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BEAVER CONTROL

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Twenty years ago the beaver was almost extinct in Oregon. Now the population has become so large that the animal is a nuisance in many areas.

Carl C. Hill, chairman of the Oregon State Game commission, speaking Monday at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon, told his audience, in response to questions, that conflict between the beaver and agriculturists is steadily increasing.

Beaver are becoming more and more abundant in agricultural areas. The animal has a great fondness for the bark of fruit trees, and, as land bordering streams is the best for orchards, a conflict wages constantly.

The Game commission has a large beaver control force. When complaints are made, commission representatives are sent in to trap and remove offending animals. Where live trapping is not practical, the animals are killed. Last year the state took about 5,000 pelts. These pelts are cured and baled by the Game department and sold at auction in large quantities to obtain the best possible price. One-third of the revenue is distributed to land owners on whose property the beavers were taken.

The Game commission chairman states his opinion that beaver should be removed, insofar as possible, from agricultural land, and transplanted to high non-productive lands, where they can assist in watershed control.

Undoubtedly Mr. Hill has the right answer, providing the Game commission can get the beaver to cooperate. Experience along that line, however, hasn't been too good in the past.

The beaver likes lowlands. And why shouldn't he? The farmer plants nice succulent trees for him to eat, clears away the natural undergrowth along the banks of the stream, making it easy for the beaver to haul down a juicy apple tree, while the farmer keeps plenty of tasty beaver food handy at all times. It's a happy life for the beaver. Put him up in the mountains, where he must work hard for a living, and he shows his common sense by coming back downstream as rapidly as he can negotiate the distance.

Another factor is that of mountain habitat. Willow and alder are two foods sought by the beaver. The Game department has found much difficulty in getting these to grow in certain areas where they would like to plant beaver for purposes of water control.

Our forests are filled with once populous beaver flats, but, for some reason, many of those flats, once marshy, now are dry and devoid of food suitable to sustain beaver population, while planting of food shrubs has been unsuccessful in a majority of cases.

Despite his destructive habits, the beaver is a mighty important animal in his service to the agricultural industry. In upland habitat he is an exceedingly efficient water engineer. Even in the low areas he reclaims waste lands, builds overflow basins to aid flood control, etc. He would be quite welcome if it were not for his uncontrollable appetite for fruit and shade trees.

The Game commission chairman urges farmers experiencing beaver trouble to notify the commission. Control agents will be sent into the area.

One trouble with this procedure is that agents are not always immediately available and the farmer occasionally takes it into his own hands to protect his property, thereby getting himself involved in law violation.

A game law enforcement officer suggests that farmers can get along quite peaceably with beaver if they will protect their trees with a coating of axle grease. If the presence of beaver is discovered, axle grease smeared on trunks of trees up to three or four feet from the ground will discourage the busy little beaver and keep him from acts of delinquency.

It is a good suggestion to have in mind if game department control agents are delayed in responding to appeals for help.

Beaver may be killed only by agents of the state and a severe penalty is provided for unauthorized killing of beaver even though they are destroyed for the protection of valuable property. The injured person may save himself from involvement with the law, our police friend insists, by keeping the axle grease formula in mind.

Choir Of Bible School To Offer Sacred Concert

The a cappella choir of the Multnomah School of the Bible of Portland will present a sacred concert at the First Presbyterian church, Lane and Jackson streets, Roseburg, Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of Lauren B. Sykes, choir-master, the singers are making a 14-day concert tour extending as far south as Los Angeles.

An instructor in Bible at the school, is accompanying the choir and brings a short message at each concert.

Mr. Sykes, the choir director, is widely known as a director of choral music and as an organist.

He is president of the Northwest Organist's guild.

Approximately 350 young men and women attend the Multnomah School of the Bible pursuing an intensive course of Bible study in preparation for various forms of Christian ministry. From this number some 50 voices are selected and blended to form the choir.

Among the favorite numbers sung by the choir are: Luther's, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and "God's Son Has Made Me Free" by Edward Grieg.

As a part of each program the choir members are permitted to tell how they became Christians and what Christ means to them. Their testimonies are short, pointed—and inspiring.

Boys' Meeting Dated

The first meeting on the Odd Fellows-sponsored boys' program will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. hall. All boys interested are invited to attend. A chili feed benefit was recently held to promote the organization.



JAYCEE LEADERS — Pictured here are three Junior Chamber of Commerce leaders, who will have important parts in the Oregon State Jaycee winter board meeting here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are, upper left, National Vice-President Ralph Rohweder, Chicago, Ill.; upper right, National Vice-President Frank Merrill, Albany, and lower picture, Bruce Kelly, state Jaycee president.



Jaycee Leaders To Attend Board Meet In Roseburg

Two national Junior Chamber vice-presidents and the Oregon state president will be in attendance at the Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce winter board meeting, which opens in Roseburg Friday evening and continues through Sunday morning.

They are National Vice-Presidents Ralph Rohweder, Chicago, Ill., and Frank Merrill, Albany, and State President Bruce Kelly of Portland.

Rohweder, in charge of the United States Junior Chamber's public affairs program, is assigned to the states of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. He has been active in Junior Chamber for 10 years, serving as chairman of the U.S. JCC public safety committee, 1945-46; president of the Illinois Junior Chamber, 1947-48, and chairman of the U.S. JCC public affairs committee, 1948-49. In addition he has served as president and as secretary of the Chicago Jaycees. He is executive secretary of the National Society for Medical Research in Chicago.

Merrill, in charge of the national organization's public relations program, is assigned to Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The record of Jaycee service that won him the national office includes secretary-treasurer and president of the Albany Jaycees, and vice-president, president and national director of the Oregon State Jaycees. He organized and was the first president of the renowned Albany Timber Carnival, which for the last two years has won the project-of-the-year award at the national conventions of the U.S. JCC. In private life he heads an advertising agency in Albany.

Kelly, public relations manager of a Portland investment company, served as a member of the Portland Junior Chamber board of directors four years, is past national U.S. Junior Chamber director, state president, and a member of the Hoover Commission for Better Government.

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program, which he doesn't like and wants to get rid of.

HE seems to have started something. Other Washington dispatches say:

"Congressional critics of the Brannan farm plan said today they are considering applying it to the surplus potato issue."

The story goes on:

"Economists tell us it would probably backfire and cost about 400 million dollars this year," said one lawmaker who would not permit use of his name. "That ought to blow the Brannan plan to pieces forever—but it might be worth it."

WHAT this lawmaker (who is afraid to let his name be used) means is that a trial run of the Brannan plan on potatoes alone might be worth the staggering cost just to show people how silly it is. I'm sure he's wrong.

People don't react that way. SPITE USE of the Brannan plan would be almost certain to result in something even sillier and more costly—just as the present grim ruckus in the coal industry will be more likely to lead to SOCIALIZATION OF COAL than to any return of sane thinking in the coal fields.

HISTORY tells us that in politics we practically NEVER go back. We GO ON to something else. If we have been doing something silly and it doesn't work out, we go on to something sillier.

I'm afraid it will be that way this time.

GLOOMY? No, I don't intend to be. I'm just trying to face facts. Among other things, I've just read this dispatch from New York:

"Dr. Albert Einstein warns mankind TO STOP FIGHTING OR DISAPPEAR FROM THE EARTH. He adds, 'Development and use of the hydrogen bomb could cause annihilation of any life on earth through radioactive poisoning of the atmosphere.'"

IF Dr. Einstein is right, that is the pass we are coming to because human beings can no longer get along with each other.

Only 225 Places Set For Banquet

Only 225 places will be set at the Peeewe baseball benefit banquet, dated for Feb. 23, at the junior high school auditorium, said general chairman Elmore "Bunky" Hill.

Tickets, selling at \$5 per plate, are going fast at J.V. Sporting Goods store, Roy O. Young's real estate office, Wally's Pastime, and members of the American Legion, Hill said.

Those attending the banquet will make it possible for Roseburg sports fans to help build character, good citizenship and provide healthful exercise and an outlet for the kids' summertime energies, Hill opined.

Nearly 120 boys of grade school age eagerly turned out for baseball practice last summer, which proved to be a popular attraction for the townfolk, who turned out in capacity crowds to see the youngsters do their stuff against formidable foes from out of town.

"Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "Tick" MALARKEY
The "top brass" of Oregon's American Legion and its auxiliary were personally conducted through the Roseburg hospital by Dr. John L. Haskins, manager, Monday morning and early afternoon. Each department and ward was on their tour, and Tom Collins, Oregon department adjutant, said it all in a few words:

"Nowhere in the nation is to be found a better managed and staffed VA hospital than this unit at Roseburg. You may think that I'm prejudiced when this remark is made because during '44, '45 and '46 I served as contact officer while Cliff Fields was overseas. I'm not—these are the facts."

For some of the group this was their first glimpse of Vets by the Grove. They united in their praise of the landscaped grounds and the neatness and the orderliness of the station. Following are the names: Tom Collins, department adjutant; Clyde Dickey, department vice-commander; Harry Hough, assistant department service officer; Mae Whitcombe, department secretary; Sadie Graham, auxiliary department president and Myrtle Krueger, department vice-president.

A conference at North Bend for District 10, more than well attended, was held Sunday afternoon and evening. All veterans' affairs were discussed and stress placed on the fact that the peak of the hospitalization load will not be reached until 1960 was the principal topic. The Hoover recommendation that the VA be broken up into five separate units was "under fire." The Legion—"period"—does not like the idea in any way, shape or form.

Please mention Nette Ulrich and her hospital volunteer workers. They are doing a wonderful

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between 615 and 7 p.m., if you have not received your News-Review.

Ask for Harold Mobley

Some from the 'MENDING BASKET'

By Vichniet S. Martin

"My many Roseburg subscribers' remarks Editor Thomas Hawn of Eugene in TOMMY'S TOPICS "suffered much worse than we did from the storm. . . Can you imagine the Lydons trying to bathe, feed and wash clothes for the twins with no power Pretty tough." (Another issue says that the "twins are progressing rapidly in both cuteness and sense. . . Johnny sucks his left thumb and Kathy sucks her right thumb. Those twins are really cute."

Occasionally the editor (who is also publisher, founder and distributor of the "little magazine of great interest" called TOMMY'S TOPICS) has troubles. An early issue was late: "Reason—home-work; semester exams; heavy snowfall (sleed)." One of the dedications of the monthly was "To my dear father who helped me make this issue come out the way it has."

World affairs are not ignored. By no means! But the neighbors nearby also furnish copy. "Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pruett (he's an astronaut," concluded Tom.

Our sweethearts of the dietitian's office, Peggy Joyce, Vivian Pobar and Helen Allen, went all out Tuesday, Feb. 14—Valentine's day. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and the responsibility for the roasting and gravy making was vested in cooks Tom Findlay and Harvey Blake.

Menus and decorations to fit the occasion graced the dining room and tables.

"Vic" Rice has had a real sick spell. For a while he was in Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene, an old back injury, has flared up. Now back home in Roseburg, recuperating, "Vic" hoped to return shortly to his job as property and supply clerk.

Three Gold Star Mothers of the Roseburg chapter, Iva Van Noy, Martha Welles and Olive Clarke, were working through Wards 3 and 5 Monday, the eve of St. Valentine's day. Red candy and sweetheart cards, cigarettes, tobacco, gum and even cigars were passed to patients—most of whom are bedridden.

Olive Clarke is the newly elected president of the Roseburg chapter, Gold Star Mothers.

This writer has heard upon many occasions about "Sam McGee from Tennessee" as written by Robert W. Service but it was over on Ward 6 an evening or so ago that he had the pleasure of meeting a lady from the same state. Nurse Agnes Dodd had taken over a relief shift.

A drawl that hinted strongly of the deep South brought an inquiry, and facts revealed that she is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, class 1946, and with husband Leroy—ex-GI—lives in North Roseburg. Two youngsters, a boy and a girl, have blessed their wedding.

All the nice things the writers seem to sing about in story and song reflect from Agnes, VA nurse. Her smile seems as sunny as the days they boast of and, in going about the work that is required, she is as placid as an unruffled lake on a wind-free day.

"Sure, I like Oregon and Roseburg. But there are times when homesickness comes on. We intend to stay and one of these days: Roy and I want to build a home here."

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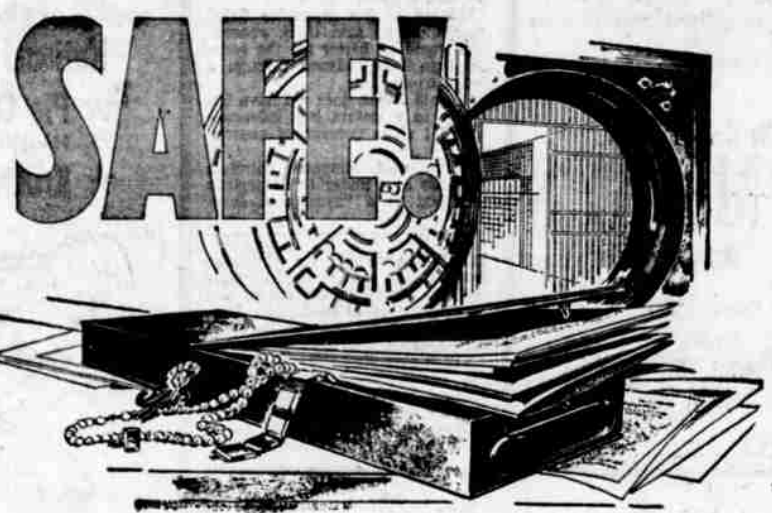
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