

Dawkins Named VP of Oregon Firm

William Dawkins, owner of the Medford and Portland public relations firm bearing his name, and G. C. Fugitt, Portland insurance executive, have been elected vice-presidents of the Insurance Company of America, according to Henry A. Buehner, Portland, chairman of the board.

Fugitt will also serve as manager of the new company's health and accident department, but Dawkins will act only in a policy-making and counseling capacity, Dawkins said.

The Dawkins firm, William Dawkins and Associates, was appointed two weeks ago to direct the \$24-million corporation's public relations, sales promotion and advertising.

Fugitt was formerly state manager for Pyramid Life Insurance company, and formerly regional supervisor for H. K. Coffey and Associates. He has also been vice president of the Oregon Association of Accident and Health Underwriters.

The new insurance company, an Oregon corporation, was licensed to do business on Sept. 16. Home offices will be in Salem, and general sales office will open in Portland's Executive building shortly after Oct. 1. Plans for the coming year call for the establishment of branch offices in every major city in the state.

Rogue River Man Hurt In Log Dump Mishap

Paul R. Knox, 27, of Rogue River, was reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital with back injuries following an accident at the Elk Lumber company log dump about 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Knox was taken to the hospital by the Medford Ambulance service and reported to be suffering possible back injuries.

Minneapolis - (UP) - Incumbent A. F. Hartung and Charles Savage have been nominated for President of the International Woodworkers of America.

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Question of Keeping Deer, Cattle From Canal Discussed by Officials

The question of how to keep deer and cattle out of the Howard Prairie delivery canal boiled down to who has the money to finance corrective measures at a conference Thursday of irrigation district personnel, bureau of reclamation officials and representatives of the Oregon state game commission.

Pre-fabricated concrete slabs were considered the most practical following a lengthy discussion. Covering the trapezoidal section with concrete slabs would cost an estimated \$1½ million, it was pointed out.

The canal section measures 67,718 lineal feet of the total canal length of 17.8 miles.

The rectangular section measures 22,710 lineal feet. The raised section of the canal, which deer and cattle usually do not fall into, could be fenced off.

Fence Maintenance

However, Walter Hoffbuhr, Talent Irrigation district manager, pointed out that fence maintenance against snow damage would be expensive. Some maintenance would be necessary every year. There also would be problems in constructing the fence on hard, rocky ground, he said.

The needed money would have to come through a congressional appropriation, James Callan, construction engineer here for the bureau of reclamation, explained. The proposed project could be handled similar to the Savage Rapids dam fish protection device for the turbines. Congress appropriated the money for the U.S. fish and wildlife bureau, and the bureau of reclamation did the engineering.

Neither the irrigation districts, the Oregon state game commission, nor the bureau of reclamation has allocations for the extensive deer and cattle protection project required, it was emphasized.

To Arrange Tour

Jack Hoffbuhr, Medford Irrigation district manager, was to arrange a tour of the area with Charles O. Porter, congressman from Oregon's fourth district while he is here this week end. The group hopes it can interest Porter in securing a congressional appropriation.

Meanwhile, bureau of reclamation personnel estimated it would take a year to obtain the appropriation if passed. The project could be completed next summer if the money were available, Callan said. The concrete slabs would be pre-cast and could be quickly installed across the canal, Francis J. O'Connor, of the U.S. bureau of reclamation, said.

Representatives of the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league met with the board of directors of the Jackson County Stockmen's association last week to pass a resolution asking immediate action to keep both cattle and deer out of the canal.

Few Cattle Drown

Although few if any cattle have been drowned in the canal, many are trapped until they can be rescued. Since the canal started carrying water on July 21, 55 deer have been drowned and 25 rescued, Charles R. Shepard, district game agent here, said. He said he saw four or five calves in the canal.

The worst section for deer drownings is that section from the Keene creek dam to just above the Beaver creek siphon, Shepard said. He said 15 deer were found there.

Highest number of drownings will occur probably during the winter and spring migrations of an estimated 500 deer, the game commission agent said.

Deer start moving to lower levels when snow falls in the

upper elevations. The migration could take two or three days or at least two or three weeks, Shepard said. Does and fawns start first followed by the yearlings and the bucks may wait until late November.

Spring Migration

The spring migration may start as early as March. The Greensprings area is rated the best deer-hunting area in southwest Oregon with approximately two or three deer to a square mile. The season's kill averages about 50 deer, Shepard remarked.

The game commission man illustrated his points with colored slides showing how the rectangular section is more accessible to deer. Deer will use the cement crosswalks installed if they are on their route. Crosswalks established for them show heavy deer tracks, he noted.

Ramps on Side

Two-by-four ramps bolted into the canal side help, but there is no accounting for the deer's actions, he pointed out.

The fawn cannot endure much swimming while the older and stronger animals may pull themselves out by using the ramps, Shepard said. The well-horned bucks drown if the current forces them under the covered sections of canal, since their horns touching the overhead concrete force their noses under water.

Deer fight the current until they are too weak to resist. Slides showed where their hooves had been worn bloody against the concrete ditch walls and even their hocks worn to the cartilage. Such deer seldom survive.

Four Persons Hurt In Area Accident

Four persons were injured in a two-car collision Thursday night at the intersection of Western avenue and Jacksonville highway, state and city police reported.

Treated at Sacred Heart hospital and released were the driver of one car, Donald James Collette, 18, of Eagle Point, who suffered shock and cuts on his head, and Beverly Ann Birdseye, 29, a passenger in a car operated by Victor Theodore Birdseye, 29, of route 2, Medford, who suffered cuts on both knees.

Cynthia N. Birdseye, 9 months, passenger in the Birdseye car, is being treated in Sacred Heart hospital for scalp cuts and a slight concussion. She was reported in fair condition by hospital attendants.

Linda Fay Denzer, 15, of 16 Western ave., a passenger in the Collette car, suffered a broken left leg and is reported in fair condition by hospital attendants.

Police said the Collette car was traveling east on Western ave. and made a left turn in front of the Birdseye car. State police said Collette was cited for failure to yield the right of way. Birdseye was cited for having no driver's license on his person, police said.

Medford Boys Held On Burglary Charge

Two Medford juveniles, 13 and 14 years old, are being held in the Jackson county juvenile detention home in connection with charges of burglary, state police reported Friday.

They are charged with breaking into the James W. Grigsby residence at 707 North Oregon st., Jacksonville, Wednesday and Friday and taking four diamond rings, some cash and a .45 caliber automatic pistol. Part of the money and the pistol have been recovered, but the juveniles threw the rings away, state police said.

The boys were arrested by state police Thursday when the Grigsbys returned home to find the boys in the house. The boys hurried off on their bicycles but later gave themselves up to the Grigsbys.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Fleas Intelligent?

No, They Have Instinct
A lady reader asks "How intelligent are fleas?" In part, her letter reads: "I have a black and white cat who sometimes gets fleas. When I attempt to comb the little beggars out, they leave the white area of hair where I can see them, and scamper into the dark patches and disappear. I have experimented to see if they really do it, or if I just imagine they do, but what puzzles me is that they really do."

The lady is justified in being puzzled; neither is she mistaken in presuming the fleas really do flee to a spot where they become inconspicuous. Of course it has nothing to do with intelligence as we know it, but is instinct.

The action of the fleas to get to a place where they can't be seen seems to be the result of a double instinct. They not only seek to hide in the dark areas, but also seem to know when they are being hunted. One instinct triggers the other.

Many other insects besides fleas know when their body color or shape blends in with their surroundings; when it does not they become frantic. Caterpillars assume the position of a twig, holding their body just in the right position, and at the proper angle with the tree limb. Forced from the position they know is correct they become frightened.

Once I placed one of these worms on a twig that exactly

matched his body color. He remained perfectly quiet, but when I placed a colored sheet of paper near him he sensed the fact that he was conspicuous, and moved to a nearby twig that matched his coloration.

Small fish react the same way. They seem to know when their colors blend with the location they are in; when they don't, they try to escape by swimming away.

It's relatively easy to explain instinct. It's merely a tendency to make certain responses in a definite manner. And there is such a thing as race-habits that enter too. There are those who say a habit can be formed and can be handed down to offspring as an hereditary instinct.

There are instincts that only occur at certain intervals; others are present at all times. A bird only uses its nest-building instincts at certain times; at all other times the instinct remains inactive, or absent. Even the weather and other local conditions may bring about an action which is unnatural; in the absence of any other explanation, we would call it instinct.

Environment has a great deal to do with it, too, as does natural adaptation of the animal itself. A duck will swim because, for one reason, its feet are designed for swimming. Habit, structure, environment, necessity and the desire for self-preservation are all things that help to complicate and confuse the entire business.

Khrushchev Aid Sought for POW

Portland - (UP) - Friends Friday sought Premier Nikita Khrushchev's aid in gaining the release of an Air Force lieutenant taken prisoner by the Chinese Communists in Korea.

The prisoner is Lt. Warren M. Hoff, one of 450 American prisoners of war reported by a magazine last week to be still alive.

Robert Abraham, a high school classmate of Hoff, and Mrs. Abraham wired Secretary of State Christian Herter: "Please ask Ike to seek Khrushchev intercession for

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