

Fairview Young People Enjoy Weiner Boast

A weiner roast for the youngsters in the Fairview community was held at the McCauley ranch one evening last week. The evening ended with boxing bouts between the boys.

Those present were Rosalie and Alice Mathews, Doreen Frye Bonney Noah, Madeline Croy Barbara and Gene Schragg Marie Boone, Dwain Frye, Norman Chezem, Alexander

Graham Fogle, Emory Hunt, Dennis Suoy, Walter Shutt, Thomas, the host and his mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. McCauley.

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Out-of-Doors Stuff
by LAMB LEBEVE

There have been two long counts in history. One was during the Tunney-Dempsey bout when Jack had Gene on the canvas for the long count. The other is the long count, or enumeration of our wild migratory fowl in 1944. Arguments still go on and on concerning that historic battle of the squared circle. The general opinion still exists that Dempsey was robbed of the decision by the long count. And now it appears that the duck hunters of the U. S. have also been robbed by the long count of the super-duper enumerators, so far as the ducks are concerned, for somewhere in the shuffle the enumerators have lost twenty million ducks. Yes, they are that many birds shy. It's a cinch that the hunters didn't get 'em, for throughout the country the shortage of ammunition, the absence of hundreds of thousands of hunters who were in the armed forces, made it mighty easy on the birds.

Twenty million ducks is a lot of birds. Just where could they be hiding out is indeed a mystery. We were struck by the fact that in spite of the stupendous enumeration of early 1944 that ducks were scarcer in this district than in many past years. The tens of thousands of ducks that were generally apparent throughout the Coquille, Fishtrap, China Camp, Riverton Norway and lower river districts were sadly missing. And during the open season there were nowhere near the number present as in past seasons. And this in spite of the claims of the enumerators that 150 million ducks were on the wing.

Could it be that the O. P. A. has something to do with those 20 million missing broadbills? Everything else has been laid at the door of that organization, so why not hold them responsible for the missing birds? But joking aside, those 20 million missing ducks are a shining example of the results obtained by enumeration.

If these wild life enumerators could have been hired to count the Japs slain upon the battlefields the war would have ended several months ago. One hundred sixty million ducks were a lot of birds to count, to re-total the count in order to discover that 20 million were missing was another big shore. We have always figured that an enumerator in county wild ducks must sound off something like the following: "There's ten ducks. Ten times 100 is 1000 ducks. Add another thousand. Subtract five ducks that may die of disease. Add another thousand to take up the slack from the loss of the five. And there goes a flock of fifteen hundred; well, I guess there must be fifteen hundred. Anyway, who is there to dispute my count."

The enumeration of deer follows along the same line. Half a dozen deer are glimpsed. Well, if there are half a dozen deer in evidence on that one particular range there must be at least a thousand more in hiding, and of course, in counting the deer, the ducks, the bear, the elk the antelope, etc. there is never a double count.

We consider the enumeration of wildlife so far as the actual truth concerning the number actually existing according to the enumeration just as reliable as a Japanese news dispatch.

If any one can prove to us in any manner shape or form how an accurate count or estimation can be made concerning the number of ducks reaching into the millions or the number of deer in brushy country, the number of jack-rabbits in the sagebrush, the number of martin and fisher in the woods, the 'coon, mink and muskrats and the different various species of wildlife, then we will gladly concede the fact that we are wrong in censoring the enumeration process, that the counters are super-duper, atomic individuals, performing miracles beyond our puny conception.

The words in the song of "Pistol Packin' Mama" of "Lay that pistol down," applies to the tail of a skunk. Only the words should go something like this, "Lay that bushy tail down." It behooves a person when at close quarters with a skunk to always look the animal in the eye and never seek a rear view. But this may be done with safety if the actions of the tail are closely observed. Just watch that fluffy plume for the danger sign. So long as it is carried at a low angle you are perfectly safe, but when it assumes an upright position, then lookout. The skunk's tail is the trigger to his gas gun. Just one jerk of that tail and you get sprayed—and how! It is too bad that bombs loaded with skunk "juice" couldn't have been dropped upon the Japs. What a splendid perfume for the emperor!

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Veterans May Borrow For Farm Purchase

Cos county war veterans with farm backgrounds are eligible for 40-year farm purchase loans under provisions of the Bankhead-Jones tenant act to promote ownership of family-type farms, announces T. Brudos, County Farm Security Supervisor, Room 14, Bank Building, Coquille. Oregon has been allotted \$140,000 for veterans, and \$95,523 for farm tenants out of the congressional appropriation of \$50,000,000 for these programs.

Farm ownership loans under the act may be made up to \$12,000 in the case of qualified veterans, while farm tenants are subject to restrictions based on the value of the average farm in the county, explained Brudos. Applicants locate the farms they wish to buy and file an application with the County FSA office. Farms are appraised on the basis of their long-time earning capacity and the applicant's qualifications for ownership are reviewed by the County FSA committee of three local farmers. If the farm is priced on the basis of its actual value and the applicant has the experience for successful ownership, the loan is approved. Loans are repayable up to 40 years and bear three per cent interest on the unpaid balance.

As the state allotment of farm ownership will be used wherever suitable farms and applicants can be found, the number of loans this county receives will depend on how quickly local veterans and tenants file their applications, said Brudos.

Veterans who prefer to start by renting or leasing farms and are unable to secure necessary operating credit are also eligible for FSA loans to purchase livestock, machinery, seed, feed, household goods and minor improvements up to \$2,500.

As previously announced funds are also available for Water Facility Loans, though in a limited amount, and the Water Facility Engineers will be in Coos County the week of September 11 to make inspections of applications submitted before that time. In view of the extremely dry year, we are just experiencing, it might be well for those farmers who find themselves in need of this service to submit their application at once.

It Is Still Vitaly Necessary To Save Fats

The American Fat Salvage Committee has been given an official government mandate to accelerate the collection of used cooking fat to offset the most serious fats and oils shortage in this country's history.

In a telegram to Roy W. Peet, chairman of The American Fat Salvage Committee, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson says:

"V-J Day still leaves us alarmingly short of fats and oils. Because we will continue to be seriously short of these essential commodities for many months to come, it is just as important now as during the war to save every bit of used fat."

"American women can help us win this postwar battle of supply in their own kitchens. I urge you and all members of your committee to help us drive home this vital necessity in every possible way."

It has been officially stated in Washington that it will be a considerable time before imports of fats and oils from the South Pacific can be resumed. It may be many months before oil plantations are back in production and before workers and shipping are available.

Meantime, the Office of Price Administration is promising more meat during the fall months and housewives are admonished to get full food value from this meat, but to continue to scrape, scoop and skim every drop of used fat for salvage.

Art Erickson Receives Army Publication Printed In Germany

Art Erickson hands the Sentinel a copy of the "Tramp-Script," an eight-page publication put out by the 724th F. A. Battalion of the Army in Germany and contains a lot of reading matter about events and conditions over there which do not get into the daily news dispatches. It also has a page of sports items about what the boys in the occupation area are doing.

Powers Pastor Resigned

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Perry, former pastors in the Church of God in Coquille, have just resigned as pastors at Powers. They are going to Portland to study in Pacific Bible College. Rev. W. L. Greer will supply the Powers pulpit for the next two Sundays.

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