

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



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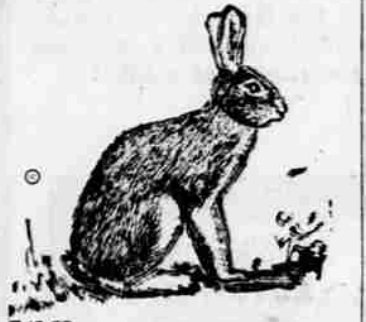
By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

We were walking through some scrubby brush on the edge of a small oasis when I saw what seemed to be a jack rabbit leap up out of the brush some 50 yards or more ahead.

It wasn't an illusion. When we got there a little later—sure enough, there were his tracks. Unmistakably those of a large rabbit.

The phenomenon was not a new one. It was only the place that made it surprising. A jack rabbit or hare occasionally leaps straight up in to the air for the simple reason that he wants a quick look around, and that is the easiest way to get it. Many of us have seen the same thing happen while walking through thick sagebrush.

One of the Arabs told me that he once saw two hares fighting. Their method of combat was to leap at each



other, kicking and biting. The sight had evidently surprised him, because, like most of us, he regarded the animal as among the least offensive in creation.

The truth is, however, the hare has such a reputation as a fighter that the expression "mad as a March hare" refers only to his pugnacity and not to his sanity. As one might suspect, the fighting season and mating season are the same.

They have a playful side as well. Occasionally people have reported seeing ten or more assemble in a circle, sit watching each other for a while, then retreat in short hops to come back and repeat the performance again. At least one writer has tried to read some esoteric meaning into it, but probably it has no more significance than mere amusement.

Speed Indicated
We attempted to follow the hare we had seen but soon gave it up. The few tracks we could find here and there in the scrub were about 14 feet apart, indicating that he had found the sight of us sufficiently alarming to take off at

Vancouver Man Killed in Crash

Boardman, Ore.—(UPI)—A Vancouver, Wash., man was killed and his wife was in serious condition at Pendleton's St. Anthony's hospital following a head-on collision on Highway 30 about two miles west of Boardman Sunday night.

Dead is Philip Ray Pfeiffer, 38, of Vancouver.

Late Sunday night hospital attendants reported his wife, Mary Sandra, 37, was in serious condition following an operation in which a ruptured spleen was removed. She also was suffering from several fractured ribs.

Police said the Pfeiffer car collided with a pickup truck driven by Conrad Hofferber, 67, of Twin Falls, Ida. He was uninjured.

Portland Man Dies In Fire at Home

Portland—(UPI)—Albert Delmar Smith, 50, Portland, died Saturday in a fire at his home here.

Cairo—(UPI)—The United Arab Republic has rejected as ambiguous an American warning against any attacks on U.S. troops in Lebanon by units "under UAR control."

a moderately high speed. As we started to backtrack and let the hare go about its business, I thought I heard a low, bugling call. My companion heard it, too. It was repeated. Its source seemed to be somewhere from the direction the hare had taken.

What it was I don't know. But it could have been the hare calling its young. This is the time of year when it could be weaning a family. And hares are known to warn their young of danger by means of a low, bugling note that can carry for 200 or 300 yards. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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ILLINOIS VALLEY Chamber Sets Meeting

By RUTH RAUSCH

Cave Junction—The first meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce for the new fiscal year, to be held in the American Legion Auxiliary room Thursday, July 24, will be open to the public, with the idea of soliciting suggestions for projects which will be beneficial to the Illinois Valley.

All suggestions will be considered and final goals will be set for the year's work. Standing committees and some special project committees will be set up at this meeting or at the meeting immediately following.

There are plenty of worthwhile projects and to get any of them accomplished will take team work among the people of this valley—the chamber can't do these things alone," was the statement made by Gordon White, president of the Chamber.

At the city council meeting Tuesday evening, a contract between the city and the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District was authorized and signed, providing the same service for the city as to the rural area members.

The city pays \$100 a month for the first nine months of the one-year contract, the last quarter the payments will be adjusted on a basis of equality with a four mill tax levy.

There was some discussion on making arrangements to have the weeds inside the city limits burned. Chief of Police Phil Kellar, who also acts as fire chief, was instructed to obtain the cost of such burning from the local unit of volunteer firemen.

Property owners may obtain a permit for burning off their lots, or can also, for a fee, have the firemen do it. Where weeds and grass constitute a fire hazard and is not taken care of by the owner, the city will have it done and charge the actual cost back to the property owner, Kellar said.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lackey of Kerby left Wednesday for a week's vacation visiting several former valley residents, with the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Waterman in Wolf Creek the first stop.

In Sutherlin, the Lackeys will visit the Rev. and Mrs. Don Trimmer, former pastor of the Kerby Assembly of God church. Also in Sutherlin, they will visit with Mr. and

Teamsters, AGC Expected to Meet

Portland—(UPI)—A meeting was arranged to be held between the striking teamsters union and Associated General Contractors today before federal mediators in an attempt to settle issues in a strike which has halted construction in Oregon and southwest Washington.

A meeting between AGC and the Operating Engineers is tentatively set for Tuesday, according to Federal Mediator Leroy R. Smith.

Both unions and the AGC met several times last week with the aid of federal mediators.

Democrat Committee Reelects Dave Epps
Portland—(UPI)—Dave Epps of Sweet Home Sunday was reelected chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee at an organizational meeting here. He was not opposed.

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Mrs. Charles Batman, former O'Brienites. Before returning home they will go on to Roseburg to visit with Stan Waterman's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth and baby, former residents of the valley and now living in southern California, were visitors of the Sam Micekys last weekend.

Two county tax checks were received this week by Mrs. Amelia Dick, city recorder and treasurer. One was for \$238.53, covering delinquent tax collections and one for current tax collections for \$107.03.

A new set of plans, drawn by student architect, Robert Easton, was submitted to Mayor Banks and the council members at the meeting Tuesday evening, and Bob Ford was called in for consultation.

Minor changes in the specifications may be suggested before Easton makes the final draft. The City Hall site committee still has not made a report on the several locations being considered.

Mrs. John Hardy and children, Jean and Johnny, are here from Eagle's Nest, N. M., for a month's visit with Mrs. Hardy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Reich.

Several trips are planned for the month, including a fishing trip to the coast and a trip to Oregon caves.

Sam Miceky has been sick in bed this past week with a back condition. He hopes to return to work Monday.

Mrs. Phayo Pfeifferle is with her daughter, Mrs. Oakley Summers, in LeGrande, who is waiting for the arrival of her baby. The Pfeifferle's daughter from San Francisco, Lt. Marian Pfeifferle, arrived in the valley in time to make the drive to La Grande with Mrs. Pfeifferle.

Justice court cases this week were two minor violations. Charged with failing to stop at a stop sign and fined \$3.50 each, were Grant W. Ford of Cave Junction and Donald Hubert of Selma.

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Miss Oregon Judges Picked by Officials

Seaside—(UPI)—The five judges who will select Miss Oregon for 1958 at the 12th annual pageant here next week end have been announced by contest officials.

They are Virginia Kempston, dean of women at Oregon College of Education; Electra Gallas, Portland, director of the drama department at the Maria Easterly Chalm School and Model Agency; Mrs. Ulah Rhoden, Roseburg, of the Little Ballet theatre; Lawrence D. Woodworth, Kent, Wash., ex-state president of the Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Maurice Brennen, Salem, associate professor of music at Willamette university.

The 10 contestants will be judged for beauty, talent, poise and personality. The winner will be announced on Sunday afternoon.

Visalia, Calif.—(UPI)—An Army helicopter returned from the high Sierras Sunday with the body of a Trona, Calif., camper who died of pneumonia before rescuers could bring him from the wilderness.

Quotes From the News

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Aboard USS Saratoga Off Lebanon—Rear Admiral George Anderson, commander of the U.S. 6th Fleet carrier force, after revealing that no serious damage has been reported so far from rebel sniping against his force's low-flying planes:
"But I don't want my boys to take chances—they can't shoot back."

Sarasota, Fla.—Dr. Gordon Aldrich, after treating Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine's son, Horace Maxwell Goldfine, who slashed his face and body nearly 100 times with a razor last week:
"I don't think his father's troubles in Washington had anything to do with the apparent suicide attempt."

New Orleans—Authorities at Ochsner Clinic, where Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault—leader of the famous Flying Tigers—clung tenaciously to life in his fight against lung cancer:
"A lesser man would have dropped out long ago, but his remarkable will to live has enabled him to hold on."

Beirut—American insurance salesman Kenneth Shaker, of West Hartford, Conn., after arriving here to sell "battle policies" to U.S. Marines and paratroops:
"The situation is made to order."

TROUT CAME FIRST
Rutland, Vt.—(UPI)—Lt. Gov. Robert Stafford interrupted a consecutive 20-day "chicken banquet" circuit in his quest for the GOP nomination for the governorship the day the trout season opened because he figured nobody would be around to hear him speak.

AEC Installations Have New Guards

Las Vegas, Nev.—(UPI)—"Critical" installations of the Atomic Energy Commission were guarded today by Civil Service employees brought in after a strike of 87 members of the Independent Guards Association of Nevada.

The guards left their posts at Tonopah, Mercury and Las Vegas Sunday at noon and set up picket lines after a contract deadline had passed.

AEC officials brought in security forces from Los Alamos, N.M., to guard installations.

Although the association

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served notice it was standing talks had been scheduled immediately for negotiations, no new mediate.

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