

OUTDOORS-In Texas
By Vern Sanford

Right now the Moving Hand is writing in the Book of Time what kind of hunting we'll have next Fall.

Farmers and ranchers hold the key to successful wildlife harvests. If you doubt this, just remember that almost 90 per cent of the hunting area in Texas is private domain. Actually, some of this is under state ownership, but grazing rights are leased. So, after all, the farmer or rancher is the one in charge.

Our wildlife must have its habitat, just like we must have our homes. If that habitat is not available, then wildlife suffers, whether the weather is good or bad.

Naturally the weather plays a very important part in every year's wildlife crop. No more so, however, than the area that is the natural home of our birds and animals.

Added Income For Farmers
Although land owners and sportsmen have made great strides in providing proper ecology, there is a constant uphill battle to keep the work going.

Recently biologists of the Game and Fish Commission reported on 1957 activities in planting multiflora roses for quail cover. They had passed out to landowners almost 50,000 of these little bushes, bought with the money which you paid for the privilege of hunting.

Land owners accepted the plants and put them in the ground. Then, far too many land owners lost interest and a goodly number of the plants died.

This is just one example of what happens when someone doesn't care . . . or doesn't realize the income possibilities that might result from just a little attention.

However, some landowners have discovered that hunting privileges constitute a cash crop. This is particularly true in the Hill Country of Texas, home of most of our white tail deer. Unfortunately, however, some of the agricultural areas have not responded so well.

One of the more successful quail areas in Texas is a quail management project adjacent to Crooks Lake in Lamar County. Here Warden Reb Burks has brought many multiflora roses to supplement natural cover around the lake. Food producing plants like dove weed and lespezea add to the inducement for quail to multiply.

This is one of the most impor-

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tant projects that local sportsmen's clubs can adopt. If club members will work closely with land owners, mutual understanding can be had. Landowners will soon come to realize that cotton and corn aren't the only crops he can produce.

Of course you don't have to belong to a club to talk this over with your farmer friend. Sell him on the idea of improving his range land, and providing more cover.

Almost any conservation practice that is good for wildlife is good for the land. The reverse also is true.

Shooting The 22 Rifle
First powder burning gun to be owned by most boys is a 22 rifle.

A few weeks ago I was on Lake Travis, near Austin. I heard the constant popping of a 22 rifle. I ran my boat into a cove, and sure enough there was a father teaching his son how to shoot his Christmas 22.

A half-dozen cans had been placed far back against a soft bank so the bullets wouldn't ricochet. The boy was joyfully pumping lead bullets into the can, from a very neat little Noble 22 rifle.

My wife and I sat in the boat and watched them as long as we could stand it. Then we joined the dad-boy team in a discussion of the new gun.

It was a little slide action gun, made by the Noble Mfg. Co., of Haydenville Mass. The boy handed it over and we both shot it several times. Although it had been years since I had shot a 22, it came back to me quickly. Soon I was gleefully knocking those cans around. Finally my wife suggested that we move on before we burned up all the boy's ammunition.

We commented on what a wonderful thing this father was doing for this boy. That young fellow will grow up to be a good shot and a true hunter. Besides that, his dad was teaching him how to be careful. And that's mighty important.

Care In Shooting Is Necessary

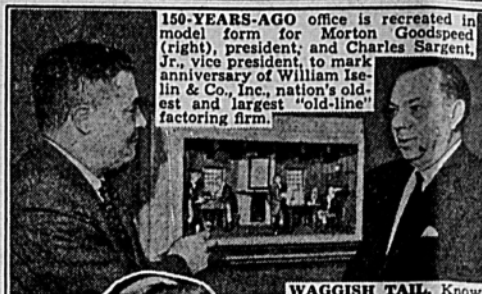
Speaking of 22 shooting -- and caution. They should be synonymous. Although the 22 is a small gun it is a pretty powerful little rifle. It should be handled with the utmost care. Certainly it should not be shot over an open lake, or where the bullets might hit rocks and bounce off.

Another very bad practice, and which many of us are guilty of doing, with 22 rifles or pistols, is shooting at glass bottles. Broken glass is a real hazard, whether it be on the beach, the bottom of the lake or at the roadside.

Best place to shoot a 22 for plinking is in a creek bottom where you have the permission of the land owner. Also be sure there are no cows around. Farmers are funny that way. They just don't want their best milch cow perforated with bullet holes.

Handy Gadget For Boats
Even a short cruise on the water whips up a mighty thirst. Exhilarating air does it, I guess.

People, Spots In The News



150-YEARS-AGO office is recreated in model form for Morton Goodspeed (right), president, and Charles Sargent, Jr., vice president, to mark anniversary of William Iselein & Co., Inc., nation's oldest and largest "old-line" factoring firm.



PRETTILY chilly was Jean Carter, 20, of Atlanta, 1956 Maid of Cotton, on visit to New York.



FOUR GREATS in sports, honored at magazine luncheon: Roger Bannister of England, who broke the four-minute-mile barrier in 1954; Johnny Podres, Brooklyn pitching hero of 1955 win over Yankees; Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian U., triple winner in 1956 Olympics, and Stan the Man Musial of the Cardinals, 1957 baseball standout.

Anyway, that's why most boaters shove off well prepared with refreshments.

Where to park that opened bottle of soft drink, or that partially full can of beer, or that glass of iced or hot coffee, hot chocolate, or what have you -- poses a problem once the boat is in motion.

Alladin Laboratories of Minneapolis have solved that one, and cleverly too. They call it the Bar-Bouy: It's a free-swinging metal basket that holds the drink (bottle, can or glass). The basket suspends from a bracket attached to the inside of the boat. Gravity keeps the basket upright. Two mounting clips provided so that the usefulness of the detachable Bar-Bouy is not limited to one part of the boat only.

Mr. and Mrs. George Walls of Snyder visited Mr. and Mrs. V. Walls over the week end.

reduction in deaths and crippling effects, you would undoubtedly hail it as the greatest boon to life since milk pasteurization.

Why then is there so much apathy among adults in obtaining the protective benefits of the Saulk anti-polio vaccine?

The success of the vaccine is proven beyond any shadow of doubt. The incidence of paralytic polio is reduced in the whole of the United States.

There were 816 cases of paralytic polio in Texas in 1955; last year there were only 365, a large proportion of which were adults and children below age 5.

Many parents have taken for granted the fact that their school children will probably receive their polio shots at school, but fail to protect themselves or their pre-school-age children. This attitude could cost the life of your small children, or even your own.

Anti-polio vaccine is available for everyone now, and the Texas State Department of Health strongly recommends that everyone be vaccinated, especially pre-school-age children and young adults.

The continued marked reduction in the incidence of paralytic polio is dependent on the immunization of the entire population.

Remember, it takes eight months to complete your series of three polio shots, but if you start now, you will at least have partial protection by the onset of the polio season in Texas this spring.

We don't have a vaccine against automobile accidents yet, but you can guard against the crippling effects of paralytic polio, if you act soon.

IT'S THE LAW In Texas . . .

Court Rules Have Purpose
Are you hopelessly confused by court room procedure? Words such as objections, overruled, sustained, hearsay, irrelevant, and opinion are meaningless to many persons.

The purpose of a trial is to settle disputes that the parties cannot settle by themselves. Before these disputes can be settled, the facts which give rise to them must be established. This sounds simple, but on the contrary it is a difficult task. If the parties agreed on the facts the job would

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be easy, but each side has its own version.

The trial court has the job of establishing the facts. This is accomplished by questioning witnesses and the introduction of physical evidence. This requires application of the rules of evidence.

Through the years the law of evidence has been established. The rules place restraints on what type of evidence is proper. They have the effect of protecting the rights of the parties by insuring a fair trial.

Hearsay is a word often heard during a trial. Hearsay may involve a statement by a third person of a conversation between two other persons. It would be hearsay if Jones were asked to tell the court what he overheard Smith tell Greene. With certain exceptions, evidence of this type is excluded because it is not reliable, and might open the door to false testimony.

A lawyer objects to evidence he does not believe is proper. If a lawyer objects to evidence because it is irrelevant, he means that the evidence is of such little importance that it has no

bearing on the case, and if admitted it would bog down the trial so that the time needed doesn't justify its admittance.

Opinion evidence of one not an expert is not admissible since such opinion carries no weight.

When an objection is sustained by the judge the evidence is not received. Should be objection be overruled, the evidence is allowed to be presented.

The rules of evidence have been built up through many years of court trials. These rules are not arbitrary but are designed to see that justice is done in our courts. The judge is seeking to have the truth established and insure that all parties and witnesses in the trial are given a full and fair opportunity to present the facts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cochran and daughter, Joy, visited during the week end in Breckenridge and Graham. In Graham they visited Mr. Cochran's grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Clay and aunts, Mrs. Sybil Beal and Mrs. Marlin Taylor.

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1958 Mrs. America Contest Begins

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Entry forms giving complete contest rules will be available January 20 at offices of Lone Star Gas Company, one of the four gas companies conducting the "Mrs. America" contest in Texas, and in the stores of participating gas appliance dealers. Midnight of March 15 is deadline for entering the national home-making competition.

Lone Star will conduct one-day regional eliminations in Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Greenville and Waco the first week in April. Each regional winner will be awarded a top-of-the-line deluxe gas range and runners-up will receive \$25 U. S. Savings Bonds.

Lone Star's five regional homemaking champions along with regional winners from other sections of Texas will compete in the "Mrs. America" state finals to be held April 14-15 at Galveston in the Galvez Hotel. The winner will receive valuable prizes and awards and be crowned "Mrs. Texas" with the right to enter the national finals to be run off at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 1-13. She will compete against winners from the 47 other states and the District of Columbia.

Regional, state and national

finals will cover menu and meal planning, table setting, dish-washing, cooking, laundry and sewing, hair styling, cake baking and other homemaking events. Contestants will be judged also on personal attractiveness, poise, personality and interest and work in behalf of church and community affairs. Personal attractiveness will be judged on good grooming, tasteful dress and pleasant appearance.

Numerous women's clubs, chambers of commerce, service clubs and other groups have sponsored entries in previous "Mrs. America" contests. However, such sponsorship is not required for participation by a contestant.

Some 65,000 women throughout the country enrolled in the 1957 "Mrs. America" contest. These included 364 Texas housewives, 231 of which resided in towns and cities served by Lone Star Gas Company.

Lone Star representatives point out that the "Mrs. America" chosen in 1958 will bring international recognition and publicity to her home town or city and she will receive prizes and awards valued at thousands of dollars and fees for personal appearances at the rate of \$100 per day and expenses. The prizes include an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii for her and her husband and a houseful of automatic gas appliances.



An actual rattlesnake hunt conducted by the Clay County Rattlesnake Hunters Association will be shown the week of February 3 on Texas in Review. Here a member puts a live snake in a cage. Locally the program can be seen over KRBC-TV at 9:30 p. m. on Tuesday.

Eula Items By Sandra Beard

Donald Jones of the second grade, is absent from school this week with a case of the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cloud visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis over the week end.

The Cecil Blacks' visited Mr. Bob Starr of Scranton over the week end.

Saturday afternoon, from one to five o'clock, Dianne Black was honored with a birthday party in her home. Refreshments were served to eleven guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Madden of Liberal, Kans., visited in the Hugh Jones home over the week end.

Eula grade school girls defeated Cross Plains 25 to 5 in the Clyde Grade School Tournament to win third place. Reta Shipman and Jack Powers received all tournament awards.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Zachry and family visited the S. L. Griffith's at Stamford over the week end.

Eula High girls and boys defeated Moran here last Friday night. The girls score 76 to 44 and the boys won 72 to 64.

Friday night, Jan. 31, the high school boys and girls will play Putnam at 7 p. m. there.

The high school boys and girls will play Scranton there Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

Eula High girls team will be entered in the Hardin-Simmons Tournament Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Their first game will be with Old Glory, Feb. 6, at 6:15 p.m.

Methodist Church News

On Jan. 6th, Mrs. Cash entertained the Day Circle of the W. S.C.S. in her home with Mrs. Stubblefield as co-hostess. The group voted to make a donation of \$5.00 to the M.Y.F.

Tuesday, Jan. 14th, Mrs. Latimer gave the opening lesson in "Every Place a Voice", in the church Fellowship Hall. This is the local C.S.R. course for the W.S.C.S. and Mrs. Latimer will give a lesson each month until the book is finished.

Thursday night there was a meeting of the Church School teachers and the chairmen at the various commissions in the Ace Hickman Class Room. The object of the meeting was to lay plans for a church-wide revival March 2-9. Friday, Feb. 21st, has been set as the day for a prayer vigil. That day from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. there will be someone at prayer in the church.

The week before the revival will be spent in visitation and concentrated preparation effort for the meeting.

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