

National Wildlife Restoration Week Begins on Sunday

(Editor's Note: This is the first of three articles on the biological survey and wildlife conservation, published in connection with National Wildlife Restoration week, to be observed March 17 to 23).

Some 1000 regular and 1300 seasonal employees of the bureau of biological survey join with millions of Americans in observing National Wildlife Restoration week, which begins Sunday, March 17. National, state and local organizations throughout the country will hold special meetings this week to focus attention on wildlife conservation problems in the United States, according to Cecil G. Kocher, deputy U. S. game management agent.

In the nation's capital leading professional wildlife conservation workers from all states in the union will convene March 18 for a three-day session of the fifth annual wildlife conference, which will be held in the Mayflower hotel. The wildlife conference will be sponsored jointly by the American Wildlife Institute and the National Wildlife Federation.

Open house will be held on many of the 288 national wildlife refuges administered by the biological survey, Kocher said. Among the refuges open to the public are 11 sanctuaries in Oregon and six in California.

"National Wildlife Restoration week is observed to call attention to the need for uniting the efforts of all friends of outdoor America to the end that future generations shall have their rightful heritage of wildlife," declared Kocher.

This week the 1940 series of wildlife poster stamps will be placed on sale. Proceeds from this sale go to the National Wildlife Federation and provide funds for conservation work in the same way that Christmas seals aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

"The bureau of biological survey has been engaged in wildlife work since 1885," said Kocher. "Since that time, when it was a section in the department of agriculture, the biological survey has become the largest wildlife conservation agency in the world."

In July, 1939, the bureau was transferred to the department of the interior, the federal department which more than any other is concerned with the conservation of natural resources.

Since its inception, the biological survey has expanded its research in the life histories and habits of all species of animals to include in its wildlife conservation programs restoration of the forms depleted or extirpated in certain areas; management of the abundant or overpopulated species and the areas on which they live; and enforcement of federal game laws.

"Research field stations are located throughout the country," Kocher said. "Scientists assigned to this work are engaged in one of six fields of investigation: distribution and migration of birds, wildlife surveys, food habits, fur resources, disease control and national park wildlife."

"It is on the basis of migration and nesting studies that we can estimate the migratory waterfowl populations each year," the wildlife expert explained. The survey's nationwide network of refuges, which play an important part in the restoration of our waterfowl, were selected, in part, on knowledge of where the birds go during the flights north and south each spring and fall.

The four major flyways were worked out by survey scientists studying flights by birdbanding methods. In Oregon there are now 27 birdbanding stations in operation and 117 in California.

Wildlife surveys, declared Kocher, are invaluable as indexes of trends in mammal populations. "They serve, for one thing, to let you know how the balance sheet, so to speak, stands. Knowing population trends is important if one is to plan a wise conservation program."

"We know there are about six million big-game animals in this country," he continued, "because annual nationwide surveys were begun two years ago."

Each inventory shows the estimated populations of 15 species of big-game animals in the various states.

By following the increases or decreases, from year to year, the survey can take steps to preserve the species.

Last year the inventory showed that there were 255,625 big-game animals in Oregon and 560,168 in California.

Referring to another phase of biological survey activities, Kocher said that "one of the outstanding achievements in the history of conservation was the approval on September 2, 1937, of the federal aid in wildlife restoration act."

In the first 19 months since congress appropriated funds to help the states restore their wildlife, the biological survey approved 167 projects in 42 states.

Some \$66,041.97 was available to Oregon and \$127,857.98 to California since the Pittman-Robertson act, as it is called, was passed. Of the sum, the federal government contributed 75 per cent and the state 25 per cent.

Federal aid appropriations cannot exceed the annual revenue from the 10 per cent tax on sporting arms and ammunition.

The survey official pointed with pride to the results of the wildlife refuge program. "In 1935, the migratory waterfowl population in North America had fallen to a low of about 30 million birds," he said, "and that, remember, from an estimated population of 120 million in 1900."

Damages Allowed In Accident Case

Damages to an automobile operated by Douglas Houser which figured in an accident January 14 at Radcliff and Martin streets were allowed Friday by Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay in a trial without jury held in the circuit court rooms of the courthouse.

Defendant in the case was Charles Burns, who was represented by Attorney Hugh Gearin. Lynn Moore was attorney for the plaintiff.

Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst had been disqualified in the case by an affidavit of prejudice.

Sportsmen in Alaska and the United States expend \$10,000,000 annually for hunting licenses and bird stamps.

COUNCIL OKAYS DUKE REPORT, PLACES LIGHTS

A report of City Attorney D. E. Van Vactor on the withdrawal of the Fred Duke petitions to operate a bus service outside the city limits was accepted last night by members of the city council meeting in a regular session at the city hall.

The meeting was held in advance to make room on the calendar for an inter-city council meeting scheduled next Monday night, March 18, at the Pelican cafe.

Van Vactor's report stated that bus operations will continue as before, and that the public utilities commission has assumed jurisdiction over rates and time schedules. He said, however, that jurisdiction over the matter of picking up and depositing passengers within the city has not yet been determined and that the city's rights in this matter will be reserved.

The council voted to postpone until the next regular meeting action on the proposal of the civil service commission to place the city police chief under civil service.

Other business taken up at the short session consisted chiefly of routine matters.

On a report of Charles Thomas, chairman of the light committee, it was voted to install a new street light at or near the intersection of Roseway and Lakeview streets, the exact position to be determined after council members make an inspection of the location. It was also voted to place a new light at the intersection of Lowell and Pacific Terrace.

At this point the council members were cautioned by Councilman John Keller on making excessive expenditures in the installation of street lights. A short discussion ensued.

An application of Mrs. Helen Burger for a driveway at a parking lot was accepted and turned over to the city engineer.

A letter from Willard J. Cloyes, Klamath county sanitary engineer, was read urging the council to draw up a resolution opposing the exclusion of section 3 of senate bill 685. This section pertains to the control of pollution of streams, and its inclusion and passage was strongly urged by the sanitarian. The council adopted a resolution urging that the section be included in the legislation.

Mayor Clifton Richmond will act as toastmaster of the inter-city council meeting Monday night. Councilmen, mayors and

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment
By Bill Ganong

There is a big opening in the yell leading field for some ambitious sophomore or junior with a little ability along this line.

The yell leader has to be an upper classman, and as yet no one who can fill this requirement has turned out for training. The office is of a character building type, and during football and basketball season is one of the most important positions that a student can hold.

The sophomore class officers took Americanism as their theme Friday when they selected a class flower, motto, and colors. Under the guidance of Bill King, the class president, and M. E. Harvey, the adviser, they picked the American beauty rose as the class flower, and chose red, white and blue as the colors. Their motto is "Americanism First."

Students taking social economics were shown a group of slides on "How to Make a Living" Friday afternoon. The show was presented through the courtesy of Coca Cola and emphasized the personal trait of a good salesman.

Hardy students, risking a case of double pneumonia, arrayed themselves in short dresses and in shorts and braved the drafts to attend the annual literary club party Friday night. For some reason this dance is generally the best of the year with all attending having the time of their lives. This year the social committee helped finance it and student body tickets admitted.

Reliance on the good will and good faith of nations is the fundamental basis for peace. Dr. James T. Shotwell, chairman, Commission to Study the Organization of Peace.

Elementary schools of Buckinghamshire, England, provide hot mid-day meals to students at four cents a head.

other city officials have been invited from Dorris, Tulake, Merrill, Malin, Bonanza, Lakeview and Chiloquin.

Italy Looms Large As Force In European Power Politics

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Of highest importance—especially with all Europe in ferment over the Russo-Finnish "peace" and its potentialities—is Italian Undersecretary Soddu's announcement that Italy is ready to defend its liberty of action with a million trained men under arms and with a fortified bulwark across its Alpine frontiers.

The general added that the frontier defenses facing both Germany and France had been strengthened. That's making distrust, or caution, cut both ways.

This supplements, accidentally or otherwise, the straight-from-the-shoulder message which Nazi Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop is understood to have taken back to Fuehrer Hitler from Signor Mussolini earlier this week—that Italy will stay out of war so long as the fascist chief considers it advantageous.

What these two announcements amount to is that Il Duce—who is a very practical man—is free-lancing. And he will fight to maintain his prerogatives. You couldn't ask for a more blunt definition of policy, though you probably would like more details.

Mussolini's message may have had a rather formal and dubious ring in Hitler's ears, unless perchance Herr Von Ribbentrop also carried to his leader a private word of affection and assurance from Il Duce—which I take the liberty of doubting most decidedly.

It isn't that Hitler wants his partner in the Berlin-Rome axis to come into the war, for I don't believe he does. But there must be an anxious question in the fuhrer's mind as to which way the Italian leader will go if and when he does get into the conflict.

Signor Mussolini is a pretty smart man. He may not always go in the direction he wishes to take, but he generally goes in the direction which common sense dictates, under his code.

Common-sense impels him to neutrality or, as he prefers to put it, non-belligerency. That expression "non-belligerency" is a concession to his affiliation with Hitler, and to his avowed determination to resist any bolshevist invasion of the Balkans.

Non-belligerency happens to be the course of both wisdom and preference. Wisdom dictates that Il Duce refrain from being rough with powerful Hitler, whose troops look down on Italy from the Brenner pass, and

cautions him against raw-hiding England and France enough to draw French troops across his border and set the Anglo-French navies to blockading his almost never ending coast lines.

On the preference side there are several important items. As a non-belligerent Mussolini can set his merchant marine to sailing the seven seas, picking up profitable markets which formerly belonged to the combatants.

He can trade with both belligerents—and the allies often pay in hard cash. He can work on his ambitious plan of establishing politico-economic influence in the Balkans.

In short, while the other major powers of Europe are doing a fine job of burning up their economic resources in war, Il Duce is trying to make Italy prosperous. And he is bent on keeping his war away from the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

Mussolini is looking far beyond the war. He expects not only to play a big part in the peace conference, but intends to have a large hand in the construction of the new Europe.

My feeling against dictators is as bitter as that of anyone. But once we get into the war, we have a dictator of our own. Then our democracy is gone.—Senator Hiram Johnson (Rep., Calif.)

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Income Tax Take Running Ahead of Rate Last Year

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—With early returns running two to one ahead of last year, the treasury hopes that tomorrow night's annual income tax deadline will bring one of the richest harvests in many years.

No official estimate of the income tax yield so far has been made public, but in the first 11 days of March collections beat the similar period in last year by \$66,642,417 to \$45,577,613. Not even the treasury expects this ratio to hold out the rest of the month, but a comfortable margin over the \$505,000,000 total of March, 1939, is anticipated.

Authoritative estimates of the yield usually are not available until about March 20, because of delays in counting and reporting at the 60 collection offices throughout the country.

For the first time, federal returns will be due this year from state and local governmental officials and employees. Now the only persons exempt from a federal income taxes are a few

federal judges appointed before 1932, when the law was changed.

Veteran Convicted Of Killing Family

LOS ANGELES, March 16 (UP)—Laurel H. Crawford, 41, shell-shocked war veteran, was convicted yesterday of deliberately killing his wife and three children by running his automobile off a 1000-foot cliff.

A jury of eight men and four women found him guilty of four counts of murder—which the state charged were motivated by a desire to collect \$30,500 insurance—and recommended life imprisonment.

Crawford's automobile plunged from the Mt. Wilson observatory road last December 11. He leaped to safety as his wife, Elva, 41, two daughters, Alice, 14, and Helen, 8, and his son, Paul, 10, crashed to their deaths. A fifth victim of the accident was Ralph Barnett, 61-year-old roomer in Crawford's home, but no charge was filed in his death.

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