

Spotted Skunk

Spotted skunks, like their striped cousins, have an unpleasant way of defending themselves against attackers. But so long as they are not aroused, the spotted fellows probably do more good than harm. The National Wild-



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life Federation reports that they perform a valuable service by eating such destructive pests as grasshoppers, crickets, beetles, mice and rats.

To catch his prey, the Spotted Skunk prowls only at night. A sure-footed hunter, he is quick to pounce on his victims, and he can go after them either on the ground or in trees.

After a night of roaming, he curls up and rests during the daylight hours. His home may be in almost any sheltered nook. Spotted Skunks have been found living in the clefts of rocky ledges, in hollow stumps or logs, in holes which they have dug in banks, in old dens abandoned by other animals, and in natural caves.

In the out-of-way places which they have chosen for their homes, they raise their families. Each spring there is a litter of from two to ten young, which are cared for by the mother.

When the young grow up, they are from 18 to 22 inches long, and their bushy tails are seven or eight inches in length. Their heads are small, their ears tiny, and their legs short. Altogether they are smaller than their striped cousins.

The real identification mark of the Spotted Skunk, of course, is the way in which his glossy black coat is decorated with white. He has a white spot on his forehead and oblong white marks, or broken stripes, on his back and upper sides. His tail, too, may be mostly white. All of his hair, white and black, is long.

Besides insects, rats, and mice,

he eats small ground squirrels, small birds and their eggs, lizards, salamanders, crawfish, mushrooms, and small fruits. There is no proof that he takes enough birds or fruit to be a serious menace to people.

The only crime of which he is accused is carrying hydrophobia, and in some parts of the country he is known and feared as the hydrophobia skunk. But the truth is that experts disagree on whether he really deserves this name and reputation. While he may carry rabies, it is likely that the chance of being bitten by a mad spotted skunk are less than the chances of being attacked by a mad dog.

Whether you want to see or avoid Spotted Skunks, you may find it useful to know that there are about thirteen varieties of them. According to the National Wildlife Federation, they live in nearly all parts of the country, but are more plentiful in the west than the east.

'Wood-shedding'

By OJ SPEB

Here we are again and there doesn't seem to be anything to talk about.

We had a good meeting Monday night. Had a big turnout of tenors—in fact larger than usual—no offense Emil, which gave us a well-balanced chorus.

Some of the numbers for the forthcoming parade of quartets are shaping up. Looks like we might have some of them by the deadline which is October 4. However, under the able direction of Brad Page, we should do it!

Charley Young had his brother, Lafe, from San Bernadino, out at practice Monday. Surely hope he enjoyed himself. But the way us barbershoppers feel about it he couldn't help but have a good time. At least there weren't too many sour ones.

Our practice lasted a little later than usual. However, we did have to cut it short at 11 as per the "Bushnell Act." They tell me.

Talking about cutting things short—maybe I had better taper off this. After all I wouldn't want you to stop reading before you get to the end. The way this article sounds to me you probably

will.

Baritones, don't forget section practice at San Patterson's Monday evening at 7:30. See you next week.

On the Main Drag

Post office callers enjoying the beautiful peace rose from Ed. Dempsey's garden.

Catching salmon, fun—but the cleaning ?

Peter Schmitt hard to find. Who wants to separate the sheep from the goats?

George Guthrie wishing for a window washers belt.

Those hand-made nylon corsages at Eu-Lee's.

Mrs. Willbank's chic hair-do. That Alaskan, Hysom, hankering for news.

Some of our citizens finding out how busy a one-armed paper-hanger would be.

Would Brookings be interested in a good rain-maker?

Lloyd Stefani getting his own barbershop door ready for rain.

Elmer Parker becoming allergic to salmon.

Thanks to those hard workers on the library funds. How did all of you treat them?

Those rabid fishermen who are not daunted by a little of that seas-sickness.

Faye Hayes using the can labels at night.

Those Wranglers smug in something they promised for the fair.

Orville Gensmer Left Gold Beach

Orville Gensmer, president of the Gold Beach Rotary Club, and

manager for the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co., resigned his position as Curry County manager, as well as the club presidency, to move to Portland where he will be employed by Commonwealth, Inc. Death of his mother, and his duty to his aging father prompted Orville to make this decision.

In a letter to the Pilot, Orville expressed deep regret in having to leave Curry county, and especially the surrendering his Rotary membership. He asks that his Pilot be mailed to him at 446 N. E. Fargo St., Portland, 12.

The move was effective last Friday, August 8.

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