STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

The following report of a tour of the natural regions of Oregon was prepared and submitted by Mrs. Ted Conway.

About the middle of August 14 college students, under the direction of Dr. Franklin Sturges, left Southern Oregon college for an experiment in living and observing in the field of the natural phenomena of Oregon.

When I say experiment in living, I refer to the group process wherein we purchased our food, did the cooking, pitched camp each night, worked in the field trapping a few wild animals which were later carefully stuffed.

We observed birds, and collected specimens of all forms of plant and animal life and then took them to camp for identification. Sometimes this was quite a chore, but it was fascinating and rewarding process.

We spent time in all the geologic provinces of Oregon except the Wallowas, which would have required another week. We camped in eight different sites, including the coastal strip and range, the Willammette valley, the Cascade range, the Deschutes-Umatilla plateu, the Blue mountains and Malheur Wildlife refuge. We made comparisons and observations as to plants, trees, animals, birds, and geologic structure with places we'd visited previously.

We often found the same bird in widely varying climate, as the golden crowned kinglet on the coast, and again in the high mountain areas; the hermit thrush on the coast and again high up on the slopes of Mt. Hood. We found this true of plants too and came to the conclusion that like certain people, adjust and adapt themselves better than others.

Again we found that certain birds as the gray jay and Clark's nutcracker are indicative of alpine and sub-alpine areas, and are found in no other place. Silver and apline fir grow only at the very high elevations. We noted that each form of plant and animal life, almost without exception, is dependent on some other form of life for its existence.

We found fossils in the John Day area that remind one of those found on the hillsides toward Siskiyou summit, and noted that all of Oregon, with the exception of the Wallowas and the Siskiyous was once under a shallow inland sea. Such clues give much information as to the prehistoric era in Oregon.

We noted that some trees grow much like a blanket over a region of like height through many miles and formations apart. Location as well as height of mountain peaks help regulate the fall of moisture over our state. The Steen mountains which are 9,370 feet high, because of location, are really quite dry, since other mountain ranges intervene between them and the ocean, and most of the moisture is milked from the clouds before it gets to them.

We found the Malheur refuge extremely interesting. It performs a function for sportsman and farmer alike, in what attempts to "arrest" the wild life migrations by providing plenty of food and water so that the farmers in the San Joaquin valley can have a chance to harvest their rice crops before the birds descend in great numbers.

So, it gives the sportsman a chance to hunt, and gives the farmer some help—and when you consider that mid-October finds the greatest concentration of birds in the Pacific Flyway, some six millions birds—delaying them for even a few weeks or days is no small item.

We spent part of three days here, making the trip to the top of the Steens, accompanied by John Scharf, the manager of the refuge, who has been on this field for 27 years, and who is "loaded" with the monst interesting information—the kind no naturalist ever has a chance to put on paper.

If you have never been to the top of these open books of geology, never stood at the head of some of the giant cirques, and pondered the mighty forces that have carved it beautifully and with such wondrous coloring, you have missed a rare and inspiring sight.

We located deer browsing far down in the canyons below, watched the changing colors of the rocks as the shadows fell across them, listened to the vast quietness of this top of the world, and came away awed and promising ourselves we'd return.

We had several "bird watchers" along and we had fun. Maybe we even converted a few others to this very relaxing and satisfying hobby. As official recorder, I have not tallied for a total, but am sure we saw over a hundred varieties, though I added only five new ones to my life list. We were fortunate to see the white-faced ibis, which comes often to Malheur in summer, but winters near Fresno. We saw American bittern, chukars, golden eagles, sandhill cranes, and others not common in our area.

Crater lake was the last stop in our loop, and we discovered that viewed in the knowledge and new findings of the preceedings days, it was like a new place seen for the first time.

This whole trip was fun, but we worked. A splendid way to learn natural history of Oregon.

Many of the mornings in October were foggy. This hampered birding somewhat but my records indicate there were interesting birds, if one would search for them. On Oct. 3 there was a western grebe and two large flocks of Canadian and white fronted geese on Hoover lake.

On Oct. 6 I got some color slides of black-bellied plover at the Lower Klamath Lake Wildlife refuge. Approximately the same date, Mrs. Ray Briggs and Mrs. Ted Conway reported seeing a solitary sandpiper and a white-rumped sandpiper at the same refuge. Both of these birds are extremely rare and only occassionally reported. Also at the refuge during this period were ducks and geese in numbers beyond my ability to estimate.

Tree swallows were on the Rogue Oct. 13. This is the final sighting for this year. On Oct. 19 I saw a greater yellowlegs, a long-billed dowitcher, and a flock of western sandpipers at Hoover lake. It is doubtful if any more of these birds will be sighted before spring migration.

About Oct. 20 the Oregon juncos and the bushtits returned to the feeders in my garden. On Oct. 27 a black-capped chickadee fed from the suet feeder. Another migration straggler, an immature Bullock's oriole visited the suet feeder on Oct. 29.

The most cheering news of October was the return of western bluebirds to the slopes of Dead Indian rd., Switzerland and Roxy Ann. I hope these birds will restablish a bluebird colony in the valley. In checking over the fall migration, the flocks of swallows, Savannah sparrows, and lark sparrows were noticeably larger than the former years. However, the return of the western bluebird was the outstanding birding event.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by by Mrs. Alma Denny (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Frank G. – He has run out of excuses for not accompanying me on my trip.

Clarence A. – I'm perfectly content staying put. Why keep running off?

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Frank G. – Clarence and I taught school together for 30 years. I retired two years ago, and now he has followed suit. We're about in the same boat financially and family-wise, with no dependents. I'm a bachelor and he's a widower with a married son.

I love to travel and for years I've been after Clarence to come along. I succeeded about ten years ago, getting him to Gettysburg and Washington during our Easter vacation. Ever since, his excuse has been his job, his refresher courses or a new grandchild to visit. But now that he's retired there's no good reason for him to remain such a stick-in-the-mud.

I'm planning a freighter trip to South America in February and I'm counting on his company.

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Clarence A. – What's wrong with staying home? Frank looks at me as if there's something wrong with me for enjoying my own block, my own neighborhood and my own city. Now that my time is my own, I'd like to meander and browse through the streets nearby. I've always raced through on errands or en route to somewhere else, and now I can look in shop windows, chat, watch the repairman and builders at work.

I find travel exhausting. And the beauty spots of the world look better in the movies than face - to - face. Washington was full of hawkers and salesmen at every turn. I used to enjoy a smooth train ride more than any other form of transportation, but the railroads seem more interested in freight than in people. I take a train to visit my son, but the long walks at the depot, carrying heavy bags, make my trips few.

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The Council: Better give up, Frank. The Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan has just released some findings on travel and report that 1 out of every 10 Americans, given a choice, prefers to stay home. Just your luck to have your pal, Clarence, be one of those.

There are many reasons why people who want to travel can't do so. The above survey listed them as Expense, Poor Health, Old Age, Job Responsibilities, Children, Non-job Responsibilities. Evidently, none of these are deterring Clarence, even though at some time he has undoubtedly invoked some of them as his excuse for turning Frank down.

How, then, understand Clarence – a man who can travel and won't? We'll assume he's not ducking Frank's company, because they've been close friends for years and are probably together a great deal when Frank's in the home port. Is it laziness, inertia, tightwaddery? We doubt it. Clarence seems to be the type who sees travel as a form of escape, a symptom of failure to adjust at home. By staying put he's waging a campaign to proclaim that he is content with the street where he lives. Add to that his other interests, plus his distress over the bumps and bruises of travel, plus his smug conclusion that places look better in the movies, and Clarence remains well-nigh unbudgable.

Frank had better dig up another prospect for that South America jaunt. But maybe we can quicken Clarence's interest in another short whirl with his long-time side kick by answering his objections in a way to make him question them a bit. Excessive travel may have neurotic overtones, but most trips are taken by people who want to grow, learn and reach out for a variety of experiences. They're not running from, but running to something. And though getting there (by auto, bus, train, ship or plane) may not always be half the fun it's cracked up to be, staying home isn't always so hot either.

As to movies being a substitute for the real thing, Clarence, did a picture postcard of a giant Sequoia tree ever put a lump in your throat or give you goose pimples? The real thing would.

Portland — (UPI) — Popular western star Gene Autry will be grand marshal of the annual Fairy Tale parade here Nov. 23.

Aerial Survey of Blowdown Timber To Be Completed

Portland—An aerial survey of blowdown timber left in the wake of the Columbus day storm will be completed this week end, weather permitting, according to J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, U. S. Forest service, Portland.

The cooperative survey will cover approximately eight million acres of timberlands in western Washington and western and southern Oregon not already surveyed for blowdown. Lands involved are state, private, and federal (primarily national forest and bureau of land management).

The Forest service, at the request of the Timber Disaster committee of the Northwest Forest Pest Action council, is coordinating all survey information and making the supplemental aerial surveys as needed to give coverage of an area totaling 22½ million acres. The aerial project will fill the gaps in information already furnished by the state foresters of Oregon and Washington, private industry, National forests, and BLM districts affected by the storm.

Provide General Map

Completed surveys will show the estimated volume of timber blowdown and will provide a general map of the windfall damage by light, moderate, and heavy classifications. The aerial survey involves sketch mapping of blowdown areas.

Survey data will help point out problem areas and determine salvage goals, Stone said. Quick salvage is important to prevent outbreaks of insects, primarily the Douglas-fir beetle. It is also important to prevent loss through decay and to reduce the fire hazard. The data also will be used as guides in determining need for reinventories of timber stands, probable effect on allowable cuts, and so forth.

Eight aerial observers and four aircraft are involved in the supplemental survey. Five observers are from four western regions of the Forest service, one from the BLM, and one each from the states of Oregon and Washington. The men have been flying every day that visibility would permit.

Non-Suit Motion Is Filed in Case

A case charging Medford Physician Dr. Edward W. Sickels with malpractice ended in Jackson county circuit court Friday. The plaintiff, Mrs. Eleanor Hamersley, Butte Falls, filed a motion for voluntary non-suit, in effect clearing Dr. Sickels, although permitting Mrs. Hamersley to file a new suit in circuit court within a year.

The jury trial involved a suit arising out of an operation performed on Mrs. Hamersley by Dr. Sickels.

Dr. Ralph Benson, head of the gynecology and obstetrical department, University of Oregon medical school, spent most of Thursday and Friday on the witness stand. He testified as to an examination he made as to the results of the operation.

Friday morning Portland Attorneys Thomas Curran and Robert Hawkins, representing Mrs. Hamersley, made a motion to impeach their own witness, Dr. Benson. It was done due to an apparent conflict between his testimony and a written report which he had submitted earlier. Soon after that the non-suit was declared.

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