

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

It appears that each time a bear is killed in this or Curry county that our name is mentioned in the press in connection with the killing, owing to the fact that we have put up a fight to save innocent old bruisers from ever-zealous government trappers and stockmen. Could it be that the killers' consciences are troubling them? Why should they try to vindicate themselves in our eyes by declaring that the poor old bruiser slain was a stock-killer? Surely it must be their consciences hurting them.

For instance, Editor Jones, of Myrtle Point's enterprising newspaper, recently accompanied the government hunter on a bear hunt. Mr. Jones bagged a large bear in an open spot, far away from sheep ranges. The bear was digging out a bee's nest. He was shot and killed while engaged in such a "bloodthirsty" occupation. But never at a loss for an alibi for killing a bear, the government hunter, so we are told, stated that it was a bear that ranged many miles and had many sheep to his credit. Of course, it could not have been any other bear, it had to be that one particular sheep killer that Mr. Jones "spotted." Anyway if furnished his readers with a good bear story which Mr. Jones waxed enthusiastically over in his paper. But in the same paper there comes an editorial from the pen of Mr. Jones, ringing our name into the picture once again. Tak, tak, Mr. Jones.

It looks as though there is going to be small relief from another acute ammunition shortage again this duck season, as well as for the deer season.

The hoarders of ammunition have put the ladies who hoarded silk stockings to shame. And the ammunition black market is on a par with the gasoline black market. What makes it tough on the sportsmen who are really shy on ammunition, is the fact that when a couple or so boxes of shells are released to each sportsman, those who have hoarded up hundreds of shells, make a mad rush for the sporting goods stores and get their quota.

Over in eastern Oregon last deer season 30-30 shells sold for one dollar apiece and in some instances as high as \$1.50 for a single shell—the price of a whole box of cartridges during ordinary times.

There are always chiselers to be found in most any walk of life, so it is but natural to find "hogs" and hoarders amongst the sporting fraternity, just as are to be found the same class of people amongst the gasoline burning public.

The New Deal with its crazy, screwy, nutty rationing of various articles that should never have been rationed in the first place, the removal of practically all ammunition from the markets and that business of allowing farmers a quota of ammunition to shoot varmints with (this latter, the biggest joke of all and showing the extreme ignorance of the officials) has caused the majority of American citizens to become violators of the law, dealers in black market goods and gas and the sportsmen to secure ammunition in any manner possible, aside from murdering for it.

Some of the largest munition plants in the country are closed down. Within a week they could put out enough ammunition for all the sportsmen in the United States and it has been stated on good authority that shotgun shells and sporting ammunition could be manufactured without interfering with the war effort. Then why isn't it done? Is the New Deal seeking to disarm the sportsmen of America? We are wondering if F. D. R. has trouble in securing fishing tackle? He shouldn't have, as Eleanor has never been curbed on her gas.

This mixup concerning the farmers

H. Ellsworth Reports To The Voters

Reporting to the voters of the Fourth Congressional District, Representative Harris Ellsworth today issued a statement covering his activities during the past two years as Congressman and reaffirmed his policies announced in 1942. Ellsworth mentioned his activities in carrying out these policies and stated that he had supported all appropriations and legislation essential to the war effort and resolutions designed to promote lasting peace.

Referring to the principal industry and source of employment for labor in the district, Ellsworth said, "I have taken a leading part in the handling of forestry legislation." The report calls specific attention to three bills enacted which provide for more adequate fire protection, the taking of a forest inventory, and program for sustained forest yield to perpetuate our forests.

Three big steps have been taken toward his objective of developing the resources of the district, according to Ellsworth. At Albany has been established the new Bureau of Mines electro-metallurgical laboratory which will be a research center for devising ways to utilize northwest mineral deposits. For the utilization of abundant aluminum bearing clays such as those near Cottage Grove, a plant at Salem will perfect processes for the production of alumina. At Springfield is being constructed the first plant in America for production of alcohol from wood waste. This represents the beginning of a great new industry using forest products. Coal and chrome deposits in the Coos Bay area received special attention for future development.

Pointing out the necessity of dealing directly with the centralized powers in Washington, Ellsworth mentioned his services to industry, agriculture, city and county and local government subdivisions, and to individuals on problems with the War Food Administration, War Production Board, Office of Price Administration, and other federal agencies. Aid was given on numerous questions involving rationing, food distribution, priorities, price regulations, machinery and equipment, building and road construction, cold storage and locker facilities coming from communities throughout the district.

Discussing his general views on legislation, Ellsworth renewed his 1942 statements concerning "waste in non-war expenditures," "intelligent national old age benefits," "fair deal for all labor," and "fair prices and good markets" for agriculture. Ellsworth is completing his term as the first Congressman of the new fourth district.

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receiving ammunition and the sportsmen practically being deprived of it, is just one of the many boners pulled by Roosevelt's pet bureaus. It makes a person wonder if we are going to have to go back to the bow and arrow days. If we do, the present administration would no doubt find a way of taking them away from us. Another four years and we will be hunting with stone axes again, if the New Deal keeps the reins.

This is not a political column in any sense of the word, but we feel that not only have the rights of the sportsmen been infringed upon, but that of every freedom-loving citizen of the U. S. to the extent, in view of our future freedom, to be able to hunt and fish as we please, and to have the right to still retain our guns and ammunition, we should bend together and vote the New Deal out.



Washington, D. C., Sept. 23 — "Sloppy and unfair," is the way Representative Daniel A. Reed of New York refers to the operations of the farm administration in handling farm loans. The state of Washington has had 125 approved borrowers and the approved obligations represent \$1,052,289. For Oregon there have been 100 approved borrowers and the total of approved obligations has been \$775,381. The FSA buys farms for non-farm owners, supplying 100 per cent of the price on a loan basis of 40 years with an interest rate of three per cent. The total number of borrowers has been 35,146, so that the 40-year loans to Washington and Oregon farmers is a mere trace of the aggregate.

The largest number of tenant farmers provided with farms by the FSA are located in the south. Georgia leads the country with 2,799; Alabama has 2,071; Mississippi 2,799; Texas 2,682; North Carolina 2,495; Arkansas 2,001; South Carolina 1,994; Tennessee 1,520; Louisiana 1,402; Missouri 1,160; Oklahoma 1,591. These states have received millions of dollars, or rather, non-farm owners have been set up in business by FSA, such as Mississippi farmers receiving \$13,337,739 and farmers in Georgia even more.

The GI bill provides for loans to veterans, but their loans is for 20 years, instead of 40, and they will pay four per cent interest, compared with the three per cent paid by farmers, who have received everything from land to houses and equipment from FSA.

However, there is nothing to prevent a veteran from trying to be financed by FSA instead of taking advantage of the provisions of the GI legislation. The hint is made that the reason so many farmers have bought homes in the south is that FSA is anxious to keep those states in the new deal column, a charge which is repudiated with indignation by FSA.

Word here is that the administration plans big things for the Columbia river and that among other activities it will do something about establishing permanent shipbuilding following the war. The Umatilla dam is on the drawing boards and the army engineers are conducting a study to determine the many uses to which the waters of the Columbia can be put—from power and navigation to domestic supply. A report on the waters of the Columbia basin is now in the making and should be ready within a few months. The engineers have been working on it since last year.

For the inauguration of the president in January 1945, \$25,000 has been appropriated, which is a saving of \$10,000 from the appropriation made four years ago. The money is spent exclusively in building stands for the accommodation of the public. However, owing to travel conditions, it is not expected that as large a crowd will assemble in this city as for previous inaugurations. It is not always fair weather when the president holds up his hand and takes the oath.

When Taft was inaugurated there was a blizzard which disrupted communications to such an extent that the only story sent out of Washington went to Baltimore. In 1936 the Roosevelt inauguration took place in a gosh-awful downpour of rain and thousands of visitors who came for the ceremonies never left Union Station and they ate the restaurants in the station out of every bit of food. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, however, rode from the White House to the capitol and back in an open automobile, arriving home looking like drenched rats. They refused to use a closed car and faced the rain because a few hundred people were scattered along the line of march.

Washington gossips are already trying to figure on the identity of the man who will succeed Jimmy Byrnes as war mobilizer. Jimmy is expected to resign his job shortly after election, as soon as he can clean up his affairs and leave the White House, from where he has been operating. Since the Chicago nominating convention Byrnes, when he withdrew as a candidate for vice-president "in deference to the wishes of the president," has lost interest in his war mobilization work. He resigned his position on the supreme bench to take on war mobilization at a distinct financial loss, for Jimmy

Bare Facts From Bear Creek

"The Column that's Different" (By Lans Leneve)

The shakeup received by Governor Dewey in the train collision up in Washington was nothing as compared to the "shake up" he has given the present administration in his various speeches throughout the Northwest.

Eleanor was certainly reckless burning gas before the coming election drew near, but now she seems to be keeping pretty well under cover, evidently figuring the voters will forget it.

Glad to see our old friend R. A. Easton "whacking" it to the New Dealers. More power to him.

"Dad" Minor was taken to the Belle Knife hospital at Coquille last week. It is thought that he may have to undergo a major operation. All his friends on Bear Creek are boosting for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cameron's small daughter Carol, suffered a split bone in an arm last week when she was kicked by a horse. Now she wants "Daddy" to throw the horse in the creek.

The powder from an old ten gauge shot gun shell which was being used by a trio of Bear Creek boys to create fireworks, backfired on the youngsters, with the result that Dewain Leach and Emmet Devereux both suffered severe face burns. Emmet was taken to the doctor to avoid infection. Dewain, in addition to the face burns, suffered the loss of his eyebrows and lashes.

Many persons wonder why there is a shortage of black pepper at the present time. The fact of the matter is that a huge corporation was formed back east at about the time we entered the war and all available black pepper was purchased, with the express purpose of the corporation selling it at a big profit. But the scheme backfired on the schemers, for the O. P. A. stepped in and fixed a ceiling selling price on pepper, resulting being that the corporation was stuck with tons of black pepper, not being able to dispose of it at any profit. It's a shame to have all that pepper tied up. Churchill should do something about it.

We were more than pleased to have our old friend "Pete" Harold Gould drop in on us last week. "Pete" back on a furlough, looks every inch the soldier.

For several evenings last week, Mrs. Grover Haga and small son Bobbie, waited for "Daddy" to come in on the stage from Camp Roberts. But instead of Grover showing up, a terse message arrived from the commanding officer at Camp Roberts, stating that Grover had been transferred to a camp in Maryland. As we watched the disappointed wife and small son of the absent soldier wend their sadly homeward, it brought the tragic workings of war more directly home to us. Thousands of mothers and kiddies and soldiers are disappointed each month. And there are hundreds of thousands of others who await eagerly a word from their soldier boy; and there are those who receive that dreaded message from the war department, stating that their loved one has been lost in action. Yes, Sherman was correct—"war is hell."

Not being satisfied with the amount of water that was being pumped into the water wagon, used by Harrington & Ray to water the Bear Creek road Guede Domenighini, the driver, upset the water wagon in Bear Creek last week.

"Perky" Thompson, who is training at Farragut is expected home soon. Every one will be glad to see "Perky" here on "The Creek," he being a popular lad in this district.

There has been an epidemic of colds and sore throats on Bear Creek lately; these afflicted, evidently getting in practice for the coming winter. Governor Dewey is alleged to have stated that the first man he would fire, if elected, would be Ickes. And that would be one swell job, Mr. Dewey, for Ickes, by his speeches throughout the country, has shown himself in favor of returning the Japs to the Pacific Coast. We don't crave these sort of men in office.

"Don't be saps—deport the Japs." Later note on Grover Haga; He arrived by Greyhound bus just as this was being mailed to the editor. He evidently was on his way homeward before the order for his trans-

is not a wealthy man measured by any yardstick.

Consider the foundry worker. His scale is 87 cents an hour; \$1.15 for similar work elsewhere. Twenty thousand foundry workers have quit, making a bottleneck in the manufacture of farm machinery. WPB suggests importing Mexicans for the work; state department refused to permit it. This is one reason there is a shortage of farm machinery and spare parts.

fer was issued. Grover is a fine looking soldier—a credit to the uniform he wears.

Coos Pioneer Burned To Death

Rosanna Thrush (Grandma) Russell, nearly 95 and one of the oldest pioneers of Coos county, was burned to death in her home on Seven Mile creek, near Randolph, early Sunday morning, September 17. She had been living alone in a small house about 500 yards from the family home of her son, Horace N. Russell, and the latter had been looking after her welfare.

Despite her age, Grandma Russell was active and mentally alert. She was independent to the point of obstinacy, refusing to live with anyone or allowing anyone to do much for her. She was an inveterate pipe smoker, according to relatives, and insisted on leaving the chimney off her kerosene lamp in order to make it more convenient to light her pipe. A number of times members of the Russell family had extinguished small fires accidentally started by the aged lady.

The fire occurred between 12:30 and 1:00 a. m. Sunday and before it was discovered the house collapsed, making rescue impossible.

Mrs. Russell was born January 1, 1850, in Iowa and crossed the plains to the Pacific coast with her folks at the age of two years. For the past 70 years she had been a resident of the Bandon and lower Coquille river area. At the time of death she was 94 years, eight months, 16 days of age.

She was mother of nine children, of whom only one, H. N. Russell, survive. Other survivors include 30 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 16 great, great grandchildren.

Graveside services at the family cemetery at Randolph were conducted at 2:00 p. m. September 19, by the Rev. Harold Strever, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, Coquille.—Western World.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Trouble Often Starts at Home

Read the other day where some folks have put up \$100,000 to establish a bureau to combat intolerance and prejudice.

Reckon we all agree that that's a mighty worthy cause. But I wonder if tolerance, like so many other things, doesn't begin at home.

You take a family where Ma objects to hubby's smoking in the parlor; and Pa can't stand his wife's hats; and they both yell at Sis for liking to listen to swing music—and you've got the seeds of trouble! Trouble

that spreads to intolerance among neighbors, and intolerance among nations.

From where I sit, you can put your faith in the family that lives and lets live—where Pa enjoys his smoke and maybe a mellow glass of beer or two; and Ma wears funny looking hats and likes 'em; and Sis grows up as healthfully full of spirits as a child should be.

Joe Marsh