

November 1968

I. INTRODUCTION

Weather: Mean maximum and minimum temperatures during October were 66.1 and 38.5 degrees respectively. The extremes were 77 and 21. Precipitation totaled .78 inches, bringing the years total to 6.91 inches. Evaporation was recorded at 4.98 inches.

The first ice on the pools was seen on November 13 and early morning fog has been present several times.

Water Conditions: Water levels in all nine impoundments are above those recorded at this time last year. Spring production totaled 32.14 c.f.s. as compared to 26.69 c.f.s. in October.

Wildlife: The November census showed a total of 5576 ducks and 226 geese. The single Trumpeter Swan is also still on the refuge. The coot population is doing very well, 13,182 were counted during the census. One White-fronted Goose was seen early in the month.

II. ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Work was continued on cleaning the main collection ditch of submergent vegetation and silt. Using the silt taken from the ditch a spoil bank is being thrown up making a low dike. Behind this dike a shallow pool will be formed which should be used extensively by wintering puddle ducks. Two water control structures were cleaned of gravel washed into them by wave action. A sliding door was placed on the hangar. We will now be able to heat this building and use it as a heavy equipment repair shop. All refuge employees attended the first of four Defensive Driver Training classes at Dugway. Assistant Manager Dunkeson spent three days in the field with Game Management Agents Ritter and Gimby on law enforcement duty. Routine checks and maintenance of refuge property and equipment is continuing.

III. PROBLEMS

None

IV. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Eighty recreational visits, for reasons other than hunting, were recorded during October. Hunters accounted for 114 visits during the month. Five Boy Scouts spent one weekend on the refuge. Refuge Manager Yoder worked with the boys on their merit badge qualifications.

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