

education, and allow the old hammer and tongs method to supersede enlightened reason.

To the school program of education should be added public lectures given to audiences of adults throughout the various states, which would soon awaken a general interest in conservation that would endure for all time. This commission has already started this latter program and has had several speakers engaged in delivering lectures during the past winter. We shall enlarge upon this work and push this program of education to the best of our ability. It is the one thing that will save the wild life of this nation, and the work must be pushed vigorously. Until such time as the people become educated to the importance of a united public sentiment for conservation, we must pursue the course of warrants, courts and fines and follow the old method of educating with the sledge hammer, teach through fear instead of reason, and the more rigid the laws and the more severe the fines, the more potent the effect.

GAME FARM.

The Wisconsin Game Farm located at Trout Lake, Vilas county, is of considerable importance as a nursery for orphan fawns that are found wandering through the woods with no mother to nurse them and facing starvation. It is surprising how many of these helpless little creatures are rescued by wardens and settlers and sent to this farm where they are fed and cared for. We have in the enclosure at the present time about 100 deer, many of which were orphan fawns that have grown to maturity and form a large herd of breeders that are multiplying rapidly.

In 1913 the former game warden department secured a carload of elk from Yellowstone Park and placed them within the enclosure of the game farm. The long distance shipment and the inclement weather encountered on their journey resulted in the death of all but two, both of which are females, and they are still on the farm. This commission after continued effort, finally secured through the generosity of Charles Comiskey, president of the White Socks Base Ball Club and also president of the Jerome Hunting and Fishing Club, a fine bull elk which he presented to the state free of charge. This gives the state a nucleus for a herd and as they are all acclimated, we feel confident that we will soon have a considerable herd. A vote of thanks is due Mr. Comiskey for his generous gift, which is highly appreciated by this commission.

It is planned by the commission to secure a few moose for breeders and place them on the farm, as it is highly important that Wisconsin should bring back again this animal that at one time was quite plentiful in the far north regions of the state. There is no question but that moose are adapted to that section of the country and they should be encouraged as one of our game animals.

The Wisconsin Game Farm contains about 300 acres of wild timber land and is enclosed with a woven wire fence 10 feet in height. It answers a much needed requirement and will be enlarged from time to time as our animal stock increases. We shall endeavor to secure another carload of elk next year, as we are nicely equipped to handle them and the expense

of securing them is not great. Most of the expense is the transportation charges, as the government will furnish them for the expense involved in capturing them.

OSHKOSH HEADQUARTERS.

Soon after this commission assumed the management of this department, we discovered that the most extensive hunting and fishing grounds of the state were at the confluence of the Fox and Wolf rivers, Lakes Winnebago, Poygan, Big and Little Butte des Morts, in Winnebago and Fond du Lac counties. This territory had never had adequate warden service and the most flagrant violations of the fish and game laws were constantly taking place, and wholesale slaughter of both fish and game had become the chief occupation of a number of market hunters. They had built up a profitable business at the expense of the law-abiding citizens.

It was important that this practice be stopped, and in proceeding we established a headquarters for a corps of wardens at Oshkosh by providing an office in the state fish hatchery, equipped with telephone, and other accessories necessary for commodious sleeping apartments, a sufficient fleet of boats, motorcycle and automobile for patrolling the territory, a spacious boat house for securely caring for the boats. It has resulted in a general cleaning out of the offenders and has established a wholesome observance of the law that is redounding to the conservation of both fish and game.

Arrests have been many and the heavy fines inflicted by the courts at Oshkosh have become an obstacle of terror to the violators. One visit to his Majesty's court has sufficed their appetite for illegal game, and they have concluded that it pays to observe the law.



FEEDING THE FAWNS. STATE GAME FARM. TROUT LAKE