

Coyotes Invade Fort Rock Area; Hunters Active

BEND, Ore., Jan. 7.—Attracted by thousands of jackrabbits which have literally overrun the Fort Rock valley, coyotes by the hundreds have in the past few months moved into the Fort Rock country, where they are being caught by some dozen trappers, reports Ben Smith, forest service ranger in charge of the Fort Rock district, who is in Bend. It is estimated that between 250 and 300 coyotes have been trapped in the Fort Rock area in recent months.

No Sheep
Jackrabbits have been increasing in numbers in the Fort Rock valley for the past two or three years, a fact has been noticed by trappers and forest service men. The rabbits are easy prey for the speedy coyotes, which, through a "telegraph" of the wilderness, appear in congregations in areas where rabbits are numerous. There are no sheep in the Fort Rock country this time of year, and, consequently, coyotes live virtually entirely on rabbits.

Al Andrews, who won considerable fame several years ago when he trapped an animal reputed to be a long-sought Java Bear, has in the past few months trapped some 130 coyotes and probably a dozen bobcats. John Crampton, also of the Fort Rock valley, has caught over 40 of the animals and J. Webster is said to have trapped a quarter of a hundred. Many farmers living in the valley have caught, in the past few months, coyotes which range in number from 10 to 20. Andrews is reported to have killed 25 jackrabbits recently at one haystack.

University Gets Fund For Dorm

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP).—A men's dormitory to be known as the Sherry Ross Hall, in memory of the late Sherry Ross, will be built at the University of Oregon under the terms of the will of the late Mrs. Mary Jane Ross Woodward, Mrs. Woodward, a Portland resident, died Jan. 3. Her father, Sherry Ross, was the first settler on Ross Island and the first private owner of the island.

Funds for the dormitory are to be obtained by the sale of Mrs. Woodward's property in the L. C. Potter donation land claim in North Portland.

Other bequests include \$15,000 to Albany college and \$2,000 to the Portland Y. W. C. A.

A plane capable of carrying a ton of lobsters will carry such a cargo of crustaceans three times a day from the headwaters of the Gulf of California to Los Angeles and San Diego.

Will Plant Trees In Clatsop County

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 7.—The extensive reforestation program instituted by the Crown-Willamette Paper company in Clatsop county will be carried on again this winter on a larger scale than ever before, and approximately a quarter of a million young trees will be set this winter.

This is a larger number than the company has ever before planted in one reforestation season.

The trees will be planted in the Young's river and Necanicum river valleys, where the company has large holdings of cut-over land. All of the young trees to be set out this winter will be Sitka spruce according to an announcement by J. H. Walker, in charge of this phase of the Crown-Willamette operations. The young trees will all be nursery-grown, coming from the company's conifer nursery at West Linn, Ore.

The first load of 110,000 young trees will reach Astoria this week.

CHAMPION PA-THER
WASHINGTON — The latest champion father is Hobson Hand, of Hibernia, N. C., who has had 24 children, is 72 years old and has been married twice. He was introduced at the white house and congress as the champion, because previously Leander Gentle, of Georgia, father of 25, had been so presented.

Fiancées are required by law to return the ring when they break the engagement, under a ruling of the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Good News For Men Who Work By The Week—1927 Has 53 Paydays

Looking ahead at the approaching year several things stand out as marking it apart from some of its predecessors.

For instance, there will be 53 weekly paydays this year, a condition that only happens about once every seven or eight years.

By having 365 days on the calendar, some day must have 53 to make the year come out. In 1924 it was Friday but this year it is Saturday. Months having five paydays this year are: January, April, July, October, and December. Of course this means nothing to those who are paid by the month or semi-monthly, but to the man who works by the week, it means just one more payday in the year. And next year there'll be the usual 52, so he won't have to make it up.

Then, turning to holidays which did their part in helping to make 1926 a pleasant year by coming on other Saturday or Monday, thus giving a series of double-day holidays, the same situation will continue in 1927.

Not only the same but more so, because this year will have six double holidays, the year starting and ending with one. By the way, the Sundays will be 53 in number next year, giving an extra day of rest to look forward to.

Christmas will come on Sunday with Monday following a legal holiday. Memorial day falls on Monday and July Fourth does likewise. Labor day, of course, is impartial and has a double holiday of its own every year.

Any way, figuring it out for the

class of men who get paid by the week and work not on holidays, there will be 53 paydays, 52 Sundays and nine holidays in addition, leaving only 304 working days in which to labor.

Thousands Keep Tab On Crops For U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP).—A corps of more than 300,000 reporters makes the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of the department of agriculture one of the largest fact-gathering organizations in the United States.

"Forecasting of crop and market conditions is being improved annually by the division," W. F. Callender, chief statistician, says. "The division's statisticians at present are engaged in a study of the correlation of price and marketing factors to average and weather to yield and the establishing of the most accurate 'par' or equivalent of 100 in the condition of crops."

The reporters gather crop statistics, including conditions, yields, acreages, prices and stocks, and submit one report a month. They serve without pay. The division, according to Callender, has from one to ten reporters in every county.

Approximately 50,000 separate estimates and reports are issued annually. In compiling them, 5,000,000 schedules on crop and livestock data are used by the reporters.

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