

Chukar Partridge Take Hold In Oregon; Other Game Birds Found Through State

(Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles describing Oregon's upland game birds, their origin, living habits, plumage and coloring. The season opens Saturday.)

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's newest game bird is the chukar partridge, a native of Asia, and game officials warn hunters not to confuse it with the Hungarian partridge when they take to the woods and hills this weekend.

Hunters will do well to heed the warning since there is no open season on chukar partridge, which was introduced in Oregon in 1951. The chukar is similar in color to the Hungarian partridge, but is larger.

Since 1951 some 45,000 chukars have been released in the eastern part of the state from game farms and John W. McKean, State Game Commission supervisor, said it's "difficult to say" what the total population is now.

They have taken hold well, however, and there's a possibility the first open season on them may be held next year, according to McKean.

The chukar, which likes to live in steep, dry, rocky areas, has gray plumage with a black circle around the throat and eyes. The sides are barred with eight or nine black stripes. The birds average about 20 ounces in weight and some consider them the best eating of all game birds.

Eastern Oregon Habitat
The Hungarian partridge was brought to Oregon about 1900 and now is found on farms and foothills in nearly all Eastern Oregon counties. Many consider these birds better for eating than either pheasant or bobwhite quail. Males average about 13 ounces.

Both males and females are similar in color, but the males have a white lengthwise stripe on their brown shoulder feathers, while the females have white cross stripes in addition to the lengthwise stripe.

The valley quail is by far the commonest of the three species in Oregon. Native to the southwestern part of the state it now can be found in most farming areas. Big game populations are in sections of Central and Eastern Oregon.

The other native is the mountain quail, found in most brushy and

hill areas but not in any abundance. It is larger than the valley quail, averaging about nine ounces in weight. The mountain quail, not of great importance as a game bird, has blue-gray coloring like the valley species. The two can be distinguished by their topknots. The plumage of the valley quail goes straight up and slightly forward. The mountain quail's plume has a backward sweep.

Bobwhite Eastern Bird
The Bobwhite quail was introduced in Oregon from the East in the 1880s and is found in several state areas. But the Bobwhites are of minor importance as a game species compared with the native quail. The birds are buff to reddish-brown in color with small black blotches.

Oregon has three species of native grouse—sage, ruffed and blue. The sage grouse, commonly called sage hen or sage chicken, is a native of the sagebrush areas of Central and Southeastern Oregon and is not found west of the Cascades.

The bird is widely known for its preening activities that far outdo the hooting and drumming of the blue and ruffed grouse. The sage grouse puts on a strutting dance in the early morning hours in the spring at grounds used year after year.

The sage, the largest member of the grouse family, weigh up to 15 pounds. They are brown with a mostly black breast.

Two Ruffed Varieties
The ruffed grouse, often called native pheasant, may be found in almost any of Oregon's wooded areas. The gray ruffed is common in the Cascade and Klamath areas while the Oregon ruffed, a more brownish-colored bird, inhabits Western Oregon. In preening season they make a drumming sound by beating their wings together.

Blue grouse are natives of timbered and recently logged-off areas. They have been nicknamed "hooters" because in the preening season the males give out with a peculiar sound not unlike that of an owl. Trusting, they often let a person get near enough to kill them with a stick.

Solution Claimed Found For Building Salmon Runs

SEATTLE (AP) — An "astoundingly simple" proposal to rehabilitate the North Pacific salmon industry, by chemically "fertilizing" streams to aid the growth of plankton on which young fish feed, was disclosed Monday by Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Magnuson was here to preside at the opening of four days of hearings on Alaska and Pacific Northwest problems by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee which he heads.

He made no claim as to whether the proposal will work, but said: "If this program holds the answer, and we should know this week after the experts testify, then the next job will be to sell Congress and get appropriations to get a realistic lake and stream fertilization program underway, in cooperation with the industry and appropriate governmental agencies."

Experts Stated at Hearing
Dr. Loren Donaldson, director of the Applied Fishery Laboratory at the University of Washington, and Clarence Pautzke, chief biologist of the Washington State Department of Game, are two experts invited to appear at the hearing.

Explaining the proposal, Magnuson said research scientists have told him that "you can fertilize a stream or lake the same way you fertilize a field, and by a fertilization process you can step up the production of a poor lake or stream unbelievably."

Scientists agree salmon cannot grow unless they have enough food, and tests made in Alaskan spawning lakes and streams indicate a serious deficiency in the micro-organisms "plankton," which is just as vital in the lakes and streams where salmon grow as in the ocean, he continued.

Survival Rate Small
The senator said biologists estimate only about one per cent of the salmon eggs deposited on spawning grounds survive to the stage of young fry and migrate to the sea.

"The experts report," Magnuson said, "that if we can step up the number of salmon returning to our streams just two per cent we have much of our problem solved."

It's here that the question of feeding comes in, he said. In hatcheries, waste from fish canneries is ground and fed directly to the small fish.

"But biologists tell me similar results could be accomplished through the use of chemical compounds heavy in phosphorus and nitrogen content to produce plankton, a natural food of small fish," Magnuson said.

Big-Time Golf Planned In NW

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Goldfom's hotshots will invade the Pacific Northwest in force next fall under a plan revealed by representatives of the Professional Golfers Assn. here Monday night.

A proposed fall golf tour starting at Vancouver, B.C., in September and winding up at San Diego, Calif., in October was outlined by PGA schedule coordinator Bob Leacock at a meeting of the Winter Golf Sponsors Assn.

The dates for the winter tour, starting with the \$30,000 Los Angeles Open Jan. 6-9 and ending with the \$15,000 Baton Rouge (La.) Open March 1-4, were approved.

San Diego vacated its dates on the 1956 winter tour to claim a spot on the proposed fall tour. Other proposed tournament sites include Spokane, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. Dates, purses and sponsors remain to be worked out.

San Diego Gets Dates
The \$15,000 Crosby Invitational will be held Jan. 12-15 with the Jan. 19-22 dates assigned to San Diego left open for a possible new tournament.

Following the layoff will be the \$20,000 Palm Springs Invitational, Jan. 26-29; the \$15,000 Phoenix Open, Feb. 2-5; the \$12,500 (tentative) Tucson Open, Feb. 9-12; the \$20,000 Texas Open at San Antonio, Feb. 16-19; the \$30,000 Houston Open, Feb. 23-26; and the \$15,000 Baton Rouge Open, March 1-4.

and the PGA had felt for some time that the northwest was the one nation being slighted as far as PGA tournaments were concerned and "The weather in the fall is ideal for golf in that part of the country."

He said tournaments already on the PGA schedule in the East would be moved forward to accommodate the fall tour but that the major effect of the additional tournaments would be to lengthen the golf season.

One-Eyed Back Sparks Team

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Jacksonville State Teachers is the only unbeaten, untied, uncored-on college football team in the nation—and much of the credit goes to Al Woodham, a one-eyed halfback who can run like crazy.

In fact, his head-tossing, leg-throwing style has earned Woodham the nickname "Crazylegs" in some quarters.

Woodham is a well-traveled halfback who journeyed first to Auburn, then to Florida State before returning last season to Jacksonville, where his dad was a star guard a generation back.

Coach Don Sails, is slightly ecstatic about his star halfback. "He can pick his field better with one eye than most backs can with two," said Sails. "He's the greatest back we've ever had. When he gets out and starts tossing that head and throwing his legs out wildly he takes defenders out of position. And he's tough defensively—a sure tackler and a fine pass defender."

Jacksonville, which has an enrollment of 1,800, opened the season with a victory over Chattanooga, a team which proved troublesome to Auburn, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. The Gamecocks since have rolled over Maryville, Carson-Newman, Livingston State and Troy State and piled up 43 points to none for the opposition.

The 26-year-old Woodham lost the sight of his left eye as a result of Coats disease, a rare malady, while a sophomore in high school at Albany, Ga.

The 5 feet 10, 185-pound senior has gained 488 yards in 43 rushes this season—better than 11 yards per try.

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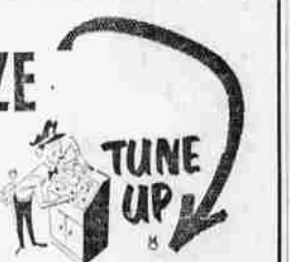
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Raschi Handed Release By Kansas City Club

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Vic Raschi, once one of the New York Yankees' top pitchers, apparently is at the end of his major league playing career.

The veteran righthander was given his unconditional release Monday by the Kansas City Athletics. He won four games and lost six for the A's in the past baseball season, completing only one game.

Raschi, who will be 37 next March, spent seven years with the Yankees and was a 29-game winner three seasons. He appeared in 11 World Series games.

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HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR — That's exactly what Stanford halfback Jeri McMillin (18) is doing as he is momentarily tripped up by UCLA halfback Gerry McDougall (16) in the second quarter at Stanford. Believe it or not McMillin did a complete somersault over the head of Bruin Bob Davenport (27) and fell into the end zone (right) for a touchdown. His unusual aerial feat wasn't enough, however, as the Bruins downed the Indians, 21-13. (NEA)

'Pappy' Waldorf Hung In Effigy

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Chancellor Clark Kerr of the University of California quickly rallied to the defense of football Coach Lynn O. (Pappy) Waldorf, who was hung in effigy on a campus gate Monday.

Kerr said a few students who

considered themselves "vigilantes" were responsible.

"Students and alumni will be shocked, as I am, by the attack against Coach Waldorf," Kerr said in a statement. "Especially in view of the fine contributions that he has made to our team since

coming here in 1947. "Coach Waldorf's record of 63 wins, 21 losses and four ties to date is one of which we can all be proud."

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Northwest League Prexy Asks Replacement For 1956

YAKIMA (AP) — After one season as president of the Northwest Baseball League, Orrin E. (Babe) Hollingbery has asked directors of the Class B loop to name a new head man for 1956.

Hollingbery said Monday he asked to be relieved of the presidency at the fall directors' meeting held here Saturday. Directors appointed a committee to recommend a successor and report back at the next meeting, tentatively set for Yakima Nov. 12.

Hollingbery said the directors also voted to continue as a 7-team league but will give a franchise to an eighth member "if we can find a good risk."

Missoula, Mont., was reported a possibility.

The seven teams wound up the 1955 season in good shape financially, Hollingbery said, and the league has money in the bank.

He also disclosed Spokane is working on a tieup with a "major" Pacific Coast League club. Details will be announced this week, he said.

A league all-star team was announced at the directors' meeting. It included:

Joe Porter, Spokane, first base; Joe Jacobson, Lewiston, second base; Tom Agosta, Salem, third base; Gene Tansell, Salem, shortstop; Dwayne Helbig, Tri-City, Herm Lewis, Yakima, and Nap Gully, Spokane, outfielders; Bob

Duretto, Wenatchee, catcher; Gene Hayden, Wenatchee, right-handed pitcher; George Storti, Eugene, left-handed pitcher; and Art Preston, Eugene, and Mel Krause, Salem, utility.

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