

From four to eight young are born in Wisconsin early in May and they are cared for by both parents. It is amazing how solicitous these creatures are for the safety of their young when we recall that they readily kill animals of other species in great numbers. The den usually is a deserted chipmunk tunnel, or other cavity; sometimes beneath rock piles or fallen timber. It is lined with fur and feathers taken from its victims. The home environs are kept clean, however.

Fortunately, weasels never seem to be very abundant; and this species, in particular, seldom comes near human habitation. If it should, it would be valuable as an enemy of house mice and rats; but it also would take a toll of domestic fowl. In the wild, the Bonaparte's weasel probably is not a serious menace; for, as noted above, it eats a great variety of things. Its numbers are kept in check by hawks, owls, parasites, and other natural curbs.

Large numbers are trapped each year both of this species and its larger cousin, the New York weasel, as the pelt has value.

Conservation Students Travel in Unique Bus

Professor Fred Schmeeckle, well-known conservation educator of Central State Teachers college at Stevens Point, believes in supplementing his students' regular classroom fare with the best educational material from outside.

Consequently when an event of marked conservation significance is transpiring within convenient distance of Stevens Point, the professor is apt to load one of his classes into a college bus and take off for the scene of action.

A bystander, getting his first look at that big Stevens Point college bus, is apt to stare and then grin appreciatively.

On the sides of the bus is the bold figure of a dog, highly reminiscent of

that familiar bus line's trade-mark. But it isn't a greyhound.

What kind of dog? Why, a Pointer, of course!

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Nature Study Set to Rhyme

There is a little chigger
and he isn't any bigger

Than the point of a
very small pin.

But the bump that he raises
itches like blazes

And that's where
the rub comes in.

—Missouri Conservationist

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Distinguished Tree Planters



G. E. Watson, state superintendent of public instruction (left) and Professor Fred Schmeeckle, Central State Teachers college, helped complete the tree planting at the Boston school forest, Stevens Point.

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Many sportsmen are reports from the Milwaukee Association of Midwestern Game Commissioners, which accuse Wisconsin in a lonesome of pheasant stocking. Eastern states, such as Pennsylvania, were not. Experts from midwestern than Wisconsin, citing announced they've had stocking. Unanimously that it doesn't pay, an their states' money on ment as the only hope o hunting.

CERTAIN arguments in's pheasant program ncing, if one doesn't them apart for criti Behold some examples:

1. Many states have middling percentages of hunters' game bags—about 1 to 8 per cent.

2. Neighboring Michigan shoot more pheasant in spite of the fact that ambitious stocking program has done little also.

3. South Dakota, the pheasant state, has no farm and has not stocked many years.

There is a certain significance in reports. Wisconsin has the conclusions of other likely they are right states.

By the same token, damaging facts mean n to shore up the notion on the wrong track : agement. For us, it's

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