

### Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LARNEVE

More geese have been in evidence this season than any season in several past years. This may or may not be attributed to an increase in their ranks. In fact, it doesn't mean a thing so far as that goes; for ever so often geese for some reason change their line of flight. There are some districts in various states where these birds will wing over for years and years and then suddenly disappear over such areas entirely, or with only an occasional flock or so during migration time.

Many years ago, Coquille used to be along one of these lines of flight. For days at a time huge flocks of the birds were seen in the air wending their way southward and during the nights and especially if it happened to be foggy, they flew so low over the town that their harsh voices would awaken one at all hours of the night. Another air-lane used, was just along the beach, all the way from Astoria to points opposite the Sacramento valley. And while it is true that occasional flights take place over these areas, the main flight has shifted further inland. It may gradually shift back as the years pass by, or it may come overnight. No one knows.

And speaking of geese, there is something about the honk of a wild goose in flight that holds an allure that the voice of no other bird possesses. Gazing at the huge V formations winging high overhead it is easy to vision the land from whence they came—their breeding and nest-

ing zones of the far North—miles and miles of swamp land. Then the coming of the icy hand of winter, freezing their feeding grounds, the departure of the birds to a milder climate and to food in abundance, such as the Sacramento valley and Tule Lake holds for them.

Yes, that old familiar honking of a wild goose in flight stirs the blood and if the honking comes from a low altitude it causes a hunter to grip his gun harder and his eyes prowl the sky in search of the flock. The expectation of a chance shot sends the old pulse a notch or so higher. For that voice holds a certain touch of magic that may only be understood by a hunter.

Perhaps if one lived where the geese were plentiful, such a thrill would not be derived from securing a shot at one of them occasionally but in this district they are always a source of delight, a grand, banged-up thrill.

It is a noticeable fact that most geese bagged from a large flock are usually in fair shape for the table but seldom, if ever, is a lone goose, bagged along a line of high flight, worth dressing. They are usually weak, underfed birds and, not being able to keep up with the flock, desert it usually from sheer weariness.

Usually such a lone bird may be approached to within a few yards before attempting flight and in some cases may be slain with a rock in the hand of a good thrower.

We are still taking those 140,000,000,000 ducks and geese reported hatched up north by Government officials as something hatched in a dream, for there isn't a doubt in our mind of the fact that today there is not one tenth the number of ducks and geese that there were when we first shouldered a shotgun, yet if we were to believe the figures given us regarding them, they would be almost as plentiful today as they were in the old days. Forty years ago more ducks could be glimpsed in one single day than may now be seen within an entire season so we do not take much stock in those big figures furnished by the enumerators. We have witnessed the farce of this enumerating of game birds and animals too much to put much stock in any wild claims that are made concerning the increase in their ranks. However, if they ever do increase, they should this season, owing to the fact that the sportsmen have been deprived of ammunition with which to hunt them. Which reminds us of the fact that we still have a gripe coming over the fact that The Grand American Handicap trap shoot was held this year in spite of the shortage of ammunition. Where did all those trap shooters get their ammunition? I'm betting dollars to doughnuts that the New Deal crowd knows.

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### Address By Dr. Phillips Last Week

Highlights of the address on Rotary Institutes of International Understanding by Dr. Hubert Phillips, educator, traveler and lecturer, are given below. Dr. Phillips spoke in the high school auditorium here last week; his subject being "Russia's Position, East and West."

Geographically, the Soviet Union belongs both to the East and the West—to Asia and to Europe. It covers one-sixth of the earth's surface. There are eleven hours difference in time between Big Diomedes Island opposite Alaska and Moscow. In this area are 193 million inhabitants composed of 189 races and peoples speaking 150 different languages and practicing 40 different religions. For purposes of government, 16 Soviet Republic are united in the Union of the Soviet socialist Republics—the USSR.

The world has been amazed and her allies have rejoiced at her unexpected strength. What are the sources of this? There are three main explanations: 1. Enormous natural resources of timber and minerals. 2. A unified citizenry due to foreign invasion and appreciation of what has been done for them by the Revolution of 1917. 3. Intelligent economic planning of the three Five Year Plans which increased production along some lines as much as 1,000 per cent over 1913.

One can get some hint of future policies of the Soviet Union by looking at some recent international agreements. In May of 1942 she made a Twenty Year Treaty with Great Britain in which each promised mutual aid and no alliance against the other. On November 1, 1943, came the Moscow Agreement with Britain and the United States. Of this, Secretary Hull said, "We agreed upon a broad basic program of international cooperation." A month later came the Teheran Agreement, which was so much criticized at the time because of its indefiniteness but which we now know synchronized the final attack upon Germany from the east and the west. But perhaps none of the above answers some questions for the future as do the Russo-Czech Treaty of December 13, 1943, and Czech-Soviet Pact of May 9, 1944. The former promises post-war economic collaboration with Czechoslovakia and the latter to turn over to Czech civil administration Czech territory as fast as it is won from Germany by the Russian army. It is important that Czechoslovakia, the most efficient and most democratic government created after the last war, feels that it can work with the Soviet Union without fear of domination or absorption.

Russia does have some definite territorial demands. In the west these are definite and have been so announced: Bessarabia, Poland east of the Curzon Line, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and boundary rectification by Finland so that Leningrad will be more than twenty miles from the boundary. She has made no demands, yet, in the east but there is every reason to believe that she will demand back from Japan the southern half of Sakhalin Island which Czarist Russia ceded to Japan in 1905 after defeat in the war of that year.

I believe that the Soviet Union will be friendly and cooperative in the postwar years. Her foreign policy will be conditioned by the following factors: Security—all nations are affected by this; Reconstruction—she will apply all her energies and surplus capital for years to the rebuilding of her vast areas of devastated farms and towns. She will carefully avoid all appearance of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries just as she will insist that other countries do not try to interfere in hers. She will naturally have a special interest in the affairs of other Slavic countries but this does not mean domination—note the friendly relations between the Soviet government and the Czech government in exile. She will bend every effort to stay on good terms with Great Britain and the United States; for the Russian leaders as realists know that the help and good will of these two great nations can be helpful with difficult problems of peace as they were in the difficult problems of war. Let's also hope there will continue to be a widespread recognition in both countries that Russia's help to us may have made the difference between victory and defeat.

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### Fairview News

At school last Friday afternoon the two 4-H Health Clubs met jointly in the upper room. Dorene Frye, president; Madeline Croy, vice-president, and Walter Shutt, secretary, were in charge of the upper room club. Their topic was, "Food and Vitamins." Talks were given by the seventh graders, who are Madeline Croy, Rosalie Matthews, Gene Schrag and Elmer Alford. 4-H Club of the lower room was presided over by the officers, George Ryder, president; Richard Wilson, vice president, and Diana Jensen, substitute secretary. This club is called the "Happy Day Club." Their subject was "Clean Clothes." A policeman was elected, Keith Ellis receiving a majority of votes. Afterwards all members and visitors joined in singing. Mrs. E. Alford sang "True Blue Bill" and gave a reading. Other visitors were Mrs. Benham and Mrs. Buoy. The latter gave a short talk and Miss Oerding a reading, "A Boy's Stomach."

Bobby and Gall Brewer stayed at the Benham home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Parks visited in the Umpqua valley Sunday.

Rev. M. D. Remple, Baptist minister from Coquille, is to conduct services next Sunday morning at the church at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school is at 10:30 sharp.

Mrs. Phillip Jensen is reported better. She has been quite ill with flu.

Mrs. Ernest Hatcher has accepted the teaching of the Adult class at Sunday School and Mrs. Faye Holmstrom is taking the primary class temporarily. In a few weeks Mrs. Sophia Tosten will have this class.

The school lunch club met Friday after school with only four mothers present. They inspected work done menus and plans of starting the hot lunch at the school. Those present were Chairman Mrs. H. S. Jensen, Mrs. El Alford, Mrs. L. L. Buoy and Mrs. T. H. Benham. More mothers are asked to be interested and to help put this over.

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