# Farris 1912 is popular with hunters

Acclaim! is an apt word to describe the national notoriety received this past year by Eagle Lake's famous Farris 1912 Hotel.

But the national attention is nothing new for Helyn and Bill Farris, proprietors.

"Nice things keep happening to us. Each as being covered in the November issue of Southern Living magazine, which is a great booster for the entire county," Helyn says.

Helyn and Bill bought the premises near the end of 1974 when the building had seen much better days.

It originally was built in 1912 as a luxury hotel when three railroads served the area and the city was a stopping point.

As noted in the prestigious book, "The Country Inns of America," they have salvaged much of the hotel's original charm.

That book is published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, the parent company of Architectural Digest, and the Farris was one of only 35 inns to be featured.

Then too, the work that Helyn and Bill have done on the building is talked about in a University of Texas tour book about the Southestern part of Texas. Called, "Texas Auto Trails," the reader is guided through the area to the hotel, and given a verbal tour of the building.

The 1982-83 season marks the sixth hunting season in operation since restoration by the family. The phenominally high percentage of returning guests from previous seasons is an indication of the enthusiasm The Farris 1912 guests express about lodging and dining at this unusual hotel.

Behind the tall spanish iron gates of the hotel courtyard are two brick structures making up the hotel complex. The 1912 hotel building contains all lounging, dining and shopping areas on its first floor with 16 charming bedrooms and a large mezzanine lounge on the second floor.

The Bentley-Farris House adjoins the hotel building. This 1920s vintage guest house provides a motor unit for those guests who prefer parking at their door or ground floor rooms. Each suite in the guest house has a private entrance, bath with shower, parlor, wet bar, refrigerator and television. Both buildings are completely furnished with turn-of-the-century furnishings; heated and cooled by central systems for year around comfort. Guests lodging in the guest house also have use of all public rooms in the hotel building.

The Farris 1912 offers the American Plan (all meals) during the winter months. Three country gourmet "All one can hold" meals are served each day at the hotel table and are included in the daily tariff. Also included are snacks, fruit, set-ups, coffee and hors d'oeuvres before dinner. Steak and Seafood choices are generally available also. No gratuities are charged, expected or permitted at any time for lodging or food service.

Dining is available for non-lodging guests. Hunter's breakfast is served from 4:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and the dinner hour is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Beer, wine and set-ups are available. Reservations are recommended at all times.

All major credit cards are accepted for lodging, food, purchases and deposits. Deposits are required for lodging confirmation.

Arrangements may be made with the hotel office for a meeting room, if a conference can be combined with a hunting trip. This must be reserved prior to arrival.

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THE 1982-1983 TEXAS WATERFOWL SEASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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To obtain the leaflet, write the Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-792-1112.





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# Deer hunting looks same

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areas, deer are in fair condition despite drought conditions.

Trinity Brazos — Deer numbers are up slightly from last year, with an average 1982 fawn crop. Deer appear to be in fair to good condition, and antler development is about average. The northern and central portions of the region have a good acorn crop, but production has been spotty in the southern areas.

Pineywoods — Deer populations continue to increase, both in density and expansion of range into areas where deer were scarce or nonexistent before. Antler development is good in areas where deer are not overpopulated, thanks to rainfall during the winter and spring. Browse and forb species are deteriorating because of dry conditions, but good acorn crops in some areas will keep body condition good.

Oak Prairie — A slight increase in deer populations was noted, and the animals appear to be in fair condition with good antler development. Dry weather has caused the acorn crop to be only fair this year. Hunting is expected to be good because of increased deer movement to find forage.

Trans-Pecos — Mule deer prospects appear better than average in spite of increasingly dry range conditions. Body condition and antler development are good. Whitetails continue to do well within their limited Trans-Pecos range.


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# Prospects fair for waterfowl

Waterfowl experts believe the upcoming duck and goose hunting seasons in Texas will be as good as last year, and slightly better for some species.

Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agree that waterfowl nesting conditions this year in those areas of Canada and northern U.S. which contribute waterfowl to Texas were generally more favorable than in 1981.

John Rogers, chief of the office of migratory bird management for the wildlife service told department officials that flights of geese from Canada will be "at least as good as last year." The 1981 hunting season for geese was regarded by biologists as fairly good, although somewhat below the long-term average.

"In the case of ducks, a lot depends upon late nesting success in Canada," Rogers said, "because the strong early nesting efforts of the spring were interrupted by storms. However, nesting habitat in the northern U.S. was markedly improved over 1981, and we have seen higher numbers of ducks in North and South Dakota, Montana and Nebraska."

Rogers noted that duck nesting success was below par during 1980 and 1981, but current water conditions indicate improvement is possible both for this year and the next nesting period of spring and summer 1983.

Charles Stutzenbaker, waterfowl program leader for the department, said the migration of ducks and geese into Texas may be somewhat slower than usual because of wet conditions in the Midwest. "Unless some strong cold fronts move the birds, I expect them to have a rather leisurely migration into Texas with no great concentrated flights," Stutzenbaker, said.

He added that the coastal marsh areas of Southeast Texas which host a majority of wintering waterfowl currently are extremely dry, but he said that could change rapidly if the normal amount of rainfall arrives later in the fall.


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