

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LANEVE

We are grateful for a letter from G. Russell Morgan concerning Captain Earl Hamilton, who by now is across the river Rhine and somewhere in Germany. Earl, it will be remembered, was always an enthusiastic angler, as well as a hunter.

While stationed in England, we received a letter from him telling us as to how he had eluded some of the King's or Prince's guards and poached upon a trout stream, just in order that he might state that he had fished upon a Royal English stream. And it appears that the letter received from G. Russell, that the young captain is at it again, so to speak. Taking Mr. Morgan's own words in his message to us we quote: "I got a letter from Captain Earl Hamilton, which is of particular interest. He is with Patton's Third Army and when they breached the Rhine, he determined that he wanted to be able to say that he had fished in the Rhine river, so he rigged up an outfit to see if he could catch anything. He said that he was a little more scared than if he had been fishing without a license and out of season. Hence, I deduce that German shells were still falling pretty regularly on the west side of the river. The letter was written before our troops made any crossing of the Rhine. It all goes to show that when a dyed-in-the-wool fisherman really wants to do some fishing, he will brave a good many hazards. Apparently he didn't catch anything, or he probably would have said so."

Thanks again, Russ. We are sure that the readers and especially those who are acquainted with Earl, get a kick out of it. And you are certainly right regarding the fact that a dyed-in-the-wool fisherman will risk plenty of hazards in order to get in a little fishing. We are looking forward with keen anticipation to having a visit with the captain and getting first hand information regarding his fishing experiences while overseas. In his letter to us regarding his England fishing adventure, he stated that he did not go much on an England trout stream, so no doubt the Rhine didn't prove too disappointing to him. It is going to be a grand day when all those boys, such as Captain Hamilton, can once again see their lives in American trout streams, rippling the hills and fields and meadows once again in God's country and in doing so leave behind them the horrors of war for all time. And it is up to the sportsman of America, those of us who remain behind, to guard the welfare of our wildlife, to be ever alert to its protection and propagation, to insist upon the stocking of streams with game fish, to fight shoulder to shoulder for sensible game legislation, in order that such boys as Captain Earl Hamilton, upon their returning home, may once again enjoy the pleasures that they have dreamed of, to the fullest extent.

It is up to us here at home to be able to offer them the things that will gradually erase the memory of those days spent in rain-drenched fox-holes, that will soften hearts that have been hardened by bloody conflict. Yes, it is up to us to see that they come back to enjoy the pleasures, the liberties, for which they have fought; to see that their dreams are fully realized. We owe it to every last one of those kids. Don't let 'em down!

We wish to see those boys come back to old familiar haunts; to be able to hunt and fish as they did during those days before they went overseas; to hunt and fish on land and streams free from trespass signs. There should be an open road for them, so far as these sports are concerned, but at the present time there is a bill pending in Congress that would turn all public lands and waters over to the Army engineers, empowering them to change the courses of rivers and streams, to fill in marshlands and to erect great dams on rivers and spawning streams that will spell finis to our game fish. Under this bill they may be able to charge a special license fee, in addition to the regular hunting and fishing license, to hunt and to angle on government property—property paid for by the people. Or they may be able to lease parks, marshlands, etc., to private gun clubs. Suppose the boys come back home and find such a setup, with practically no place to hunt and fish. If such should occur and there is a strong possibility that it will, (as Harold Ickes is boosting for the measure to pass congress), who could blame the boys when they return, for politely inquiring, "Just what have we been fighting for?"

Let's keep the boys in mind constantly—an open spot in our hearts for them, as well as open, free country—marshlands, hills and valleys, fields, lakes and streams, where they may enjoy to the fullest those pleasures they have dreamed of so long.



Washington, D. C., April 19—

Twenty-one reclamation projects in Oregon and five in Washington which are recommended in the \$4,782,000-000 proposal of the reclamation commissioner are in the wishful thinking stage. Out of this immense sum Washington's share is specified as \$411,688,000 while Oregon's "take" is limited to \$97,353,200. The program for Washington is mainly taken up with the reclamation features of the Grand Coulee irrigation and power project, which is now being urged as providing an opportunity for returned veterans to start farming.

In one of the releases of the department of the interior, devoted to a discussion of reclamation, the statement is made that it will cost a settler about \$10,000 to get started, and this includes the cheapest kind of a shack in which to live while trying to raise a crop.

Most of the projects included in the Washington and Oregon programs have been studied and partly engineered and could be set in motion within a brief time after congress appropriates the money. There is much to be done before final action is taken on this reclamation program. It may be several years before congress finally arrives at the point where it is willing to make the money available and by that time the list of projects may have been substantially reduced. The reclamation bureau has included almost everything in the 15 western states where there is reasonable prospect of sufficient water.

As a long range program for the development of the west the proposals have merit but they will be observed by farmers in the mid-west who have never looked with kindly eye upon irrigation districts, considering the irrigation farmer as a competitor—which he is not.

One smart thing the report emphasizes is that a large part of the money for reclamation development is spent in the east for equipment, and this when translated into manpower and jobs makes a very respectable showing. For example, the Grand Coulee dam expenditures were almost entirely in eastern states and only a comparative trifle (aside from labor) remained in the Pacific northwest.

There has not so far developed any considerable support for the resolution introduced a few days ago by Representative Horan of Washington, which would require heads of executive departments to appear before a house committee once a month for interrogation and report on current problems. Somewhat similar efforts have been made in the past to bring about closer association between congress and other government agencies but nothing along that line has been accomplished aside from a voluntary arrangement which put into practice by Cordell Hull while he was secretary of state, and even this plan has been ignored under Secretary Stettinius. The advantages to be derived from such cooperation are admitted, but congress just doesn't seem able to agree upon how to bring it about.

Adopting the method followed by other government agencies to prolong their life after immediate need for their activities has passed, federal housing authority proposes to lay before congress an ambitious plan for the elimination of slums in every part of the United States, as an aid to veterans in purchasing houses and to tenants in attaining ownership of the land they work. It has been generally believed here that the housing authority was on its way out and that congress would deny it further financing after the war ends, but those at the head of the agency obviously have other plans. The proposed activities would not be undertaken until after the war, of course, and justification for the program is sought in the need which will then exist for providing employment opportunities and giving a boost to the building industry.

With the loss of 200,000 workers from American farms during the past year, as stated by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, it would not seem that the importation of 107,000 Mexican and other farm laborers will be sufficient to maintain crop production at the 1944 level. Mexican workers have been generally willing and efficient, according to reports, but not so much may be said for the Jamaicans and Bahamans who were

Friendly Service Is Its Sole Aim

It would be time well spent if each merchant within the area of the Coquille Retail Credit Association would visit the new offices in the Laird building, and learn how they are operated. N. P. McDonald, manager, has announced he will be happy to conduct tours through the various departments in order to acquaint the public with the educational and constructive nature of the Association, which is not to be confused with a collection agency. A friendly, courteous service awaits any person wishing to receive credit or to give credit.

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Upon being conducted through the offices recently, we found all the latest methods of filing were employed by a competent staff with modern equipment. The facilities of this office of the national organization with an international scope, are equal to any in the state, from the legal department with the services of a lawyer and his books of law.

When we started our tour, thought of the Association brought a vision of a future to our mind. When we had finished, we came away with a mental picture of a helping hand which is extended in friendliness.

Brake-Checking Is Attempt To Lower Accident Rate

State, county and city law enforcement officers this week began checking brakes on all private passenger cars stopped during routine traffic enforcement activities as the nationwide brake emphasis program, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police got under way April 15.

In Oregon, the program has the written endorsement of Governor Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, and Mayor Earl Riley of Portland. The purpose of the program is to focus the driving public's attention on the importance of brake maintenance in the interests of accident prevention and motor vehicle conservation.

"Traffic accidents have been on the upgrade since late in 1943," Secretary of State Farrell states. "Speed trends throughout the United States are upward and the average motor vehicle today is twice as old as the average vehicle on the roads in pre-war days. With these facts before them, the IACP decided to sponsor the nation-wide campaign to call attention to the need for good brakes."

"Brakes are involved in nearly every accident and in many traffic violations. If brakes are adequate for safe stopping, there is less danger of accidents. For that reason, law enforcement officers in every town, city, county and state in the nation, are conducting the brake check during the period April 15-June 1."

The brake check consists of placing the check-block, a one-inch thick block, under the brake pedal. The pedal is depressed and if it strikes the block before the brakes start to take hold, it means the brakes are inadequate and the driver is advised to have them adjusted.

brought into southern states last year. And the situation is made even less encouraging by the continued scarcities in farm machinery, by floods and the freezing temperatures which prevailed over a large part of the mid-west during the spring planting season.

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Artificial Cattle Breeding Started

Interest in an artificial breeding project has increased considerably the past few weeks following an open meeting of local farmers, state extension men and George Jenkins, county agricultural agent. The state extension men, Roger Morse and Dr. Fred H. McKenzie and a Mr. Baker, were present; the former two being directly concerned in the development of artificial insemination of dairy cattle in this state and the latter a director in the Yamhill County Artificial Insemination Assn. at McMinnville. Mr. Morse and Dr. McKenzie gave brief talks about the advantages and disadvantages of this work. Mr. Baker described his experiences and satisfaction with the Yamhill association.

Artificial breeding is not a new innovation but has been extensively practiced in Russia and the states of New York, Wisconsin and Iowa. Between 90 and 100 cattle were bred in the former two states during the past year. The Yamhill organization has now functioned for two years and is a farmers' co-operative.

Those entering into a project of this kind should bear in mind that benefits are not immediate but over a period of years it should increase the per capita valuation of livestock immeasurably. Other points brought out by Roger Morse and Dr. McKenzie were that artificial breeding is not a cure for sterility or so-called hard breeders but they insisted that from fertile sires under a skilled technician, it is not less efficient than natural breeding methods.

Definite plans are now in progress to solicit a maximum of 1000 cows in a limited area for breeding by this method. This will be in cooperation with the Yamhill Association and profits thus obtained will be used for the procurement of better sires. Those interested could contact either the county agent or the local veterinarians for full particulars. It is expected to start operations on or about May 1 and continue through August.

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