

Time capsules Scattered Throughout the Hunting Guide

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In doing research for the 100th year anniversary of the first successful pheasant release for the Pheasantennial I ran across some information I found interesting in the old Press's, so I thought I would share some of it. All Articles are from the Redfield Press unless stated otherwise.

Thursday, November 5, 1925

What is probably the record established as a pheasant hunter is held by Theodore Kerr of Turton, who was caught with seventy-six in his possession. Mr. Kerr was in Watertown and had stopped his car in front of a restaurant, leaving his lights burning. A policeman noticed this and went to the car to turn them off. The back seat was piled high with sacked pheasants and the policeman notified the game warden who arrested Mr. Kerr. On stipulation with the states attorney, they were allowed to keep the limit allowed, in this case for the two occupants of the car it was twenty-four, and Kerr pled guilty to the charge of the violation of the game law. He was fined \$533.80 by Judge Marquis and the game confiscated.

October 21, 1926

REDFIELD IS A HUNTERS MECCA

Hundreds of Nimrods Are Crowding the City in Quest Of Palatable Pheasants

War was legally declared on South Dakota's favorite game birds last Friday Morning at sunrise and as soon as the king of day kissed the eastern skies it was heralded over the country side of the entire county with a mighty thunder of exploding shells.

The nimrod infantry deployed every where to tae up the guerilla warfare against king and queen pheasant and their numerous tribal relatives. The incessant roar of infantry fire was deafening as well as bewildering and continued unabated until about eleven o'clock when the attackers retreated in large numbers to rest their weary limbs and refreshen their tired bodies. But the elusive prairie dwellers received little rest. Reinforcements arrived continually on the far-flung battle line and casualties were frequent and in large numbers in the ranks of the enemy.

November 10, 1933

The second half of the 1933 thirty-day pheasant hunting season will be opened at noon next Friday, November 17th, to continue until December 1st, inclusive. Hunting will be allowed only in the afternoon of each day of the open season, and the limit will be the same as that of the first half of the season, namely; five birds per day, one of which may be a hen.

Conditions appear to be very favorable for this short season, and birds are still plentiful and somewhat tamed down from the fight, which they received in the first attack on them this fall.

It is certain that next Friday will see a large number of sportsmen, both local and out of town, in the field again.

April 9, 1934

Game Warden Hedrick has called attention of owners of hunting dogs to the provisions of the game laws in regard to their liberties for spring months, and has instructed his field forces to watch for violations of the law in this respect. It is unlawful for hunting dogs to be allowed to run in the fields in the months of April, May and June of each year. Owners of dogs which are allowed to so run may be given a fine of from \$10-\$50 or a 30-day jail sentence. It is alleged that hunting dogs running at large in the nesting season destroy more eggs and young birds than from any other source and it is to protect the birds that this act was passed.

Friday, November 30, 1934

Although sportsmen are not as enthusiastic as at the beginning of the season, quite a few birds are being bagged during the second half of hunting season, which closes next Wednesday, December 5th. Birds, although not too plentiful, are said to be in good shape and many a brilliant plumaged stubble duck has graced the tables of our citizens.

Friday, November 23, 1934

With the opening of the second half of the season Wednesday, local hunters found pheasants plentiful, but hard to get, as they are gun-shy and flush at long range. Reports vary as to the condition of the birds.

The daily bag limit for the second half is the same as before, five birds of which two may be hens. Very few birds are being shipped out of state this year.

Thursday, November 9, 1939

Successful Pheasant Season Will Close Next Saturday

The 1939 Pheasant hunting season in South Dakota will have passed into history next Saturday when it will be closed. On the whole those who hunt these upland game birds have been gratified with the situation this year. There have been plenty of pheasants to reward the effort of hunting them, but the heavy cover and difficulties have made it more of a sporting proposition than usual.

Friday, October 6, 1933

Pheasant Season Opens Here Next Tuesday

With birds in abundance, little shelter for them to hide in and weather apparently fine, it looks as though one of the best pheasant seasons yet to be enjoyed here will open on Tuesday. The game and fish department has provided for the sale of tags as in the past so that birds can be shipped either through the mail or by express. any a hunter will send a few birds back to some friend is a less favored part of the country again as has been the case in the past.

July 13, 1905

Do you want a home in Redfield? Anyone desiring to secure a home and to pay for it on the installment plan should call on or address H.P. Packard.

August 4, 1905

You should keep your bird dogs in check. Joe Schackle has already had his best Thanksgiving turkey killed. They are damaging personal property and if you don't keep them in check you ought not to be surprised if they wander into dog heaven.

September 7, 1905

Joe Schalkle went to Minneapolis Saturday evening to take in the sights at the Minnesota State Fair.

April 16, 1914

H.P. Packard will sell his automobile, newly painted and repaired, and very nearly as good as new at 1/2 price. Come and see it.

Friday, October 20, 1933

The first half of the 30 days pheasant season will close at sundown next Tuesday, October 24th. The game birds will then be given a few weeks of rest, and then on November 17, the season will be opened for a fifteen-day period. Hunting conditions have been ideal this season. The weather has been fine and the birds have been plentiful and not too hard to shoot.

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Thursday, September 5, 1940

Hunters of Spink County and non-resident nimrods who visit this county will find a plentiful supply of game birds, Fred Curtis, district game warden located at Redfield, reports. The leading game bird, the Chinese Pheasant, is numerous, with plenty of cover to assure the supply will not be gone in the first few days of the season.

Thursday, October 10, 1940

Treasurer's Office Reports 800 Hunting Licenses Sold

The office of the County Treasurer reports that during and previous to the first week of hunting season, approximately 800 resident hunting licenses were sold by that office alone. This means the office collected \$800 for pheasant and partridge licenses.

Fifty non-resident licenses were sold by the treasurer's office.

Thursday, October 18, 1945

Over 1400 Out of State Hunters Buy Licenses Here

Sum in excess of \$28,000 has been paid by out of state hunters who have headquartered in or near Redfield, for the privilege of hunting pheasants and ducks in this vicinity. A check made Tuesday disclosed that County Treasurer F.B. Tinker had issued 891 hunting permits to out of the State residents; about 300 more than were sold by his office during the entire 1944 hunting season. Game Warden F.W.Curtis reports the sale of 310 licenses and more than 200 had been sold at the Parson Hardware store, making a total of slightly more than 1,400 sold in this city.

Thursday, November 1, 1945

Sixteen Hunters, two from Seattle, Wash., 5 from Wisconsin and 9 from Minnesota, entered pleas of guilty when charged here with having exceeded daily bag limit while hunting pheasants. Taken before Justice of the Peace F.H. Packard they paid fines totaling \$534. Game Wardens revoked licenses of several of the men. Warden Fred Curtis assisted by several other state game wardens stopped hunters cars entering Redfield Sunday afternoon to check the number of birds in possession of the occupants.

December 27, 1945

Eastern Star Home Receives Shipment of 140 Pheasants

The Eastern Star Home in Redfield Benefited to the extent of 140 free pheasants as the result of hunters attempting to take more than allowed it was revealed this week.

This number represented a part of the more than 2,800 pheasants confiscated when state game wardens apprehended game law violators. Nearly all of the birds taken were given to service clubs and charitable organizations over the state.

September 19, 1946

Will Open New Hunting Lodge in Redfield Soon

Gamble's Hunting Lodge, newest addition to Redfield's pheasant hunting accommodation list will open on the first day of hunting season and remain open during the balance of the season according to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gamble, owners and operators. The new lodge, located on the north end of second street east was recently purchased from Ernie Brewer.

The lodge will have six rooms available during the season, according to the new owners. Breakfast will be served each day and it is planned to give home -cooked pheasant dinner at least once each week.

September 19, 1946

Farmer, Pheasant Association to Seek Members

Members of the Farmer and Pheasant Association are currently planning an extensive membership campaign to be undertaken in Spink County during the coming weeks before the hunting season according to Elmo Hull, president of the county group. Officers and board members of the organization include Mr. Hull, Miles Linderman, Frankfort, secretary-treasurer; James Dawson, Redfield, George Einspahr, Redfield; William Buchholz, Hitchcock; George Noll, Tulare and Martin Harms, Redfield.

October 15, 1964

Special Hunter Shopping Hours and Coming Events are Set.

At a Chamber of Commerce retail committee meeting this week, plans were made for special store hours for the opening of the pheasant season, a special series of events during November, and the evening hours for shoppers during December.

October 22, 1964

VFW Commander Has Successful Hunt

National Commander John A. Jenkins and his party got their limit of birds while hunting in the Mellette area during opening weekend 1964.

August 26, 1965

Restricted Pheasant Hunting Season Is Announced for S.D.

Because of a reduction in the pheasant population, a restricted ringneck hunting season was set for South Dakota by the Game, Fish & Parks Commission at its meeting held at Pierre.

October 13, 1966

South Dakota's 1966 pheasant hunting season opens at noon Saturday, October 15. The colorful ringneck pheasant will be the target for thousands of scattergunners who take to the fields. Sportsmen will have a generally restricted season this year in SD.

There is two-bird daily bag limit and a possession limit of 10 roosters for the areas open.