

**Know This Bird?**

When the Avocet wings his way northward each spring, he is likely to enter the United States somewhere along the Gulf of Mexico. He may remain in Texas, or he may alight anywhere along the way up to Canada, but he seldom goes east of the Mississippi River.

His stopping place is always



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**Avocet**

along the borders of a shallow lake, a pond, or a grassy, muddy pool. There he can wade, hunt for food in the water and build a nest on some swamp spot.

The Avocet knows how to swim too, but he never goes far from the bank. He would rather stay in shallow water, where his feet can easily touch bottom. There he can gracefully pick his way along the fringes of the pool.

With each step, the Avocet holds his head near the water and sweeps his long bill from side to side across the bottom

of the pool. Stirring through the mud, he finds tiny water creatures which he likes to eat. If the pickings are slim there, he raises his head and watches for insects on the surface.

The Avocet is well built for this kind of life. He is a fairly large bird, measuring 16 to 20 inches from his bill to his tail. His legs are long, and so is his bill, which is slender and curves upward toward the tip. You'd know at a glance, says the National Wildlife Federation, that he is made for wading, and that his bill is a good tool for scooping around in the mud.

Another conspicuous thing about Avocets is their color. Both males and females have black and white wings. The rest of their feathers are white, except for the head and neck, which are a light, pinkish brown during the summer season. Their feet and legs are bluish-gray, and their bill is black.

For a bird that is so attractive and graceful in the water, the Avocet seems slopping and so careless when building a nest. It is poorly constructed of rushes, weed stems, and water grasses, and placed on wet ground. In it are laid three or four eggs.

You aren't so likely to find the Avocets tending their brood as you are to see them wading in the water. Sometimes they step off the edge of the bank into their pool, but often they come in from flight and light where they are going to wade. Before settling down to hunt for food, they will stretch and wave their wings above their backs and bob their heads.

Now and then, the Avocet pauses in whatever he is doing and excitedly calls, "Pee-eek, pee-eek, pleek-leek, pleek-leek, peeeek!" He can be heard for some distance, because the call is loud, clear and shrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spooner are enjoying a visit with her sister and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell of Portland, who are on vacation and are traveling in a trailer house.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jarvis and children have moved from the Cooper apartments to the upstairs apartment at the Oasis club room, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Marker who are on an extended vacation trip north. Mr. Jarvis took over the Oasis Club room from Marker.

**The Week In Washington, D. C.**

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.  
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This, then, will be my last weekly letter for some little time. I shall not attempt to make regular reports while we are gone but will give a complete story of the trip, on the installment plan in my weekly letters, after we return.

Of course, here is the purely personal part of our decision to take a trip to Europe. We have had very little actual vacation time these last several years. Being a member of congress is not like most other jobs—there is no set vacation. I find I am just as busy when I am home in Oregon during a congressional recess as I am here in Washington. So Helen and I propose to make this trip a business and pleasure combination which means, of course, that we shall not as usual, bet at our home in Roseburg

during the congressional recess.

*Ed's Note—Regardless of what Pilot readers may or may not think of Ellsworth opinions, he is always regarded as honest in his actions and work. Pilot readers are looking forward to his report.*

Vernon Goldizen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Goldizen, will arrive Friday from Albuquerque, N. Mex., where he remained for Summer school at the university. After a short vacation he will return for opening of school in the fall.

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**SMITH RIVER**

Lake Earl Grange met in regular session Thursday evening. Several important matters were discussed during the business meeting. Twelve members, accompanied by their Master, Kathryn Reekman, of Chetco Grange, were visitors. Several members and their Master, Harry Manning of Crescent Redwood Grange were also present. Jack Bennett, chairman of the Grange booth at Del Norte County Fair, reported that work was progressing. The Grange Secretary reported that Grange Day at the State Fair Sacramento, Sept. 5, was an invitation to all Grangers to attend. A social time was enjoyed at the close of the meeting in the banquet room.

Everyone who attended the Sunday school and church picnic at Buckner Island Sunday after church service report having a splendid time. A bountiful dinner was served at noon on long tables on the lawn. The afternoon was spent with a social time. The young folk enjoyed swimming and boat riding. The men had fun pitching horseshoes. Plans are to make this an annual event. Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanZee and two sons are taking a two-weeks vacation, in the Santa Rosa and Woodland areas, to visit relatives. Mr. VanZee is inspector at the quarantine station at the Oregon-California line.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reichlin returned Friday from a trip to Ohio, where they took over a new school bus from the factory and drove it to Smith River, to be used by the school next term.

**To Readers:**

*There are but few of us who has forgotten that we could buy top grade hamburger for eighteen cents per pound; eggs for a quarter; and a good pair of shoes for about six dollars. Of course, in those days wages were in proportion, too. We refer to these as "the good old days." Lots of us would like to live in such times, if we could.*

Newsprint, when the Pilot first opened in Brookings, was about half the price it is today—but there has been no raise in price of the subscriptions in that time, but most all newspapers have boosted rates in the meantime, many of them doubled rates.

Effective, Sept. 1, in-the-county subscription rate of the Pilot will be boosted to \$3.00 per year, payable in advance; and \$3.50 for out-of county subscriptions. Unless there is a stabilization in the cost of newsprint, this quotation may be only temporary.

*Until September first, the Pilot will give its readers "a break" by accepting one-year paid-in-advance subscriptions at the old rates Any wishing to subscribe before the new rates are effective, please do so at once—today. Henceforth, however, news-stand prices will be ten cents per copy. Please accept this move as one over which the Pilot has no control, but is forced to do.*

Classified advertising rates, after Sept. 1, will 3c per word, with a minimum charge of 50 cents. Display advertising rates, for the occasional advertiser, will be 50c per column inch, Regular advertisers may enjoy the former rates for the time being, unless the Pilot circulation continues to grow by leaps and bounds as it has in the past three months. The gain has been almost 50 per cent in that time.

*Take advantage of this short time to save fifty cents on your next year's subscription. With present trend of prices, next year may see more subscription raises by all newspapers over the country.*

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