

Preserve Has Pheasants

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*** HAPPY HUNTER ***



Nat Osborne, managing editor of the Citizen-Times, poses with "Baron," a German shorthair pointer, and a ringneck pheasant which he bagged during a recent hunt at Brigman's Game Preserve in Madison County. The commercial shooting season on quail and pheasant ends March 31. (Photo by Frank Drake)

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It's open season on ringneck pheasants and quail at Brigman's Hunting Preserve located near Walnut, and all indications point to another successful season for time-pressed sportsmen in the Western North Carolina area.

The commercial shooting season ends on March 31. The Madison County preserve, owned by Wayne and Knox Brigman, is in its sixth year of operation. The layout embraces almost 1,000 acres of land, but most of the hunting is done within a mile or so of the clubhouse.

"We have found this to be more convenient for both us and the hunters, and too, if we stock birds further away they would be at the mercy of the many foxes we have," said Wayne Brigman.

All quail and ringneck pheasants on hand are young birds since none were left from last season.

"Now I did have 100 quail and 10 pheasants at the end of last season but this fella wanted them all dressed and frozen, so I fixed them up for him," said Brigman, "but he hasn't come after them yet and I need my freezer space."

In past years Brigman has had on hand approximately 10,000 quail and 2,000 pheasants annually for hunters, but spiraling costs have forced the number down.

"We'll have enough birds on hand this year, but the main thing I want is to stay open even though in preceding years we have lost some money," said Brigman. "By keeping our feeding costs down we can continue to charge the same \$15 per hunt which we started out with years ago, even though my cost to operate has since nearly doubled."

Ask the reasons for operating even though no profits were being realized, he said, "Well, I love this type thing, being outdoors, working with wildlife and all that goes with it but mainly I like people and in particular, the hunters who have been here."

Brigman modestly feels he is doing the sportsmen a favor in

providing such hunting, with a filled afternoon, although hunt-larger number of hunters in agreement. With such a tremendous increase in hunters along with a gradual decrease in available hunting sites, the theory of put-and-take hunting could be the answer for many people. Brigman, of course, enjoys the fellowship with many sportsmen who have since become his friends.

We spent an afternoon with Brigman last week along with Nat Osborne, managing editor of the Citizen-Times. It was a first for Osborne and we enjoyed a fun-

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After the hunt, Brigman loaded our Scout with turnips, green and ripe tomatoes, molasses and ice box water melons leaving practically no space for our dogs. Said Osborne, "That guy sure has a big heart and if it was any bigger, either me or that dog would have to walk."

HUNTER CREEK

MRS. ERNEST BALL
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Deal, Jr., and family of Knoxville, Tenn., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Deal, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Burns Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Franklin of Alexander were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Worley.

Mrs. Frank Buckner and granddaughter, Maria, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Laughlin and son, Todd, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ball Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ball were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ball and family recently.

Miss Audrey Hunter was visiting Misses Maggie and Claudia Ball recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Worley and son, Chris, had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ball and son, Benny spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ball.

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U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

FAR HEEL PEOPLE and ISSUES By Cliff Blue

DEMOCRATS . . . The Democrats seem to be themselves again—fighting among themselves before the bell rings!

Bob Scott named a committee of 60 Democrats coming from every element of the party and almost before the ink was dry on the announcement of the committee the Democrats with Senator Hargrove Bowles in one corner and Executive Secretary Chuck Barbour in another went together like two prize fighters who couldn't wait for the bell.

It reminds us of a joke that Hoover Taft, Jr., of Greenville used to tell while he was state YDC President in 1967-68. He said that cat fights at night always resulted in more cats and that after the Democrats battled among themselves there were always more Democrats.

We think Skipper Bowles made one thing pretty clear: That he will not be running for governor as the Scott Administration candidate.

Rumor is making the rounds that if Scott gives the nod to anyone to run with his blessings that it might be in the direction of C&D Director Roy Sowers of Sanford who heretofore has been considered deep in the Terry Sanford camp.

If Skipper Bowles runs, and it now appears that he is a likely candidate, it is taken for granted that Terry will be in his corner.

WILSON COUNTY . . . From the way Wilson County voted down the \$6.8 million school bond issue and a 40-cent tax supplement for a new technical institute indications would be that the local additional sales tax for county government and local municipalities would fare badly in that area come the November 4 election. The school bonds were defeated 6190 to 2189 and the technical institute tax was defeated 5814 to 3268.

SENIOR CITIZENS . . . We are glad to note a growing concern in our state and nation for our senior citizens. Inflation is very cruel to our senior citizens who are living on social security or a fixed income. These people should not be forgotten for they hold great potential for usefulness in the communities.

Statistics in a recent report by Congressman Alton Lennon show that persons over 65 comprise 10% of the total population of our country. The rate of growth is figured at 820 persons per day reaching their 65th birthday. Retirement age is dropping and longevity of life is increasing. Congressman Lennon points out that the older generation has a far greater proportion living in poverty than any other group in the nation with 40% of those over 65 living on income rated at the poverty level and below. At the same time, two-thirds of them suffer from some chronic physical condition which means higher medical costs.

RETIREMENT . . . Forced retirement has its good points and bad points. We note that congress has never seen fit to give its approval to a mandatory retirement for membership in the House and Senate at 65 — and we hope they never will. We also note that they have not provided for mandatory retirement for the "nine old men" on the U. S. Supreme Court at 65 and we would not favor such a move.

While the members of the House and Senate can be retired by the people at the ballot box we feel that the federal judges should not be appointed for life but should come up for reappointment about every eight years.

GOOD PROJECT . . . Recently we visited Dobbs School for Girls located near Kinston which is one of the eight institutions serving delinquent youths in North Carolina. There are 220 students at Dobbs School and they do not and have never had a Chapel on campus. A campaign is now underway headed by Mrs. Robert B. Morgan, Dr. Rachel Davis and Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome and many others to raise \$100,000 with which to build a chapel. Spiritual growth and religious training are vital parts of the treatment and rehabilitation process and it is without hesitation that we recommend this project as providing an umbrella under which all people of good will can work together for the betterment and uplift of a group of young people who deserve another chance at a better opportunity.

FLOYD GROSS . . . Although

Miss Zola Henderson Passes On Friday; Services Sunday

Miss Zola Virginia Henderson, 49, of Rt. 6, Marshall, died at 5 a. m. Friday, October 24, 1962 at the home of a sister, Mrs. Herschel Carson in Barnardsville after a long illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Madison County.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Carson are the mother, Mrs. Gertrude Henderson Worley of Marshall Rt. 7; three other sisters, Mrs. Wade Buckner of Marshall Rt. 7, Mrs. Cecil Russell of Fletcher and Mrs. Harry Brooks of Hampton, Va.; four brothers, Ralph and Paul, both of Marshall Rt. 7, Fred of Asheville and Carl Henderson of Hampton.

Services were held at 10:30 a. m., Sunday in Lower Big Pine Baptist Church, of which she was a member.

The Rev. Dewey Rogers and the Rev. Clifford Cable officiated. Burial was in Worley Cemetery. Cousins were pallbearers.

* **Two Minutes** *
* **With The** *
* **Bible** *

BUY THE TRUTH AND
SELL IT NOT

Every true Christian should understand that THE TRUTH COSTS. If you don't think so, make it your own, value it, defend it, stand for it, and see if it doesn't cost. Before you are through it may cost you far more than you had thought — hours of ease and pleasure, friends and money. Yes, the truth costs. Salvation is gloriously free but the truth costs — that is if you want it for yourself. Many who know the truth WON'T buy it. They won't pay what it costs to say: "This is what I believe. This is my conviction." The truth isn't worth that much to them.

But God's Word urges us: "BUY THE TRUTH!" Not, "Buy it if you can get it at a bargain; if the price is not too great." No, "BUY THE TRUTH!" Buy it at any price.

It's far more valuable than anything you can give in exchange for it.

And when you have bought it — "SELL IT NOT." How many, alas, have bought the truth only to sell out again. For awhile they valued and defended some God-given light from His Word, but presently they sold it again for something that seemed more valuable. Perhaps it was peace with others, or position, or popularity or some other temporal gain. They still gave mental assent that it was the truth, but it formed no part of them. It was no longer a conviction. Such should read again the Spirit's counsel: "BUY THE TRUTH, AND SELL IT NOT." He does not say: Don't sell it unless you can get a very good price for it." He says: "SELL IT NOT." Sell it hot at any price. But, no matter what it costs and when it is yours do not sell it for any price or under any consideration.

It is because the truth is so little valued in this indifferent age, that many of God's people have become so spiritually powerless. They hold opinions instead of convictions, because the inflexible, unchangeable Word of God is given little place in their lives. But God uses those who "buy the truth and sell it not."

GREAT SEAL
The Great Seal of North Carolina is kept in the Governor's office for impression upon official papers. It is 2 1/4 inches in diameter and is the 8th Seal in North Carolina's history. Four were used in the colonial period and four since the colony became a State. The present version of the seal was adopted in 1888.

my County and North Carolina lost a dedicated citizen in the passing of R. Floyd Gross at the age of 77 last week. A former Sports manager, legislator, County Democratic chairman, UNC trustee, C&D Board member and Wildlife Commission member, he spent his state well in many capacities.

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