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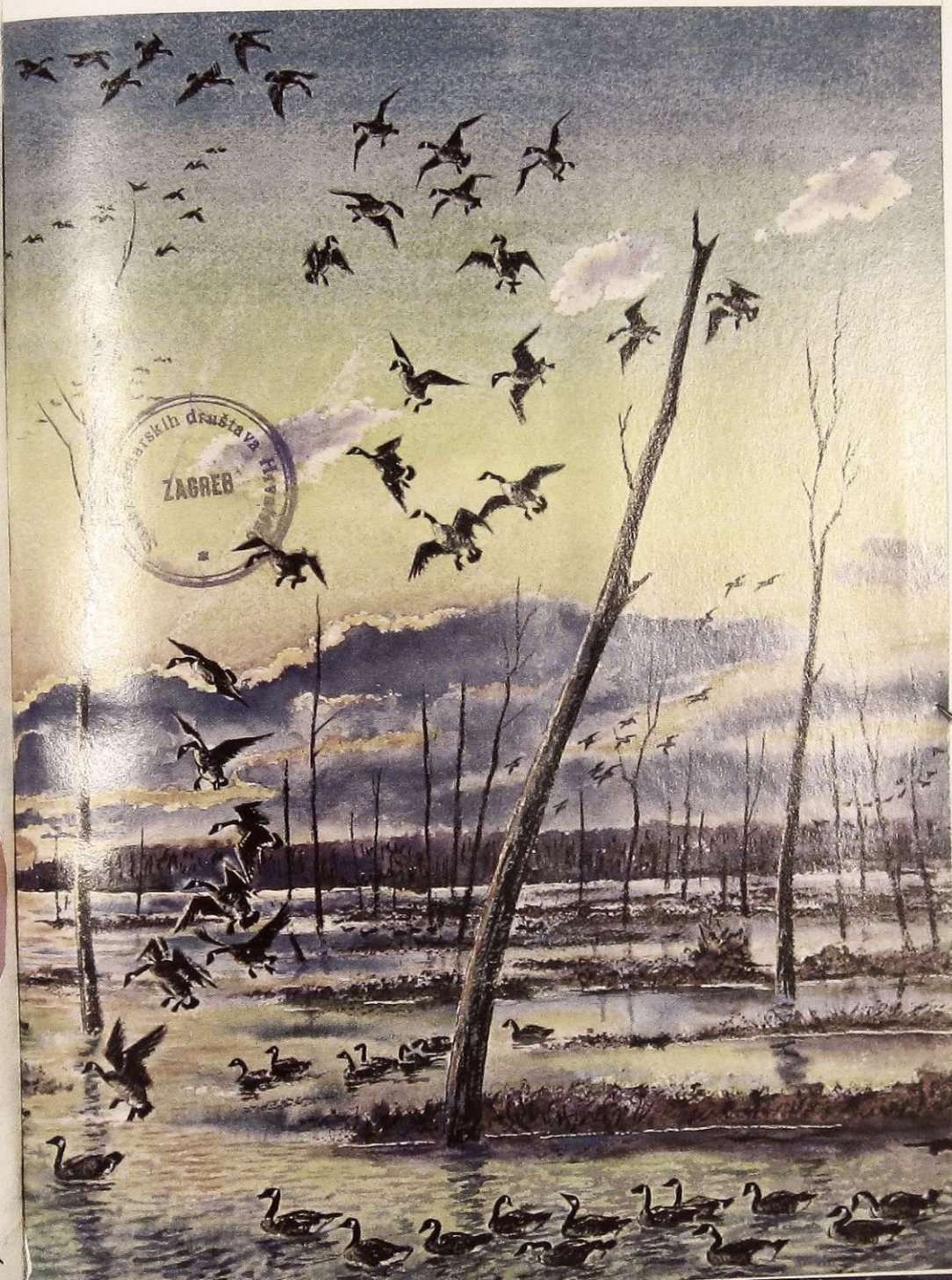
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Bob Robbins was born and reared in Lansing, and except for three years with the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, has lived in the Capital City all his life. He has hunted and fished since he was old enough to tote the gear, and about ten years ago decided that his daily job wasn't giving him enough time for these pursuits. Accordingly, he sought out a friend who was a taxidermist, got some advice, and soon began mounting fish, deer, bear, and other wildlife trophies. When the friend moved from the city, Robbins picked up the slack, and now spends more and more of his time at this work. He hopes someday soon to be in the taxidermy and leather goods business fulltime. That's why we went to him for the very useful and informative story: "Skin It, Tan It, Sew It," which starts on page 23.

He points out that fully half the successful deer hunters in Michigan are missing a big bet by throwing away their deer hides each year. "Maybe," he says, "Some think the hide has to be very thoroughly scraped; or maybe they think it's too much of a mess. Actually, it's neither, and whenever I get a young hunter in here with his first hide, he's surprised how easy it is to have it tanned."



See also, "Heel & Toe," a story of the International Walkers Association, starting on page 30. This article was fun to work on, and introduced us to a most interesting group of people. At left, for example, is Erwin

Erkfitz of Detroit who walked alone from Los Angeles to New York in 67½ days, and holds the record for this remarkable feat. Imagine, walking across the country!!

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