

Wildlife Belongs to Everyone

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With the observance of Wildlife Week in Oregon, March 19-25, as proclaimed by Governor Douglas McKay, it is fitting that our people, young and old, remember that wildlife in all its forms is the property of each and every citizen. The state functions only as the guardian of our wildlife, holding the wildlife resource in trust for all the people.

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.

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.

The sporting values of wildlife are not the only ones to consider. Governor McKay has aptly described both the recreational and monetary values to be gained from wildlife. Each year, hunters, fishermen, and wildlife enthusiasts spend millions of dollars in pursuit of their favorite sport. To many people the mere existence of a wild bird, fish, or animal is a constant source of pleasure. If the wild creatures were to vanish from the forests, fields, and streams, there would be a great void which nothing could replace. The virtues of outdoor recreation and the enjoyment of our wildlife resource cannot be too highly extolled in this day of tense and hurried living.

In one form or another we all have an interest in wildlife. Considering these many pleasures and benefits which it affords us, the observance of Wildlife Week by all the citizens of Oregon is altogether fitting.

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**SLUGGER Betty Grable keeps in
shape by batting out a few on the
lawn of her Beverly Hills, Calif.,
home. The film actress, renowned
for her famous legs, is quite ath-
letic and joins her two children in
outdoor sports. (International)**

C. G. Rod and Gun Takes First Place, Telegraphic Shoot

On Sunday, March 19, Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club came out from second place to take first place honors in the Oregon Journal Telegraphic shoot with 29 points, three points ahead of its nearest opponent. Four clubs over the state are tied for second place, each with 26 points.

Lawrence Smith is the big cog in the wheel so far this season with three perfect shots of 25. Each Sunday he has had a perfect score. Others with scores of 25 Sunday were Everett Armstrong, Esmond Cartwright and Omer Ballew.

Those scoring 24 points were: C. O. Anlauf, Clay Galdabini, Frank Miller, Fred Roberts, Gordon Miller and Jack Robertson.

The regular meeting of the Rod and Gun club was held Monday night with approximately 150 at the meeting, the largest turnout to date. An interesting wildlife film was shown and also pictures of last year's rodeo.

On April 17 another good picture of wildlife, some of which was taken in Africa, has been promised.

Household Hint

If you are ironing a dress which has a pleated skirt, iron the hem and the whole skirt on the wrong side; then put in pleats on the right side, with a press cloth over the fabric. If pleats are hard to keep in place, pin or baste a few stitches in each pleat.

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Cottage Grove Softball Assn. Reorganized at Mar. 20 Meet

The Cottage Grove Softball Association was reorganized at a meeting Monday night and plans were made for an active season this summer. In the annual election of officers, Warren Edwards was chosen as president; Fred Anderson, vice president and R. Evans, secretary-treasurer. These officers together with Alton Woodard and Jim Davis will compose the board of directors.

Mr. Edwards stated that softball teams are now being organized and that the softball season would start as soon as school is out. The association hopes to have at least eight teams in the league. Last year teams were entered from Creswell and Lorane. Teams are usually entered through a sponsor. Any firm, individual or organization may enter a team in the league for the summer. If you know of plans for organizing a team, it will be appreciated if you will contact any member of the association.

Plans are also being worked out for improving the diamond at Kelly field as well as the bleachers.

HUNTING, FISHING LICENSE SALES CONTINUE CLIMB

Hunting and fishing license sales in Oregon have more than doubled in the last ten year period, over 394,000 licenses being sold in 1949. License sales for 1939 amounted to 163,000.

Non-residents purchased close to 20,000 fishing licenses and 1,800 hunting licenses during 1949. The 181,000 licensed anglers outstripped the number of hunters by a wide margin. This latter figure does not include the 93,000 combination hunting and fishing license holders.

Elk tag sales exceeded 27,000, and over 165,000 deer tags were issued. These tags are purchased in addition to the regular hunting licenses.

MALE QUARTETS BEING ORGANIZED

If the present plans mature, several male quartets may be organized here following the pattern of the barbershop quartet idea. Art Weinkauff said Saturday. A group of men have held two or three meetings at the Methodist church on Monday evenings. Any one who likes to sing is welcome to attend the meetings and participate.

Mr. Weinkauff stated that if the group here liked the idea developed by the national association of barbershop singers, a local unit might be formed here.

Household Hint

Try waxing your parchment shades with a clear, colorless furniture wax. It will make your shades easier to dust and add a soft luster finish to them.

6,900 Hunters Use the Public Shooting Grounds

Public shooting grounds managed by the Oregon State Game Commission provided sport for 6,940 hunters during the recent 1949-50 waterfowl shooting season according to figures just released.

Summer Lake Shooting Ground accommodated over half the total number of hunters who killed 5600 ducks and geese there. This shooting ground is operated as a portion of the Summer Lake wildlife management area which produces about 12,000 waterfowl annually.

The best shooting success was enjoyed by the 150 hunters who visited the Chewaucan Shooting Ground which is south of Summer Lake. The average was better than three birds per hunter at Chewaucan, and a good portion of these were Canada geese. This area was formerly closed to the public, but under an agreement with the Chewaucan Land and Cattle Company, the Game Commission now operates a portion of the area as a public shooting ground and posts and enforces the rest of the area as a refuge.

The Malheur Shooting Ground, located on the Malheur Waterfowl Refuge near Burns, was used by 1,400 hunters who bagged 2,040 ducks and geese. This shooting ground is managed in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Oregon's newest public shooting ground, located on Sauvie Island near Portland, was opened to limited hunting this year. The 1,660 sportsmen using this area took 1,920 birds. The greater portion of the 13,000 acres now being acquired at Sauvie Island is to be operated as a wildlife management area.

Game Commission plans call for continued expansion of the public shooting ground program as a means of providing outdoor recreation for the average sportsman who would not otherwise have access to waterfowl hunting areas.

The game agents who patrolled the shooting grounds and checked hunters during the recent waterfowl season voiced one general complaint. It seems that many Nimrods are well acquainted with their hunting equipment, but have only a faint knowledge of the game they pursue. On several occasions, hunters were heard to debate heatedly over the merits of a mallard duck versus a greenhead, both one and the same bird. The game agents has also yet to understand how a whistling swan can be mistaken for a snow goose.

Invitations—The Sentinel.

Grove Tavern Wins First Place in Moose League

In the final standings of the Moose Bowling league Grove Tavern is leading by three points, having rated 23 points. High series for the final games was won by Ray Johnson with 636. Harvey Kelly and Bill Anderson tied for high singles with 236 each. Cal's Mobil Station won high team singles of 967 and high team series, 2793.

Cal's Mobil won four points from Quality Market, led by Curry Rippy's 195 single and 533 series.

Grove Tavern defeated Con's Tavern by three points, with Ray Johnson rolling 192 and Forrest Lemley 512 series.

Men's Toggery took four points from Cottage Grove Auto Supply, led by N. J. Nelson's high singles and series, 195 and 508.

Standings: Points
Grove Tavern 23
Cal's Mobil Station 20
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The Club 13
Con's Tavern 10
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