



SHUTTLE HURDLE CHAMPS in the Class "A" Division of the 1955 Hayward Relays, pictured with the inevitable track coach Bob Dusenberry, are, from left to right: Ernie Hollison, Jim Hewes and Doug Ballew. The trio's time of :36.8 tied the old school record for the event.

## Cottage Grove Edged for First In Saturday's Hayward Relays

It was a repeat performance for Cottage Grove's track squad Saturday afternoon as the Grovers were again edged out for first spot in the annual Hayward Relays.

Marshfield High's harriers were top dogs at the Class "A" meet, but only by one point as they

### Springfield Tops CG In Twin Games

Cottage Grove High's baseball team inaugurated its 1955 season with a double header loss to Springfield Monday afternoon on the Miller diamond. CG lost the first five inning contest by a 3-1 count and dropped the second three inning battle 1-0.

Although the Lions out hit Springfield 3-2, six Millers reached first the easy way. Springfield nabbed two tallies in the second frame and one in the fourth. Grove's lone score came after Doug Ballew reached first with a fielder's choice and came home on Roger Gamble's single. Jim Ellsworth was heavy hitter for Cottage Grove with two singles.

In the second game, pitcher Dean Castle held the Millers hitless, but Ellison scored on a fielder's choice. Greg Stewart clubbed the only hit in the contest. CG battery - Stewart, Ellsworth; Castle, Perkins, Springfield - Esgate, Cyphert; Moore, Cyphert.

### Eugene Cyclists Open Season Sun.

The Eugene Motorcycle club will start the season's racing program for Oregon Sunday, April 24, at Benton - Lane Speedway, four miles north of Junction City on Hiway 99. The event features a two-star T.T. Motorcycle race. Riders from Washington, Idaho and Northern California are expected to compete along with several from all over Oregon and the local area.

Time trials are scheduled for 12 p.m., with the races actually getting underway at 1 p.m. There are covered grandstands, a dust-free track and refreshments for the benefit of the spectators.

### Oregon Furbearers Pamphlet Printed

"Oregon's Furbearers" is the title of a new informational pamphlet available to the public free of charge from the Oregon State Game Commission. This 4-page leaflet gives brief facts and identifying features of each of the eight important furbearing animals of the state. The leaflet is the third in a series covering Oregon's fish and wildlife being published by the commission.

The first in the series, entitled "Oregon's Upland Game Birds," contains a brief life history, description, and pictures of the 10 upland game birds found in Oregon. The second is entitled "Salmon of Oregon" and also contains pictures of the five salmon entering Oregon streams, identification, a brief life history, and some important management problems.

Copies of these publications are available free of charge from the Oregon Game Commission, P. O. Box 4136, Portland 8, Oregon.

## Pheasants, Chukars Released This year

Over 8,500 of Oregon's farm raised game birds have been turned out on their own this year, and more are to follow.

From the commission's game farm located on the E. E. Wilson game management area just north of Corvallis, 3,975 adult pheasants were released into areas west of the Cascades. Adult pheasants numbering 733 were released into eastern Oregon from the Ontario farm of the commission. The majority of these pheasants were females released to provide additional brood stock in the wild.

In addition to the pheasant releases, the Hermiston farm of the game commission released 3,875 adult chukar partridge in eastern Oregon counties.

Each of the farms is holding a number of adult birds for egg taking purposes. The E. E. Wilson farm has 2,070 pheasants as breeders, while the Ontario farm is holding 1,600 pheasants, and the Hermiston farm has 2,050 chukar breeders. These breeders will be liberated in May and June after sufficient eggs have been obtained. From this year's allocation of young birds.

Tentative production schedule for the game commission farms for 1955 is 30,000 pheasants and 8,000 chukars.

## Reynard the Fox Not All Bad

The battle of the fox as a predator on other wildlife is one that has waged hot and heavy for many years. From Michigan, the report of a study of this problem seems to indicate that the fox is not nearly so black as he is sometimes painted.

During the past five winters, Michigan field men have tracked foxes in snow, noting their activities and looking especially for signs of predation on pheasants. After covering 1,000 miles of fox tracks, the biologists found the fox killed fewer than one pheasant per 40 miles of hunting.

Trappers flushed 2,407 pheasants in their tracking, but foxes killed only 24 ring-necks in that area. Besides the 24 pheasant, foxes killed 9 quail and 55 rabbits. The study showed they fed on field mice and carion mostly. Foxes traveled about 3 1/2 miles

## McNary Tagging Project Continues

Approximately 570 adult steelhead were tagged in the dewatered Oregon shore fishway at McNary dam last week through cooperative efforts of the Corps of Engineers and the Oregon fish commission.

The fish were tagged with small, plastic discs by biologists to learn more of the migratory habits of steelhead in the Columbia river. During a similar operation in January, 454 steelhead were tagged when the Washington shore lander at McNary was drained for annual repairs.

Strangely enough, nine of these earlier-tagged steelhead turned up in the Oregon fishway last week. Harry L. Rietze, fish commission biologist in charge of Columbia river investigations, said the nine previously tagged fish had to move downstream past the dam in order to get into the Oregon ladder.

Last week's tagging operation may indicate what effect, if any, the Oregon ladder has on steelhead migration, Rietze explained. The tagged fish were divided into two groups for comparison. Half of the steelhead were released in the forebay above the dam and the other half were released in the fishway. Any migrational differences between the two groups should be detected in tag returns from river sport fisheries, Rietze said.

per night and did most of their hunting in a circular area of about 2 square miles.

The report concluded with the information that they are intensely curious and investigate trash piles, rock piles, farm machinery, fences, and most other breaks in the landscapes.

To prevent child accidents, check your neighborhood to see that it is a safe place for your children to play. Unfenced swimming pools, fish ponds, irrigation ditches and canals are among neighborhood hazards to youngsters.

## State Elk Hunters Better '54 Effort

Oregon Elk hunters outdid their previous year's efforts during 1954 according to information released by the Oregon State Game Commission.

A total of 5,633 elk was taken by the state's 27,838 elk hunters for a success ratio of 18.8 per cent.

Leadership by county shifted somewhat this year however, and Clatsop county led the list with 1,175 elk taken, giving the hunters a 23.7 per cent success. Second place went to Umatilla county where 788 elk fell to the hunters' guns. In Umatilla county the kill included bulls only however, while in Clatsop many of the animals were taken during the controlled either-sex season.

The kill of elk during 1954 exceeded by 2,058 animals the take during the previous year, and the number of hunters successful rose from 15.6 per cent to 18.8 per cent.

Though the highest take was in a western Oregon county, the east side areas still led in total kill. Eastern Oregon counties provided 3,397 Rocky Mountain elk to the hunters, while on the west side of the Cascades, only 1,641 Roosevelt elk were taken, the majority of them coming from Clatsop county.

To prevent child accidents, keep firearms and ammunition under lock and key at all times.

## Grove, Coos Bay Meet In Grudge Battle

It'll be a grudge battle Saturday afternoon when the Lion thin-clads meet the Marshfield High track squad in a dual track meet. The Coos Bay Harriers, coached by ex-Oregon half miler ace Walt McClure, edged Cottage Grove in the Class "A" Hayward Relays by a single point and the Grovers will be out for revenge.

Starting time of the meet will be at 2 p.m. at the high school track. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no admission.

Coach Dusenberry believes that his depth laden squad can nudge Marshfield High. "Although Coos Bay will be strong in the running events, Cottage Grove will gain in the hurdles and field events," Dusenberry stated.

## Change in Seal Bounties Listed

Recent changes in seal bounty regulations on the Columbia river will enable the Oregon fish commission to conduct a limited food-habit study on seals according to M. T. Hoy, state fisheries director.

When the seal bounty was raised from \$15 to \$25 in February, a provision was included requiring seal hunters to remove seal scalps from carcasses in the presence of a fish commission representative for payment of the bounty. Bounties were formerly paid upon presentation of seal scalps only. Hoy said seal stomachs can be collected for analysis now that carcasses will be available.

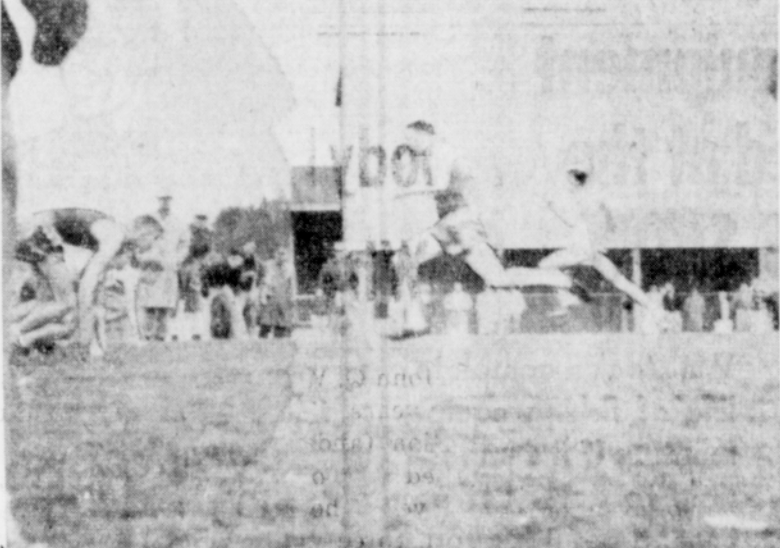
Seal bounties are paid from a fund created by the sale of seal certificates to Columbia river fishermen and fish processors. No bounty is paid for seals taken from waters other than the Columbia river.

## Commercial Fishing License Change Told

A bill signed by Governor Paul L. Patterson recently allows non-resident commercial fishermen to obtain licenses to fish in ocean waters over which the state of Oregon has jurisdiction. The new law became effective April 1.

Under previous laws, non-resident commercial fishermen could obtain only delivery licenses to land catches from ocean waters beyond the three-mile limit to Oregon dealers. A year's residence in Oregon, however, was required for issuance of a license to fish in ocean waters within the three-mile limit.

Another provision of the new law allows issuance of commercial fishing licenses to citizens under 18 years of age.



DOUG BALLEW blurs the picture as he streaks toward Jim Hewes in the first leg of the shuttle hurdle race, which was CG's only blue ribbon event of the day.



LEON HAYES, Grove miler, takes the baton from Junior Houshell in the last leg of the Distance Medley, one of the few events in which Cottage Grove failed to place.

## 1954 Deer Kill Is Highest Yet

According to figures compiled by R. U. Mace, chief big game biologist for the Oregon State Game Commission, 112,486 deer were taken in 1954 by the hordes of hunters that took to the Oregon woods. This is the largest number of deer ever recorded as taken from Oregon in one hunting season.

The records also showed that 34.7 of the 215,047 hunters were successful in getting their venison. County-wise, the records ran very much as in past years. Klamath county led the list with the most hunters and the largest number of deer taken. In this south central county 17,077 hunters bagged 9,958 deer. At the other end of the listings was Multnomah county. Surprisingly enough, this urban county provided 366 hunters with 85 deer.

Percentages gave Wallawa county the lead with 78.6 per cent of the hunters getting their deer, and at the other extreme, again Multnomah came through with a 23.2 per cent success ratio, the lowest in the state.

State-wide averages show that slightly over one deer per square mile of territory in the state was taken by the hunters. This provided over 11 million pounds of meat to the tables and food lockers of Oregon.

P. W. Schneider, state game director, commenting on the harvest, stated, "This largest kill of deer in the history of the state gives an indication of the magnitude of this resource. By continued management, Oregon's deer herds can produce an inestimable amount of recreation and food to the residents of the state, not to mention actual income based on deer hunting. Oregon's large deer resource has, however, created serious land use problems. These serious conflicts must be solved, and a balance must ultimately be reached where a minimum of conflict exists."

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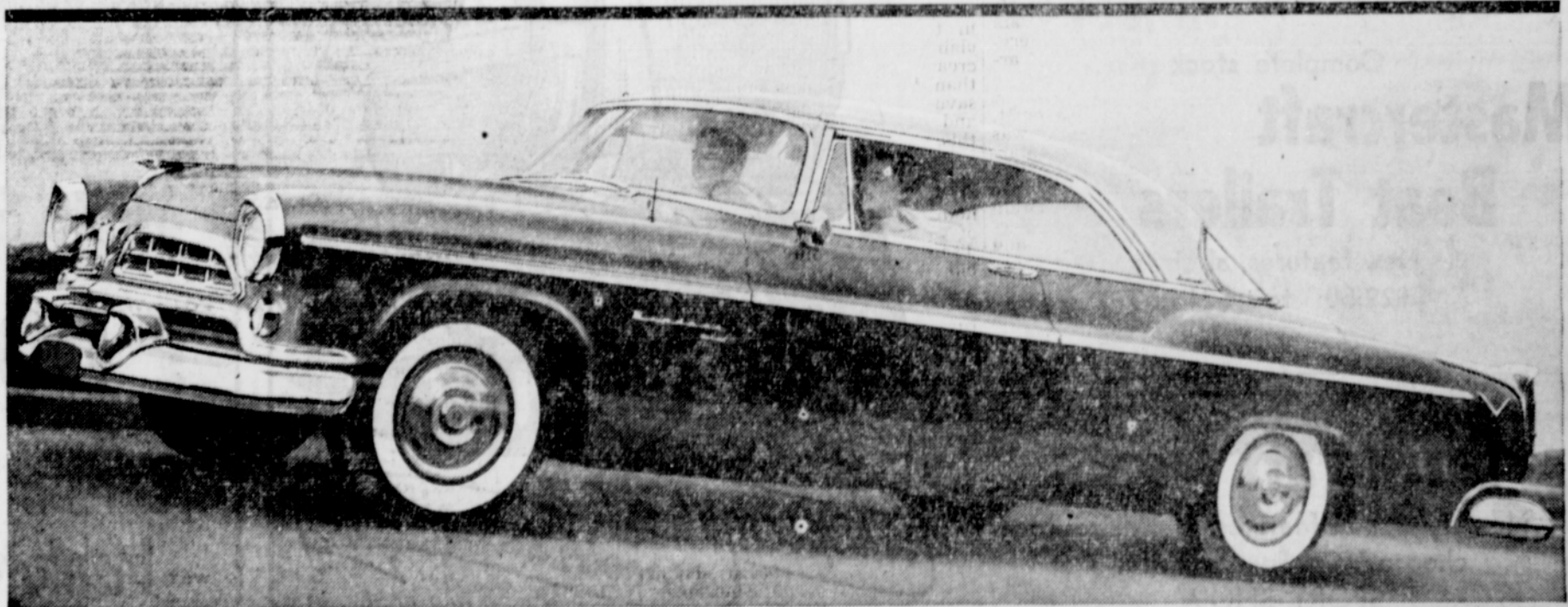
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