

'EVALUATION, NOT PREDICTION'

Hunting Outlook This Fall Called 'Very Favorable' For Upland Game

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Once again North Carolina has been blessed with an almost ideal breeding season for upland game. Despite a rather severe winter there was a good carryover of brood stock, especially rabbits and quail. This fact, coupled with favorable weather during the spring and summer, makes the general outlook for hunting this fall very favorable.

It should be remembered that the information here is not a prediction, but rather an evaluation of the general hunting outlook for upland game. As to waterfowl, it is yet too early to fully evaluate the total waterfowl picture. The northern "duck factory" was again plagued by severe drought, and this will have a depressing effect on waterfowl populations, especially ducks.

DOVES. The dove crop this year may again be described as "bumper," with about the same supply of birds as last year. This is reflected in generous bag limits and a shooting season of 70 half-days. Best dove shooting could be expected during the first segment of the split season.

MARSH HENS: Once again the harvestable supply of sora, rails and gallinules will exceed the demand by hunters. Best hunting occurs during the fall moon tides when marshes are sufficiently

covered by water to allow the birds to be taken by poling skiffs over dense salt water marsh vegetation.

WOODCOCK. The woodcock population is estimated to be about the same as last year, with plenty of birds for the relatively few hunters who go after them. Best woodcock hunting will be found on wooded bottoms near water.

DEER. The deer situation is about the same as last year. We can expect good deer hunting in the mountains and in the eastern counties, as well as on the Uwharrie and Camp Butner areas in the Piedmont. There will be antlerless deer hunts on some of the wildlife management areas, and possibly on some of the "open" territory. Antlerless deer hunts are allowable only where deer populations have outgrown the carrying capacity of the range, or are damaging agricultural crops.

BEAR. Reports of agricultural damage from some eastern counties indicate an increase in bear populations in that section. In the mountains the bear population may be expected to be about the same as last year.

WILD BOAR. No apparent change over last year's hunting is indicated. Boar are found only in Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties.

RACCOON and OPOSSUM. There has been an apparent increase in both species in both the eastern and western sections of the state. Prospects for hunting are good wherever the species are sought.

SQUIRRELS. Statewide, the squirrel hunting outlook is generally good. Late frosts in the mountains, however, will have the effect of concentrating squirrels in areas where the mast crop was not damaged. This will bring about a spotty hunting situation with mountain squirrel hunting good in some sections, poor in others.

RABBITS. Field surveys indicated an unusually high summer population of rabbits in many parts of the state. If the trend continues there should be a bumper crop of rabbits this fall in all localities where there is suitable food and cover.

QUAIL. Summer populations of quail were on a level with the rabbit crop, and better quail hunting than last year may be expected in most localities.

WILD TURKEY. No apparent change in the wild turkey situation. The species is restricted to wooded areas where there is little human activity, and they have maintained a fair population level for the past several years. Hunting conditions will be about the same as last year.

RUFFLED GROUSE. A good supply of birds this year, but grouse hunting is restricted to the mountain counties. There will be local variations in number, but lack of hunting pressure will assure a good harvestable supply.

Free Tickets to State Fair Mailed To School Units

Free tickets to the North Carolina State Fair—400,000 of them were mailed this week for distribution to students of the secondary schools of the State.

The school units of Pinehurst, and Southern Pines, were mailed 2,060 of these admission tickets to be distributed from the offices of Supts. Lewis S. Cannon and Luther A. Adams.

The State Fair will be a six-day event this year, instead of the five days of previous years. It will open at noon on Monday, October 16 and close Saturday the 21st.

Grey in Guidance Post in Lee Co.

Thomas Grey of Southern Pines is guidance counselor for the high schools of the county school system in Lee County.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Grey of Morganton Road, he has a master's degree in Guidance from East Carolina College and a graduate counselor's certificate of North Carolina.

Teacher-counselors in each of the four high schools of the Lee County school system work with Mr. Grey to help provide guidance services for students, including counseling, information, placement, individual inventory, follow-up and group guidance.

The county school system includes three rural white high schools and the consolidated high school in Sanford that serves the entire Negro population of the county. The Sanford white high school is in a separate city school unit.

Robert E. Law Enrolls At Babson Institute

Robert E. Law, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Law of 580 South May St., has been enrolled for study at Babson Institute of Business Administration in Wellesley, Mass.

Law is a 1953 graduate of Admiral Billard Academy. He will major in accounting.

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

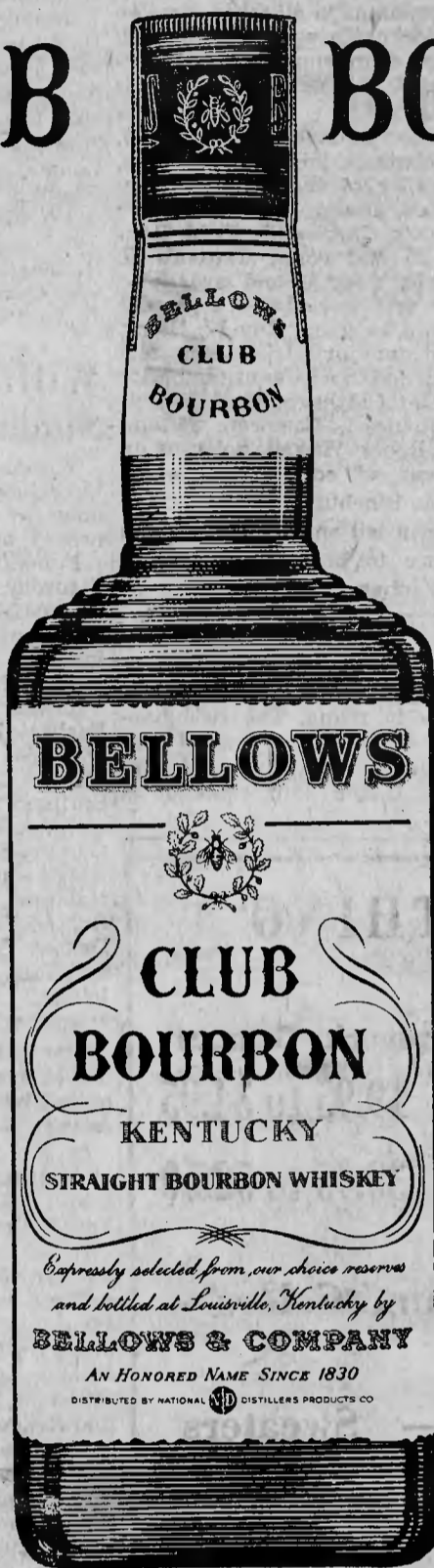
The UNC Outing Club will be host club for the 1961 Carolina Open Archery Tournament on October 14 in Chapel Hill on the Navy Field Archery Range. Starting time will be 9 a. m. with the meet running throughout the day. The meet is open to all archers who can attend. Further information can be obtained from UNC Outing Club, 315 Woollen Gym, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The school tickets will be honored for free admission each day, prior to 6 p. m., Monday through Friday. They will not be honored Saturday, October 21.

In former years they could be used only on Tuesdays and Fridays when specially reduced prices or entertainment and amusements are in effect.

Extremely heavy demands on parking facilities for these two days, particularly, brought about the change to honor these tickets on additional days.

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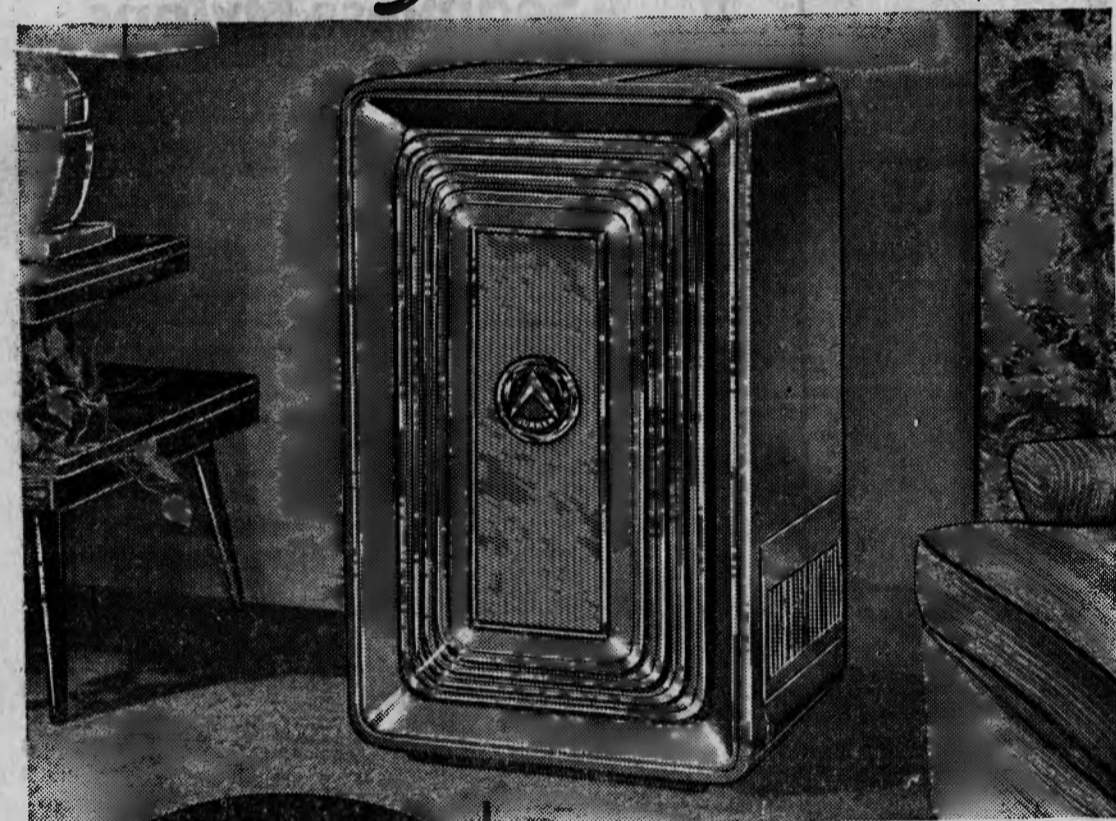


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