

—Conservation— REFUGES FOR WILD FOWLS URGED IN U. S.

Crisis in Situation Causes
Senator to Take
Drastic Steps.

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Senator Hawes from Missouri, leader of conservation in the United States senate for years, summarized the crisis in wild life particularly with reference to wild fowl in an address before the American Game Association. Exactly the same cause that brought about the flood and erosion menace worked to decimate the wild fowl population of the United States and Canada.

Drainage of the swamps in the northern part of this country pushed breeding wild ducks over the Canadian border in ever-increasing numbers to find nesting grounds. A heavy concentration of broods in a comparatively small area brought about terrific mortality among the young birds in adverse seasons. In 1927 more than 40 per cent of the entire batch died in dried up swamps in Canada; last year and the year before there was a very heavy mortality due to drought and marsh fires.

The remedy for the wild fowl mortality on nesting grounds is to create more basins, more marshes, plug up the useless drainage areas as the Kankakee swamps, then draught periods, ordinarily not natural in scope, fail to be so deadly.

Farmland Is Wasted

Outside of the question of saving the ducks for the hunt, whenever a marsh is drained, it adds all of the water it formerly stored to the overburdened outlet. Floods result, erosion sets in, farm land is wasted some of it utterly beyond reclaim. If a foreign enemy should land on the rocky coast of Maine and take an acre of barren rock outcrop, we all would be in arms, spend half of the national fortune, kill or cripple a million of our own or some other persons' children and develop such a fever of irrational nationalism as to squander the rest of our patrimony.

But we sit by idly watching acre after acre running into the thousand of acres torn up and laid waste by flood, eroded and rendered sterile by deforestation, drained and converted into a barren waste by cliques intent only on personal enrichment.

The Great Ruler of our destinies is not going to be so kind to this country in the next 100 years as in the last century. Our national extravagance is bringing out another hand writing on the wall and the official interpreter is the fellow accused of visionary carpetbagging in the realms of conservation.

Citizens' Aid Needed

Until the majority of the citizens of the United States become conservation-minded little can be done to remedy conditions more or less odorous. That the people are not in this state of mind is evident on every hand. In Indiana we find a group fighting for flood control, placing the blame for floods on the lack of levees and not on the underlying cause. We earnestly advocate reforestation and have a separate department of state for it, then turn loose an army of unemployed on what little timber we have left to cut it up for stowaway.

We now are uprooting the very shade trees along state road No. 9, south of Shelbyville, to make work for the unemployed.

The government is taking millions of farming acres out of crop production in 1934 and is paying the farmer cash for the abandonment of his land and there is another drainage project under way to make more farming land in Greene county.

We plow under vast areas of cotton in 1933 and the budget for further land reclamation work along the Mississippi river for 1934 would pay off this state's debt. We witness a staggering burden of tax delinquents in the United States and then hold up for popular acclaim a man who deforested two counties in northern Michigan and then let the state take them over for unpaid taxes. And we will continue to do these ridiculous things for years to come until finally the bottom drops out. We never will miss the water until the well runs dry, we never will develop the attitude France has taken toward her natural resources until we have been pushed headlong into it by adversity of the most rigorous kind.

SCIENTECH CLUB WILL PICK OFFICERS DEC. 18

Election to Be Held at Annual Business Meeting.

Officers of the Scientech Club of Indianapolis Inc., will be elected at the annual business meeting in the Columbia Club on Dec. 18.

The regular ticket nominated follows: J. C. Siegesmund, president; H. M. Stradling, vice-president; H. A. Minturn, secretary; A. M. Hood, treasurer; Fred Atkinson, C. L. Harrod and L. V. Miller, directors.

Other tickets may be filed by a group of five members of the club on or before Dec. 4.

TREASURY GETS \$500 IN UNSIGNED LETTER

Gone, but Not Forgotten

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William E. Clark, R. R. 2, Franklin, Ind., Chevrolet sedan, from North and Meridian streets.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

E. Childs, Lebanon, Ind., DeSoto coach, found at 116th and 11th street and Woodcock, T. Bell, 940 East Forty-first street, Buick coach, found at 500 Bright street, Indianapolis, found at 11th and 11th street, Kenneth Lambert, 3752 Rockville road, Ford sedan, found at Morris street and 11th street, Indianapolis, found at 11th and 11th street.

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HAYES IS MADE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER



FIVE NAMED ON STATE WHISKY CONTROL BOARD

Varying Walks of Life Are Represented on Group to Aid Fry.

Five prominent Indiana citizens, chosen from varying walks of life, have been appointed to aid Paul P. Fry, state excise director, in framing regulations for the sale of whisky after Dec. 5 by Governor Paul V. McNutt.

An Indianapolis society woman, two attorneys, a labor representative and a former university president make up the board. They are Mrs. Meredith Nicholson Jr., repealer leader; Will H. Thompson, Indianapolis, and George O. Dix, Terre Haute; Alex Gordon, Indianapolis, state chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and the Rev. John W. Cavanaugh, South Bend, ex-president of Notre Dame university.

This board, representing several different points of view, is expected to be influential in determining Indiana's whisky policy when the gates are opened and the golden liquid begins to flow legally.

Confer With Governor

Final authority for state liquor control, however, remains with the state excise director. This status was so determined by an opinion handed down by Philip Lutz Jr., attorney-general, several weeks ago.

The whisky commission, which may have an additional one or two members, will confer with Governor McNutt early next week.

"The commission will be free to act as it sees fit and make any recommendations it chooses," declared the Governor.

The appointment of the group, the Governor explained, was to give the excise director the advisory assistance of representative citizens.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dix were selected as Republican members and Mrs. Nicholson and Mr. Gordon as Democrats. The political faith of the Rev. Mr. Cavanaugh was not known.

Bars Down Dec. 5

Indiana is prepared to let down the bars Dec. 5 without additional legislation, in the opinion of the attorney-general. He emphasized in a letter to the Governor that the present law, passed by the 1933 legislature, provides the necessary legal machinery.

The much discussed "Cuban pint" was not taken up in the letter, nor was the sale of whisky by the drink.

Slugs sufficient to fill a large bag were taken from vending machines every day, he said.

Despite the large amount of money handled, there was but one holdup, the loot being \$200 taken from a collector who had just emptied a vending machine.

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Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put Together 'Short and Sweet.'

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 25.—Co-eds awarded places on various Indiana university athletic teams have been announced as follows:

Freshman Soccer—Julia A. Cooper, Noblesville; Roberta Mardis, Shelbyville, and Madeline Wylie, Bloomington.

Sophomore Soccer—Elizabeth Dutton, Martinsville; Frances Harvey, Eloise Kunz and Elizabeth Reid, all of Bloomington; Rebecca Sharpnack, Columbus.

Junior Soccer—Portia Adams, Bloomington, and Millicent Duckworth, Paragon.

Senior Soccer—Ruth Mitchell, Bloomington.

Freshman Hockey—Ruth Brandt, Kathryn Pearson, Madeline Wylie and Helen Patten, all of Bloomington; Wilma Burman and Beulah Morton, Frankfort; Daisy Brewer and Marjorie May, Tipton, and Mary Owen, Anderson.

Sophomore Hockey—Mary Snow Carter, Madeline Wylie, Minnie Scotten and Janet Seward, all of Bloomington; Pauline Singinger, Logansport.

Junior Hockey—Millicent Duckworth, Paragon, and Barbara Stelle, Anderson.

Freshman Archery—Maureen Whaley and Ruth Prince, both of Bloomington.

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Out Again, In Again

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Nov. 25.—Hal Green Jr., Rushville, released recently from the state reformatory, after serving a term for check forgery, was taken into custody in his home city for return here to face a charge of the same kind.

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Purdue to Be Host

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LAFAYETTE, Nov. 25.—Purdue university will be host during the first two weeks in December to the ninth annual conference on welding and the fourth annual high school debating conference.

The meeting on welding, which will be held Dec. 7 and 8, will include lectures and demonstrations.

Attendance of about 600 pupils from fifty Indiana high schools is expected at the debating conference to be held Dec. 8 and 9.

Among the features will be a debate between the Purdue and Illinois varsity teams on "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation."

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\$75,000 in Nickels

By Times Special

TIPTON, Nov. 25.—Lee McLary, 21, a bank employee at a Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, has returned to his home here following closing of the fair.

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TWO ARRESTED HERE FOR LOUISVILLE COPS

Edward Miller, Cleared in Jones Case, Faces Fugitive Charge.

Two men wanted by officials in Louisville were arrested here early last and night by local police.

John Zener Jr. was picked up on a fugitive warrant issued by the federal court in Louisville, charging him with impersonating a federal officer.

Edward Miller, 39, was arrested on a fugitive and vagrancy warrant from Louisville, where police said he was wanted on charges of robbery.

Miller had been held in connection with the slaying of police Sergeant Lester Jones, but had been released. Officers said he waived extradition to Louisville.

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"Giant" Thief Gets \$2

A man described as a "giant" fled from the bedroom of James B. Carter, 2343 South Pennsylvania street, when Mr. Carter was awakened last night, he reported to police. The thief had taken \$2 from a purse lying on a table.

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O. T. Jones, 511 North Riley avenue, Indianapolis, found at 1528 Bradford street, O. T. Fippin, 1802 East Washington street, Indianapolis, found at 100 South Meridian street, 3752 Rockville road, Ford sedan, found at Morris street and 11th street, Indianapolis, found at 11th and 11th street.

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