FOX VERSUS PHEASANT

One of several complaints against the red fox in Michigan—complaints that have helped maintain a widely disputed bounty system—is the charge that pheasants are an important item in the fox diet.

Consistent analysis of the stomach contents of foxes taken in for bounty has failed to prove this charge—and Michigan biologists have published reports along this line from time to time.

New York Experiment

It remained for the State of New York to set up a conclusive experiment on this problem. They chose a 74,000 acre tract mostly surrounded by water, and with land connections closely guarded by trapers. Most important is this fact: An adjoining area of 71,000 acres of similar type land was set up for checking, and here no fox trapping was done at all. Both areas were in the best pheasant range in the State.

Foxes Counted

In both areas, according to an accurate count, there were four or five foxes per square mile. Trappers went to work in the larger area—almost completely surrounded by water so that the animals could not shift from one section to the next, and in one season they succeeded in trapping out 75% of the entire fox population.

Next, all hunters in both areas were carefully checked in and out, and, according to the New York Conservation Department report, "There was no noticeable difference in hunting success on the area where the foxes were trapped, and the area where they were left unmolested." It was obvious that factors other than the fox were responsible for variations in the pheasant population.

Fox Control Cost High

New York thereupon decided that a fox control program to improve pheasant hunting would not be wise even if the cost were low—and as Michigan has proven, the cost is anything but low, hitting close to $100,000 annually. Nevertheless Michigan continues its bounty system on these animals, mainly because of public pressure. Perhaps a better-informed public may one day see fit to put that $100,000 to far better use to improve our hunting. Sportsmen's clubs thruout our state would do well to back a movement to eliminate the fox bounty, and to encourage the formation of more fox-hunting groups for sport. This latter activity is spreading rapidly, and the enthusiasm of the fox hunter leaves no doubt as to the sport of the chase. Conservation may apply not only to fish and game—but to money, too—money spent in establishing better sport. Maybe it's time for a critical look at the fox bounty system in Michigan Outdoors.

A former Birmingham resident, Mort Neff presents his half-hour show, "Michigan Outdoors" over WWJ-TV, Detroit, each Thursday at 10 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM'S NEWLY-ORGANIZED Civitan Club elected its first officers Saturday morning at the Birmingham branch of the YMCA. Congratulating one another before Tuesday night's charter celebration at Devon Gables are, from left to right, Bernard Bogue, secretary; Claude E. Walker, vice-president; Edwin P. Dowd, treasurer; Hugh McGuckin, president; and Douglas Livy, board member. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Cautions Hunters To Take Better Care of Their Dogs

To the Editors:

Hunters Beware!

The Michigan Humane Education Assn. wishes to caution all hunters that the act of transporting dogs in an automobile trunk is considered by all humane societies as an act of cruelty and in violation of the Michigan state humane laws.

The law, which provides a maximum penalty of $100 fine and three months in jail, will be strictly enforced this fall. Violators will be arrested on sight.

Exceptions will only be made if the hunter has made special provisions for trunk air circulation.

Further information may be obtained from the undersigned.

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Director of Law Enforcement
Mich. Humane Education Assn.,
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Pedestrian Struck Down On E. Maple

Wright Minton, 52, of 554 E. Maple, is reported to be "progressing favorably" at St. Joseph hospital, Pontiac, from injuries he received when struck down by an auto driven by David L. Noe, 24, of 117 Bellview, Mt. Clemens at E. Maple and Crooks Wednesday night last week.

According to members of his family, Minton is suffering from a fractured skull and brain concussion.

Noe told Clawson police he was driving east on Maple when suddenly he "saw a man in the road walking south to southeast in the center of the road and couldn't stop in time to avoid hitting him with the left front" of his car.

Police said that they are withholding possible action against Noe pending the outcome of Minton's injuries.

Low Bidder by $32

A four-tenths of a cent per gallon saving will net the city $32 on its purchase of 8,000 gallons of gasoline for use in city vehicles, Birmingham city commissioners noted in accepting the low bid. The $1,902 contract went to the Clark Oil Co. which bid 13.65 cents per gallon. The other five bidders asked 14.05 cents.

Appointed to City Board

Newest member of the city's retirement board is Asst. Fire Chief Stanley Pepperell. He was appointed this week by Mayor Ralph A. Main to replace Asst. Fire Chief Walter Benscoter, who retired from the department several weeks ago.

BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS

Joins Building Firm

Carleton Scott, of the building firm, Aten and Scott, Gilbert Lake road, announced this week that Gordon Jeynes, 560 Berwyn, has joined the business as general manager. Jeynes formerly was employed at the New Departure Roller Bearing company in Detroit.

Special Award To Salesman

The Maccabees Life Insurance Society, with international headquarters in Detroit, has awarded a special plaque to Dean H. Snelgrove, 1508 Humphrey, Birmingham, in recognition of outstanding sales production and entitles the holders to membership in the President's 75 Club.

Membership in this Club is limited to Maccabees field representatives who secured their assigned quota of new business during the Society's 75th Anniversary Campaign which was just concluded.

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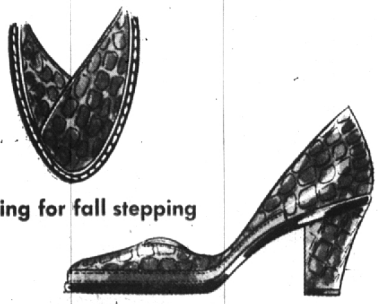

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
For Addition to FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Southfield Township, Michigan

The Board of Education, Birmingham School District, Oakland County, Michigan has rejected all bids received on August 4, 1953 and will receive sealed bids for the erection and completion of an addition to Franklin Elementary School, Franklin Road and Romany Road, Southfield Township, Michigan until 8:00 p.m. October 13, 1953 at the office of the School Board, Hill School, Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Separate proposals will be received as follows:

Proposal A—Architectural Work
Proposal B—Heating and Ventilating Trade
Proposal C—Plumbing Trade
Proposal D—Electrical Trade

Plans and Specifications may be obtained on and after October 1, 1953, at the offices of the Architect, Swanson Associates, West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Each bidder shall be furnished two (2) sets of plans and specifications for which a check for $25.00 must be submitted as a deposit, same to be refunded when plans and specifications are returned.

Plans may be examined at the offices of Builders and Traders Exchange and the F. W. Dodge Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON FORMS FURNISHED BY THE ARCHITECT and accompanied with a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the cost of the work in accordance with the specifications.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of thirty (30) days after official opening of the bids.

Successful bidders in each division of the work will be requested to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract, cost of which shall be included in the proposals.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids in whole or in part and to waive informalities therein.

Board of Education
Birmingham School District
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
For Addition to BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Bloomfield Township, Michigan.

The Board of Education, Birmingham School District, Oakland County, Michigan, has rejected all bids received on July 21, 1953 and will receive sealed bids on revised plans for the erection and completion of an addition to Bloomfield Village Elementary School, Lahser Road and Broadway Boulevard South, Bloomfield Township, Michigan until 8:00 p.m. October 6, 1953 at the office of the School Board, Hill School, Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Separate proposals will be received as follows:

Proposal A—Architectural Work
Proposal B—Heating and Ventilating Trade
Proposal C—Plumbing Trade
Proposal D—Electrical Trade

Plans and Specifications may be obtained on and after September 24, 1953, at the office of the Architect, Swanson Associates, West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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