

GAME OFFICERS KEEP VIGIL ON HUNTING LAWS

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles on wild-life and conservation, published in connection with national wildlife week.)

Though some 11 million Americans are actively celebrating National Wildlife Restoration Week from March 17 to 23, the bureau of biological survey's law-enforcement staff is not relaxing its vigilance in pursuing violators of federal and state game laws, declared Cecil G. Kocher, deputy U. S. game management agent.

Last year survey game agents in cooperation with state officers and deputy game wardens furnished evidence in 2560 cases prosecuted in state and federal courts. Of this group, 2444 convictions were obtained.

Federal and state game agents work together, Kocher explained, in forwarding to each other evidences of violations of state and federal game laws. "That makes it hard to get away with a violation," the survey official said.

Defendants in the 2444 convictions obtained last year were fined an aggregate of \$71,284 and received jail sentences totaling 4384 days.

Game agents apprehend not only hunters who violate the migratory hunting regulations, said Kocher, but many other violators as well: duck bootleggers and buyers, fur smugglers, big-game hunters who illegally ship their catch across state lines, and importers who fail to obtain permits before bringing wild birds and mammals into the country.

When not apprehending violators, the survey's game agents find time to do educational work, join in the annual inventory of migratory birds, feed birds and mammals suffering from severe weather conditions, speak before sportsmen's organizations, and perform other conservation work.

"One of our biggest problems in enforcement work," declared Kocher, "is the racketeer who insists on selling wild ducks and geese and the equally pernicious buyer who purchases this illicitly taken game."

That duck bootlegging is expensive to both seller and buyer was demonstrated on the eastern shore of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware last year, according to the survey official. In a wholesale round-up of market hunters, night club owners, and buyers, 55 violators were convicted in federal courts. Fines ranged as high as \$300, and jail sentences as much as six months.

Now the agents have concentrated on Pacific coast rings. Recently a group of bootleggers and market hunters in the San Francisco area was taken to federal courts, where the defendants received fines as high as \$500 each and jail sentences for as much as six months.

"Before the agents get through with that sore spot, there will be many more bootleggers and

Dramatics in Scouting



Dramatics are a part of the scouting program and in this picture a group of Wocus troop 2 are staging a play in their meeting room at the First Presbyterian church. Those in the play, from left to right, are Ruth Merrill, Sally LaForge, Sally Mueller, Joan O'Neill, Harriet Porter, Joan McVey and Wava Jean Salisbury. These scouts are also looking forward to the Girl Scout birthday dinner which has been announced for April after being postponed from its regular date in March. Mrs. Arthur Moore is leader of this troop.

sellers taken into court," averred the survey official.

Kocher complimented the majority of hunters for their cooperative spirit, declaring that "we are tough on the violators because they insist on taking the wildlife we are trying to save. While the majority of hunters are sportsmen who abide by the law and do their level best to protect the country's seed stock, a few chiselers try to get away with flagrant violations."

But the "chiseler" can't get by for long, assured the wildlife expert. "Don't forget that more than 95 per cent of the game-law cases that survey and co-operating state agents have taken to court have been convicted."

MEETING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR FARM PROGRAM

Meetings held in Malin and Merrill last Thursday and Friday for the purpose of completing estimate sheets required for compliance with the 1940 agricultural conservation program were well attended.

Meetings in other communities are scheduled as listed:

Thursday and Friday, March 21, 22, at the agricultural building, Bonanza high school. Monday, March 25, at the Civic Improvement clubhouse in Fort Klamath. Meeting places are open from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Those unable to attend community meetings will have the opportunity to complete the estimate sheets for their farms at the agricultural conservation office in the federal building during office hours March 27, 28, 29 and 30. These are special days set aside for this purpose.

Compliance cannot be checked and no 1940 payments can be made on farms for which estimate sheets are not filed.

CONDITION OF ACCIDENT VICTIMS REMAINS SAME

The condition of Paul Jones, 27, and Lawrence Stevens, 24, seriously injured in an accident early Sunday afternoon when their motorcycle crashed into the front of a car driven by Albert Langer, 231 North Seventh street, remains unchanged, according to attendants at Hillside hospital where the two are patients.

Jones suffered fracture of both legs and other injuries, while Stevens received injuries to the shoulder, pelvic and leg bones. Both young men remain in a critical condition.

Langer, retired farmer and well known Klamath resident, posted \$500 property bond when he appeared in justice court Monday morning to answer a charge of failing to signal on making a left turn from the highway. The accident occurred near the old Midland road.

There will be so many questions to answer when the census man calls that you may as well ask him in for tea and crumpets. You may even have to put him up in the guest room until he's finished with you.



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Activities of the Spanish-American War Veterans, The Disabled American Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion and Their Auxiliaries.

VFW AUXILIARY

The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary held a special meeting Tuesday night, March 12, at the Eagles hall. State Department President Betty Hamreus gave the obligation to a class of 30 women who were being initiated into the Pelican auxiliary in her honor. She then gave a very impressive talk, complimenting the auxiliary on the work they have been doing here.

Our local president, Anna Woodworth, was asked by the state department president to accompany her on the rest of her visits to act as chief of staff, but she was unable to comply as she was taken seriously ill early Wednesday morning. As the next auxiliary to be visited by the state department president is Ashland, Mrs. Ethel Prairie accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Lofdahl, Mrs. Ruth Schortgen and Mrs. Letta Schortgen accompanied her Wednesday morning to the valley.

They attended an afternoon meeting of the auxiliary. Mrs. Gladys Lofdahl acting as chief of staff. They then accompanied the state department president to Medford where she was booked for an evening meeting.

The next regular meeting of the auxiliary will be held at the library club rooms Thursday evening, March 21, at 8 p. m. The third of the series of card parties will be held at the K. C. hall Thursday afternoon, March 21, at 1:45.

PELICAN POST 1383
Veterans of Foreign Wars Officers of Pelican Post 1383, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, are in receipt of word from department headquarters at Portland to the effect that a number of department officers will be in Klamath Falls on Thursday, March 21, to meet with the local post.

The visiting party is expected to include: Department Commander John H. Schum; Senior Vice Commander Ira D. Canfield; Junior Vice Commander Otis Johnson; Department Adjutant W. E. McGuffin; Service Officer G. O. Pike and others. District Commander Burse will also be present.

A well rounded program is being arranged in honor of the distinguished visitors, including a dinner to be served by the post after the meeting. A great deal of veteran legislation is now in the grist before the current congress, and our representatives in Washington need the support of every veteran and his friends.

It is through organization and wholehearted cooperation that the veteran has achieved his present status, and it is only through a continuation of these principles, and increased effort of the rank and file and loyal support of our officers and representatives that we may hope to bring about a greater measure of security for the disabled veteran and his dependents. Every member of the post is urged to be present, and meet with the department officers.

The ladies auxiliary to the local post has been invited to the dinner which will be held in the KC hall, over the Rainbow.

KLAMATH POST NO. 8
The American Legion
A regular meeting of the post will be held Tuesday, March 21, to meet with the local post.

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19, 1940. Final plans for the Legion's Easter egg hunt will be completed at this meeting.

The sixth annual Easter egg hunt will be held at Moore park, Easter Sunday, March 24, at 2 p. m. This activity of the local post of the American Legion is an event in the lives of hundreds of children of the community. In addition to the fun and excitement of hunting the colored eggs hid on the hillsides of the park, there will be the added thrill, for some of the youngsters, of prizes which will be awarded to the lucky finders of the gold and silver eggs.

LIFE INSURANCE GROUP MAY FORM

The first get-together meeting of a number of the life insurance underwriters of Klamath Falls was held at the Pelican cafe Monday noon for preliminary discussion on forming a local association, affiliated with the national association, which it is believed would benefit the public as well as the profession.

Seventeen of the underwriters were present, including Paul Roberts, John Houston, Forrest Loece, Lynn Roycroft, Paul Winter, Martin Swanson, George Sample, Myrtle Adams, Tom O'Brien, Tom Neeley, Carl Farrell, H. J. Hendrickson, T. J. Webb, Mrs. Annabelle Newton, L. W. Stevens, Chester Williams and Ben Gibson.

With Paul Roberts acting as chairman and Gibson as secretary, all present were given an opportunity to express their opinions. Communications were read from the national association and applications were passed out showing the code of ethics to which all members must agree in joining.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, when all life underwriters of Klamath Falls will be given an opportunity to become charter members of the new association. Election of the first officers will be held

and the association will get into action immediately. All life insurance underwriters are invited to attend this meeting whether or not they have decided to join at present.

It has been estimated that more than 5000 policemen are needed to fill the gaps in England's police force.

REPUBLICAN GROUP MEETS MARCH 21

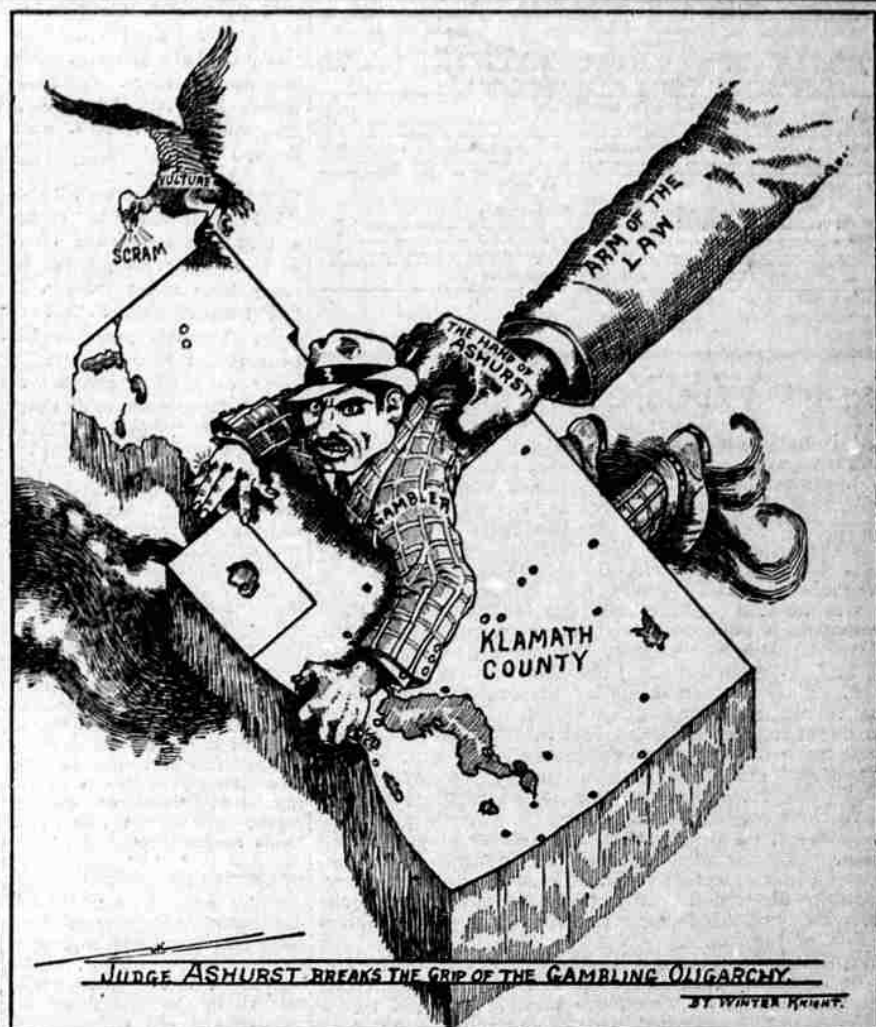
The Klamath county republican central committee will meet March 21 at 8 p. m. at the courthouse.

R. H. Anderson, chairman, urged a large attendance. He said that the meeting will feature

"important business for the party."

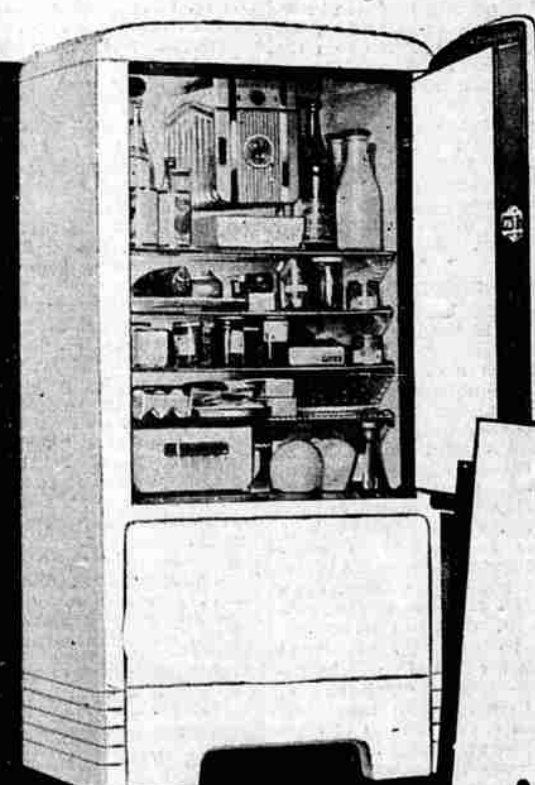
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