

Curry County Famous For Discussion On Whether Hogs Are Really Wild

BY EMIL R. PETERSON
Is there a NATIVE wild hog in Curry county in addition to the DOMESTIC hogs which have strayed from the farms and gone wild?

Matt Coy, a former long-time resident of that section of Oregon, with years of experience in hunting the wild hogs, says definitely that there is a native animal with characteristics distinctly different from those of the domestic hog. Mr. Coy substantiates his claim by pointing out the differences.

J. S. Spoerl, a resident of long standing in Curry county, with many years of experience in handling wild hogs, says: "I have encountered many hogs that were as wild as deer, but never have I seen one of them that was not a stray or the descendant of a stray from some rancher's band of hogs."

Other old time residents of Curry county seem to hold the same opinions as Mr. Spoerl. But let us see what Matt Coy is reported to have said to a reporter some years ago in discussing the wild hogs of the lower Rogue river region. The story is substantially as follows:

Mr. Coy hunted those hogs for twenty years or more and killed many of the animals of both types. The Native type, he said is always of the same color, a battleship blue. The domestic type may be of any color. Another characteristic of the native hog, according to Mr. Coy, is a protective cartilage as much as a half inch in thickness, under the skin, running from the shoulder to the hips. The native hog also has a different tail—18 to 20 inches in length, always white and always ending with a tassel eight inches to a foot in diameter. These animals were known in the early days as "flag-tails."

This native animal, according to Mr. Coy, also had habits that were different from those of the wild farm hogs. The "native" always build his nest on a sidehill, using a bunch of sour grass, covering it with any small brush. He always slept with his head down hill. When disturbed, the animal shot out and down into the ravine, making a very difficult mark to shoot at.

The ordinary wild hog, said Mr. Coy, does not take such precautions. It makes its nest of any material at hand, under a log or overturned tree or stump. His home was a temporary one, to be used only as long as there was a supply of feed nearby. The occupant then moved on to another pasture.

Turning to Mr. Spoerl's testimony in support of his theory that all the wild hogs of Curry county originated from farm bands, we find him quoted in part as follows: "I have had many years of experience in running hogs on the ranges of Curry county and during that time have encountered many hogs that were as wild as any deer, but never have I seen one of them that was not a stray from some rancher's or homesteader's band of hogs. If there is such an animal as a native wild hog in this part of the country, I have never seen one of them."

Mr. Spoerl further states, "Curry county has large stands of tan oak timber and usually from about October first to June first the acorns from this timber furnish much of the feed for range hogs, deer, bear and other wild game. The hogs get very fat on such a diet and often stay out in the timber and brush for months at a time, sometimes bedding in hollow trees, under logs or in other protected

places, living very much as wild animals do. Under such circumstances some of these hogs become quite wild and hard to handle. . . Sometimes it is possible to drive such hogs right home, but more often they have to be shot in the timber, or where you find them, and taken out on pack animals."

"It often happens that a few of the animals will be captured and the rest escape. Hogs of this kind that have been run by dogs a number of times usually get much rough treatment, which causes them to become wilder and wilder, with the result that they are increasingly more difficult to find in the timber. The offspring of such hogs seem to be endowed with the instinct of the wild animal more than that of the domestic and as these hogs mature they become quite fierce and aggressive, when cornered usually charging man or beast. It is not unusual to have dogs killed in this manner."

In fact, I know of an instance when a wild boar killed five dogs after being bayed up in a hollow tree."

Tusks of the wild hogs of Curry county are reported as being semi-flat, and curved upward to the points, where they are beveled. They have strong roots and measure six to eight inches in length, and sometimes up to as much as ten inches.



LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT

Mal-apportionment can easily be the result of reapportionment. That's why past legislators have shied away from the constitutional requirement that reapportionment of the legislature be made every ten years.

Proponents of the plans we may expect to vote on at the November election see at great variance. They talk of their plan more than of the working of their plan.

"NO-JOB" RELIEF

Governor McKay's committee on job apportionment will meet in Portland tomorrow to report progress on plans to relieve the usual winter curtailment of jobs. This will be their fourth meeting. The first trial balloon was sent up in Lane county this month when the local chamber of commerce and labor unions demonstrated how to make a fast start. Up there a board is functioning that is made up of 20 members; eight from the chamber, four from AF of L and four from CIO, with these sixteen members electing four more members. It seems like a good pattern for other counties to follow.

TEST CITY LICENSE LAW

The outcome of a case started

in a Salem court this week will be followed with interest by all Oregon cities having laws licensing canvassers or solicitors. Insurance salesmen and the companies they represent will attack the validity of the Salem licensing act. Arrangements for a test case brought about the arrest of an insurance salesman who was booked on a charge of soliciting without a license.

Insurance men, as well as those engaged in the sale of real estate, contend that state statutes cover their operations and that there is no legal basis for demanding a city permit with a \$10 license fee attached.

TAX-FREE PROPERTY

Tax-free federal property in Oregon has an estimated value of \$374,370,540, according to a report issued this week by Tax Commissioner Robert D. Maclean, in charge of the assistant division of the state tax commission.

The compilation does not include properties of the Bonneville power administration, Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, or the navy's mothball fleet at Astoria.

It is virtually impossible to ascertain what federal bureaus have control of certain lands, tax department officials report. There is no central agency in Washington with knowledge of the ownership of various properties in the several states.

NEW SCHOOL FOR BLIND

Plans for an estimated \$300,000 school building at the blind school in Salem were approved this week by the state board of control. The present building has been declared unsafe by W. P. Robel, Salem fire chief.

Funds for the construction will come from the state building account. Designed to handle 100 students, the structure will be of brick and concrete construction. The main ground floor will include a 300-seat auditorium, classrooms, music room, kindergarten, library, covered play areas and principal's offices.

WOULD LOWER RATES

The Mountain States Power company wants to reduce its rates so it can compete with the city of Springfield's city-owned power system. Application was made this week by the company to George Flagg, state utilities commissioner, who has scheduled a hearing at Springfield on April 10.

The case is similar to the one several months ago when Pacific Power and Light company was granted a permit to cut rates to compete with a people's utility district.

ELIMINATE ASYLUM "BAIL"

When the state board of control found out this week that the state hospital has been requiring relatives to put up \$20 deposits for paroles of insane patients, it abolished the practice immediately.

When the hospital paroles a patient which it thinks might have to come back to the hospital, it makes the relatives put up a \$20 deposit.

Then, if the hospital has to go and bring the patient back, it deducts the cost from the \$20 and refunds the balance to the relatives.

If the patient does not come back within a year, the whole \$20 is refunded to the relatives.

The board took the position that



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a parole should be based solely on the condition of the patient, and not on whether his relatives have twenty dollars.

Governor Douglas McKay agreed, asserting, "We're not running a hock shop out there."

Cancer Drive Starts This Week

The 1950 American Cancer society got under way Saturday, April 1, in Coos county and the rest of Oregon. The campaign will continue through April, which has been designated cancer control month by the U. S. congress.

George W. Schoeffel of Portland, state campaign chairman, announced the campaign will be "the most intensive in the history of the nation" and that Oregon will exert every effort to raise its share of the \$14,565,000 national goal.

"This is the smallest amount needed to carry on the work of research, education and service to the cancer patient," Schoeffel said.

"The attack on cancer has made definite progress in the last five years," he stated, adding that progress has been made in three directions: (1) the building of a nationwide machine for cancer control; (2) the greatest peace-time research effort in history, and (3) the beginning of a program to alert people to cancer while it is still curable.

Schoeffel pointed out that the nation's No. 2 killer claimed the lives of many valuable citizens in Coos county and the rest of Oregon last year and undoubtedly will claim many more until an answer to the disease is found.

Bandon Soldier Learns Teletype

Private First Class Ray E. Johnston, son of Mrs. Mary Sell of Bandon, has reported to the 1912th Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron at Olsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania, for assignment to duties as a teletype operator.

Pfc. Johnston entered military

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service in July, 1949 and received basic military training at Lackland AF base, Texas. Prior to reporting to the Pennsylvania air base, Johnston had been stationed at Fort Warren, Wyoming, where he attended the teletype operators school.

REED BACK
Following a stage appearance with Ann Harding, Philip Reed returns to the screen with Maureen O'Hara and John Payne in Pine-Thomas' "Tripoli," Paramount's Technicolor release. Reed will play the role of an Egyptian Pasha.

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