

Out-of-Doors Stuff by LANS LENEVE

This would have been a peach of a time to have closed the trapping season on our fast disappearing furbearers; to have closed it for the duration of the war. That would have given the animals a chance to have staged a comeback and moreover, it would have put a definite stop to the burning of unnecessary gas and the saving of rubber by many trappers today, many of them whom could be serving their country in far more essential work than trapping. The price of furs this season does not warrant extensive trapping and any trapper could make five times the amount of money he is making trapping, by working at any war-time occupation. Personally, we do

Hospitalization For Rural People

Prepaid hospital services are now a reality in Coos and Curry counties for 308 farm people who are paid-up members of the Rural Health Protection Association introduced into the counties in September by representatives of the local Farm Security Office and sponsored by Oregon State Grange. The hospital service, nationally known as Blue Cross has 65,000 members in Oregon who are eligible for hospital care without additional cost any time they need it. Until June of this year, a prepayment plan was not in existence with rural groups and was largely confined to industry in this state. Then Oregon State Grange decided to sponsor the service for Oregon farm families and to begin by cooperating with the Farm Security Administration and the Blue Cross in a designated rural area of Southern Oregon, which included Coos, Curry and Josephine counties.

The FSA is federally assigned, by the Department of Agriculture, the responsibility of working with farm families toward better hospital facilities as a means of relieving existing doctor shortages. The government agency participating is a means of finding out something about present rural hospital facilities as well as helping to determine post war rural medical needs.

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The low annual premium provides 21 days hospital care for each or for all family members. It is necessary to have 100 memberships before the contract is accepted by the Northwest Hospital Service which is the agency for Blue Cross in Oregon. Along with the 100 memberships goes the promise of 50 additional farm family memberships during this first month. Edward W. Hughes, FSA Supervisor for the two counties, this morning praised the 100 families who were willing to pioneer in prepaid hospitalization. He said that some had put up their money early in October and that with this cooperative spirit he felt sure the plan would go forward.

The local RHPA committee is made up of farm people with J. J. Geaney, chairman; Ed Detlefsen, vice chairman; Mabel Hughes, secretary-treasurer; R. H. Christenson and Harold Potts.

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Townsend Club No. 1

Townsend Club, No. 1, met Tuesday evening, with 30 members and visitors present. A short business meeting was held with the president in the chair.

The caravan will meet here in Coquille at 11:00 a. m., Jan. 23 at the W. O. W. hall. Two new members were reported at this time. Door prize was won by Mrs. Jessie Gilman. Sick members seem to be on the mend; we hope so. Next Tuesday evening the men will serve doughnuts, cookies and coffee.

The program consisted of readings by Mesdames Hatcher, Clinton, Gilman, Westbrook, Buckner, music by Mrs. Von Pegert and Miss Roth, jokes by Mrs. Collier, music by LaVelle Roth, fishermen's skit by Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman, fish story by Mr. Von Pegert, story by Capt. Snyder.

The meeting closed by all singing "God Bless America," and giving the Townsend pledge.—Press Cor.

Kit Carson Of Powers Died At Salem Friday

Kit Carson, 70, of Powers, died at the state hospital at Salem last Friday. He had been under treatment there for a little more than a week, having been transferred from the hospital at Myrtle Point.

Carson had no known relatives. He came to the United States with his parents from Sweden at the age of three. His father, born in Scotland, was lost at sea; his mother was a native of Sweden. He had never married.

The deceased had lived in Oregon for 35 years and was well known in the Powers area.

Card of Thanks
For behalf of Mrs. Emily A. Hersey and ourselves, we wish to express our gratitude and thanks for all the kindly thoughts and acts, all of which were such a joy to her and comfort to us, during her recent illness and departure.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ruble and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hersey and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hersey and family, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hartley.

New Soil Building Allowances For Coos Co. Farmers

Liberal allowance provisions of the 1944 AAA program offer Coos county farmers increased assistance in soil building and conservation for all-out production. Elimination of the individual farm allowance will give each farm practically an unlimited soil building allowance with the exception of the application of lime and phosphate fertilizers. The allowance for these two materials have been increased this year and now stands at two dollars for each acre of crop land on the farm, according to R. B. Taylor, chairman of the State AAA committee, who attended meetings in Coos county during the past week.

Practices approved for 1944 which are considered to have the greatest value to Coos county operators include seeding of crop lands and hill land; pasture to grasses and legumes crop; application of lime and phosphate fertilizers; construction of drainage ditches; land clearing and range development. All farms of the county are eligible to participate in the conservation program and are urged by local committeemen to sign the farm plan sheet which will entitle them to payments for carrying out any of the approved practices.

To receive benefits for seeding or other work done during 1943 it is the responsibility of each operator to file his own report which can be done by calling at the county agent's office in Coquille, or at the Coos Bay Mutual Creamery in Marshfield, on Fridays during the remainder of this month between 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.

While most of the oil meal used as a source of protein in dairy and poultry feed will be handled by feed dealers during this year, small allotments are expected to be made periodically for direct distribution to producers who mix their own feed and who may list orders at the county agent's office, giving also the number of cows to be milked during 1944, according to information furnished to the Coos county committee.

So. Oregon Credit Ass'n Here Jan. 26

Coos and Curry county members of the Southern Oregon Production Credit association will meet Jan. 26 in the council room of the city hall at Coquille for the tenth annual meeting of the association. The session is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. The association is holding three sectional meetings because of transportation difficulties, with other meetings at Medford and Roseburg.

Special recognition will be given to members who have been with the association for the entire ten years and J. W. Bradley, Spokane, secretary of the Production Credit corporation, will speak. Reports on the progress of the association will be made by Ben Hilton, Grants Pass, vice president, and Bren H. Starck, Medford, secretary-treasurer, of the association. Production of food for war and the part credit is playing in maintaining that production will be discussed.

Election of a director to replace V. D. Brophy, Medford cattleman, will be held. Mr. Brophy is a ten-year member of the association and has served as president of the group since its organization. Clarence Zumwalt, Curry county, and Mr. Hilton, Josephine county, have served as directors for ten years. J. P. Johnson, Coquille, is the present Coos county director.

The association is a cooperative farmers' organization making loans for agricultural production purposes.

Notice To All Gasoline Dealers And Distributors

Since the new strip "T" coupons do not fit gummed sheets R-120, dealers are requested to place ten (10) coupons in each row by overlapping. Dealers should not cover any part of the top of R-120 as pertinent information thereon must be available for checking. Each filled sheet must contain fifty (50) coupons. Gasoline distributors please notify your dealers of this procedure.

Interesting Books Arrive At Library

The Coos County Health Association has established a traveling loan library of outstanding books on health education and for the next two months this collection will be available at the Coquille Public Library, states Mrs. Dal M. King, president of the county association.

The books have arrived and are ready for loaning. They were recommended by Miss Ethel Mealy, state consultant in health education, and by Dr. Adolph Weinzirl of the University of Oregon Medical school. Some of the available volumes are: "Getting Ready to be a Father," "Child Care and Training," "Psychiatry for the Curious," "Your Child's Development and Guidance," "Shadow on the Land," "Being Born," "New Patterns in Sex Teaching," "Babies

are Human Beings," "Feeding the Family," "Everyday Nursing for the Everyday Home," and "Diabetic Manual."

Here's an opportunity to avail yourself of this valuable and interesting material and the public should make it a point to call soon at the library and choose what most interests one.

The Coos County Health Association is entirely supported by sale of the Christmas Seals. Therefore, these little seals that help decorate Christmas mail bought these books.

Burial Was In The Brockman Family Plot

In reporting the burial of Mrs. Jas. A. Brockman in last week's issue, it was stated that it took place in the Weekly family plot. It was in the Brockman plot in the Dora cemetery.

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