

Hart Mountain Escarpment Home of State's Bighorn Sheep

By MILT GUYMON
Portland-Hunters and other Oregonians treasuring the out-of-doors who would like to see big game animals in probably one of the most beautiful and rugged settings found in the state, might take a trip to the west escarpment of Hart Mountain, the home of Oregon's only band of bighorn mountain sheep.

It will be an experience long remembered, not only for the inspiring scenery that the tremendous Hart Mountain upheaval presents on its west slope, but also for the sight of the graceful antelope, trophy buck deer, and the magnificent bighorns found in this jumbled, stair-step terrain.

The writer visited this spectacular country recently with three biologists for the game commission, Frank Grogan, district game agent at Lakeview; Dave Luman, chief of upland game birds for the commission; and Vic Masson, southeast regional supervisor, in the annual spring survey to determine the status of the bands of bighorns introduced to Hart Mountain from British Columbia in November, 1954.

Annual Census
Each year since the introduction, a census has been made on the nucleus band held within the 1,000-acre Juniper canyon enclosure. But this was to be the first survey for the 21 surplus animals released into the crazy peaks in the spring of 1957.

A brief reconnaissance was made in the upper basin within the enclosed sheep pasture. A total of 26 bighorns was observed. Six of these were good sized rams, one of which had a three-quarter curl to its horns. Only three lambs were observed, but, since lambing was still under way, a later check seemed advisable. No attempt was made to work down the canyon, but the sheep observed tallied closely to the survey made in the pasture earlier in the year.

Information on the bighorns on the outside is what was desired, and by jeep we headed toward the north end of the mountain several miles off the main road.

Vic Masson and the writer, loaded with cameras, binoculars, and a lunch set out for the west face, destination to proceed south just under the cliffs of the escarpment to the pasture some four miles away. Luman and Grogan returned to the pasture and proceeded to a headland where they were to watch the high rims and the canyons below and tally any animals driven their way.

Sign Plentiful
Although bighorn sign was plentiful, no sheep were seen on the north end of the mountain. Several big buck deer, all in the velvet, bounced out

of our way as we crossed over. About three hours later animals were seen. The bighorns seemed to appear out of nowhere, and the entire band of 19 were in full view when spotted. They fed upward into a small basin and then bedded down on the hillsides. While they fed, we dropped down the slope out of view and inched our way within about 200 yards to a jumble of boulders on a small ridge. From here the animals were carefully inspected and revealed one yearling ram, nine ewes with seven lambs, and two unidentified animals which were thought to be yearlings.

At our appearance, the band headed into the rock escarpment to the south. The nimble-footed animals progressed without fear of the almost sheer walls upon which they were climbing, leaping from ledge to ledge, some scarcely wide enough to land upon. They traveled at breakneck speed and disappeared among the cliffs high above.

Double Back
Out of sight, the animals immediately doubled back and soon reappeared to the north, still angling upward among the dizzy heights. They stopped on benches several times to look back at the two interlopers, then continued north at the same pell-mell pace.

Near the pasture, 11 more animals were flushed from a pocket among the cliffs. These were observed by Luman and Grogan from their vantage point on the rim. The band included 10 ewes and yearlings and one lamb. The animals raced northward into the

False Teeth 'Bite' Girl in Collision

Pittsburgh—UPI—A motorist discovered Wednesday that it doesn't pay to kiss a girl while driving, especially when wearing false teeth.

Allegheny county police reported that an unidentified man leaned over to kiss his girl friend as he drove away from the Greater Pittsburgh airport. He lost control of the auto and crashed into a utility pole.

The woman required 14 stitches to close a forehead wound caused, police said, when the driver's false teeth flew out from the force of the crash and "bit" her.

MARIJUANA FOUND

San Antonio, Tex.—UPI—Police found a 134-pound cache of marijuana worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars Wednesday in an apparently abandoned automobile. Police Lt. Charley Doerr said the car had been parked in the Terrill Plaza Shopping Center for several days.

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By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
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Mrs. Henley Clawson, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bray, of Yreka, were in San Francisco. Bray attended a reunion of the 101st Airborne division, who met in San Francisco June 6, to observe the anniversary of the Normandy landing during World War II. The Clawsons' grandchildren, Ray, Bobby and Janie Seaman of Yreka, also spent the weekend with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin of Jacksonville, Ore., and his sister, Mrs. Alma Mallory, of Central Point, were callers last week at the home of Mrs. Grace Tyrer. Martin is a cousin of Mrs. Tyrer's late husband, O. G. Tyrer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rutledge went to Redding on May 31 where they met their daughter, Mary Lee, who was returning home for the summer from Chico State college.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wayne Cummins went to Mt. Shasta on Sunday where they attended a meeting of the National Postmasters' league at the Ski Bowl cafe. A weekend guest of their daughter, Shirley Moffett, was a high school friend, Sharon Hufford, of Granada.

Pfc. Carl Pickard is home on leave until June 30 from Camp Rucker, Ala. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Norma Pickard, and his sister, Mrs. Glen Shinar.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harlow of Berkeley, Calif., have been visiting their grandchildren, Jackie and Debbie Harlow, children of Mrs. Glen Shinar.

Mrs. Paul Greene and her granddaughter, Linda Greene, left Tuesday for San Francisco where Linda will have her annual check-up at the Shriners' Children's hospital. Mrs. Greene's sister, Mrs. J. Vernon Stubbs, will spend the rest of the week with her at her home in Mountain View, Calif.

Mrs. Bruce Goodman of Yuba City, Calif., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Kurt. She is now in Scott Valley with two other sisters, the Misses Kate and Maggie Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jeter attended commencement exercises at Chico State college last weekend, where their son-in-law, Richard Campbell, received his bachelor of arts degree in biology. Beginning in September, Campbell will attend U.S.C. Dental college in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Don Thompson was hostess to the weekly pinocchio club Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. Don Thompson, Mrs. E. V. Stinson, Mrs. Joe Tinney, Mrs. William Dierdorf and Mrs. Michael Friday. Mrs. E. V. Stinson and Mrs. Joe Tinney tied for high score; Mrs. Michael Friday had low score.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maudlin and family of Roseburg were over night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cochran and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Jacobsen left on a three week trip to the middle west to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Trullinger and family of Big Bend were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Stinson and family.

Bill Friday, of the U.S. Navy stationed at Alameda, was guest of his brother, Mike Friday and family last week. Home for the weekend was Walter Friday of Southern Oregon college. They all made a trip to Etna to visit Mrs. Friday's parents, Judge and Mrs. Walter Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and family made a Memorial Day trip to Grants Pass where they visited relatives.

Bully Creek Dam Approval Granted
Washington—UPI—The House Interior Committee Wednesday approved a bill to authorize the Interior Department to construct the Bully Creek dam and reservoir. It is part of the Vale federal reclamation project in Oregon.

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