

Local Waterfowl Area Open Friday for Visiting

Beginning Friday, April 15, and lasting through Sept. 15, the Missouri River bottom will be open to visitors from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m., resident manager Harold Edwards said today.

But, it will be a little hard to get there for a time.

The entire area, its new road system of 8 miles of graveled roads and the road leading past the water plant to the area were under water for more than 10 days when the Missouri River flooded.

Edwards said the best way to get to the area, if you want to do a little fishing in the lake, is to drive to the main entrance past the water plant (when conditions permit driving that far) and hike in from there.

There are some regulations the State Game Commission has set in regard to visitors. These will be posted at the main gate and read:

1. Gate will open at 6 a. m. and close at 8 p. m.
2. No firearms permitted.
3. No boating or swimming in lake.
4. Drinking of alcoholic beverages prohibited.
5. Roads narrow, use caution. Speed limit 25 mph.
6. No overnight camping.

Predator Bounties

The following predator bounties were paid recently by the office of County Clerk here (\$2.50 each for Coyote or fox):

Russell Arnold, Plattsmouth, fox; Arthur Hansen, Nehawka, 8 foxes; Calvin Guyer, Plattsmouth, fox; John Shafer, Nehawka, 18 coyotes, 16 foxes; Cecil McCollum, Plattsmouth, 3 foxes; David Eaton, Union, Coyote, 5 foxes.

Sherman Hathaway, Plattsmouth, fox; Charles C. Amick Weeping Water, coyote, fox; Roger Ford, Plattsmouth, 2 foxes; Ray Wiles, Plattsmouth, fox; Frank G. Schmid, Plattsmouth, fox; Robert Wagner, Plattsmouth, 2 coyotes, 3 foxes; Art Sprick, Plattsmouth, fox; Clifford Sutton Plattsmouth, fox.

SAC OKs Mess Dress

HQ. SAC — Headquarters USAF has approved a mess dress uniform for optional wear by male and female enlisted personnel.

Except for two modifications, the uniform is the same as that authorized for officers. The uniform is the same as that authorized for officers. The uniform consists of a short evening jacket, cummerbund, white shirt, and black bow tie.

The modifications are:

*Shoulder boards will not be worn, and . . .

*The officer's braids will be omitted from the sleeve of the winter and summer jacket.

All other accessories and accouterments are identical with the officer's mess dress uniform, other than the evening cape, which is not authorized for wear by enlisted personnel.

To denote grade, chevrons of conventional size for male personnel, and three-inch width chevrons for female personnel, will be worn in the same position on the jacket sleeve as is designated for the service uniform. The chevrons will be aluminum metallic on black for the summer jacket.

The cap insignia will be the type authorized for enlisted personnel, and all personnel authorized to wear an aviation badge or medals will wear the miniature.

Enlisted personnel may wear the mess dress uniform under the same conditions as authorized for officers. They may also wear it in lieu of the male semiformal dress uniform, and the female dress uniform, as appropriate.

Bobwhite, Grouse Kill Up

LINCOLN — A quail harvest up about 25 per cent over 1958 and a grouse kill of even greater magnitude are indicated by results of a hunter-success survey conducted by the Nebraska Game Commission.

Some 70,000 grouse were killed by 17,000 hunters in 1959, up from the 44,000 total taken by 11,000 gunners the previous year. Last year's harvest was more evenly distributed over the entire grouse range, whereas 60 per cent of the kill in 1958 was from a very limited portion of the open area.

The quail kill was a new high of 450,000 birds, taken by almost the same number of hunters as in 1958—58,700. The previous year's harvest was 350,000.

Each hunter took an average of 7.6 birds and hunted four days of the season.

Grouse hunters averaged 4-1 birds each for the season, took 1.8 birds per day, and spent 2.25 days each in the field.

"While quail harvest increased by one-fourth, it still fell far short of desirable levels," said Mel Steen, Game Commission director.

"We could safely have doubled our quail harvest," he continued, "but we didn't have enough hunters and quail hunting to do so. As a result, nature has taken the surplus we could have harvested."

Last year Nebraska had an October 24 through December 13 season in the Southern area, and an October 24 through November 29 season in the Northern area.

Duck Stamp Sales Being Pushed in Special Campaign

LINCOLN — A nation-wide campaign promoting a special post-season sale of duck stamps was called to the attention of Nebraskans by the Game Commission.

The campaign was begun in an effort to reduce a current loss of revenue from the regular duck stamp sales, which finance U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchases of wetlands needed for waterfowl refuges. Although 1959 waterfowl hunting is history, Nebraskans are urged to purchase duck stamps in a contribution to waterfowl conservation. In recognition of this support, an attractive certificate signed by Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton and suitable for farming will be sent to each purchaser.

Sales of the migratory-bird hunting stamps are down an estimated 25 per cent from the previous year. Because all acquisitions of wetlands for waterfowl management by the federal government are financed by duck-stamp sales, any reduction in revenue means an immediate curtailment in such purchases. This is a matter of great concern because wetlands are disappearing at a dangerous rate in the face of industrial, urban, and other developments.

Whooping Crane Reports Doubtful

LINCOLN — Despite reported sightings of whooping cranes along the Platte River in Nebraska, the majestic birds had not begun their spring migration.

M. O. Steen, Game Commission director, said that 33 Whoopers, the last known remnant in the wild of a once numerous species, were still observed on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast as late as March 15. Since that time three birds turned up missing. This was true as of Thursday, March 31.

Every year the whoopers migrate to northern Canada to breed. Nebraska lies directly in the path of their travels, and residents have done much to arouse national sympathy for the plight of the cranes.

Of the observations in Nebraska, Steen said that there is a "possibility that there are more whooping cranes on the continent than we know about. This suspicion is aroused by the fact that there have been reports in Nebraska of more whoopers than are known to exist, from people who appear well qualified to identify the birds."

Probably the birds sighted were sand-hill cranes, Steen said. There could appear in certain light like whoopers. A flock of 24 was spotted west of Kearney on March 11, five were seen near Lake McConaughy on March 21; nine were observed in a flock of sand-hillers over Blue Hill on March 25.

Steen urged all Nebraskans to be on the lookout for the whoopers and to relay information to the Game Commission should they spot the migrants.

The whooping crane is a large white bird, nearly five feet tall on the ground. Wingspread may be seven feet. The wing tips are black, often confusing the bird in flight with the snow goose. The whooper, however, may be distinguished by the protrusion of its feet beyond the tail and its outstretched neck.

DEATH PROPHECY FALSE

London, England — Death came to Bert Burge 46 years after an army doctor rejected him because of heart trouble and said he had six months to live. Burge never went back to work and lived on relief. He died recently at the age of 74 after breaking a hip.

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Pin Meet April 30, May 1

The annual Plattsmouth Bowling Association Handicap Tournament has been set for April 30 and May 1, one weekend only, at the Bowlero, tournament secretary Al McClanahan said today.

Entries for the four-event meet are due by midnight April 29.

Scratch will be 190 with bowl-

ers receiving handicap of 70 per cent of the difference between that and their highest average as of March 15.

Entry fees are \$15 for five-man teams, \$6 for doubles teams and \$3 for singles. The optional all-events carries an entry fee of \$1.

McClanahan said the prize fund will pay one out of every

seven entries with all prize fees being returned.

Last year's champions were: Team-Huebner's 66 of the Classic League (Jim Begley, Jon Schuetz, Al Huebner, Lyle Forrest and Ralph Matney), 2,981. Singles — Gene Nolting, 634.

Doubles — Bill Babbitt and Merle Long, 1,187. All-events — Schuetz, 1,768.

SAC Personnel Seeking Nest For Falcons

HQ. SAC — "The Falcons Need a Nest" is the campaign cry of the command for the next 30 days, as SAC personnel do their part in raising \$3.5 million dollars to build a football stadium for the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

From April 15 until May 15, every member of the Air Force will have the opportunity to contribute to this campaign. "SAC's fair share of this project," said Col. H. A. McDaniel, the command project officer, "is \$325,000 but it seems to me we should surpass that amount without any difficulty."

Col. McDaniel explained the need for the campaign due to the law which prohibits appropriated funds being used in stadium construction. He used, as an example, the recent construction of the stadium at the U. S. Naval Academy, also sponsored by private donations.

The Falcons, with only four years of tradition behind them, have already established themselves as a major football power. Before the first graduating class at the Academy, the Falcons appeared in the New Year's Cotton Bowl game (where they battled to a scoreless tie with T.C.U. before more than 75,000 fans and millions more on the national TV coverage) and then last fall met the U. S. Military Academy in New York to open that series with a 13-13 deadlock.

"Airmen are continually being asked to support many worthy projects each year," concluded Colonel McDaniel, "and they have always accepted the responsibility. Now we have the chance within our own family, to accomplish a splendid goal — and speaking for SAC, we will not let the Falcons down!"

\$4 Million Flood Damage Seen by Game Commission

LINCOLN — Preliminary studies indicate an estimated \$250,000 of flood damage to Game Commission - operated areas in eastern Nebraska, Director M. O. Steen announced today.

Sustaining the heaviest flood Park which was almost totally inundated by the Niobrara River. Cowles Lake Recreation Grounds also suffered severe losses, as did the Louisville and Fremont recreation grounds on the Platte River and the Plattsmouth Waterfowl Management Area on the Missouri.

Two wayside parks on the Blue River were flooded—Crystal Lake at Ayr and the Blue River grounds. Litchfield Wayside Park on Clear Creek also suffered damage, as did Dead Timber Recreation Grounds on the Elkhorn River.

Roads and buildings fared worst in the flooding, with rivers cutting new channels through the areas in some places.

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Certified Spud Acreage Rises

ALLIANCE — Nebraska certified potato producers raised more potatoes of higher quality on fewer acres in 1959 as compared to 1958.

These facts were reported at the annual meeting of the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska here this week, according to Warren Trank, secretary-manager.

A total of 3,012 acres of potatoes were accepted for certification for the 1959 season—down 110 acres from a year ago. Gross production totalled 392,701 hundredweights, received blue tag ratings, the highest possible.

Red LaSoda was the principal variety grown again in 1959, Trank said. Haig the new white variety, was second. Other principal varieties in order were: Dazoc, Red Pontiac, Triumph, Progress and Early Gem.

Four new varieties came into production in 1959. They were the red varieties Bounty and Norland from the Universities of Nebraska and North Dakota, respectively; and two white varieties, Blanca and Navajo, from the University of Colorado.

Shipments of certified potatoes started in good volume by late November and early December 1959. The volume of early movement was the best in several years, Trank said.

Livestock 'Steady To Lower'

Slaughter livestock sold steady to lower in opening trade this week at the Omaha market. Replacement cattle and calves were steady to higher. The Monday run was up all across the board — the hog run two and a half times as large as a week earlier.

High-choice to mostly prime steers weighing 1238 scored \$30 Monday. That price was best lotlot figure since last May. Other steers and yearlings with above-average finish sold from \$27 to \$28, some as heavy as 1518 at \$27.50. More steers and yearlings were bracketed at \$25 to \$26.75 plainer cattle \$24.50 down. There were Holstein steers at \$19 to \$22, fat Swiss steers near 1400 pounds at \$25.50.

Better heifers cashed at \$27-\$27.50, latter weighing 1071; more heifers at \$25-\$26.75, lesser quality and finish \$24.50 down.

Cows sold steady to 25c lower, canners and cutters \$10 to \$15, bulk \$12-\$14.50; beef cows on up to \$17, odd head \$17.50. Bologna bulls sold to \$19.50 sparingly; vealer peak held at \$28.

A 3,500 stocker and feeder run Monday at Omaha sold steady to 50c higher. There were yearling stock steers at \$28.50 to 29.25, latter weighing 619; and yearling feeder steers over 700 pounds at \$27.25. Other replacement steers ranged from \$22 to \$26, with most of those over 800 pounds and selling at \$24.50-\$26 showing some gain. There were Holstein feeder steers at \$18.75 to \$19.65. Good and choice 575-pound stock heifers sold at \$26-\$50; steer calves at \$28.50-\$32, latter weighing near 500; heifer calves \$27-\$30.

A Monday hog run of nearly 15,300 was mostly 25c lower, butchers weighing 190-300, \$14-\$15.18.25. Sows were 25-50c off. 270-550's \$13.50-\$14.75, heavier sows \$13.25.

Fat lambs sold largely steady, old crop woolled \$20.50-\$22.25, shorn \$20.25-\$21.50. Spring lambs sold to \$23.50 and \$23.75. Slaughter ewes were mostly 50c lower at \$4.50-\$7.75.

Among recent sales at Omaha for shippers from Cass County: Lyle Schafer, 24 hogs, wt. 213, \$16.

Harvey Dettmer, 24 hogs, wt. 230, \$16.25.

Henry Busekist, 30 hogs, wt. 209, \$16.50.

Howard Vogt, 26 hogs, wt. 286, \$16.

Ernest Norris, 34 hogs, wt. 243, \$16.

Henry & Wm. Westphall, 39 stock steers, wt. 637, \$26.50.

Geo. Wessel, 29 hogs, wt. 221, \$16.

Fred Schick, 32 hogs, wt. 204, \$16.

Ellis Hutchison, 30 hogs, wt. 230, \$16.

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