

EDITORIAL



Are Game Animals Diminishing?

Disappointment was heard on many sides due to the apparent lack of deer in the Blue Mountains south of Heppner. It was almost a wall with hunters who heretofore have been successful in bringing down a buck that even seeing one was the exception this year.

Because hunting is looked upon as an industry accountable for many hundreds of dollars from the outside, the Chamber of Commerce devoted the Monday luncheon hour to a discussion of our game resources and what appears to be happening to the deer and birds. Some points were introduced that may not have occurred to the average hunter or layman.

Observing sportsmen, while admitting that forage in the timber is growing scarce, are not fully convinced that starvation alone has depleted the larger game animals. Many deer carcasses were found during and after the elk season. It is the belief of local sportsmen that such killings were not accidental, except possibly in rare instances. On the contrary it is believed that a goodly number of deer were slain by hunters trying to find their "shooting eye" prior to gunning for elk. In other words they were indulging in a bit of target practice without regard for any of the rules of sportsmanship.

This is but one of the possible causes for depletion of the game animals. The long hard winter took a toll that in the opinion of some of the sportsmen will require several seasons to replenish even under favorable forage conditions. The forest service finds that winter forage is too scarce to sustain deer over a long cold snap, such as has been the case the last two years. As the year round feed becomes scarcer the surviving animals undoubtedly migrate to other sectors in search of food—some of them at least. This is borne out in the report that small bands were seen in the open country as far away from the mountains as the Morgan and Blackhorse districts this fall. It is also borne out in statements by early settlers, some of whom claimed there were few deer in the mountains when they came here, while considerable numbers of them were found in the open range country. Perhaps, as it was mentioned Monday, this is just another cycle through which the animal kingdom is passing and that there is not too much man can do about it except, perhaps, to worry.

In the meantime, it is worthy of note that quite a number of sportsmen hunting in the Heppner area were successful and that they are not as much concerned about the lack of deer as are the less fortunate hunters.

People Have Faith In Private Enterprise

Since the Pacific Power & Light Company was divorced from the holding concern, the American Power & Light Company, approximately fifteen thousand Oregon and Washington people have purchased shares in the now independent utility. These investors took a look at the record and decided it was such as to merit their support.

Despite the inroads made by government-supported co-operatives and misguided PUD's, the private utilities have done a good job in their respective territories—a job that has commanded the attention of the investing public. The real payoff is that while everything else has gone up from 100 to 300 percent in the past fifteen years, electric bills to the consumer have been reduced by 40 percent. That represents the difference between business administration and political administration (or should we say political maladministration).

30 Years Ago

Thursday, October 21, 1920 A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Knappenberg in Portland Saturday evening when Miss Margaret Jones and Earl Judson Blake, both of lone were joined in wedlock.

The Morrow county exhibit won first place at the Gresham county fair and second at the state fair according to W. W. Smead, who has just returned from the Willamette valley.

Harley Sperry of lone and Miss Winnifred Ransey of the Willamette valley were married by Rev. W. O. Livingstone Tuesday afternoon.

Born in this city on Tuesday, October 19 to Dr. and Mrs. Fred E. Farrior, a son weighing 6 1/2 pounds.

John Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker, entertained a number of his young friends at the Parker farm home Saturday evening in honor of his seventh

A Blow To Welfare Assistance

Oregon has 35,094 persons who are receiving public welfare assistance—the needy aged, unfortunate mothers and their dependent children, the sick and unemployable. The state's share of financing this obligation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, fixed by the legislature of 1949 by appropriation from the general fund, was \$12,000,000. The welfare load continually is increasing. How it can be met will be one of the most difficult problems the 1951 legislature will be called upon to solve.

During the fiscal year closing with last June, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission deposited net earnings of approximately \$11,924,980 in the state treasury's general fund, but \$76,019 short of the public welfare appropriation. In addition, the commission, during the same period, distributed \$2,011,980 among the counties and cities of the state for their use, as by law directed.

At the bottom of the ballot at the November 7 election, the voters will find initiative measure 316-317, sponsored by the Temperance League of Oregon. The measure says that an alcoholic beverage is anything that can be consumed by a human being containing more than one half of one percent of alcohol. It says that any beverage stronger than that shall become "non-salable" in Oregon if "promotively advertised" by any advertisement originating either within or without Oregon's boundaries.

The Oregon Liquor Commission scans all liquor advertisements very carefully before permitting their publication in the state, carefully screening out everything deemed objectionable. Still, under the non-promotional definition of the proposed measure it is doubtful if any liquor of any kind or brand now on the shelves of the state stores and agencies would be "salable." Advertisements in magazines, newspapers and other sources from outside circulated in the state, none of which fall within the favor of the "non-promotive" definition, would join to sweep the stores and agencies clean.

Passage of the proposed law would mean to all practical purposes the repeal of the Knox liquor control act, the loss of nearly \$14 million annual revenue, the near-bankruptcy of the welfare and relief program.

The remedy is a negative vote against the measure cast by a majority of the voters marking their ballots "317 X NO".

The Pittsburgh (Texas) Gazette tells this one: The preacher came along and wrote upon the signboard: "I pray for all."

The lawyer wrote underneath: "I plead for all." The doctor added: "I prescribe for all." The plain citizen wrote: "I pay for all."

From the Wilmington (Del.) Record we take the following: . . . But just as sure as there's a God in Heaven the responsibility for the blood that has been shed and the bodies that have been maimed, rests on the shoulders of those who bungled our affairs at Yalta, and who since have carried on our horrible relationships in the Far East.

His success in Korea is a definite victory for General MacArthur and his capable staff. Not in the slightest degree can the Truman mob claim it.

And this from the West Point (Miss.) Times Leader: Since the editor of the Columbus Commercial Dispatch insists that we have at least 100 Americans fully qualified to discharge the duties of the President, we're holding our hat until he tells why in the heck we didn't select one of them for the job.

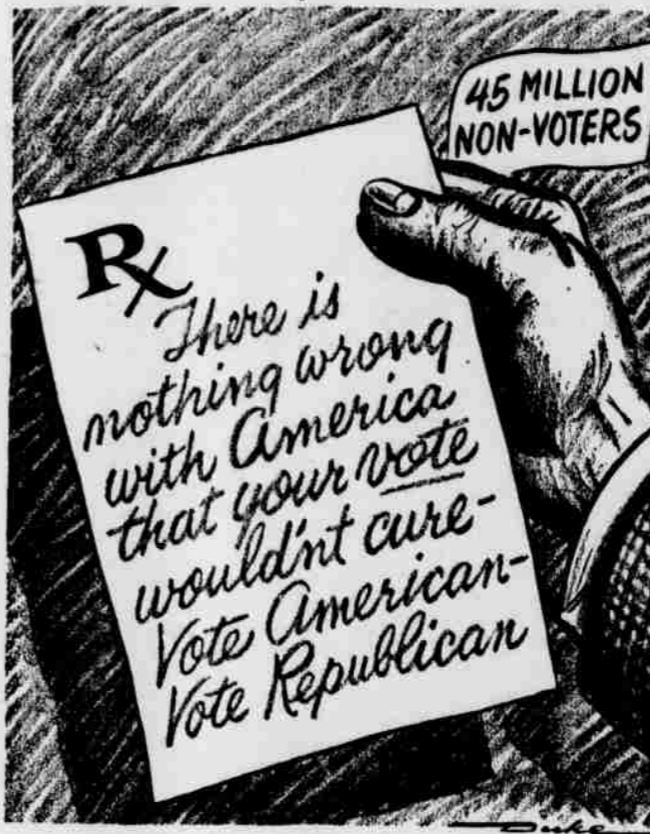
birthday. The guests were Earl Thomson, Marcel Jones, John Merritt, Harry Wells, Joe Swindig, Gay Anderson, Robert Hart, Jeannette Turner, Evelyn Swindig, Lucile Hart, Ella Fell, Doris Hiatt and Zella McFerrin.

Slick Tyndall and Charles Brown of Portland were weekend hunting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case.

C. V. Freeman was over from Loneerock the first of the week to see his wife and infant daughter.

When the Bells Ring Out on United Nations Day Tuesday, October 24 say a prayer in your Church, in your Home, in your Heart for the UN... our best hope for PEACE with FREEDOM Soroptimist Club of Heppner

PRESCRIPTION FOR FREEDOM!



The American Way

SPEAKING OF APOLOGIES

By George Peck

When President Truman in an "unfortunate choice of words," wrote that ill-timed, ill-advised letter to Representative McDonough, in which he described the Marine Corps as "THE NAVY'S POLICE FORCE," he surely led with his chin—and that chin was promptly and properly smacked. Quicker than you can say "Smedley Butler" or "The Marines have Landed," the Commander-in-Chief discovered that he not only had aroused the ire of the Marines, but of the entire nation as well. Alarmed at the vote-losing possibilities of his intemperate outburst, he made an immediate apology, but NOT A RE-TRACTION.

In effect, his apology plainly indicated that his only regret was that he had been so foolish as to put into writing his real opinion that the Marine Corps is a very unimportant arm of our military forces. Nothing in his letter of apology gave evidence that he had changed that opinion. Newspaper editors across the nation, almost to a man or woman, leapt into print to defend the Marine Corps. Most of their comments fairly sizzled. Harry was partly right though, the Marines do have a propaganda machine—it is even better than Stalin's—but it is a machine the wheels and cogs of which are not in any way connected with "The Navy's Police Force." That propaganda machine is the great American public that reveres the Marines.

Space permits quoting only one of these external, volunteer propagandists for the Marine Corps. The Maui News of Wailuku, Hawaii, unburdened itself in part as follows: "The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of these United States, placed a lot of untried and untrained soldiers in combat in Korea after he and his penny-pinching Secretary of Defense were caught with a four-flush by Stalin, and he was right happy to rush the first Marine Division into battle to prevent an Asiatic Dunkirk."

It would seem that the Marine Corps has been stoutly and elo-

Os West Confesses Error In Backing Sweetland For Job

By OSWALD WEST Democratic Governor of Oregon from 1911 to 1915.

The poet Longfellow, in his "Song of Hiawatha" says: "Distasters come not singly." This holds good in most walks of life—particularly along the uncertain path of politics.

However, I had come to believe that I knew most of the pitfalls of the latter; but, when I permitted Monroe Sweetland to sneak up and, due to my advancing years or a "pink" pill, catch me napping, I was to find that I had been taken for a "left wing" ride.

Mr. Sweetland, a candidate for the position of Democratic National Committeeman for Oregon, sought my support.

Not having had occasion to delve into his past political activities and connections, I, in my innocence, assumed that he long had been a Democrat and a loyal supporter of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

So, I agreed to go along with him, and even lent a hand in drafting a letter of endorsement, to be sent to selected Democratic

horing within our churches, schools and government, thus undermining America like a cancerous growth.

From Mrs. Dilling's book we learn that Mr. Sweetland, formerly an organizer for the socialist party, became an organizer for the League of Industrial Democracy—a militant socialist outfit, headed by Robt. B. Lovett—quite active in communist organizations.

The L. I. D. was heavily subsidized by the Garland (or "Free Love") Fund—so called because endowed by Chas. Garland of Massachusetts, through a gift of his large inheritance. Garland, it appears, served a term in the penitentiary for operating a "free love" farm.

Sweetland also served as an organizer for "the revolutionary policy committee of the socialist party."

In a bulletin published by this outfit, it was stated that it was its wish to "make every effort to promote a world revolution," to secure "governmental power for the victorious revolution by arming the workers", thus preparing them to turn imperialist war into class war (Lenin's slogan) and thereby present a "united front" with other red revolutionaries.

CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH (Episcopal) Holy Communion 8 a. m. Church school 9:45 Morning prayer and sermon 11.

WEEK DAY SERVICES: Holy Communion Wednesday at 10, and Friday at 7:30 a. m. Girls choir practice Wednesday at 4. Adult choir Thursday evening at 8.

Boy Scouts Wednesday 7:30 to 9 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST R. J. McKowen, Pastor Sunday services: Bible school

at 9:45. Classes for all. C. W. Barlow, superintendent. At 11 a. m., morning worship and communion. Sermon theme, "Citizenship in the Kingdom." At 6 p. m. the young people will have a half hour social fellowship, followed by the devotional meeting at 6:30. And at 7:30, evening worship, with song service and evangelistic message.

Choir practice 7 p. m. Thursday Mrs. Willard Warren, director. Bible study and prayer meeting at 8.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Pastor Shelby E. Graves Rev. Shaw, missionary from India will show pictures and curios and speak at 8 p. m. Friday, October 20.

Sunday, 9:45 a. m. Sunday school. We are putting special emphasis on enlarging our Sunday school. Classes and lessons that everyone will enjoy.

Worship service 11 a. m. Singspiration 7:15 p. m. Evangelistic service 8 p. m. Tuesday Bible study in lone 7:45 p. m.

Thursday, Bible study and prayer meeting 7:45 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH

J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister Morning worship and sermon 11 a. m.

Sunday church school 9:45. Thursday, choir practice 7:30.

Womans society of Christian service meets first Wednesday of month at 8 p. m.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John Graves announce the engagement of their daughter Betty Jean to Louis Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Carlson of Gooseberry. Date of the wedding has not been announced. Both young people are students at Oregon State college. Mr. Carlson is awaiting call to the armed forces. He is a graduate of lone high school and his fiancée was a member of the class of '50, Heppner high school.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

Grid of professional advertisements including: DR. H. S. HUBER DENTIST, JOS. J. NYS ATTORNEY AT LAW, J. O. TURNER ATTORNEY AT LAW, P. W. MAHONEY ATTORNEY AT LAW, Dr. L. D. Tibbles OSTEOPATHIC, A.D. McMurdo, M.D. PHYSICIAN & SURGEON, Dr. C. C. Dunham CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN, C. A. RUGGLES—Representing Blaine E. Isom Insurance Agency, N. D. BAILEY Cabinet Shop, RICHARD J. O'SHEA, M. D. Physician and Surgeon, ALFRED BASKA GENERAL CONTRACTOR, Phelps Funeral Home, Heppner City Council, Morrow County Abstract & Title Co., Morrow County Court, Dr. J. D. PALMER DENTIST