't know it was loaded."

Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot. Never climb a fence or a tree with a loaded gun. In these admonitions you have safe gun handling wrapped up in an easy-to-carry package. There are other precautions, of course, but these are so very, very important to your own safety and those hunting with you.

## **Watch That Muzzle**

In entering your home, camp, or automobile, carry only empty guns, taken down, or with the action

open. Whenever you pick up a gun, whether in or out of doors, always first point the muzzle in a safe

even unconsciously and you run the risk of being considered a thoughtless novice or a careless, dangerous shooter with whom it is unsafe to go afield. **WATCH THAT MUZZLE!**

### Check the Barrel

When you start out on a hunt, do not load your gun until you are ready to enter the field or are in your duck blind. Then first make sure that the barrel and action are free from any obstruction. Foreign matter in the barrel causes more



## TIPPER FLINTLOCK

says . . .

*"If you're going hunting along with your son, teach him well how to use his gun!"*

direction and examine the piece carefully to make sure whether or not it is loaded. Never shoot at anything you cannot clearly see. A strange sound in the woods may be caused by game **BUT** it might also be caused by a farmer's livestock or, much worse, another hunter.

No one should ever indulge in pranks or horseplay on a hunting trip. The pointing of a loaded or unloaded gun toward a companion violates every principle of good sportsmanship. It is the unpardonable sin of shooting ethics. Do it



*"Hunting is a lot of fun, sight that bird but watch that gun!"*

"blow up" guns than any other factor. Should you stumble or fall and your gun muzzle touch the ground, unload the gun and look through

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the bore to be sure that it is not clogged with mud, snow, or other substance.

Always see that your safety is ON until you are ready to shoot.



### **TIPPER FLINTLOCK**

says . . .

*"Never point your gun  
at one you've befriended,  
for if it goes off—  
your friendship is ended!"*

Sudden jars or brushing against twigs or brush can release the safety catch without your knowing it. Check on it frequently.

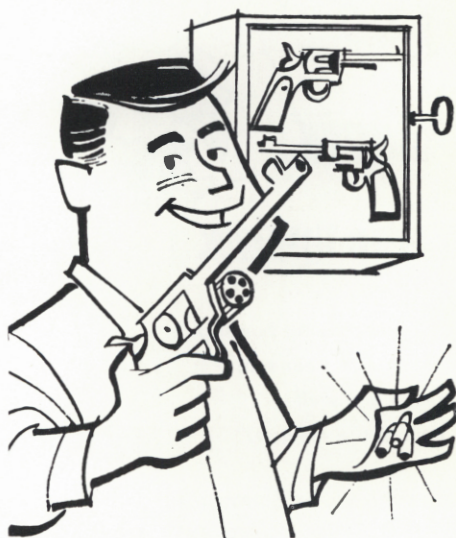
#### **Consider Your Partner**

In hunting with a companion, try to walk abreast but be sure that your gun muzzle is always pointed away from him. and see that he

takes the same precaution. If you are walking in front in single file, keep your gun muzzle pointed forward. If you are walking behind your companion, see that your gun points away from him at all times.

In a duck blind, never crowd your companion. Give him plenty of swinging room and see that you have enough for yourself so that both can shoot safely.

The biggest danger in hunting,



*"If staying alive is your  
main ambition—  
empty out that ammunition!"*

*Store your gun in a good,  
safe place—  
and remain a member of  
the human race!"*

however, lies in your own carelessness. Take no chances yourself and encourage your hunting friends to obey all the rules of safety. Let's make this an accident-free hunting season!

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# LANDS OPEN TO HUNTERS

## *The Public Hunting Grounds and the State Forests*

Many sportsmen are finding that the answer to finding a place to hunt is to hunt on one of the many state-owned tracts open to hunters, fishermen, and the general public.

The Public Shooting and Fishing Grounds of the Division of Fish and Game and the State Forests of the Forests and Parks Section are open to all sportsmen licensed to hunt in New Jersey. The Division's grounds were purchased with a portion of your license dollars, the Forests from your tax money. They are your lands to use.

Most of these lands are located in the northwestern and southern part of the State away from the centers of population simply because it is chiefly in these areas that suitable land was available. However, the modern State and Authority highway systems make each area readily accessible and within reach of all sportsmen for even a day's hunt. You should be able to reach one in an hour's drive.

Because of their easy accessibility, and because of the decrease in the acreage of private lands available to hunters in general, these lands, especially the intensively managed and heavily stocked public shooting grounds, are heavily utilized by gunners. So expect plenty of company. But, you can at least count on a place to hunt.

The land map on pages 16 and 17 is presented for your convenience in locating the various tracts of state land open to hunters. The scale and outlines of the areas are merely approximate. Additional information about lands and facilities is given on the following pages.

# PUBLIC HUNTING & FISHING GROUNDS

<i>Tract</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Kind of Game</i>
1. Corbin City	Atlantic	Duck,* rabbit, quail, pheasant, rail, deer, snipe, raccoon, squirrel.
2. Medford	Burlington	Quail, pheasant, rabbit,* squirrel.
3. Winslow	Camden	Deer.*
4. Tuckahoe	Cape May	Rabbit, quail, pheasant, duck,* rail, deer, snipe, raccoon, squirrel.
5. Marmora	Cape May	Duck,* rail, geese, brant.
6. Dennis Creek	Cape May	Duck,* rail, snipe, geese.
7. Millville	Cumberland	Rabbit, quail,* raccoon, pheasant, squirrel, deer.
8. Egg Island	Cumberland	Waterfowl,* rail.
9. Heislerville	Cumberland	Waterfowl,* pheasant, quail, rail, rabbit, squirrel.
10. Peaslee	Cumberland	Deer,* quail, squirrel, raccoon, fox.
11. East Point	Cumberland	(Landing for Cadwalader and Egg Island Public Shooting and Fishing Grounds.)
12. Glassboro	Gloucester	Rabbit, quail,* raccoon, pheasant, squirrel.
13. Clinton	Hunterdon	Pheasant,* squirrel, deer, rabbit.
14. Turkey Swamp	Monmouth	Pheasant, squirrel, deer, rabbit, quail.*
15. Berkshire Valley	Morris	Pheasant,* squirrel, deer, rabbit, woodcock.
16. Manahawkin	Ocean	Waterfowl, quail,* pheasant, rabbit, raccoon, deer.
17. Greenwood Forest	Ocean	Raccoon, fox, deer,* squirrel.
18. Colliers Mills	Ocean	Waterfowl, quail,* pheasant, rabbit, raccoon, deer.
19. Whittings	Ocean	Deer,* fox, raccoon.
20. Manchester	Ocean	Deer,* fox, raccoon.
21. Pasadena	Ocean	Deer,* fox, raccoon.
22. Butterfly Pond	Ocean	Ducks.*
23. Mad Horse Creek	Salem	Ducks,* snipe, rail, geese.
24. Walpack	Sussex	Pheasant, rabbit, grouse,* woodcock, deer.
25. Roy	Sussex	Pheasant,* rabbit, grouse, woodcock, deer.
26. Hainesville	Sussex	Pheasant,* rabbit, grouse, woodcock, deer.
27. Flatbrook Valley	Sussex	Pheasant,* rabbit, grouse, woodcock, deer.
28. Hamburg Mountain	Sussex	Deer, woodcock, grouse,* squirrel.

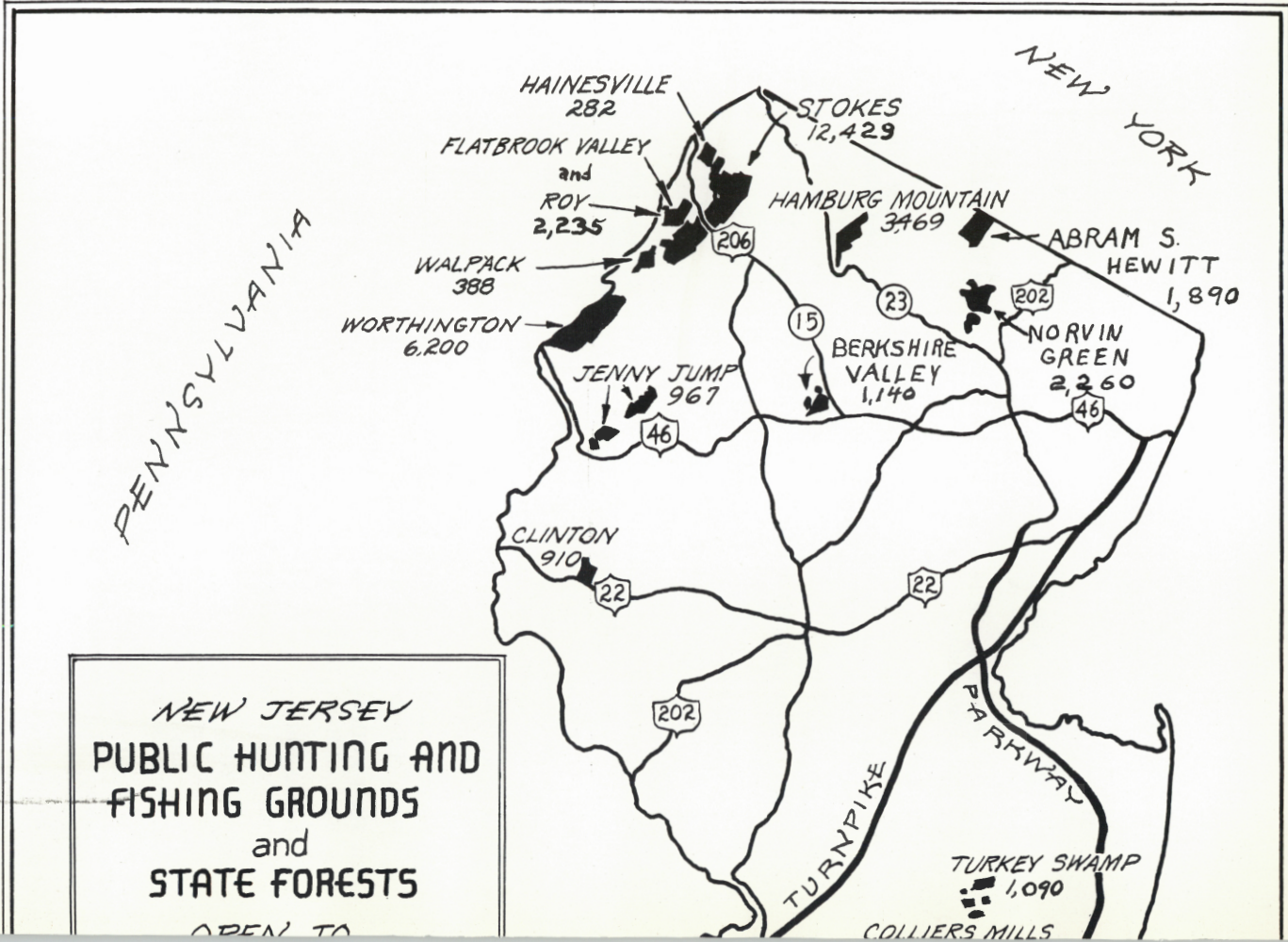
\* Most important species

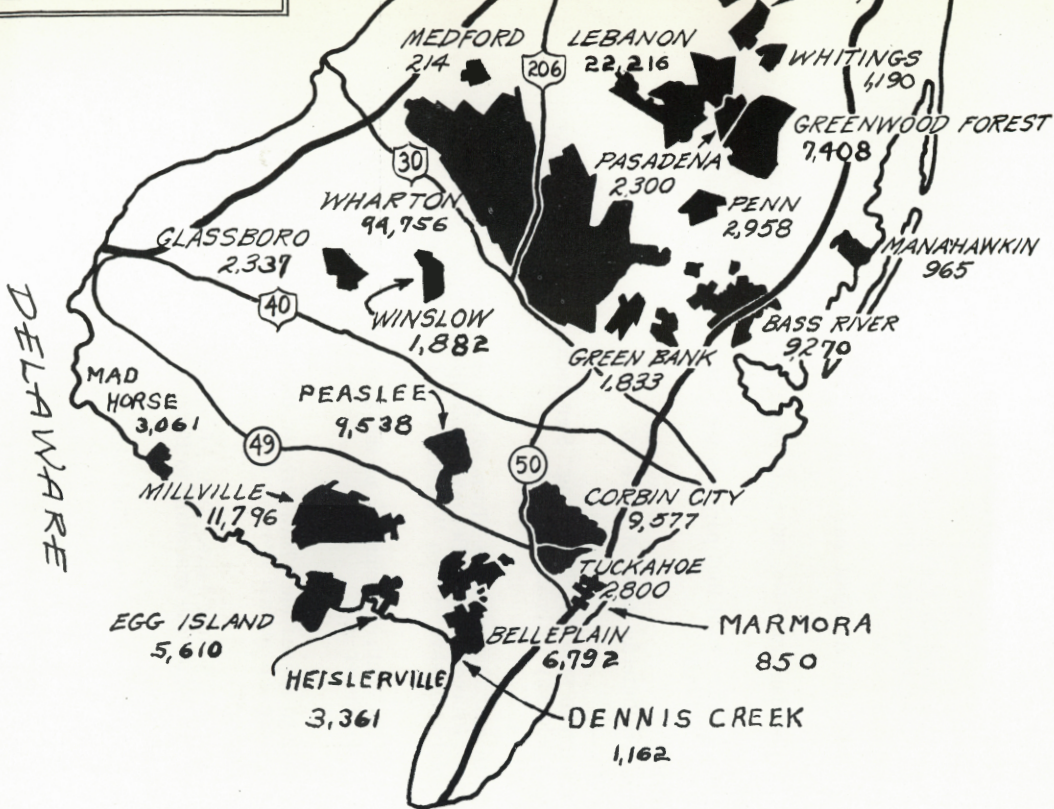
*Note: The Turkey Swamp, Greenwood Forest, Whittings, Manchester, Pasadena, and Hamburg Mountain Tracts are undeveloped as yet and offer only limited facilities.*

# Directions for Locating Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds

Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds listed below are marked by boundary signs usually metal or printed posters.

1. **CORBIN CITY**—  
Take Route 50 from Mays Landing. Metal signs will be seen marking the tract.
2. **MEDFORD**—  
Turn right on the macadam road from Mt. Holly to Medford at the first road south of the English Setter Club.
3. **WINSLOW**—  
Located adjacent to the Blue Anchor-Folsom Road. Egg Harbor River borders this tract at some points.
4. **TUCKAHOE**—  
Proceed to Tuckahoe. Go south on Route 50 and turn left on first intersection road. Area is located on the left of this road. This area adjoins the Corbin City Tract and contains stretches of the Tuckahoe and Middle Rivers.
5. **MARMORA**—  
Access can be gained from Garden State Parkway between Marmora and Sea Isle City. Access can be gained by boat from the inland waterway.
6. **DENNIS CREEK**—  
Turn off Route 47 to Dennis Creek landing.
7. **MILLVILLE**—  
Located on the Millville-Newport Road. Or, cross to the west side of the Maurice River and go south to Buckshutem. Area is located west and south of this location.
8. **EGG ISLAND**—  
Located south of Fortescue. Bounded on the west by Delaware Bay and on the east by Maurice River Cove.
9. **HEISLerville**—  
Turn off Route 47 through Heislerville.
10. **PEASLEE**—  
North of Route 49, east of Millville near Cumberland.
11. **EAST POINT**—  
Turn off Route 47 through Heislerville to shore of Delaware Bay.
12. **GLASSBORO**—  
This area is located east of Route 47 between Glassboro and Clayton.
13. **CLINTON**—  
Proceed westward on Route 22 to Clinton. Pass through Clinton and take first macadam road to the right. Follow this road to first road to left, which passes through the area.
14. **TURKEY SWAMP**—  
Turn west from Route 9 south of Freehold. This area is located south and east of Smithburg.
15. **BERKSHIRE VALLEY**—  
Proceed on Route 46 to Dover. Turn on Route 15 to Berkshire Valley. Turn left at Berkshire Valley Hotel and proceed toward Kenvil. (Please turn to page 18.)





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## . . . Directions for Locating Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds

16. **MANAHAWKIN—**  
Area is located immediately north of Route 72 from Manahawkin to Beach Arlington.
  17. **GREENWOOD FOREST—**  
Located between Whiting and Cedar Bridge along Route 539.
  18. **COLLIERS MILLS—**  
Take New Egypt-Cassville Road to Archer's Corner. Turn south at Archer's Corner and proceed to end of macadam road. This area contains several developed lakes.
  19. **WHITINGS—**  
Located between Whiting and Lakehurst, east of the C.R.R. of N.J.
  20. **MANCHESTER—**  
Located east of the macadam road No. 539 that runs from Whiting to Hornerstown.
  21. **PASADENA—**  
Located east of the macadam road that parallels the C.R.R. of N.J. and is located between Route 72 and Whiting.
  22. **BUTTERFLY POND—**  
In Jackson Township on Butterfly Road off Route 528.
  23. **MAD HORSE CREEK—**  
Take road from Canton to Stow Creek Landing. Sign indicates dock area. Access to this area can be made only by boat.
  24. **WALPACK—**  
Take Route 206 north past Culvers Lake. Turn left on first road past Stokes State Forest Headquarters. Proceed through Bevans and Walpack Center. Signs will be observed approximately midway between Walpack Center and Flatbrookville.
  25. **ROY—**  
This property bounds the southern boundary of the Flat Brook Tract and is now regarded as part of the larger unit.
  26. **HAINESVILLE—**  
Follow Route 206 north to Hainesville. Turn right on the first road past the Hainesville Garage. Turn sharp left at first crossroad.
  27. **FLATBROOK VALLEY—**  
Follow Route 206 north past Culver Lake. Turn left on first road past Stokes State Forest Headquarters and follow the macadam to Bevans.
  28. **HAMBURG MOUNTAIN—**  
This area is located on Route 23 between Stockholm and Franklin.
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## OTHER DIVISION INSTALLATIONS TO VISIT

1. **CHARLES O. HAYFORD FISH HATCHERY**—interesting anytime of the year. Located west of the Hackettstown business district. Follow "Hatchery" signs.
2. **EDWARD H. ROTH GAME FARM**—a model unit where the bobwhite quail are produced. Located on Route 528 at Holmsville, south of the road.
3. **FORKED RIVER GAME FARM**—ring-necked pheasant breeding and experimental rabbit project. Located on U. S. Route 9 in Forked River, east of the road.
4. **ROCKPORT GAME FARM**—vast pheasant producing farm. Located at Rockport, southwest of Hackettstown, and northwest of Beattytown.

# STATE FORESTS OPEN TO HUNTERS

<i>Forest</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Kind of Game</i>
A. Bass River	Burlington and Ocean	Squirrel, deer,* rabbit, raccoon.
B. Belleplain	Cape May and Cumberland	Rabbit, deer,* raccoon, squirrel.
C. Green Bank	Burlington and Atlantic	Rabbit, deer, raccoon, quail.*
D. Abram Hewitt	Passaic	Grouse,* deer, rabbit, squirrel.
E. Jenny Jump	Warren	Grouse,* squirrel, deer.
F. Lebanon	Burlington and Ocean	Deer,* rabbit, fox, raccoon.
G. Norvin Green	Passaic	Grouse,* squirrel, deer.
H. Penn	Burlington	Raccoon, fox, deer,* squirrel.
I. Stokes	Sussex	Deer,* rabbit, grouse, squirrel.
J. Worthington	Warren	Deer,* grouse, squirrel, raccoon, fox.
K. Wharton	Atlantic, Burlington, Camden	Deer, rabbit, fox, raccoon, quail, woodcock, grouse.

\* Most important species

## DIRECTIONS FOR LOCATING STATE FORESTS

State forests are marked by boundary signs usually carved in wood or printed posters.

### A. BASS RIVER STATE FOREST—

Located north and east of New Gretna between Wading River and Tuckerton. Take Route 563 Spur. U. S. 9 or Garden State Parkway.

### B. BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST—

Located west and south of Woodbine on Routes 550 and 47. Via Route 47 or 49.

### C. GREEN BANK STATE FOREST—

At Greenbank and east of Lower Bank. Via Routes 542 and 563.

### D. ABRAM HEWITT STATE FOREST (undeveloped)—

Lies northwest of the town of Greenwood Lake, between Greenwood Lake and Upper Greenwood Lake, via Routes 513 and 511. Inquire locally.

### E. JENNY JUMP STATE FOREST—

Part situated north of Buttzville, via U. S. 46. Take road to Mountain Lake. Also part east of Hope in area north of "Land of Make Believe" via Great Meadow road.

### F. LEBANON STATE FOREST—

Located east and north of the junction of Routes 70 and 72, between Red Lion and Whiting.

### G. NORVIN GREEN STATE FOREST (undeveloped)—

Located north of Butler via Route 23. Take Lindy's Lake road and ask locally.

### H. PENN STATE FOREST—

Situated southeast of Chatsworth between Routes 563 and 530. Take Jones Mill road off Route 563 and go southeast. Consult your map and compass.

### I. STOKES STATE FOREST—

Located north and south of U. S. 206 above Culvers Lake. Take roads leading south to Tillman Ravine or roads leading north toward High Point. (Watch for High Point State Park boundary signs — No Hunting in Park).

### J. WORTHINGTON—

Located northeast of Delaware Water Gap, via U. S. 46. Take river road north.

### K. WHARTON—

Located north and east of Hammonton, via U. S. 206 or Routes 534, 536, 541 or 542.

# **WATERFOWL GUNNING POSSIBILITIES**

## **BRIGANTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

The public hunting area for waterfowl on the Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge will be open again this year for licensed hunters of New Jersey.

Access to the main marsh area has been improved by a lease allowing the right of ingress and egress by hunters through Scott's Ditch, located on the road to Oyster Creek. The entrance will be adequately marked by signs. The arrangement for allowing hunters to use Scott's Ditch as an embarking point was made on a cooperative basis by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Division of Fish and Game.

The use of a portion of the Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge as a public hunting ground is also a cooperative venture between the Federal Wildlife Service and the State Division of Fish and Game. Operation of the area has been carried on for several years and as a result an excellent waterfowl hunting ground has been made available to the public of New Jersey.

Cooperation between the State Division of Fish and Game and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service extends to many other conservation ventures but the multiple use that has taken place on the Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge is considered to be an outstanding piece of cooperative work with mutual benefits to all concerned.

Further information concerning the use of the Brigantine Public Hunting Area can be secured from Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge, Refuge Manager, Absecon, N. J., or the New Jersey Division of Fish and Game, 230 West State Street, Trenton 25, N. J.

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## **New State Hunting Grounds**

New areas added to the Public Shooting Grounds this year by the Division of Fish and Game include the Dix tract of 913 acres on Delaware Bay and the Menantico grounds of 195 acres in Cumberland County. These lands are now open to sportsmen.

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**A HANDY WHERE-TO-GO-GUIDE  
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE TO TAKE ON YOUR HUNTING  
TRIPS, THESE EIGHT PAGES, STARTING WITH PAGE 13,  
MAY BE PULLED FREE OF THE MAGAZINE.**

# My Responsibility Toward Conservation

By GERALD L. CROWLEY

Boy Scouts of America, Perth Amboy Troop 10

We speak of America as being the beautiful. But, as you travel you will find the beauty destroyed by litterbugs who have scattered trash up and down the country. We are the ones to pay for this damage in taxes. Think of all the trees that go up in flames because of cigarettes thrown from the cars of some litterbugs. Think of streams being filled with cartons, cans, bottles and tires. Also, the unsafe beaches because of someone breaking a bottle and leaving it there. If everyone would keep in mind "I have responsibilities towards my country's conservation", our highways, streams, beaches and everything would be a lot cleaner, healthier and safer.

I, as a Scout, try my best to help preserve our forests, wildlife and plants. Forest fires are caused by some careless person forgetting to make his camp fire properly or seeing that his fire is dead out or by a careless smoker throwing away a match or cigarette that isn't out. Then wind blows it into a field or a forest and you have a big fire to care for and put out. Some people cut trees down just to watch them fall. They don't realize how important trees and plants are to us. Trees soak up water when the heavy rains come and the trees also prevent soil erosion. They also help feed and shelter wildlife.

To do something about conservation, you must know how to go about it. One of the best ways is to earn the merit badges in conservation group. In working for Soil and Water Conservation badge you'll learn the importance of soil and water to human welfare. You will find out how best to conserve them and you will carry out projects that will benefit your community. While earning the Forestry badge, our great dependence of our forests will become evident to you. You will learn the best practices for growing a forest.

In building a fire care is used. It should be made in the right spot, know how to extinguish it, how to be positive that the fire can't spread. You should report any fire that is out of hand to the proper authorities right away.

When you are visiting other people you always try to behave so that maybe they will invite you back again. It should be the same way in the outdoors. No guest would break the host's windows or carve up the furniture, neither should anyone think of doing any damage to trees.

Our Country is beautiful and rich, it will remain this way only if every American helps to keep it like this. One of our duties is to follow the four parts of the Outdoor Code. You can do so by being clean in your outdoor manners, being careful with your fires, being considerate in the outdoors, and being conservation minded. That is what my responsibility towards conservation minded means to me and how we should follow the rules of the Outdoor Code.

Hunter Safety Course for

# Safer Hunting

By EDGERTON GRANT, Copywriter

Photographs by HARRY GROSCH

Pulling up at Harry Grosch's farm, I saw a group of teenagers listening intently to Conservation Officer Al Wilbert. It was evident that these clean cut youngsters were really interested in their hunter safety course. It was also

evident that they knew more about what Al was talking about than I did.

I listened as Al explained each part of the gun, noting differences between the guns present. Removing a gun from his car trunk,



*A group of teenagers listening intently to the safety instructor*

he asked what he had done wrong. Most recognized that he had taken it muzzle first.

Each boy was reminded to open the action to check if the gun was loaded. The importance of carrying only the right gauge shells was pointed out graphically, as were the dangers of using modern ammunition with old-fashioned Damascus barrels.

Al followed the NRA Hunter Safety Handbook in detail. Each boy had a copy and followed him. As I followed along, the book seemed to come alive. Al not only demonstrated the gun, but illustrated each possible hazard out of his wealth of experience in the field. He even embarrassed his own son, who was observing the course, with a story of a near accident caused by running with a gun.

A clean gun is important. Mud, snow, or other obstructions can cause serious injury as well as gun damage. A dented barrel can be very dangerous. Extra care should be taken when walking in mud or snow. If a hunter even thinks the barrel has hit the ground, he should unload and check the barrel for any obstruction. If there is any clogging he should use a handkerchief on a stick if he has no cleaning rod. He should push from the chamber forward if the gun structure permits.

Mention of handkerchiefs led to another warning—do not carry a white one, or any other white object during deer season. Too many trigger happy hunters have taken



*Conservation Officer Al Wilbert*

shots at such “deer tails.” Paper handkerchief manufacturers have gone into color for this very reason.

Here he re-emphasized the third primary rule of proper gun handling. Be sure of your target. It is better to pass up a trophy deer than to make a tragic mistake.

Bright clothing is essential. A fluorescent yellow has proved best. Even the popular red check can be “invisible” in some autumn foliage.

The primary rules of gun handling were emphasized: 1) Treat every gun as if it were loaded. 2) Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. 3) Be sure of your target. Three more were stressed for safety in the field: 1) Safety

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on; 2) finger outside the trigger guard; 3) muzzle in a safe direction and under control.

Al dealt with transportation and storage. A loaded gun should never be carried in a car or into a

tion of companions. Many accidents occur when hunters are over-eager or over excited.

Practice is important. Using clay birds is excellent for learning to "lead" the bird. The shooter must follow through on the swing, or he will miss. Here Al empha-



*The great moment—the boys gather to receive their certificates*

house. He outlined the cased gun law which provides that when driving through deer range at night, using lights, any gun in the car must be cased or in the trunk.

He used the initiative facility of younger brothers to good advantage in explaining why guns and ammunition should be stored separately with both in a safe place.

Self control is vital, as is knowing the hunting habits and loca-

sized the importance of shooting with the gun firmly against the shoulder. One bad "kick" is not only uncomfortable but may make a hunter forever shy in aiming.

Before going into the field, Al noted the last section of the book. Orientation is "just a fancy word for not getting lost." If that happens, stay where you are. He told of a boy who stayed comfortable over night by staying in one place

and lighting a fire. Had he not carried dry matches he would have been severely chilled. More important, if he had panicked or moved, he might have gone over a precipice only a few yards away.

Above all, be courteous and sportsmanlike. Every square foot of land in the United States belongs to someone. More and more areas become posted because of discourtesy to landowners or bad conduct by hunters.

We crossed the road to a large field owned by Harry. "Always close gates," Al stated, and Harry explained why. Although no animals were in sight, there were cows browsing on the other side of the hill.

Al lined up the boys in trios and illustrated the principles of zone and order of fire for birds flying or game running across the line. He cited the danger of shooting at a rabbit running through the line. The trios also practiced holding their guns while walking in single file.

They practiced going through a barbed wire fence. They were reminded that each man unloads as they approach the fence. The third man held all three unloaded guns while the second held the fence for the first man to go through. The guns were then carefully handed over, and the others came through.

One trio had an awkward moment as Harry insisted on getting a picture of a boy halfway through. The same principles were pointed out for walls and bridges.

"Better yet," Al said, "walk to a gate. Some farmers don't like their wire stretched, and some of the best small game can be found in bushes growing along fences."

Finally came the practice shooting. Although Al emphasized that he was looking for safe handling rather than absolute accuracy, there were, naturally cheers when a "bird" was hit. Pint-sized Mike who hit four out of five was a special hero. Another lad met frustration when he shot twice with his safety on, certainly a less uncomfortable feeling than having it off when he thought it was on.

Al Junior and another "ringer" who already had his license pinned on back filled out a five-some. They complained bitterly that Al Senior threw them "quail" or tricky birds, but they still displayed proficiency. The shooting was conducted with great care, each boy loading and shooting in sequence.

At last came the great moment. The boys gathered around to get their certificates. Al reminded them not to lose the green cards in case they lost their licenses. The first boy was so serious that he forgot to smile for the camera.

Finally Al collected a dollar for the ammunition and "birds", the only charge for the course. The boys seemed happy to "cough up," sensing that Al was not so much an enforcement agent as a friend. They departed in obvious good cheer, but without swaggers. They had an air of determination of their responsibility to be safe hunters. #

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Fish and Game Council was held in Trenton. In addition to the Council and staff the following persons were present: Edward Jackson, Roy Williams, and John Russack.

### Pompton Lakes Access

The matter of acquiring an access site at Pompton Lakes was again discussed. Chairman McCormick stated that Chief Hayford had advised him that the Board of Education now appears to be backing out of their offer and do not want to give us access since they feel they will need the land for future schools.

Chief Hayford read a statement from Roland Smith's July report as follows: "Meeting with Pompton Lakes School Board to discuss an access to Pompton Lakes. They explained that there was insufficient land for their own use—also that the area was zoned as a high class residential area and a boat launching site would not be permitted. We are looking along the lower Ramapo for an access site."

Mr. Hayford further stated that Amos Horrocks checked the Ramapo and the Elks Home property which was suggested last month, and he thinks that is the only possible site that would be available now, but who owns the property and whether they would be willing to sell is not known. Apparently, as far as the Board of Education property is concerned, it would be another two or three years before that organization would know what their own requirements will be.

A motion was passed that the Acting Director be advised that prior to the next meeting, he should make a comprehensive study of the Pompton Lakes, Ramapo River, Elks property, and other possible access points and present it to the Council together with map and appraisals which Edward Bevan has prepared.

### Dennisville Lake

In accordance with the minutes of the last meeting, Chief Hayford reported that an investigation of conditions at Dennisville Lake had been made by Assistant Fisheries Biologist James Barker who recommended that in order to retain at least two feet of water in the lake, a temporary bulkhead be built ahead of the existing one. The cost of this temporary bulkhead would be far less than the combined value of the fish we would lose and the good will of the residents we would lose if the lake is drained.

On checking the status of ownership of Dennisville Lake, Chief MacNamara advised it is being considered for acquisition under the

Green Acres program and is number 262 on the list. He stated that he had contacted the Highway Department about the repair of the dam and it is possible that they may do the work.

### **Menantico Tract Signs**

Councilman Charlesworth suggested to Chief Hayford that signs be posted on the Menantico Pond property showing that it is under state ownership. He stated that he had been contacted by Paul Quinn, a Fire Warden from Millville, who felt that more notification to the public of the state's ownership would increase the public's respect for the property and would have a deterrent effect on the many small fires which are prevalent in the area.

Chief Hayford advised that since the Wildlife Management Bureau has employees in that vicinity, Chief MacNamara has agreed to arrange to have the property adequately posted.

### **Wildlife Management Report**

Chief MacNamara reported that the coverts of the state are carrying our usual supply of pheasants and that liberations are expected to start on October 2 and be completed during the month of October. The allotments have been made to the public hunting grounds and the Dix property and the Port Republic Tract have been added to the list to receive birds. It was hoped that the Black River property could be added to the list for stocking but this was not possible. Mr. MacNamara further reported that we are optimistic about our game supply with the exception of squirrels, which are down. However, the excellent crop of acorns should react to the benefit of our forest game and make for a better crop of squirrels next year.

Mr. MacNamara also stated that the building being constructed at the Clinton Tract by the personnel there is progressing nicely and he invited the Councilmen to stop by and see what a nice job has been done on this building.

As far as deer are concerned, Mr. MacNamara stated it is too early to tell much as the deer have not herded up as yet. Reports are that in some areas they are up, and in some areas they seem to be down.

Mr. MacNamara stated that the Greenwood Tract has been planted and that should add to the hunting potential of the area between Whiting and Cedar Bridge.

### **Pheasant Chicks**

Difficulty has been encountered with the sexed chicks which have been distributed to sportmen's clubs, Mr. MacNamara reported. He stated that the efficiency of sexing chicks is such that the clubs which accepted them, hoping to get a goodly number of male birds, were disappointed to find that they received very few male birds and now

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they are left with large amounts of female birds and don't know what to do with them. Consequently, some of them have offered the birds for sale to commercial breeders. This has caused the breeders to complain and Mr. MacNamara stated that he has assured the commercial breeders that in the future, we will guard against this and redesign the program.

Councilman Sheppard, Chairman of the Game Committee, stated that he had received complaints along this line and he said that while his records show that 1,900 chicks were given out, he knows there are many hundreds more which went out through the Conservation Officers and that this practice will have to stop, the chicks will have to go out through regular channels. Chief MacNamara pointed out that the clubs cannot kill and eat the hen birds since when they applied for the birds, they signed a statement that they would not do this.

### **Delaware River Waterfront**

Chief Coffin reported to the Council that while he has nothing official as yet, he anticipates an agreement with Pennsylvania on migratory waterfowl to use the center of the navigation channel as the line in the Delaware River south of Trenton, and in the area north of Trenton, the center of the river is to be the boundary line.

### **Conservation Officers**

Chief Coffin reported that the new game compendiums were being distributed. He stated that the Hunter Safety Program is becoming more active and there is a greater display of interest in this program.

### **Hunter Safety Instructors**

Councilman Charlesworth raised a question concerning the desirability of having sporting goods dealers serve as Hunter Safety Instructors. He felt that perhaps there was a conflict of interest involved. He stated that in his vicinity there have been cases of people having been turned down by some of our more qualified instructors, only to have them receive their licenses from these sporting goods dealers when it is evident that the applicant could not possibly have done anything so quickly to make him qualify and pass the test. Chief Coffin advised him that, if any of the officers who feel that way will write in, we will remove the instructors from the list, providing, of course, the officers uphold their recommendation.

### **Conservation Officers' Badges**

Councilman Charlesworth inquired concerning the policy on the issuance of numbered badges to the Conservation Officers. He stated that George Groves, who is now senior Conservation Officer in length

of service, felt that he should be entitled to wear badge Number 1. Mr. Charlesworth stated that when he wrote to Chief Coffin asking about this, Mr. Coffin replied stating that to his knowledge, it was never a practice to present badge Number 1 to any officer, that when numbered badges were started, they were distributed on the basis of seniority and when an officer left the service through retirement or death, his badge was retired. Mr. Coffin's letter further stated that to follow the procedure of having the senior Conservation Officer receive the Number 1 badge would require the purchase of additional badges from time to time, and the exchange of evidence seals issued to the men, which would require a change in bookkeeping entries and would involve more work.

Roy Williams, former Fish and Game Warden, advised the Council that when he was in the employe of the Division his badge was Number 4. When he retired he was allowed to retain the badge as a memento, and to his knowledge, no one would again be issued badge Number 4.

The Council felt that this procedure probably means more to Conservation Officers who retire and Conservation Officer Groves is to be advised of this policy.

A motion by Mr. Charlesworth, seconded by Mr. Kelly, was passed that a letter be sent to all Conservation Officers advising them that when they retire, the badge they wore with honor during their years of service will be theirs to keep and the number will not be reissued.

### **Retiring Employees**

Councilman McNeel stated that each year we have a few employees who retire. He thought it would be a nice gesture if at the beginning of each year a list was prepared of the people who would be retiring during the year, and that they be invited to dinner as guests of the Council the night of the fish code hearing or the game code hearing, depending on whether their work involved fish or game.

### **Councilman Kelly's Report**

Councilman Kelly reported for the record that present and past Councilmen held a testimonial dinner honoring Dr. Underhill and presented him with a Polaroid camera. Mr. Kelly also reported on his attendance at the recent conference of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

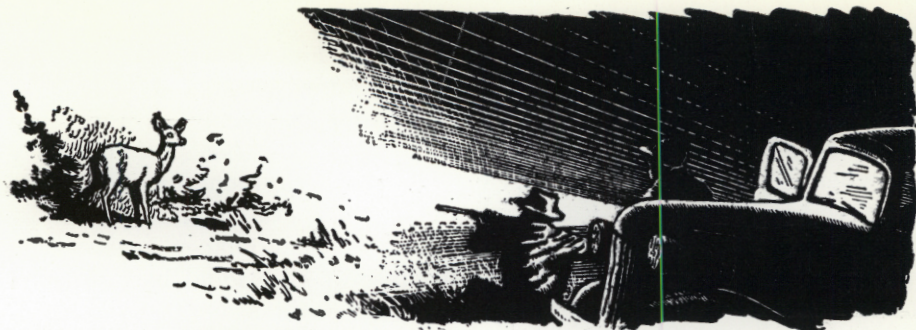
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## VOLATORS ROUNDUP

JULY 1962

<i>Defendant</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
Jack Tefankjian, 2282 Harwood St., Upper Darby, Pa.	Hunt no license	20
Clement Thompson, 124-42nd St., Union City	Fish no license	20
William Johnson, 1651 St., George Ave., Roselle	Fish closed waters	20
Roy Lear, 723 Laida St., Trenton	Fish no license	20
William Johnson, 1651 St., George Ave., Roselle	Fish no license	20
Richard Sepe, 158 Cedar Hill Ave., Beleville	Hunt no license	20
Richard Sepe, 158 Cedar Hill Ave., Beleville	Illegal missile	100
Ronald Reynolds, 4161 N. 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Fish no license	20
James Regan, 74 Centre St., Haddonfield	Fish no license	20
Martin Schmutz, 313 Ithica Ct., Riverside	Fish no license	20
Joseph Lear, 723 Laida St., Trenton	Fish no license	20
James Wharton, 31 Gwenyth Way, Trenton	Fish closed waters	25 Forfeiture
Richard Tomlinson, 10 Sugden St., Bergenfield	Poss. short striped bass	20
Clayborn Spencer, 119 Walnut St., Bloomfield	Trespass on hatchery	50
Arba John Clifford, 40 Frederick Place, Kingsburg	Fish no license	20
James Nelson, 342 Minute Arms Rd., Union	Hunt no license	20
Elisio Flores, 170 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City	Fish no license	20
John Cross, 59 Player Ave., Nixon	Fish no license	20
Joseph James, 49 Bergen St., Paterson	Fish closed waters	20
Harold Philipson, 178 Fayette Ave., Wayne	Fish closed waters	20
Jacob Targownik, 391 Madison St., Passaic	Fish no license	20
Ford Williams, Bldg. 2 Apt. 4B Matloch Bldg. Paterson	Fish closed waters	20
Elmer Brewington, 313 Summer St., Paterson	Fish closed waters	20
Albert Wilkes, 123 Olives St., Newark	Fish closed waters	20
Rufus Miller, 134 E. Holsman Ave., Paterson	Fish closed waters	20
Rufus Miller, 134 E. Holsman Ave., Paterson	Fish no license	20
Miguel Santiago Negron, 88 Park Ave., Hoboken	Fish no license	20
Howard Miller III, Bxm. 474 Collings Dr., Williamstown	Fish no license	20
Melvin Forchion, N. Church St., Moorestown	Fish no license	20
William H. Quill, 277½ Spring St., Newton	Worms in fly stretch	20
William H. Quill, 277½ Spring St., Newton	Worms in fly stretch	20
William R. Dannibale, 130 Parsippany Rd., Whippany	Fish no license	20
Jerry Lester, 40 Louis St., Carteret	Fish no license	20
Bernard Eglou, 47 Baldwin Ave., Newark	Fish no license	20
Willie Willis, 52 Miller St., Newark	Fish no license	20
Torres Figueroa, 93 Spruce St., Newark	Fish no license	20
Stuart Gottlieb 620 Marlton Ave., Camden	Fish no license	20
Catherine Laigiae, Crown Pt. Rd., Thorofare	Fish no license	20
Lowell Colbus, Rancocas Lane, Browns Mills	Fish no license	20
William De Milio, 229 Addison Pl., Paramus	Fish no license	20

<i>Defendant</i>	<i>Offense</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
William Pickett, 8 Ascension St., Passaic	Fish no license	20
Kurt Booth, 69 Marion St., Pt. Reading	Fish no license	20
Kurt Booth, 69 Marion St., Pt. Reading	Illegal missile	100
Kurt Booth, 69 Marion St., Pt. Reading	Illegal firearm	20
Kurt Booth, 69 Marion St., Pt. Reading	Hunt closed season	20
Leroy Holloway, 5612 Pearl St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Fish no license	20
Richard Schelhorn, 1904 Barth Ave., Scotch Plains	Firearm closed season	20
Maurice Fanelli, 3327 E. Nelson Cts., Ft. Dix	Fish no license	20
John J. Antonelli, 814 Jackson St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Fish no license	20
Joseph A. Ferrante, 942 So. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Fish no license	20
James Gentry, Jr., R. D. #1, Wrightstown	Fish no license	20
Nathaniel Davis, 3207 W. Diamond St., Phila., Pa.	Fish no license	20
Zolton Karpathy, 19 McKeown Ave., W. Paterson	Fish no license	20
Earl Brothers, 311 Mt. Holly Rd., Amelia, Ohio	Fish no license	20
Robert Petty, Rt. 46, Buttzville	Loaded gun in auto	20
Jerry Grube, 19 Rose St., Phillipsburg	Fish before hours	20
Max Kranz, P. O. Box 65, Glen Oaks, N. Y.	Illegal poss. striped bass	20
Daniel Morrew, 431 Rutherford Ave., Trenton	Fish closed stream	20
James Cantwell, 431 Rutherford Ave., Trenton	Fish closed stream	20
Edward Hughs, 108 Stratford Ave., Trenton	Fish closed stream	20
Alzak Wilkins, 6 Tyrrell Ave., Trenton	Fail to procure license	20
Joseph Riccitiello, 214 Hudson St., Trenton	Fail to procure license	20
Richard Burd, Pitman-Downer Rd., Williamstown	Fail to procure license	20
Robert Patterson, 31 S. Summit Ave., Pitman	Fail to procure license	20
Leon Mazur, Jr., 56 Potter Ave., Trenton	Loaded gun in auto	20
Peter Sostak, Jr., 814 Genesee St., Trenton	Loaded gun in auto	20
H. Earl Schull, Jr., 7504 Oak Lane, Phila., Pa.	Hunt no license	20
John Mattson, 106 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	Fish no license	20
Joseph Delorenzo, 208 Huyler St., S. Hackensack	Fish no license	20
Wayne L. Primeau, 169-40th St., Lindenhurst, N. Y.	Fish no license	20
Robert Jones, 6235 Norwood St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Fish no license	20
Steven Williams, 826 Chestnut St., Camden	Fish no license	20
Irene Fuller, 833 Bela Pl., Camden	Fish no license	20
Melvin Jackson, 331 Atlantic Ave., Camden	Fish no license	20
Joseph Mastrofilippo, 387 18th Ave., Bricktown	Illegal poss. short striped bass	20
Peter Rekus, 253 Clark Pl., Elizabeth	Illegal poss. short striped bass	20
Hugh Ferguson, 203 E. 9th St., Plainfield	Worms in fly stretch	20
Robert Hunt, N.W. Jersey Ave., Wharton	Angle no license	20
George Burns, 160 Oden Ave., Kearny	Illegal missile	100
Pierre Mourad, Jr., 147 Pinewood Pl., W. Englewood	Angle no license	20
James Smith, 922 Howard St., Camden	Discharge firearm across road	20
William Madden, Cumberland Rd., Millville	Illegal firearm	20
Walter Hummer, 135 Main St., Hampton	Fish in closed waters	20
Arsen Machukousky, 1424 W. Rockland St., Phil, Pa.	Fish inland waters	20
Thomas Burton, 501 E. Elm Ave., Lindenwold	Refuse on State-owned lands	25
Jay Barbara, 210 Hamilton St., Harrison	Illegal poss. pickerel	20
Samuel Hawthorne, 7208 Torresdale Ave., Phila., Pa.	Fish no license	20
Karoly Lindaver, 118 Kearney Ave., Perth Amboy	Fish no license	20
Robert Hopkins, Apt. B. Reed Ct., New Brunswick	Fish no license	20
Robert Chambers, 8 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn	Fish no license	20
W. Lee Matney, 284 3rd Ave., Westwood	Raccoon out of season	20
Harold Hare, 42 Brainerd St., Mt. Holly	Fish no license	20
Mike Sunday, Bukelew Ave., Jamesburg	Angle closed waters	20
Frank Ross, 74 S. Valley Ave., Vineland	Fish no license	20
Jessie Reed, N. W. Blvd. Old Castle, Vineland	Fish no license	20

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—Raymond G. Wilson

### FEDERATION ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Essay Contest Winners of the first and third places flanked Ross Leffler of the National Wildlife Federation, who presented the awards to the winners at the Federation's Fifth Annual Conservation Convention this year. Gerald L. Crowley (right) won the first prize and Dianne Roedel (left) earned the third place. Mary Ann Lane, second prize winner, was not present at the awards ceremony.

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