

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Recently, over near Albany, four hunters who were spotlighting, fired several shots at the lighted window of a trailer house, mistaking it for the eyes of a deer. A woman who was engaged in washing dishes at the sink in the trailer, was killed and a baby sleeping in a crib narrowly escaped death from the bullets that plowed through the trailer house. That is about the screwiest bit of shooting we have ever heard of, with the exception of a few years back when the headlights on a parked car were "shined" by spotlighters and the radiator and motor wrecked by the bullets from their rifles.

The men who killed the lady in the trailer house were sentenced to five years imprisonment, but were paroled following the lady's husband's plea in their behalf.

Anyone spotlighting and mistaking a trailer house for a deer should be committed to a mental institution for the remainder of their lives. However they got off by being fined \$100 apiece for spotlighting. There was no penalty paid for taking a human life—shooting a lady down in cold blood while her babe lay sleeping peacefully in a crib near by.

In the first place, it is rotten sportsmanship sneaking about the woods spotlighting deer. That is the contributing factor as to why deer are so scarce, so hard to find during open season by law-abiding sportsmen who hunt during the daylight hours. There is no question but that a stiffer fine, with a jail sentence attached, should be meted out to spotlighters and when there is a killing involved such as occurred near Albany, no quarter should be shown the offenders. They should be hanged, just the same as a careless hunter who mistakes a man for a deer during open season and shoots him down should also pay the penalty of his crime (for such it is,) by hanging.

We are wondering how long it will be before spotlighters get their lights out after the night-feeding ducks? When, and if they do, we will no doubt hear of a lot of farmers stock being slaughtered.

From the Albany killing it appears that the spotlighter is just as careless as the daylight hunter who shoots at moving brush or any moving object near in the woods. It appears that anything that shines in the darkness beneath the rays of a spotlight is worthy of a shot—a farmer's cow, a sheep, a goat, a skunk, an automobile or even a trailer house. Anything that shines is mistaken for a deer's eyes, whether the reflection be as large as a dollar, or as big as a house. It is truly hard to understand just why such insane persons should be allowed to frequent the woods.

One time I met a hunter down in the wilds of Curry county. I happened to see him first. In fact, not wishing to brag, during my entire hunting career there has been only one occasion when another hunter spotted me moving through the woods before I glimpsed him. And it is for this very reason (my spotting the others first) that I attribute the fact of my being in existence today.

Well, as we were saying, we met a hunter down in Curry at one time and we inquired as to his luck. His reply about fibergasted us and sent us back to camp and out of that district on the double quick.

"No, I haven't had any luck seeing any deer," said this hunter, "but I have got three sound shots already this morning." Meaning he had fired at noises in the brush three different times. That's the kind of hunters that kill their fellow hunters in the brush. Those are the men who should be denied a hunting license.

If the proper examination was conducted before an applicant was issued a license, there wouldn't be so many shooting accidents in the woods. For it wouldn't take long for anyone versed in the deer hunting game long to ascertain whether or not a man was capable of carrying a high-power rifle in search of deer. Half nutty, extremely nervous, as well as near sighted persons should not be allowed to hunt deer, yet each and every one of them secure a hunting license. By eliminating such persons from the woods during deer season and then slapping on the death penalty for any one mistaking and shooting a man for a deer, the woods would prove to be a much safer place in which to hunt than they are as hunting is carried on at the present time.

Playing Cards For Service Men Sought By Red Cross

The Red Cross is asking for donations of decks of cards for service men. Either pinochle or plain decks are acceptable and anyone having any they can spare are asked to leave them at Rackleff Pharmacy by Saturday of this week.



Washington, D. C., Jan. 18—Army and navy high command are due to clash with the AFL, the CIO and the farmer organizations. The high command has been insisting for more than a year upon passage of a national service act—a law to make very man and woman take an active part in the war either as a worker or a fighter. It was the high command that inspired the recent demands of War Mobilizer Jimmy Byrnes for a reclassification of 4-F men and of young farm hands; for the closing of horse and dog racing and for physical examination of athletes. In his message to congress on state of the union, President Roosevelt came to the aid of Byrnes and the Army and Navy by urging the enactment of such a law in the shortest possible time.

Scarcely had the president delivered his talk than the labor union leaders promptly issued statements declaring their opposition to a national service law. The labor leaders want none of it, arguing that it would interfere with the freedom of labor to move around the country for employment. These leaders, however, explain that their organizations are with the administration to this extent: They favor having the right man in the right jobs at the right time, but they believe that this should be a voluntary arrangement and not under compulsion as the brass hats and the chief executive recommend.

Aide from the 4-F men (there are said to be 4,000,000 of these), there are comparatively few men 25 years and younger who are not now in uniform. The available men under 25 years are limited. From what can be gathered in the national capital, it is believed that not more than 50,000 of all the men who registered for the draft in Oregon and Washington are still "at large." Of these, many have been unable to pass the rigid physical examination and have been rejected. In the northwest there is a strong probability that the draft boards will have to make up their quotas from men above the 25-year line.

The high command is capitalizing on the recent German counter-offensive to supplement the argument for a national service act. They are using it to show the public that, with the heavy losses and replacements needed, the one way by which to maintain the armed strength of the nation is to "go after" thousands of the 4-F group who can well afford to be in uniform.

Arguing against H. R. 4824, which would amend the immigration laws and permit the naturalization of all Filipinos now in the United States and Hawaii, Representative Johnson of California declared that none of the orientals are assimilable and that the basic policy set up in revised immigration laws of 1924 should not be changed. More than one billion dollars of taxpayers' money has been spent on the Philippines, he said, and the Filipinos have been granted other privileges not accorded other nationals. Money collected as import duties on products of the islands has been refunded in the sum of many millions of dollars and is being held in trust for the Filipinos against the time of their need when full independence is given them. Interest on this trust fund is paid by the U. S. treasury, and from 1938 to 1943 the Filipino government withdrew \$54,565,016.41, leaving a balance of \$27,274,085.72 subject to withdrawal.

In addition to granting the Filipinos their independence, their government expense is being paid by American taxpayers. Johnson declared, and he expressed his unalterable opposition to further endowing them with the privileges of American citizenship. He insisted that war emotions should not influence the congress into changing an immigration policy that had been carefully considered and wisely chosen. It is expected that the resolution will be reintroduced at this session and its passage urged as a war measure.

When announcement was made a few days ago by OPA that the rationing of shoes was to be further restricted, that agency followed the usual custom of not informing the public of the reason for its action. The simple fact is that war production board had previously issued an order requiring that all hides of military quality should be held for

Bus Rates To Be Down Twenty Per Cent Within Oregon

Pacific Greyhound Lines announces reductions approximately twenty per cent in Oregon intrastate fares between Portland and the Oregon-California state line, which it is hoped can be made effective March 1.

These fare reductions are the result of studies which have been conducted for the past several months and after consultation with the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon. Here are some comparisons of present fare and the new fare between Coquille (and other Oregon cities):

From Coquille	Present Fare	New Fare
Portland	\$8.00	\$6.40
Salem	4.05	3.25
Corvallis	3.60	2.90
Eugene	2.85	2.25
Roseburg	1.70	1.45
Medford	3.45	2.85
Fort Orford	1.15	.90
Brookings	2.90	2.30

The above fares reflect reductions between Coquille and only a few of the principal points affected. Reductions are being made between practically all points along the route and would be too numerous to quote here. Complete tariffs will be on file with the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon within a short time.

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So. Oregon Production Credit Assn. To Meet At Roseburg

Roseburg will be host January 22, 1945, to farmer and stockmen-members of the Southern Oregon Production Credit Association who are assembling for their annual meeting to elect directors, hear financial reports on their cooperative credit system, and participate in discussions of problems affecting wartime and post-war agriculture.

With Eugene Fisher of Oakland as chairman in charge, sessions will get underway at 11:30 a. m., at the First Christian Church. Present will be farmers and stockmen from Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. Following reports by the Chairman and R. W. Jarboe, of the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane, the association will elect four directors. The terms of V. D. Brophy of Medford, Co. Hills of Grants Pass, Clarence Sumwalt of Sisseton, and J. P. Johnson of Coquille, expire this year.

Ernest E. Henry, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane, will attend and discuss problems dealing with the cooperative credit system. Also scheduled for discussion during the session will be the assistance to be given returning veterans who are interested in farming, the need for maintaining maximum food production in 1945, and the necessity of adjusting operations to meet postwar farming conditions.

Lunch will be served at noon.

Unable To Renew N. W. Hospital Ass'n Contract

The Coos County Rural Health Protective Association was unable to renew its contract with the Northwest Hospital Association, according to E. W. Hughes, County Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration. They are unable to accept any new members or to renew old memberships. They wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members who participated in the Rural Hospital Association.

the army, and while the army will accept only the best part of the hides, so little leather is left for civilian use in the coming months that it became necessary to reduce the number of shoes which may be available to individual holders of ration stamps. If the necessitous reason back of every OPA order were made public, no doubt there would be less grumbling over the restrictions imposed by war conditions.

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Signs Of A Well-Nourished Child

Nutrition experts can recognize a well-nourished child—of a poorly nourished one—almost at a glance, without asking what the child eats. Mothers who are trying to give their families well-balanced meals can also judge results to some extent, according to Mrs. Dorothy Bishop Dunn, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Here is a rapid check list of the general characteristics of a well-nourished child, typical of those devised by leading child nutritionists:

- Body—well developed; straight arms and legs.
- Posture—erect; stomach in; head and chest up; shoulder blades flat.
- Fat—moderate amount; curves rather than angles.
- Muscles—firm; well developed.
- Eyes—clear and bright; no dark hollows or blue circles underneath.
- Hair—glossy.
- Teeth—well formed; sound.
- Gums—firm; light pink; no bleeding.
- Skin—smooth; firm; good color.
- Blood—red; good supply (outward sign is pinkish color of linings of mouth and eyelids, and in the ears as seen against the light.)
- Appetite and Digestion—good.
- Elimination—regular; no constipation.
- Sleep—sound, refreshing.
- Disposition—good natured; full of pep.
- Expression—alert, cheerful.
- General Health—vigorous; low "absentee" record at school.

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