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## WILDLIFE POLICIES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Opportune time to correspond with the national observance of Wildlife week, March 19-25, is a statement of policy announced by the Oregon State Game commission. The statement places the commission on record for a program of general conservation, cooperation and decentralized management. It proposes a sustained yield policy of fish and game harvest, fuller use of natural propagation through habitat improvement, and efforts to eliminate as much friction as possible in land uses for agriculture and wildlife production.

One of the steps in implementing the program will be the setting up of district management. The state has been divided into districts with a supervisor appointed for each. The district supervisor will be responsible to the state game director. Management affairs thereby will be decentralized and will be more closely tuned to purely local conditions.

One very difficult problem will be attacked, that of closer cooperation between the game department and agricultural interests.

### Conflict For Land Use Serious

The conflict between agricultural and wildlife interests for land use is steadily becoming more critical. As population grows, the concentration in urban areas is out of proportion to increase of settlers on farms. Urban population, with work weeks steadily growing shorter and daylight saving time in summer months giving more time for recreation, demands an ample supply of fish and game to provide sport. The wildlife resource has a tremendous economic value, producing millions of dollars to business and industry, in addition to license fees.

Deer, elk and other game naturally habitates lands desirable for agricultural purposes at various seasons of the year. They find desirable food on cultivated lands. They do tremendous damage to field crops, gardens and orchards. The farmer does not appreciate having his crops destroyed by game animals and birds, which he is forbidden by law to kill except in season. At the same time, the city dweller, thinking of recreational potentialities, objects to slaughter of wildlife by farmers.

The game commission, holding that "an economic incentive to the land owner is the best insurance for the success of a recommended practice," is endeavoring to work out this difficult problem along cooperative lines. In some places, where damage is most severe, the only answer is in slaughter. But in other places the commission is cooperating with the farmer by paying part of the cost of deer-proof fences, granting limited kill permits, leasing hunting rights and, in a few cases, buying sub-marginal lands.

### Public Shooting Grounds To Be Expanded

Public shooting grounds offer one method whereby recreational facilities may be provided on upland birds and migratory waterfowl. Considerable success has marked the public shooting areas already established, and the commission plans to extend holdings, as funds permit. In addition to outright purchase, the commission also is considering leasing shooting rights in many sections of the state.

Accompanying the game commission's statement, is a wildlife message from C. A. Lockwood, state game director, who points out that wildlife in all its forms is the property of each and every citizen. The state, he says, functions only as the guardian of wildlife, holding the resource in trust for all the people. The statement continues:

In recent years a vastly expanded army of hunters and fishermen has been harvesting the game crop, and in turn, new restrictive measures have been imposed. These regulations are designed to spread the available supply of game among all sportsmen without depleting the resource. This program will succeed only with the cooperation and understanding of all concerned.

### Must Save For Future Generations

Now, more than ever, hunting and fishing must be accepted for the sport and recreational values to be derived and not as a means of filling the family larder. The poacher and the game hog are to be regarded as common thieves, for they are truly robbing the public of what is rightfully theirs. Our efforts at perpetuating the wildlife resource should not be aimed at today or tomorrow; the pursuit and enjoyment of wildlife is a heritage which we must guard for the generations yet unborn.

It is apparent from the declarations by the commission and the game director that the importance of the wildlife resource is gaining increasing recognition. The fact that conservation practices are to be widened and that efforts are being made to resolve conflicts will be welcome news to conservationists.

The policy declarations from our state game department provide a fitting climax to the observance of National Wildlife week.

## Farm Units Hit Use Of Surpluses For Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Leaders of four major farm organizations joined here in opposing a House bill which would require that agricultural surpluses be used as part of American foreign aid. In a joint letter to members of Congress, the leaders said they support the full \$3,100,000,000 cash request of President Truman for the Economic Cooperation Administration. The farm officials are: Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; John H. Davis, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmers Co-

operatives; James G. Patton, president of National Farmers union, and Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange. An ECA bill approved by the House foreign affairs committee would grant Marshall fund countries \$2,100,000,000 in cash and \$1,000,000,000 in surplus farm products held by the Agriculture department under price support programs. The bill is scheduled for debate in the House today. The joint letter said use of government farm surpluses would "lend substance to the Russian claim that America is using ECA for the purpose of dumping its farm surpluses." The farm leaders said European countries needing surplus American foodstuffs could get them through established procedure by the ECA.

## Flagpole Sitter



"CAMP FIRE STORY" is the title of the pageant to be presented Saturday at 8 p. m. to the public at junior high auditorium. Paul Jenkins, News-Review photographer, snapped this close-up shot of a stage scene at the dress rehearsal Thursday night. In the back row are Camp Fire Girls in their traditional ceremonial gowns with strings of honor beads and leather honors for decorations. The group of girls gathered around the camp fire are dressed in their blue and white service costumes with red ties. Guardians and parents have been working for the past month in rehearsal of songs and stage scenes for this pageant. The same program was presented in Portland last year with 1,000 girls taking part. The pageant has been reshaped for local production. (Picture by Paul Jenkins.)

## In the Day's News

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stripping our government of the power to fire employees whom it has reason to suspect of treachery.

THE point is that traitors we might need to fear are Communists. Communist Russia hopes to destroy us by boring from within. The way to bore from within would be to get as many Communists as possible into our government. That's what makes it bad.

THESE Communists are a queer breed of cats. For example: A young member of the Soviet Communist youth organization Komsomol fell in love with a non-Komsomol girl. They became engaged. She wanted to be married in a church. He had an idea that wouldn't be popular with his Communist bosses, so he wrote a letter to the juvenile edition of Pravda, the Communist party newspaper. In his letter, he said:

"I intend to marry a girl who is not a member of the Komsomols. She wants us to marry in church. Please tell me whether I can marry in church."

Pravda answered that a church marriage would be a direct violation of Komsomol statutes and would be an unprincipled step according to Communist morals. It added:

"It is clear that religious beliefs are DEEPLY ALIEN TO OUR CONVICTIONS AND BASICALLY OPPOSED TO THE TASKS OF COMMUNIST EDUCATION."

### WHY is that so significant?

Well, morals are deeply grounded in religious faith. If you are flatly opposed to religious faith, the chances are that you will have no morals.

Because Russia has no religious faith upon which to build a code of morals, we can't believe anything she says. Because we feel that we

can't believe anything Russia says, we can't work with her toward world peace.

## Chinese Famine Affects Probably Fifty Million

HONG KONG, March 24.—(AP)—Reports indicated today Communist China's famine has hit possibly 50,000,000 persons. For one-fifth that number the food situation is reported desperate. There is no way of learning the true situation behind the bamboo curtain. But this is what reports reach-

ing here say: The famine, which broke out in the east provinces, has spread west and south. The Reds' Peiping radio said the famine has hit six provinces.

Where famine strikes, disease thrives. Plague, small pox and diphtheria are rampant in Anhwei, Shantung and Kiangsu provinces. Animals are dying fast in the food-short land. And March floods have washed out spring plantings.

Famine victims are fleeing central and south Shantung province areas. A Canton report said "nine out of 10 farmers in the East river region 18 miles northeast of Canton are moving south in search of food as all rice stocks are exhausted."

Chinese Communists say the

retary. The book is revised and awaiting Mr. McArthur's better health before the release of the revision to the printer, Binford & Mort.

Douglas county names have been of especial interest. HAPPY VALLEY a few miles southwest of Roseburg "was settled in 1852 by four bachelors. They were jolly blades and they named the valley."

AZALEA has been a post office name twice in Douglas county: The original one was at a point on Cow creek about ten miles southwest of Riddle. In 1888 there was a postoffice named Starve-out; postmaster named H. L. Merri. The name wasn't liked by the inhabitants. At any rate it became Booth in 1907, and AZALEA in 1925. Mr. McArthur devotes half a page to Azalea, saying that "Douglas county is noted for its azaleas and this post office was named on account of their abundance in that community. The postmaster in Azalea in 1925 told the writer that Mrs. Maggie Pickett suggested the name for the former Booth post office."

## Appearance Of Swallows In Lookingglass Area Antedates Visit At Capistrano Mission

By LEROY INMAN

Mrs. Hazel S. Marsh, Lookingglass correspondent, takes the News-Review to task for not printing her recent news story relative to the appearance Feb. 20 of a band of six swallows, which were watched by one of the fruit growers of the vicinity as he worked with his helper.

The observers, said Mrs. Marsh, thought that others might be interested also in this unusual appearance of swallows.

"Last Saturday's issue of the News-Review," said Mrs. Marsh, "carried an Associated Press story of the legend concerning the appearance of the swallows each year on March 19 at the San Juan Capistrano mission. That is, not that the swallows had appeared on the 19th this year, but that they were due to appear."

"Make no mistake," says Mrs. Marsh, "these men of Lookingglass know their birds, and they watch the coming and going of their feathered friends with an interest equal to that of the heralded fathers of the rambling adobe mission."

"Two days later," continues Mrs. Marsh, "the birds were again sighted here, but have not been seen since then. Whether this was a detached group from a main migratory flock or an advance scout troop our observers are not prepared to say, but the fact remains that six swallows were seen in Lookingglass valley on Feb. 20 of this year. Ordinarily the swallows reach this area between March 25 and April 5."

Ed, note. Perhaps the News-Review missed a bet in overlooking Mrs. Marsh's item. We of the city more or less endure the winter and laud the spring. But our work not being geared to the weather, we are less alert to signs of spring than those of rural areas who use these signs to guide their

plowing and planting. So far as we know, there is no legend connecting the appearance of swallows in Lookingglass with

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definite dates. Capistrano swallows arrive March 19, St. Joseph's day, and depart Oct. 23, St. John's day, according to legend. Perhaps we can create a legend for Lookingglass swallows, which, too, may attain nationwide recognition.)

## Now you Know!

The answers in everyday insurance problems.  
By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: My sister-in-law had a valuable watch stolen while she was asleep on a recent trip. She had put the watch under her pillow and when she awoke, it was gone. My husband carries a Residence Theft Insurance policy and the insurance man told us we were covered for thefts of personal property when away from home. If I had my watch stolen under the circumstances I have described would the insurance company pay the loss?

ANSWER: Yes, under the terms of a theft policy which covers loss of personal property while away from home, the insurance company would pay for loss of the watch as you have described it.

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## Interior Decorating ... can be FUN! By ONA BARRON



## THE MODERN OUTLOOK

With modern architects putting more and more accent on windows, making entire walls of glass, our own windows sometimes seem stunted by comparison. But there's much we can do to make ordinary-sized windows seem large and important ... make them the focal point of our decorative scheme. The room sketched above was a drab, high-ceilinged ugly duckling until an exciting color scheme and roll-up roll-down bamboo blinds in a unique (and inexpensive) window treatment lifted it out of the ordinary. The walls, woodwork and blinds have been painted a soft tone of green. The high ceiling has been lowered effectively with Chinese-patterned wall paper with coral background. The blinds which roll down from ceiling, up from floor give the effect of a wall-high window and make draperies superfluous. This background is a perfect foil for Chinese Modern furnishings. The davenport in clear rich coral, the upholstered chairs in deep egg plant harmonize with and enhance the simple elegance of the bleached mahogany tables and chests. The low mirror coffee table accents the modern feeling. We are constantly on the alert for ideas that will bring up-to-the-minute freshness and fashion to your rooms. Come in and let's talk them over.



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