

Land Owner Can Determine Who Can Hunt On Property

SANTA FE, N.M.—The owner of private land has the right to determine who he shall let hunt on that land, State Game Warden Elliott Barker says.

Vermejo Park, in Colfax County, Barker added, is all privately owned by W. G. Gourley.

Gourley may post that land, Barker said, and open it to such individual hunters as he wishes—so long as the hunters have the proper state licenses and permits and obey state game laws and regulations.

The state game department, Barker said, has the right to and does limit the number of licenses and permits to be issued for any given area, but the holding of license or permit does not entitle the holder to hunt on private land without the land owner's permission.

Barker emphasized those points of law today in commenting on a resolution passed by the Albuquerque Game Protective association. The resolution said the association was reaffirming its stand asking that state game and fish department make available to the public a percentage of the big game hunting permits in Vermejo Park.

"Before any special session is set," Barker said, "the commission will be most happy to have constructive suggestions as to how the game department can get a better deal on Vermejo Park than last year."

Barker said that Gourley last year cut the number of cattle he ran on Vermejo Park 5,000 head below the carrying capacity of the park.

"This action by Mr. Gourley provided much additional range and habitat for elk, deer and turkey."

"In consideration for that action by Mr. Gourley, the commission authorized a special 42-day hunting season in Vermejo Park. But the commission at the same time limited the number of elk permits to 100 and the number of big game (deer and turkey) licenses to 150."

"These licenses and permits were not issued to Mr. Gourley. Mr. Gourley acted as license and permit vendor for the game department and the department got every dime of the money paid out for those licenses and permits," Barker said.

At the same time, Barker pointed out that hunting on the park is not limited to non-residents. He said that New Mexico residents hunted Vermejo Park last year and gave this breakdown of license statistics:

Of the 100 elk permits the state department authorized, 32 were non-resident permits which brought the state \$1,800 in fees, and four were resident permits which brought the state \$50.

Of the 150 big game licenses which were authorized, 30 were non-resident for \$1,500 and 24 were resident permits for \$90.

No other licenses were sold for the area.

The total kill for Vermejo Park last year was only 22 bull elk, 48 buck deer and 20 wild turkeys.

Barker said he believed some persons were mistaken about the number of cattle run on Vermejo Park. Many of Gourley's cattle are run on other large acreages held by Gourley. Vermejo Park itself is 5,000 cattle below carrying capacity to provide game range.

Hospital Notes

Admitted to Clovis Memorial Hospital, Saturday, February 18

Kathy Whiteman, Portair, N.M., medical.

Mrs. Zada M. Bell, Texico, N.M., surgery.

Billy Tate, Rt. 2, Clovis, medical.

Shirley Norman, Rt. 3, Clovis, medical.

Francisco Torres, 104 Thornton, medical.

Mrs. S. L. Growden, 1216 Merril-wether, medical.

Admitted to Clovis Osteopathic Hospital, Saturday, Feb. 18:

Mrs. George H. Runkell, Roswell N.M., surgery.

Mrs. M. T. Farr, Portales, N.M., surgery.

Morgan Billington, Texico, N.M., accident.

Carl Miller, Star Rt., Clovis, accident.

Admitted to Clovis Memorial Hospital, Sunday, Feb. 19:

Mrs. Frank Romero, 212 Calhoun, medical.

Mrs. H. D. Holley, Mulshoe, Tex., medical.

Mrs. R. G. Parkinston, Portales, N.M., surgery.

James Raybourn, 500 Prince, accident.

Mrs. Boye Taylor, Friona, Tex., medical.

Mrs. C. M. Boddy, Santa Rosa, N.M., surgery.

Mrs. E. F. Holland, Brisco, Tex., medical.

Baby Margaret Poiter, 521 Hull, medical.

Admitted to Clovis Osteopathic Hospital, Sunday, Feb. 19:

Mrs. Florence Graham, 208 Ross, accident.

Discharged from Clovis Memorial Hospital, Saturday, Feb. 18:

Mrs. Leon Cantrell and baby girl, 614 Mitchell.

Barbara Chappell, Farwell, Tex. Jewel Clay, 809 West 2nd.

J. L. Devine, Clovis.

Moreland Lee Harrington, Bellview, N.M.

Mrs. Jake Martinez, Rt. 3, Clovis.

Mrs. E. W. Pace, Portales, N.M.

J. L. Poteet, San Jen, N.M.

Mrs. Elton Thomas, 1008 Wallace.

Mrs. O. B. Waters, 720 Calhoun.

Kathy Whiteman, Portair, N.M.

Discharged from Clovis Osteopathic Hospital, Saturday, Feb. 18:

O. R. Jolley, Miletroad, N.M.

Suzanne Eastwood, 1016 Hull.

L. M. Roberts, Hale Center, Tex.

Discharged from Clovis Memorial Hospital, Sunday, February 18:

James Michael Armstrong, Farwell, Tex.

Mrs. Jack Bates and baby girl, Bovina, Tex.

Mrs. James Beller and baby girl, 1317 Davis.

William Elldon Brinnon, Portales, N.M.

William B. Kornegay, 1105 Thornton.

Mrs. Frank Romero, 212 Calhoun.

Mrs. J. E. Sooter, Mulshoe, Tex.

Dr. Worrell Back From Fort Worth's Optometry Meet

Dr. C. E. and I. D. Worrell and their assistant, Mrs. Rollie Wicker, have returned from Fort Worth, where they attended the 10th Annual Southwest Congress of Optometry.

Theme of this year's congress, termed by the Clovis group as the best ever held, was the development of the work of the Yale university clinic, where he is vision consultant to Dr. Arnold Gesell. Dr. Darrell Boyd Harmon, educational consultant and former director of school health services for Texas, spoke on the work in the schools while Dr. Samuel Renshaw, professor of experimental psychology at Ohio State, covered both fields.

Composed of a lecture series, the congress climaxed a year of post-graduate work conducted by the Optometric Extension Program. Both Drs. Worrell are active members of the chairman of the Visual Training Assistants Forum for the past two years. The forum was held preceding the lecture series.

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