

Valuable Hawks and Owls Killed by Uninformed Hunters

By JIM MOONEY
The contents of 200 owl pellets was found to be 122 meadow mice, 86 Norway rats, 19 house mice, 1 weasel and 3 shrews. Yet these birds will be killed for no apparent reason than the sport of shooting by hunters that are now ready for a good fall season.

What is a hawk or owl? Are they just vermin feeding on young game birds or are they important in the control of the animals that live on the eggs of our game fowl? To the uninformed sportsmen the idea of value in these birds is the talk of some "Bird Lover." Yet we can wonder why there are times when mice and rats invade areas in great numbers and do great damage to all vegetation.

The food of a marsh hawk, one of the most common in our area, was found to be partly quail by a naturalist. That is enough to put those birds on the list to be killed by every hunter. The naturalist did not stop there but made a more complete study and found that ninety per cent of the marsh hawk's diet was cotton rats and that these rats lived almost entirely on the eggs of quail during the nesting season. That is only one example of the important part these birds of prey mean in our balance of nature.

The residents of Lord Howe Island off the coast of Australia, believed that hawks were a detriment to agriculture. A law was passed for their extermination and on the small island it was very successful. All the winged "vermin" was wiped out. The following year rats became so numerous that an appeal was made to the British Government for aid. Farming had become impossible. The British could do nothing so they appealed to the United States for help and the San Diego Zoo sent

them a group of barn owls. These birds are now putting a natural balance back on Howe Island.

Every state in the Union has seemingly at sometime or other paid a bounty for the heads of hawks and owls. Today these states including Illinois are spending more money to get these birds back to normal numbers to aid in a natural scheme of game management.

I do not aim to get every hunter in our area to believe these facts without presenting the fact that two years ago our local papers carried an article with headlines "Rodents Destroy Large Area Along Western District," let us keep this in mind that Highland Park has felt the effects of the destruction of our birds of prey.

My interest in this subject has put many incidents before me that are important due to the fact that part of the money collected for game management each year has to be spent to replenish a supply of birds that you and I can protect if we will only recognize facts instead of myths and prejudice.

H. P. Gridders Drill For Opener Sept. 21

The Highland Park Merchants football team, 1937 Lake county champions, will defend its title for the first time next Wednesday night, September 21, against the invading Deerfield eleven. The initial conflict will get under way promptly at 8:30 on the Sunset park gridiron.

With several of last year's regulars composing the backbone of the squad, supported by some promising new material, coaches George Hall and Everett Inman hope to develop a combination that will be able to chalk up a record equal to that of the previous season. Although no definite lineup has been chosen for the opener, the appearance of talented backs such as George Bouden, recently elected captain who hails from St. George and Wally Repholtz, former state title holder of the 220 yard dash, indicates that spectators will see plenty of action on Wednesday.

The team will rely on Bouden and Nanini to punt the pigskin out of danger while Castelli will take care of the kickoffs. Manager Jim Desanto announced that negotiations are being made to secure Alden Harris for one of the back field berths. Harris gained county wide fame last year as a blocking back in the suburban league.

In addition to playing the first game of the year next week, the squad will also don its new red and blue uniforms for the first time.

Other players who will probably participate in the forthcoming game are as follows: F. Schmidt, W. Cortesi, B. Giangiorgi, J. Tazioli, backs. C. Bollini, J. Peckey, B. Hall, S. Tazioli, S. Desanto, and W. Dill, ends. J. Dayton, B. Peterson, F. Jenko, tackles. R. Inman, E. Slack, A. McFadden, guards. A. Not, center.

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Superintendent Ball Reports on New Term at Deerfield Meeting

Lester B. Ball, superintendent, presented to the Board of Education, Deerfield Grammar School District No. 109, at its meeting Monday evening, a complete and detailed report of the opening of the new term. Mr. Ball's report gave the enrollment, as of September 9, 353, and stated that 93 per cent of the pupils are participating in the book-fee system. The board approved several suggestions offered by the superintendent, including the erection of book shelves in classrooms and the purchase of a steel filing cabinet.

President Burton B. McRoy appointed a committee, Members Meyer, Grohe and Weiss, to present information for the improvement of parking facilities and playground surface and equipment. The board unanimously voted to employ Ed Osterman as crossing guard, to insure the safety of school children crossing Deerfield road. The Village Board will again cooperate

with the school in furnishing this protection.

Finance Chairman H. C. Hawes presented a concise report of school funds and a recommendation that a safety deposit box be rented for the safekeeping of important documents. This recommendation was accepted.

Mrs. Tennermann presented the Fall and Winter schedule outlined by the Federal Recreation Project workers, which was approved by the board. The board also approved the use of the auditorium in response to requests from other groups.

The Board of Education was informed that friends interested in the school will provide for the initial planting of vines around the building.

The approval of bills, and an interesting all-round discussion of school affairs completed the meeting. All members of the board were present.

Read The Want-Ads

Rare Plant Will Soon Show Unusual Display of Blooms

The Night Blooming Cereus owned by Mrs. W. C. Egan of 300 Egan-dale road, now blooms every summer—but this season it is making a record for itself.

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It now appears as if several of the twenty-five will open at the same time, which should make an

unusual display. If the weather should continue warm, Mrs. Egan thinks that they may be ready to open the last of this week, but she is never definitely certain until about 7 p.m. of the eventful evening.

She is anxious to share her pleasure in the coming display with everyone who is at all interested in floral beauty and she thinks each caller will feel well repaid for their visit to the plant which stands on her front porch. Will those who care, kindly call her at Highland Park 620 regarding the progress the blooms are making and their probable date of opening?

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