

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

We have been taken to task regarding our stand on the poison bait question published last week, in which we referred to the spreaders of poison as being bums. We have no apology to make concerning this statement. Fact of the matter, we consider any man who spreads poison bait in our wilderness a whole lot worse than a mere bum. Our opinion of him is unprintable.

We note where five coyotes were found poisoned in Curry county, according to the report of the head of the Wildlife Service. The statement further goes into detail to the effect that 30 poisoned baits were picked up by animals that were not found. That means that 30 mink, martens, coon, dogs, etc., get the poison. What a fine record!

The BUMS will eventually kill every living thing in the woods with their poison bait. Really the appliance of the name "bum" to a poison-slinger is a compliment to such a man. For he is a fifty to one shot on wildlife. In other words, he kills fifty innocents while killing one predator.

These Wildlife guys would lead the gullible public to believe that nothing eats their poison baits but coyotes. A coyote is wary; occasionally he picks up a poison bait, but while doing so, 49 innocents, as well as valuable fur-bearers, eat the other 49 baits out of the fifty put out for coyotes. But that is the proven policy of the poison-slinging outfit—kill everything that walks the wilderness trails just so long as the coyote suffers death.

Teddy Roosevelt, the great American sportsman, was responsible for the creation of our National forests. Forests were established solely for the protection of our wildlife. Old Teddy would no doubt turn over in his grave if he could view these forests today. Ninety per cent of them have been converted into sheep pastures and poison bait has been strung throughout them, killing the wildlife in order to furnish pasture for the bawling woolies.

Merchants may fail in business, cattle can starve on the range, poultry men can suffer huge losses, homesteaders can starve to death on their holdings but naught is said nor done; but let a bear move in on a herd of sheep, or coyotes start killing, and a wail resounds throughout the land—county courts are appealed to, the public is lambasted with sob and wails from the shepherds and the result is that this so-called National Wildlife outfit (not the protectors of wildlife, but strictly the protectors of sheep) set forth with a few tons of poison and dead horses and poison everything that walks the woodland trails.

The shepherd raises sheep for profit. It is his business, just as it is the groceryman's business to sell groceries for profit and just as it is the service station's man's business to sell gas and oil for profit. Yet, during the first few months of the past war several hundred thousand service stations went out of business and hundreds of thousands of small business enterprises likewise, but nothing was done about it, was there? So why should all this pressure be brought to bear upon the sheep industry? If a man has a business he should protect it to the best of his ability and shouldn't be "howling" for help, as we see it, from the government, the county and the whole country in general.

This screwy set up of the government which involves this much advertised wildlife outfit is a huge joke. They will go on and on hiring bums to poison the wilderness, kill-

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Friday, January 4th
6:30 O'Clock Pot-Luck Dinner and regular meeting Past Noble Grands Club. Home of Mrs. Jennie Price

Monday, Jan. 7th
Installation Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 15
8:00 P. M., Masonic Hall

Business and Professional Women's Club regular meeting
Guild Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 8th
Coquille Woman's Club, 2:15 P. M., Junior Auditorium, Community Building. Forum on "World Government."
Sociologist Club Luncheon, 12 Noon, Coquille Hotel
Regular meeting Rebekahs, 8:00 P. M., I.O.O.F. Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 9th
Episcopal Guild, Parish House, 2:00 P. M.
Public Joint Installation, Oddfellows and Rebekahs, 7:30 P. M., I.O.O.F. Hall

**Entertain Friends
New Year's Eve**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Standley of Coaledo were hosts to a group of friends Monday evening at a progressive pinocle party. Mrs. Albert Mannellin won high score for ladies and Bursleigh Boedecker, for the men. Mrs. Joe Cook and Orton Standley received consolation prizes.

As the New Year rolled in, delicious refreshments were served. Present were Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Schram, J. W. Ruble, Albert Mannellin and Bradley, Joe Cook and Ivan, Bursleigh Boedecker, Mr. and Mrs. Standley and Orton, the latter just home from overseas.

ing good dogs and furbearers. There is a solution to the problem and it is an easy one. Call off the "BUMS" with their poison and place a good bounty on coyotes and other predators. Within one month the resident-trapper will account for more predators under a bounty system than any half dozen poison bait-slinging bums will account for in ten years. This has been proved in the past. When there was a good bounty on coyotes in Coos county the resident trapper caught more coyotes in one single month than the government trapper accounted for within 36 months. That's on record—look it up. With a real bounty placed on predators, the resident-trappers would clean them out within a short period of time, but the present farce of hiring poison-slinging bums will go on and on for years and years and eventually exterminate every fur-bearing animal and upland bird from our land. Yep, we have spoken—those poison-slingers are still BUMS in our opinion and a menace to our wildlife. Wake up Coos county court and put on a bounty.

**Oregon Motorists
Driving Over 56
Miles Per Hour**

The speed ceiling under which 85 per cent of the drivers on major Oregon highways traveled in November was 56 miles an hour, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported today.

The Secretary of State said speed checks maintained by the traffic engineers of the State Highway Department showed that November speed ceilings were the same as those recorded in October and September.

"Since the release of wartime restrictions on motor vehicle use, speed ceilings have crept upward," Farrell said. "In June of 1945, the maximum speed at which 85 per cent of the drivers traveled, was 49 miles an hour. In July it went up to 52 miles an hour. Then, in August, with the cessation of hostilities, it crept up to 55 miles an hour, and for the past three months, it has stood at 56 miles an hour."

Farrell said only three per cent of the drivers using major highways held their speed under the 35-mile mark. This compares to some months during the war when about a third of the drivers using the highways held their speeds under the 35-mile limit.

"The higher travel pace on our major highways is a prime cause in the rise of traffic fatalities in this state," Farrell declared. "Speed too great for existing conditions is a factor in nearly all the accidents on rural highways, and in many of those that occur in urban areas."

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**Sgt. Bill Gaslin
Burns To Death
In Hotel Fire**

Word was received last week of the tragic death of Bill Gaslin in San Francisco. He was burned to death in his hotel room Thursday, Dec. 27.

Bill was born in Crossfield, Alberta, Sept. 21, 1911. He lived in Coquille for many years and attended school here. He had just returned, about ten days before, from three years in the South Pacific. He was a master sergeant in the Army Engineers.

He leaves his sisters and brothers: Opal Rouw, Eugene; Faye Perrott, Los Angeles; Ruth Cooper, Coquille; Vera Garnier, Enumclaw, Wash.; Charles Gaslin, Fairview; Gilbert and Rex Gaslin, of Albany, Ore.

Due to the high water, interment was at Point Arena, Calif.

Personal Mention

Captain Leonard Farr, brother of Don Farr, has spent the holiday season with his parents in Coos Bay, according to friends. Capt. Farr served in the European theater of war.

Miss Dona Moomaw left January 1, to return to Monmouth, Oregon, College of Education, after spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Moomaw here.

**That Nagging
Backache**

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Lloyd Wood, radar man third class, was met by his sister and her husband from Glendale, and they, in turn, were met by Gross Wood in San Francisco. The group made the

trip north together. Lloyd will report to Bremerton, January 11, at which time he expects a discharge. The Goslines will leave January 4, to return to Glendale, where Glen has about ten more months before finishing jewelers' school.

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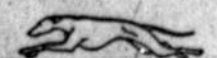
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