

### Predatory Control Planned For Co.

Last week three communities held a planning meeting: at Langlois, Gold Beach and Harbor.

These were assisted by Gene Alberts, in the control of predatory animals. Predatory animal dog owners, livestock men and government hunters of the county met with Mr. Alberts, field man for fish and wildlife service, and R. M. Knox, county agent, for purpose of planning the coming year's activities in the control of predators.

Coos county hunter, Victor Howard, brought with him several Coos county sheepmen and met with the Langlois group for purpose of correlating control plans along the county line.

Hunters from all sections of the county reported the increasing coyote numbers, indicating that a very intensive control program will have to be carried on this winter to avoid losses during the coming year.

According to the October report from the fish and wildlife service, R. M. Conley took seven bear, George Adams, 8 predators, including four bear, three coyotes and one bobcat, and Z. J. Crockett, working 13 days, took eight predators, including five bear, two bobcats and one coyote.

#### More Bear Pens Planned

As a result of a report on trial building of bear pens in various sections of the county it was decided to increase the number during the coming year as excellent results have been obtained when pens were located properly. Five pens have been planned for the northern part of Curry, and three for the Pistol River area.

The reported advantage of this type of protection against the predatory bear is that the pen takes the bear alive and does not provide any hazard to people, hunters, dogs or livestock as might be encountered in the use of traps.

#### Trapping Program For Bobcats

Sheep losses were estimated at around 500 head this year, which is a 50% reduction under the 1945 estimated loss.

Orders were approved for 12 dozen bobcat traps to be loaned and used on sheep ranges under supervision and assistance of the hunters. Dick Adams agreed to help sheepmen in setting these traps providing they would attend to them regularly afterwards.

Bobcat numbers have increased so rapidly recently that three or four employed hunters could not make an impression on their es-

timated number, therefore, a big number of trappers will be necessary to reduce these animals to a point where lamb losses will not be excessive this coming spring.

Other subjects for discussion involved joint participation in trial construction for predatory animal control as well as fire control, the use of airplanes for locating coyote concentration in the snow-covered high country, and the location of bait horses in isolated areas to reduce coyotes, to avoid conflict with the use of dogs and people with other interests. It was agreed that bait stations should be established at Calf Ranch and Ceres Prairie by the Coos county hunter, and at Tait Prairie and Eckley by the Curry county hunter, and also, stations at Ball Mountain, Sawtooth Mountain, Signal Butte, Wild Horse, High Prairie, Quail Prairie on Long Ridge and Red Mountain, near the Chetco river. Gene Alberts agreed to see to the establishing of a bait station over the California line at the customary location known as Red Flats.

### Statistics Told By Co. Agent

#### Industrial Production

1. Steel production reached a record peacetime level early this fall.

2. Motor vehicles have been coming off the assembly lines nearly twice as fast in recent months as during the first half of the year.

3. Motor-truck production has reached an all-time high.

4. Output of radios, electric ranges, vacuum cleaners, irons, and washing machines is running 30 to 65 percent above prewar.

#### Employment

5. Present unemployment (2,000,000 people) is practically as low as it can go.

#### Marketing and Transportation

6. Costs of marketing farm products this season reached their highest point since June, 1927.

7. Farmers got 53 cents out of each dollar that consumers spent for food during the summer months, compared with a high of 55 cents last winter.

#### Fats and Oils

8. Prices of fats and oils broke all records in October.

9. Stocks of fats and oils this fall reached their lowest point in 18 years.

#### Livestock and Wool

10. The spring pig crop of 1947 will probably be the largest since the record crop of 1943.

11. Large marketings of cattle and hogs are expected through the winter months, but hogs marketing will fall off by late spring.

12. This year's wheat carryover is the second smallest in 20 years.

13. Wheat exports this year must come from the 1946 crop, as exportable reserves have been exhausted.

#### Dairy

14. Consumption of fluid milk and cream fell off after the lapse of price controls but is still considerably above prewar.

#### Poultry and Egg

15. The rising parity index promises that farmers will get more for eggs during the 1947 flush production season than in 1946, although some government price support will be needed.

16. A 20 percent drop in chicken prices followed the removal of ceiling prices on red meats.

17. A drop of 6 to 9 percent in egg production is predicted for next year.

#### Feed

18. Ending price controls on by-product foods and commercial mixed feeds means higher prices for most of them for at least the

next few months.

19. De-control of livestock and meat prices may mean a slight cut in feed requirements for the next six months. With a big spring pig crop, feed requirements probably

will increase in the second of 1947.

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