

**Out-of-Doors Stuff**

by LANS LENEVE

The old L. C. Smith has been eased. With loving hands we administered the last rites of the season—several clean rags shoved through the barrels a final oiled one.

For thirty-five years this old gun has received this same treatment at the close of each duck season. That's a lot of years! Yes, for thirty-five years we have roamed the marshes and the fields, that old gun tucked beneath our arm. From the old black powder, brass shell days, up to the present high power ammunition craze, the voice of the Smith has echoed across the marshlands.

A fellow sort of grows up with a gun in that space of time—thirty-five years of close association and such a gun is looked upon as a good, true friend, an old standby.

That gun and the writer has watched the steady advancement of civilization, the cutting of the vast stretches of willows that once adorned the Coquille valley from lower Fishtrap to the Beaver Slough marshes. We have watched the gradual encroachment of the farmer, the cutting of the willows, the converting of the vast marshlands into fields of cultivation, the gradual decrease of the ducks in numbers, as their natural habitats were torn from the land and converted into pasture land.

**Marshes Were Filled**  
Time was, when hundreds of thousands of ducks winged their way lands of the valley. Starting round 4:00 p. m. there was a continuous flight of birds from the Fishtrap country—thousands upon thousands across the marshlands. They circled upon outspread wings and alighted by the thousands in the ponds and pot-holes throughout the marshes. And these birds were mostly all mallards—the king of ducks.

Those days are gone forever, for as we have already stated, the willows have been cut, the land has been converted into fields of grain, potatoes and pasture land—and only a pitiful remnant of the once great flocks of birds remain that used to frequent this district. The choicest of the shooting grounds left have been taken over by gun clubs and each year sees the common sportsmen being gradually shoved into the background, with his complete elimination from the picture only a matter of a few years.

Yes, the Old Smith and we have watched this encroachment, with a certain feeling of resentment, upon our old familiar haunts. We are not alone, for there are many old timers in the same boat as ourselves. The old timer still retains the cherished memories of those golden days when he could roam the marshes at will, when there were no trespass notices and when invitations were extended him to hunt upon practically every spot in the Coquille Valley.

Each season sees more men taking to the fields and the marshes, many of them being persons who have never before shouldered a gun, but being possessed with full billfolds with which to rent land, or purchase the shooting rights thereon.

**Possesses Golden Memories**  
We have had our full share of the ducks, have enjoyed the finest shooting of all time and possess a store of golden memories of the days when more ducks could be glimpsed in one single day than may be seen in an entire season at the present time. But what we are wondering, is just how is the coming generation going to share in the royal sport of duck shooting? Young America wants to hunt. Returning vets wish again to take up the old scattergun and fare forth after the broadbills. But just how is this to be accomplished if all the choice shooting grounds are leased or corralled in some manner?

We have always been for the common sportsman, being one ourselves. We have always been against this idea of wealthy sportsmen taking over and controlling the choicest shooting grounds. And as it is unlawful to sell ducks upon the market, why should it not also be unlawful to sell them upon the wing? That is what occurs when men purchase the right to shoot them—they are purchasing the birds on the wing.

Each county should have a public shooting ground in order to give every one a chance to hunt. As it now stands, the average hunter will purchase a license to hunt game birds such as "Chinks" and ducks, then he looks about him and wonders for trespass notices adorn practically all the fence posts in the country today.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice was given today that a public hearing will be held by the War Department on Thursday, January 24, 1946, in the city hall in Coos Bay, Oregon, beginning at 10:00 a. m. to consider proposed regulations to permit at specified times and under specified conditions the floating of loose logs and sack rafts in the waters of the South Fork of Coos river between the head of tidewater and the mouth of Bessie Creek.

A tentative draft of the proposed regulations follows:

**The Law**  
Floating of loose logs and sack rafts in navigable streams is unlawful except under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War. (Sections 1 and 2, River and Harbor Act of May 9, 1900).

**The Regulations**  
Floating loose logs and sack rafts in the South Fork of Coos river between the head of tide and the mouth of Bessie creek is hereby permitted on Mondays only during the months of August, September, and October, and on Mondays and Fridays only during all other months of the year, at the times and under the conditions herein provided.

On each of the days above designated loose logs or sack rafts are allowed to enter the navigable stretch hereinabove designated at or near the head of tidewater within a two-hour period beginning one hour before and ending one hour after the time of high tide at the point of entry, and be floated to the mouth of Bessie creek, provided that such logs are handled expeditiously and the movement in said navigable section is entirely completed within five hours after the time of high tide, and said five-hour period shall be entirely within the period between 3:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m., Pacific Standard Time.

Two high tides normally occur each day. That tide upon which logs are allowed to enter the navigable portion of the river shall be the one which reaches high slack at the point of entry between the hours of 3:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m., Pacific Standard Time. The time of high tide at the head of tidewater in the South Fork of Coos Bay for the purpose of these regulations shall be considered as two hours and forty minutes after the predicted time of high tide at Humboldt Bay, California, (the port of reference for Coos Bay), as published by the Coast and Geodetic Survey of the United States Department of Commerce.

A floating catch boom may be swung across the South Fork of Coos River near but not below the mouth of Bessie creek for the purpose of catching loose logs being floated as herein provided; provided that such boom shall be in-place only during the period in which such floating of loose logs is permitted and on the days designated when such movement is under way, and provided further that at all times when said catch boom is swung across the river so as to obstruct or interfere with navigation, a competent operator shall be in attendance and shall, upon the approach of any craft or tow desiring to pass either upstream or downstream, promptly swing the boom so as to clear the channel and allow such craft or tow to pass.

At all times between sunrise and sunset on the days when loose logs or sack rafts are being moved in said stream in accordance with these regulations, and during a period of three hours before such movement is to begin, a red flag not less than three feet square shall be flown from a staff on the river bank near the mouth of Bessie creek so located that it can plainly be seen by operators of river craft proceeding upstream in that vicinity and said red flag shall not be flown at any time other than herein designated. Between sunset and sunrise a red light, instead of the red flag, shall be displayed as above provided.

Approved: Secretary of War.  
All interested parties are invited to be present or to be represented at the hearing and all will be given an opportunity to be heard, either for or against the proposed regulations or in the matter of provisions or wording of the regulations. Statements in writing and exhibits may be submitted at the hearing or be addressed to the undersigned at Room 628, Pittock Block, Portland 5, Oregon. Any such written statements and exhibits should be submitted in quadruplicate, and if mailed should reach the office of the district engineer on or before January 22, 1946.

G. J. Zimmerman,

**Gasoline Usage Up**

Oregon motorists used 246,345,545 gallons of gasoline during the first eleven months of 1945, an increase of 13 per cent over the consumption for the same period of 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said today.

**1945-46 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

Friday, January 4—Coquille at Myrtle Point. Coos Bay at North Bend.  
Tuesday, January 8—North Bend at Coquille. Myrtle Point at Coos Bay.  
Friday, January 11—Coquille at Coos Bay. North Bend at Myrtle Point.  
Friday, January 12—Coquille at North Bend. Coos Bay at Myrtle Point.  
Tuesday, January 22—Coos Bay at Coquille. Myrtle Point at North Bend.  
Friday, January 25—Myrtle Point at Coquille. North Bend at Coos Bay.  
Friday, February 1—Coquille at Myrtle Point. Coos Bay at North Bend.  
Tuesday, February 5—Coquille at Coos Bay. North Bend at Myrtle Point.  
Friday, February 8—North Bend at Coquille. Myrtle Point at Coos Bay.  
Friday, February 15—Coos Bay at Coquille. Myrtle Point at North Bend.

Tuesday, February 19—Coquille at North Bend. Coos Bay at Myrtle Point.  
Friday, February 22—Myrtle Point at Coquille. North Bend at Coos Bay.

**THANK YOU!**

We wish to express our appreciation to each business firm which took advertisements on our calendar that we sponsored. Also to each person who purchased a calendar and to all who put their names on it. To each and to all a warm and appreciative thank you. The Coquille Valley Sentinel and we wish to apologize for any errors that we've made—especially any names that were left out.

—ROYAL NEIGHBORS

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**Belle Knife Hospital**

The following patients were admitted to the hospital, E. A. Brattin, Dec. 27, treatment; on Dec. 28, William Bettys, treatment, and H. L. Cardwell, surgery; Dec. 29, C. W. Warnstaff, treatment; Dec. 31, Frank Crowcher, Medford, treatment, and W. R. Casey, treatment for injury received in farm accident; Jan. 1, Mrs. James H. Duke gave birth to a baby boy; Mrs. Ann Giles, treatment; Whit Morris of Powers, treatment; Jan. 2, Mrs. Ellis Martin, Handon treatment. Dec. 30, Mrs. Henry Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kester visited in Coos Bay Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hale. Mr. and Mrs. Hale formerly lived in Coquille.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at his office.

**Studebakers To Come**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10—Before the end of January, the big parent plant of Studebaker, at South Bend, Ind., should be turning out new automobiles at the rate of 400 a day and, "barring unforeseen tieup," this should mean new Studebaker Skyway Champions in the hands of Western dealers before February 1.

**Two Carriers Wanted**

For Oregonian Routes  
See Mrs. Talbert  
or Call 201  
THE OREGONIAN  
AGENCY  
Coquille

**645 Million Dollars Deposits\***

The above figure represents the total deposits in the First National Bank of Portland and nine independent banks affiliated with it in the State of Oregon.

**Statement of Condition of First National Bank of Portland**

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1945

**RESOURCES**

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks.....	\$115,897,543.74	
U. S. Bonds, including U. S. Gov't Agencies...	329,470,833.90	\$445,368,377.64
Municipal Bonds .....		60,514,309.26
Other Bonds .....		1,601,115.94
Loans and Discounts .....		83,404,335.70
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....		300,000.00
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures.....		2,629,671.99
Other Real Estate .....		None
Interest Earned .....		1,965,378.33
Other Resources .....		195,618.13
	<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>595,978,806.99</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital .....	\$ 4,500,000.00	
Surplus .....	5,500,000.00	
Undivided Profits and Reserves.....	11,706,164.75	21,706,164.75
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc....		696,624.32
Acceptances .....		None
Interest Collected in Advance.....		176,097.30
Other Liabilities .....		182,816.04
Deposits (Excl. of reciprocal bank deposits) ..		573,217,104.58
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>595,978,806.99</b>

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND**

**PORTLAND BRANCHES**

MAIN BRANCH  
6th and MORRISON BRANCH  
MONTAVILLA BRANCH  
ROSE CITY BRANCH  
EAST PORTLAND BRANCH  
LIVESTOCK-KENTON BRANCH  
SOUTHEAST PORTLAND BRANCH  
UNION AND RUSSELL BRANCH

**OTHER OREGON BRANCHES**

ALBANY  
ASHLAND  
ASTORIA  
BEND  
CONDON  
COQUILLE  
ENTERPRISE  
FOSSIL  
GRANTS PASS  
GRESHAM  
HELLSPOR  
HILLSBORO  
HOOD RIVER  
KLAMATH FALLS  
LA GRANDE  
LAKEVIEW  
MARSHFIELD  
MEDFORD  
MERRILL  
MOLALLA  
NEWBERG  
NORTH BEND  
NYSSA  
OREGON CITY  
PENDLETON  
SALEM  
SHERMAN COUNTY  
STAYTON  
THE DALLES  
TILLAMOOK  
UNION  
WOODBURN

**AFFILIATED BANKS**

<b>FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COTTAGE GROVE</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 100,488.32	
Deposits .....	5,135,295.11	
<b>FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FOREST GROVE</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 134,029.99	
Deposits .....	3,591,605.29	
<b>FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EUGENE</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 3,969,564.06	
Deposits .....	43,827,710.02	
<b>FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PRINEVILLE</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 342,357.46	
Deposits .....	3,845,251.86	
<b>BANK OF SWEET HOME</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 69,828.92	
Deposits .....	1,979,691.91	
<b>COOLIDGE &amp; McCLAIN, SILVERTON</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 181,267.38	
Deposits .....	4,782,191.00	
<b>BANK OF SELLWOOD, PORTLAND</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 44,788.51	
Deposits .....	4,060,445.81	
<b>CLATSOP COUNTY BANK, SEASIDE</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 181,449.54	
Deposits .....	3,626,741.25	
<b>THE SCIO STATE BANK</b> Loans and Discounts .....	\$ 17,686.83	
Deposits .....	1,249,794.99	

DEPOSITS First National Bank of Portland.....\$573,217,104.58  
DEPOSITS 9 other Oregon Banks affiliated with First National Bank of Portland..... 72,098,727.24

**GRAND TOTAL.....\$645,315,831.82**

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