

'Pure Cussedness' Of Bear Population Blamed For Destruction Of Forest Signs

By MRS. MILTON HAMMERSLY
Perhaps a wildlife psychiatrist could give a plausible explanation, but to foresters it sometimes seems to be pure cussedness which leads a bear to destroy signs erected in remote locations in National Forests. Particularly if reaching the place where a sign is needed has required a long hike over rugged or steep terrain.

Problem Long Standing
Bear damage to directional and informational signs has long been a problem to Forest Service personnel, South Umpqua District Ranger Hillard M. Lilligren explained. A few years ago when strips of bright metal with embossed lettering were mounted on boards to designate timber sale areas, they fell victim to teeth and claws of bears just as readily as the wooden signs that were used previously. Now lettering is routed out and painted on 2-inch stained plank slabs and bears still destroy the markers. Since present

signs represent an investment when installed of about \$10 each, they are costly playthings for a bear's amusement.
Fire Control Officer Elmo A. Picht tells of repeated experiences he has had with damaged signs. On the way to one of the fire lookouts on the district, a trail junction point required five signs. Employees would install the signs, then continue the trip to the lookout, and often upon their return to the junction, would find the signs destroyed or badly damaged during their absence of one or two hours. "We never saw bear in that particular area," Picht recounted, "but in the days when we used packhorses to carry supplies to lookouts, the animals always became highly nervous and excited along that portion of trail, and we surmised that a bear was watching us from nearby brush and the horses scented their presence. They must have been watching us to sneak in and destroy the signs



DAMAGE DONE BY BEARS and humans is illustrated in an exhibit displayed at the entrance of the South Umpqua Ranger District office. "We hope eventually to control human vandalism through a program of education but we are at a loss to know how to appeal to the better nature of a bear," says Ranger Hillard M. Lilligren of Tillier. The sign on the left which once marked the way to a remote lake in the South Umpqua watershed, had to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$20. The bear-damaged sign which marked a timber sale unit near Twin Buck Shelter represents an installed cost of about \$10. "Such destruction costs money out of the pocket of every taxpayer," Lilligren said. As the exhibit points out, there is an 'open season' on bears. What to do with destructive humans is another question! (News-Review photo)

King, Randolph 'Sparked' Race March On Washington

By AL KUETTNER
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To catch the philosophy behind the march on Washington, you have to go back several months to two men, A. Philip Randolph and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Randolph, one of the silver-tongued orators of the integration movement for more than half a century, wanted an early summer demonstration in the nation's capital to publicize the Negro's appeal for better jobs.

Wilkins said in an interview with United Press International. "This is not King and Wilkins interpreting. These are the people, all in one place in person, saying to the government that they have given up their pay for a day or two and that they have lost sleep and comforts to come to Washington to say they want first class citizenship."
Wilkins added that if he were a member of Congress, which is now considering civil rights legislation, he could not consider the appeal "purely routine."
The march was intended to answer once and for all the oft-repeated accusations in some parts of the country that the "normal pattern" of racial peace is being upset only by the influx of "outside agitators."

Riddle Youth Sentenced On Contributing Count

Todd Pruitt, 19, Riddle, was sentenced Wednesday, to serve 18 months in the Oregon State Correctional Institution for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
Pruitt earlier pleaded guilty to the charge, which had been reduced from a Grand Jury indictment accusing him of procuring a female for illicit purposes. The girl involved was 17 years of age. Circuit Court Judge Don H. Sanders pronounced sentence following presentence investigation.

Churches Back Capital March

By LOUIS CASSELS
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Protestants, Catholics and Jews joined forces Wednesday in the greatest interfaith protest against racial discrimination America has ever seen.
Thousands of white church and synagogue members came here from all parts of the nation to support Negroes in the march on Washington. They were demonstrating their announced conviction that racial justice is, above all else, a moral issue.
They also were trying to make amends for what many churchmen consider the relatively timid

role organized religion has played in the fight against segregation. Among them were hundreds of nationally known religious leaders, bishops, priests, ministers and rabbis, as well as ordinary men and women from the pews.
Some came by chartered plane and bus from as far away as California and Oregon. Some came on foot from the capital's own churches and synagogues.
Religious participation in the march was organized by the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Conference on

Interracial Justice, and the American Jewish Congress. Leaders of these three groups served with the leaders of Negro civil rights organizations as co-sponsors of the demonstration.
Dozens of other religious organizations gave their official blessings to the march, and encouraged their members to participate.
Leaders of all three faiths emphasized, in statements prior to the march, their common conviction that removing racial barriers is one of the nation's most urgent moral problems.

'Togetherness' Hits Game Of Billiards

New York (UPI)—Togetherness has come to the game of billiards. Increasingly, the ancient game is played at home—apparently on the theory that families who play together, stay together.
Even the New York Department of State spelled out what a billiards game should be in a ruling recently when it suspended the license of an Elmira, N.Y., operator of a parlor for obstructing from clear view the lower third of the parlor's windows.

alone, only 23 per cent because of legal restrictions.
The origin of billiards dates to ancient times. One chronicler writing of his travels through Greece in 400 B.C. reported he saw the game being played. Caticre, King of Ireland who died in 148 A.D., left behind "fifty-five billiard balls of brass, and pools and cues."
Washington Played Billiards
Researchers for the firm said that George Washington had a table in his Mount Vernon home where he played the game with Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and the French statesman and general, the Marquis De Lafayette.

One industry source says that every state has some sort of legislation controlling billiards establishments and in addition there are municipal ordinances. These decide opening and closing hours, age limits, zoning and license fees.

Billiards On Increase
This same industry source, the Brunswick Corp., which makes billiard and bowling equipment, reports that growth of billiards has increased more than 50 per cent in a two-year period. It estimates that nationally, 10.3 per cent of the population, representing more than 18 million persons, participates in the sport. By 1964, the total will be more than 24 million, the firm predicts.

In a study, the researchers found home billiards popular with 43.8 per cent of the males and 69 per cent of the females playing the game, either in their own or a friend's home.
The study also showed the teenage market represented 37 per cent of players at away-from-home centers, either billiard rooms or combination billiard and bowling establishments. In the combination centers, the teenager comes close to being 50 per cent of the operator's business; in establishments for billiards

of modern times was William F. Hoppe, who won 51 titles in his long career. He died in 1959 at the age of 71.
Rejuvenation of the game for the whole family began about two years ago when the dimly lit "pool hall" began to get its face lifted.

As New York's Department of State remarked in that announcement of suspension of one proprietor's license, "manufacturers have encouraged prospective proprietors to erase the old 'pool hall' image of smoke-filled rooms and hustling shady characters for one of pine paneling, plush carpeting, air-conditioned halls and modern equipment."

The traditional green table surface has given way to other colors, partly because manufacturers want to lure Mom and the kids as well as Dad.
Tables now are available in deep blue, gold, tangerine or classic white, with cloths offered in blue, beige, deep tangerine, gold or green.
"Mix or match colors of tables and cloths," said a spokesman for Brunswick, "and you come up with more than 20 combinations available."

After several changes in proposed dates Aug. 28 was nixed down, and yesterday's expression was the result. What did Negroes really hope to accomplish?
Reduced to simplest terms, Randolph, King, Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and others have put it this way: They hoped to demonstrate with "our bodies" by the thousands that Negroes are united in the integration movement. The extent to which today's demonstration could put over that point will be the measure of its success or failure.
"This is a concrete expression

Woodworkers Have Ratified New Contracts

PORTLAND (UPI)—Officials of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) and Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSW) have announced their members have ratified three-year contracts with the Timber Operators Council and three independent firms.
The contracts call for wage increases of 30 1/2 cents an hour.
The independents are Potlatch Forests Inc. of northern Idaho and Montana and two Tillamook firms, Diamond Lumber Co. and American Wood Preserving Co.
Harvey Nelson, president of the IWA's region 3, said workers voted overwhelmingly in favor of the TOC agreement in a referendum conducted by that union. He declined to give any figures.
LSW Local Approve
The LSW left it up to its locals to approve or reject the contract, and Ted Prusia, executive secretary of the Willamette Valley District Council, said all have gone along.

Prusia said LSW locals already have signed contract with about half of the TOC firms, but some of the 196 members of the employer organization have balked at the terms. He said negotiations are continuing. The TOC does not have the power to bind its members to the contract, which was agreed upon Aug. 15.
'Mopping Up' Stage Reached
The announcements today left the Northwest lumber industry dispute which at one time idled 29,000 workers this summer in what Prusia called the "mopping up" state.
The only plants still strike-bound are the U.S. Plywood Corp. operation at Anderson, Calif., and Yamhill Plywood Co. at McMinnville. The latter is operating with non-union labor.
Both unions still are negotiating with several independent firms, among them Boise Cascade Corp., Brooks-Scanlon Corp. of Bend, McCloud River Lumber Co. of McCloud, Calif., and Martin Brothers Container and Timber Products at Sutherlin and Oakland, Ore.

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