

Early To Bed, Early To Rise Can Make Deer Hunting Easy

White-tailed deer are teaching Texas A & M researchers that hunting lore of yesteryear is amazingly correct most of the time.

A key discovery by Dr. Jack M. Inglis and Ron Hood of A&M's Wildlife Science Department indicates deer are even more provincial than many experts believe.

The researchers observed also that deer "go to bed with the chickens."

Inglis, assistant professor of wildlife science, and Hood, wildlife graduate student from Baytown, pored over stacks of data collected in extensive radio tracking studies.

Their research was conducted between February, 1967, and January, 1968, at the Welder Wildlife Refuge near Sinton.

Inglis and Hood shouldered tranquilizer guns to stop deer long enough to strap on collars containing minute radio transmitters. They then "tracked" the deer with remote sensing equipment.

"We tracked a yearling buck a long time," Inglis noted. "With a fix every 15 minutes for 690 fixes, we stayed right with him. Surprisingly, a data check showed he never moved out of a one-fourth square mile area in which he was marked."

Hood heard virtually the same story by eavesdropping on a female deer.

"The old gal sulked the first week after being tranquilized," he reported. "After staying in a

small bottomland area along the Aransas River for four months, she moved to high ground when Hurricane Beulah hit. She sorta took her range along . . . never moved outside a quarter square mile area."

"We knew all along that deer have a small range," Inglis exclaimed, "but we never dreamed they would be this restricted."

Researchers logged notations after each reading as to whether deer were moving or still. Later, they checked percentages of times the deer were moving or still during a specified period.

Observations by Inglis and Hood will undoubtedly be of interest to deer hunters. They indicate deer bounce out of bed at daybreak, become most active around noon, again a little before dusk, and finally at midnight.

"There are two peaks of activity in winter," Hood related. "Deer move around pretty well all day long and at midnight. That's it!"

All deer, the surveyors insisted, undoubtedly take a "coffee break" from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. throughout the year.

"This information will no doubt be interesting to the headlighters," Inglis chuckled. "They can just wait until midnight to go hunting."



TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT

Jim Northrup (5), lower left of the picture, crawls out of the crowd of fighting ball players on the mound at Oakland Coliseum. Northrup charged Athletic pitcher Jack Aker after he was hit by a pitched ball. A huge brawl involving players from both teams took place following the incident delaying the game for 15 minutes. (AP Wirephoto)

Aggies Help—One Way Or Another

Texas A&M students are determined to help U. S. troops in Vietnam—one way or another.

The Aggies held a blood drive in December for wounded fighting men, recalled Dean of Stu-

dents James P. Hannigan, but student body leaders were later informed by the Defense Department the blood was not needed.

Blood Services of Houston, the firm which collected the blood,

offered to pay \$2,562 to settle the account.

Not to be outdone, the A&M students have now turned the money over to the USO office in Dallas, with the stipulation to be earmarked for use in Vietnam.

Junior Gymnastic Group Scheduled

A College Station Recreation Council program in tumbling will register children Monday at the A&M Consolidated Junior High gymnasium.

Instructed by Lindy Baer, health and physical education instructor at Texas A&M, the six-week program will include three week-day classes for two age-groups. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

Baer has charge of the Health and Physical Education Department gymnasium program. He will be assisted by A&M students.

He said tumbling classes will initiate with simple developmental activities and exercises. Later, fundamentals including instruction in vaulting, balance beam work, hand balancing and other activities will be added.

"We'll keep the kids busy," he said. "They will be given a good time, new experiences and the opportunity to learn something."

Two half-hour classes for five to nine-year-olds will be from 9 and 9:30 a.m. Children 10 and older will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. Registration fees of \$2 per student (5 to 9) and \$3 (10 and older) must be paid Monday.

Council programs in tumbling, swimming, softball, bowling, golf, tennis, art, crafts and other activities are supported by registration fees, United Chest contributions and city of College Station support. Mrs. C. V. Wootan is president of the council.

Course Offered For SCUBA Divers

A summer basic SCUBA diving course will be offered to both men and women beginning June 13, William Schroder, chief instructor, has announced.

All interested persons must be at least 16 years old, pass a medical examination at the University Hospital and pass a swimming test, Schroder said.

A basic SCUBA certificate will be awarded to those who successfully complete the course.

SCUBA equipment will be provided to participants, but each student should have swim fins, face mask and snorkel, he said.

The first meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Room 305, Goodwin Hall on June 13. The class will meet twice each week from 7 to 9:30 p.m. An \$18 fee will be required. For further information contact Schroder in Room 107, East Biz-zell Hall.

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