

—Conservation—
STATE BATTLES WITH PROBLEM TO SAVE GAME

Conservation Chief Ponders Situation: Need Aid of Sportsmen.

BY WILLIAM F. COLLINS
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Virgil (Skits) Simmons, director of the department of conservation, is faced with a difficult problem. In making an inventory of the fish and game department assets at the beginning of his term of office, he discovered nearly \$200,000 invested in buildings on the fish hatchery sites.

One of the hatcheries had such a meager supply of water that production was limited to a few thousand fish annually. Investment in plant equipment, including buildings if based on the same ratio used in either Missouri or Michigan, should have given this state 50,000,000 fish each year whereas the actual production never exceeded fifteen million.

About the time the fingerlings started growth, the hatcheries ran short of water and the hatch had to be hurried into the streams in such an immature stage they were unable to protect themselves against their natural enemies.

Transfer Is Expensive

One of the game farms breeding pheasants is on a high knob in southern Indiana hills, originally heavily timbered and now surrounded by a forest full of every imaginable kind of vermin from weasels to owls and foxes. To transport the birds that are left at the end of a season to a country adapted to pheasants requires a long haul expensive to the department. In addition to that, the jigger population on this hill location during the months when the young birds are mortally affected by them practically precludes a successful operation of this site.

The cost of repairing these and other errors in the plant is prohibitive under the present department income and to ask for an increase in the cost of a hunting or fishing license without the inducement of more game or fish is placing the department in the same position as asking your salesman to get another dollar for an article upon which no improvement has been made.

The department bulletin just out calls for suggestions from interested sportsmen. Proposals have been made to allow local fish and game clubs to aid in production to supplement the hatch of both fish and game in the state farms.

Deer Plan Supported

The local club is to be paid for this activity an amount sufficient to help maintain their program. Another group of Indiana conservationists with nothing to sell to the department suggested to Mr. Simmons to place Virginia white-tailed deer in the forests of southern Indiana. If these deer, in time, brought one-fifth of the money into this state that now goes into Michigan, Pennsylvania or Vermont, the future of the conservation department would be assured.

Mr. Simmons consented to the experiment only if the majority of the sportsmen, especially those in southern Indiana, pledged themselves to the project. He stated the money could be obtained out of the more than \$90,000 he already had saved in the department and that if deer were feasible in Indiana, the expense of getting them in would be paid back time and again in increased revenue.

The sportsmen are going to decide this deer question. I am assured the department will not act against his wishes. At this writing there are more complaints against the project being written into the news than petitions. But that is usually the case with any innovation, the calamity prophet occupies the speakers chair.

Try Any Sane Program

Personally, I should like to see it tried, at least in a few of the wilder-est counties southern Indiana, and in that wish I am supported by our most cautious sportsmen.

In any event sportsmen, that is willing to try out any same program contemplating more fish or game. If you have any objection to its program, you will find the most interested sympathizer sitting in "Skits" Simmons chair.

You don't have to go out and bang your head against the walling wall to stop a project you think is hopeless. If you use any other tactics than talking the thing over with Mr. Simmons, those who know him best have you placed at once.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

Ralph Woodward, 6049 Dewey Avenue, Dodge coupe, from parking lot at 501 North Meridian street.

C. T. Hoecke, 1716 Broadview, Buick coupe, 62-392, from in front of 2054 Rockville street.

Joe E. Bowman, R. R. 10, Box 420, Ford coach, from Meridian and Morris streets.

Bertie Seal, 524 North Dearborn street, Buick sedan, from in front of 1818 Park avenue.

Sullivan Motor Sales, 650 Virginia avenue, Buick coupe, 2230, from in front of 650 Virginia avenue.

Frank Wiggins, 1825 Churchman Avenue, Dodge coupe, from in front of 2054 Rockville street.

John Kugan, 3225 North Meridian street, coupe, 4-246, from in front of 450 North Meridian street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Donald Watson, 624 Congress Avenue, Dodge sedan, found in rear of 1444 West Thirty-third street.

W. B. Wilhelm, 2145 South Meridian street, Chalmers, touring, found at Kelly and Shelly streets.

Rose Hillman, 1529 South Randolph street, Buick coupe, found at Raymond and Linden streets.

Earl Burkhead, 2914 Victoria street, Chevrolet, found at Blake and Washington streets.

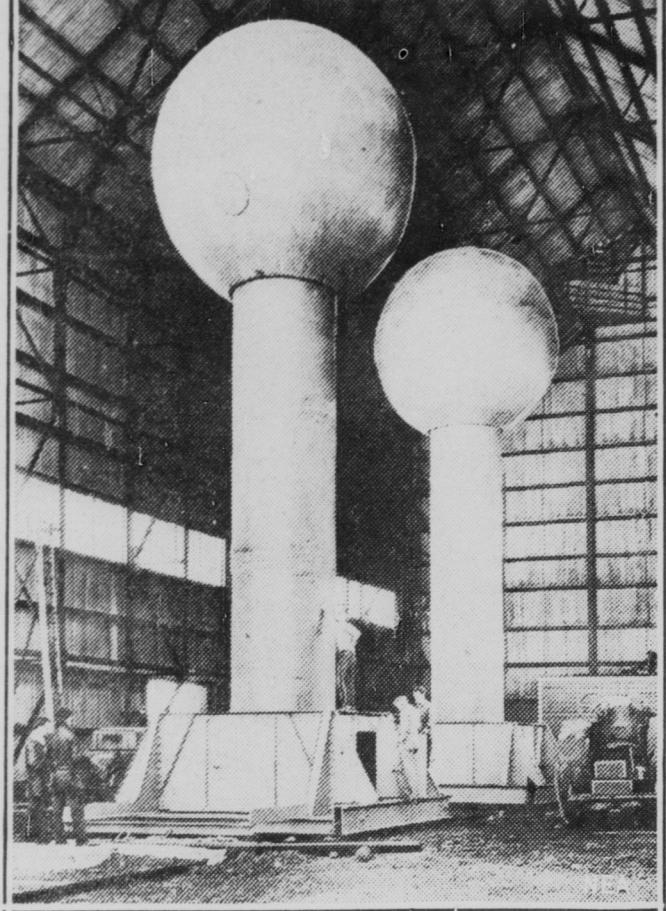
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STATE TO END CASE IN MASON TRIAL MONDAY

Display of Arsenal to Be Final Move in Jones' Slaying Hearing.

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 2.—Opening of court Monday in the trial of William Mason, charged with the slaying of Indianapolis police Sergeant Lester Jones, will find the state closing its case with the introduction of numerous state exhibits.

Machine guns, shotguns and pistols, alleged to have been used in the slaying, will form the major portion of the exhibits introduced.

The defense case will attempt to show that Mason was "framed" by the alleged bandit gang and was not at the scene of the holdup.

The science of ballistics was used as an evidence link in the state's case on Friday when Arch Ball, ballistics expert of the Indianapolis police department, testified to shells found on the garage floor of the Peoples Motor Coach Company.

Claims Bullets Same

Ball said a bullet found in the garage was identical with a bullet fired from an automobile pistol found at Mason's side when he was captured with other members of the alleged slaying gang near Erlanger, Ky.

He also testified that a shotgun shell fired during the holdup of the Capitol Dairies, Inc., Indianapolis, was identical to shells used in a shotgun which the state alleges was used in both the coach company holdup and the dairy robbery.

Mason previously had been identified, police say, as one of the Capitol Dairy bandits.

Floyd Christian, defense attorney, interposed numerous objections to Ball's testimony.

Christian moved that all of Ball's testimony be stricken from the record, arguing that the science of ballistics is not recognized in Indiana. Circuit Judge Fred Hines overruled the motion.

Police Identify Fingerprints

Christian sought to show that all firearm markings are alike because they are fashioned by automatic machines. Ball declared that the markings of no two weapons are identical.

Other state witnesses closing the case at yesterday's court session were Thomas A. Laffey of the Chicago police bureau of identification; Walter T. Dempsey of the Dayton (O.) police bureau of identification; Albert G. Perrott, head of the Indianapolis police bureau of identification; Detective George Meulert of the Indianapolis police department; Barrett M. Ball, Indianapolis policeman; Clarence Bert, Capitol police employee; W. G. Graham, Franklin (O.) marshal; Detective Morris Corbin of the Indianapolis police department, and Stanley Myers, Indianapolis garage mechanic.

Perrott, Laffey and Dempsey testified that fingerprints found on a tag attached to a money sack, found in the coach company's garage, were those of Ernest (Red) Gibberson, one of the alleged members of the bandit gang. Gibberson has not yet been arrested.

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Typhoid Victim Sues

By Times Special

LEBANON, Dec. 2.—Permanent disability resulting from an attack of typhoid fever is alleged by Gus Miller in a \$10,000 damage suit on file in Boone circuit court.

Defendant is Clinton K. Martin. Mr. Miller recites that he became ill while in the employ of Mr. Martin as a farm hand, and blames well water as the cause.

The complaint alleges Mr. Martin was negligent in not providing a supply of pure water.

M. E. Men to Meet

By Times Special

MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 2.—Members of men's brotherhoods of Methodist churches in the Bloomington district will be guests at an annual dinner and program to be given next Tuesday night by the brotherhood of the Martinsville

church. Principal speaker will be Dr. John G. Benson, superintendent of the Methodist hospital, Indianapolis.

Sewer Work Delayed

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 2—Work on Bloomington's \$495,000 sewer program probably will not be started until after Jan. 1, according to Mayor Joseph H. Campbell, who explained that the contract for sale of bonds to finance the project has not yet been received.

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Contract Bridge

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South each mentioning a three-card suit. South bid three spades to make a constructive bid over her partner's three hearts.

If she jumped to five hearts, North might simply gamble and go to six hearts, so she took the slower and surer method, making a constructive bid of three spades.

North's bid of four diamonds was purely a slam try, and with the information that North held something in diamonds, South immediately went to six hearts.

Fishing the Air

By Times Special

Oswald Jacoby, New York bridge expert, will be interviewed Saturday at 8:15 p. m. over WFBM and the Columbia network Saturday at 7:30 p. m. in the second of new series in musical half-hours, originating in Indianapolis.

Jacoby and his orchestra, with Jeannie Lange and Paul Smith, introduce their program with a rendition of Gershwin's modern fantasy, "An American in Paris." The program will be broadcast Saturday at 8:15 p. m. over WFBM and the Columbia chain.

Today's Contract Problem

West has the contract for four spades. He loses the first two heart tricks and must lose a trump trick. How should the diamond suit be played to make the contract?

Jacques Fray and Mario Braggiotti, a piano and a sense of humor to present a piano recital of selections appropriate to the contract program with a rendition of Gershwin's modern fantasy, "An American in Paris." The program will be broadcast Saturday at 8:15 p. m. over WFBM and the Columbia chain.

Solution to Previous Contract Problem

BY V. E. MCKENNEY
Secretary American Bridge League

WHILE I believe that, in tournament play, it is wrong to bid a doubtful grand slam when you have a sure small slam, we do have to learn all the tricks even in bidding a small slam.

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