

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

It is rather amusing to read the questions and answers in some of the big sporting magazines departments. Novices write in inquiring as to what caliber gun to use on deer and some of the answers they receive from the gun experts who conduct these departments are really something to marvel at.

The gun expert is able to quote them the exact speed of a bullet fired from any rifle, the size of the lands, the twist of the rifling, etc., and we must confess that they are good along that line and possess an uncanny knowledge concerning such things. But though their knowledge regarding ballistics also is excellent, their ideas as to the killing power of the rifle that they describe, no doubt brings much mirth to old hunters. Take for instance a reply from a gun expert to a Coquille man regarding a 25-20 Winchester. The local man wrote in inquiring as to whether or not a 25-20 was a good deer gun. He received a shocked letter from the editor expert rifleman, printed in an outdoors magazine, in which the expert informed him that at a distance of 25 feet and if the bullet could be placed in a deer's ear that it would kill the animal, or if the bullet was placed in its eye or neck or spine at 25 feet it would register a kill. But if shot through the heart the animal would run off to die a lingering death. That little gun is not powerful enough to kill a deer at even 50 yards unless struck in the ear, eye or neck. Which all gives us a hearty laugh.

While we do not advocate the use of small caliber guns only in the hands of experts, we cannot help but get "a kick" out of such silly statements as the above. For aside from the "elephant guns"—guns of such caliber as the 35s, the 300s, the 270s, the 33s and the 30-06, any deer shot through the heart will dash several yards before falling dead. Yes, and even with the big guns mentioned a heart shot will seldom bring them down in their tracks. And if shot through the heart the little 25-20 will kill a deer just as dead as will any of the big game rifles. Yes, even a 22 will do so.

There have been thousands of deer slain by the little 25-20 and it would no doubt astonish the gun editor expert to know that many deer have been killed at ranges from 50 to 300 yards with a 25-20 and that a lot of western hunters swear by the little gun. It might also interest him to know that at one time my dad killed the largest black bear that we have ever seen, at a distance of over a hundred and fifty yards with a 25-20. Personally, I prefer a 25-20 to a 30-30, the latter in our opinion is the greatest deer crippling rifle on the market.

However, I am not advocating the beginner, the tenderfoot hunter, to arm himself with a 25-20 with which to hunt deer. A larger caliber rifle is the thing for him. But it does burn me up to have the 25-20 belittled by so called experts and referred to as a rabbit gun. I am only sorry that these experts could not have witnessed the big black bear that came loping down a narrow trail one morning—a trail bordered with thick brush and the writer standing in the center of this trail with a 25-25 Winchester. The bear was headed directly at us—not charging then, but merely making time for the big timber. The first shot dropped him, but he was up and coming straight ahead even before we could congratulate ourselves upon downing him with the first shot. It was a death wound but he was charging blindly and we'll confess we would have felt much safer if armed with a large caliber rifle. But our fourth shot dropped him within ten feet of us.

There wasn't a bullet in his eye, his ear or his neck either—so we'd like to hear one of these experts laugh that one off.

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EVERY FIRE IS AN AXIS FIRE!



Washington, D. C., Sept. 2—The first vanguard of lawmakers have arrived back at the national capital for the reconvening of congress September 14. These early birds are busy comparing notes with each other on the many subjects they discussed with their home folks during the vacation period. Every congressman, with but a few exceptions, spent the past two months in his district sounding out opinion, getting reactions and building up his political fences, which is always a necessary part of a lawmaker's chores. All agree that the No. 1 ailment of the public is OPA—not the principle, but the way it's run, and the squawks are loud and long against those running it. However, the congressmen report the situation has improved since Chief Byrnes ironed out many of the wrinkles that existed in OPA, and the improvement is still going on.

The No. 2 pain plaguing the average voter is organized labor, its leadership and antics. From all reports, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public are fed up with any and all kinds of labor disputes, especially during war times. John L. Lewis is just about as popular with all classes of people as is an advanced case of smallpox. The No. 3 pain is the high cost of living, prices of all foods and commodities are much too high, complains Mr. Citizen, and all agree something should be done immediately to check and lower prices. Opinions seem to be about evenly divided as to the best way to obtain the desired results; some say subsidies, some say No. The returning lawmakers also say the public is getting more and more conscious concerning the perils of inflation and will do almost anything to ward it off. Most everyone interviewed seemed altogether too busy making money to bother about talking politics, except the home town political leaders. Those few who would discuss such subjects thought President Roosevelt would be re-elected without much trouble regardless of who his opponent might be. Wendell Wilkie was looked upon as the best bet for the Republicans. And last but not least, everyone from theatre usher on up now knows the meaning of the word taxes. The 30 per cent withholding tax has proved to be an excellent educator to the rank and file on the subject of taxes.

Reports have it that thousands of soldiers who received their military training in the several northwest camps over a period of many months like the country so well that they intend to make Washington or Oregon their permanent homes after the war. Practically all of these men are from the deep south or east and but few of them had ever been away from their native haunts before they joined the armed forces. As one New York soldier put it, "It's sure God's country; never saw such forests, streams and good farming land, and the climate's all O. K. too, even if it is a little rainy at times. But you don't freeze to death in the winter or smother in the summer, like you do in the east. Me for this country after the big show is over."

Big Chief Jimmy Burnes, who was one of the most popular men in the senate when he wore the toga, is said to be heading a move to bring the likewise popular and politically astute Jim Farley back on Roosevelt bandwagon. The president and his ex-manager have been at outs for several years and the feeling between the two has been getting no better fast. Flocks of other potent Democrats who have been off the reservation will have the olive branch extended to them by the very foxy Mr. Burnes. Politics makes strange bedfellows, and it may be the smooth Mr. Burnes can accomplish the impossible. Some political seers say if Jimmy can engineer a Roosevelt-Farley love feast he is indeed the miracle man of the age, because they feel it can't be done. However, Jimmy is going to try, because miracles can happen once in a while.

How many wage earners who are making more money than ever before are holding on to the war bonds they bought through payroll deduction plans? That's the question an answer to which the treasury department is anxiously seeking in figures now being compiled. All classes of wage earners in the northwest have an excellent record for war bond purchases, but the record could be better as to the number who held their bonds instead of selling them.

110,000 Tons Scrap Needed From Oregon

Oregon must round up over 19 per cent more scrap metal in the second half of 1943 than it did in the first six months of this year in order to keep the western states war machine rolling. J. Fred Bergesch, War Production Board district manager, announced today.

The increased need for steel plate in expanding war production activities in this area, plus the increased demand for scrap metal by local foundries and west coast steel furnaces, has prompted the higher quotas in the current salvage program.

The Oregon goal is set for 32,000 additional net tons, as the state's quota has been upped to 110,000 net tons for the current half year as compared with 78,000 net tons for the first six months of 1943.

The War Production Board district salvage operations are now being extended to a spot-check survey of all abandoned mines and railroads, lumber mill, metal bridges, and other deserted projects throughout Oregon, with available idle iron and steel scrap.

The drive is under the WPB Special Projects Section, which earmarks the property in the "back country areas of Oregon and other western states, then traces the owners and arranges the transaction that will start the scrap metal on its way to furnaces when most needed.

Under pressure to meet the heavy production schedules of western steel furnaces and mills, the War Production Board also plans to bear down on available rural scrap on farms and ranches and the scrap metal accumulated in thriving war industries.

The farm scrap harvest will get underway after crops are in and available manpower and transportation facilities will permit the movement of scrap metal to central stockpiles.

Public scrap drives are not expected to be planned on any scale, excepting for large accumulations, as community scrap heaps are already vanishing into the giant furnaces of steel mills in the San Francisco Bay area, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, and in foundries in Phoenix, Arizona, and Boise, Idaho, and other western points.

Auto graveyard scrap metal, an important producer in the first year of the war, has fallen off heavily due to lack of jalopies for wreckers and the use of many old vintage autos for war workers' transportation.

S. O. of Cal. Refinery Wins New Honor

Richmond Refinery of the Standard Oil Company of California has just received a new decoration from the Army and Navy. The refinery and its 3,000 employees have been awarded the star to be put on the Army-Navy "E" pennant awarded some months ago.

Word of the star award came today in a letter from Admiral C. C. Bloch, retired, chairman of the Navy Board for Production Awards, to H. D. Collier, president of Standard of California. "The decoration," said Admiral Bloch, "will be affixed to a new pennant to be received soon by the refinery."

"The men and women of the Richmond Refinery of the Standard Oil Company of California have achieved a signal honor by continuing their splendid production in such volume as to justify this renewal of their award," Admiral Bloch said.

"In the first instance it was difficult to win the Army-Navy 'E', and by meriting a renewal the management and employees have indicated their solid determination and ability to support our fighting forces by supplying the equipment which is necessary for ultimate victory."

The "E" flag was originally presented to the Richmond Refinery employees last February, for "outstanding production of war materials"

Not Necessary To Renew Drivers' Licenses This Year

If you have an Oregon driver's license dated to expire June 30, 1943, you can continue to drive with that license till June 30, 1945.

This message has been directed to Oregon motorists again by Secretary of State Bob Farrell, who said some drivers still do not realize it is not necessary to renew their driver's licenses this year.

This is one of the arguments proponents of a forced savings plan are using to put over their proposal. The group who are campaigning for such a plan point out that altogether too many wage earners sell their bonds and spend their entire weekly pay check just as soon as they get it. Little, if anything, is being saved for the sure to come rainy day. If some definite action is not taken now, say this group, to make these people save, the government will be up against another far-reaching relief program after the war.

Hey, Skinney! The Circus Is Coming!

The first big circus, entirely under canvas, to play Coquille this year is Arthur Bros., coming from a very successful engagement throughout the states of California, Oregon and Washington, and will be given at 2:15 and 8:00 p. m. daily for one day only, Sunday, Sept. 12. Doors to the Big Show will open one hour earlier to permit patrons to visit the side show and the menagerie, which is free to all circus patrons.

Replete with every thrill of the circus world, Arthur Bros. probably are most famous for their highly-trained elephants. Among other spectacular acts are Capt. Van del Wall and his black maned African lions; the great Sing Lee Sing Troupe of Chinese Wonder Workers who were brought to the United States from China for the San Francisco World's Fair; the Olvera Troupe of head and high perch balancers; Miss Eleanor, Queen of the Air; Ryan's Liberty Horses; three rings of the Hollywood Madwags, educated Canines; Mel Henry and his funsters; a score of other famous names who will be in action, plus, of course, all the thrills of the "Big Top."

6,642 Fewer Cars And Trucks Registered In Oregon This Year

Motor vehicle registrations in Oregon at the end of July totaled 401,795, Bob Farrell, secretary of state, announced today. This compares to a registration of 408,437 vehicles a year ago, a decrease of a little over one per cent.

There were 323,673 private passenger cars registered in the state, 1,080 busses, 32,969 light trucks and 41,038 heavy trucks.

Registration fees total \$3,247,888.24, compared to \$3,209,044.54. The increase is due to increased numbers of trucks and busses registered in the state. Truck registrations are up three per cent and bus registrations show an increase of 42 per cent.

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