

Is That So?

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Ranger-Naturalist

Writing is older than you think. Long before man ever scratched his name on stone and clay, animals were leaving imperishable records, footprints—which we can read today.

I remember with what excitement I happened upon the trail of a great lizard in exposed sedimentary rock of the Grand Canyon. At once, I knew he was a lizard from his footprints and the waving line of his heavy tail.

The beginning naturalist can capture part of that excitement the morning after the first snowfall. With deduction and a spot of experience, it is easy to identify the wild animals—and even to read their behaviors. You'll be surprised how many kinds may be living close to the which you usurped. (Weren't their kind in possession centuries along?)

On a recent first snowfall tracking, I followed a fox and he in turn took me to an otter, a squirrel, a mouse, a grouse, and an owl—before my neighbor's dog came along to spoil my fun.

I make it a point to move slowly and silently—there is always a chance of catching sight of the animal whose trail you are following. When you get into trees, look up as well as down and around—oftentimes part of your story is in the tree boughs. And whenever possible, travel into the sun. Tracks have longer shadows and look deeper that way and are easier to follow.

Maybe like me you'll first encounter the track of a fox, hind feet overlapping the impressions of the front feet. Like most animals, a fox travels a pretty direct line—unless he's investigating. And sure enough, he'll bend his trail to investigate stump protruding from the snow. Dog-fashion, he'll stop to sniff it, and mark it—leaving his telltale mark of his domain and proclaim the state of his affections.

Interrupted by Slide

As we come to a rather steep slope, our tracks will be interrupted this morning by a curious slide. Then from the short slide, a few tracks. Jumps really, and another slide. Follow that down the hill and sure enough you'll see where the slide disappears into the black water. An otter, of course. You'd be surprised how often an otter will work right into the confines of a city. I once found a pair working deep within the city of Seattle.

As you circle back to the fox's trail, you'll encounter with me four little footprints grouped close together—then a leap, and four more. Obviously a jumper, and quite likely a squirrel. To confirm it, you won't have to sidetrack far to see where he dug through the snow for a cached nut. Satisfied, the tracks will now lead up a tree.

But you see now where the fox came upon a peculiar track. An inch wide through with tiny regularly spaced holes on both sides. It's a mouse track. The little fellow was swimming over the fluffy new-fallen snow, his tiny feet giving him handholds. Then, the trough ends in a round hole—he'd dug in, tunneling is less exhausting. But this was his undoing. The fox, coming upon the moving well beneath the snow, pounced upon it. Tragedy has struck.

Depression of Victim

You go on. For life, you know, there must be death. You pass a thick and see the tiny, dainty toed prints of pigeon-footed birds, perhaps groups. Sure, there is where one nestled in the snow. Among them, there are wide outspread flaps of a bird which hit the snow. It took a grouse, because there is the depression of the victim. And a bit of down. Looking back and up to the evergreen thick, you see nothing. But walk back. See those pellets under the tree. There. Those are the indigestible bones and feathers of the victim. And sure enough, there is the dim gray form of the horned owl, who can hardly conceal his satisfaction behind his pious appearance.

This could go on . . . but, it stops suddenly with the barking of your neighbor's dog. Despite the snow, he has tracked you down and with joyous barks leaps upon you . . . Anyway it was time to get home to write this column.

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EX-GROCERYMAN DIES

Chicago—A Requiem Mass for Richard F. McPartlin, 75, former co-owner of the Big Bear grocery chain in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, will be held here Wednesday. McPartlin died Sunday at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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SEA GOING SANTA—One important thing that will not be forgotten during the "Christmas Cruise" of the American President liner, SS President Hoover, will be Santa Claus. Here the sailor Santa gets in a little rehearsal with his candy and presents for these lucky children aboard the ship in San Francisco.

EAGLE POINT Families Holiday Hosts

By LAURA A. McFALL

hostess were assisted by their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Kee and Mrs. J. D. Brown.

The Eagle Point Jaycettes are presenting for the ladies of the Eagle Point vicinity a tasting tea and style show on Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Eagle Point Grange hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Free baby sitting, will be by the 4-H baby sitting club in the basement of the hall.

The entertainment for the afternoon will feature Miss Yeta Olsen, with a reading; vocal numbers by Miss Barbara Henderson and Miss Margaret Cearley; a Blue Bird Wish and song will be presented by the blue bird group sponsored by the Jaycettes.

Mrs. Vin Vaughan will moderate for the style show and Mrs. John Ousterhouse will be mistress of ceremony. The door prize will be a gift certificate from the Town and Country shop.

On Friday evening, Nov. 28, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Chamberlain were hosts at the Eagle Point Grange hall for a gathering of family and friends, with entertainment being furnished by the grandchildren. Cecilia Kee of Shady Cove did tap dancing and baton twirling. Terry Lee Chamberlain, 14, an accordionist, played several numbers. Terry Lee was one of the finalists at the Washington state accordion competition held this past summer. During this contest he received three trophies in the finals. His twin brothers Larry and Garry, 12, did several tap dancing numbers and acrobatics. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Canterbury, Mrs. Natal Youree, Mrs. Robert Humphrey and family, Mrs. Glenn Olymer, Mrs. Mark Hoefft, Mrs. Willard Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chamberlain, Mrs. Don Bieberstedt, Paula Jean and Dennis Chamberlain, Petra Rae Chamberlain, Lloyd E. Hale, Mrs. Lester McFall and Dale, Willard and Gary Webster, Mrs. John Carns and Donald, Mrs. Frank Putman and Celia and Diane, Mrs. James Edge, Connie, Vonnice and Bonnie Goehring, Darlene Christian, Mrs. V. W. Hay and Ellen, all Eagle Pointers; Bob Ballard, Reno, Nevada, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturgill and sons, Grants Pass; Mrs. Alice Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kee and Cecilia, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Don Harper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Silver, all Shady Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kee and family, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kee and family, Klamath Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Chamberlain and David, parents of the performers.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee was served following the entertainment. The host and

Toy Repair Slated By Phoenix Firemen

Phoenix — Members of the Phoenix fire department and auxiliary will repair old toys and clothing for Christmas giving, department spokesman reported today.

Any repairable toys, including dolls, and clothing will be accepted by the department. The toys will be repaired by the firemen with clothing articles mended by the women, it was stated.

Persons having items to donate are asked to take it to the fire station on Second st. in Phoenix or telephone KEystone 5-1454 or the first station KEystone 5-1234.

The items, needed for all ages, will be distributed to families in the area who wouldn't have a Christmas otherwise.

Moonwatch Scientists Sift Rocket Reports

Cambridge, Mass.—Moonwatch scientists today sifted conflicting reports of "sightings" of Sputnik I's rocket.

However, American scientist were convinced the rocket no longer was hurtling through space but had either crashed, possibly unseen, or had broken up in flight.

An American moonwatch scientist said the reported crashes of objects near Fairbanks, Alaska, Saturday night and Wiesen, Germany, Sunday were "not likely" to be the Russian rocket.

FRAUD JAILED

Munich, Germany.—Wilhelm Heger, a bushy-haired self-described "hair researcher," began a three and a half year prison term today for giving fake hair treatment to bald persons. Testimony showed that the only growth resulting from Heger's elaborate "scientific" methods was in his bank account. During 1953 and 1954, he took in \$2,380,000 from bald persons hoping to have their hair restored.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

William Alfred Casey, 2410 Howard ave., driving while under the influence of liquor, \$100 and 90 days suspension of driver's license.

District Court

Egar Philip Cunningham, violation basic rule, \$15.

Dennis James McAnally, no operator's license, \$10.

Thore Harold Rundle, no music fluter, \$15.

David Allen Borum, violation basic rule, \$15.

William Frank Jansen, driving while embracing another, \$6.

Lloyd Alexander McCullough, violation basic rule, \$15.

Cleon Murry Hicks, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Glenn Melvin Wilkins, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Frank Ornesome Body, failure to dim headlights, \$10.

Don Ray Keys, no operator's license, \$10.

Charles Earl Lane, operator's license, \$10.

Jerry Morton, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

William Andrew Jones, no safety chain attached, \$15.

Warren Chris Johnson, one head light, \$10.

Harry Warren Russell, passing school bus receiving and discharging children, \$5.

Ernie Lee Beer, illegal possession of venison in closed season, \$35.

Frank Root, hunting during prohibited hours, \$15.

Richard Wilford Gordon, not having required lighting equipment, \$6.

Arnold Arthur Farmer, overwidth, \$15.

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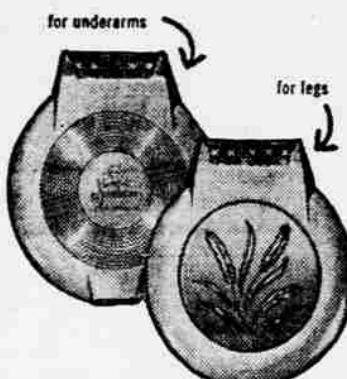
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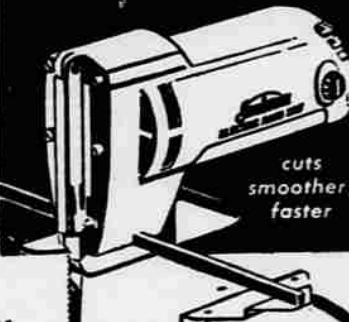
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