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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

With word from the refuge that the first hatching of geese has been spotted it would seem that spring, that magic season, is really with us.

But there are a lot of other signs for the sports minded that we are on the brink. The stub tailed gophers are beginning to be seen around the countryside and their whistling is to be heard echoing around the hills again.

There isn't anything more fun or better for Sunday relaxing than taking a trip. Sunday, preferably a nice warm one, lings out in the green grass and potting the little devils as they sprint from one sanctuary to another. Using a .22 at middle ranges it presents a fast and sporty proposition.

And on top of that, if you are a careful, courteous hunter and sportsman you'll be welcomed on almost any farm or ranch when you show up loaded for squirrel. It saves the landowner the trouble of poisoning them and keeps his land from being bored full of holes, his dikes banks undermined by the little diggers and his grain sacks from being ripped to shreds.

On top of that there are lots of other signs. Saw a group of youngsters out on Oregon Avenue way the other morning playing marbles. First time in a long, long time that this sport has been noticed.

The little blue swallows that skim around the country so gracefully are starting to put in an appearance. It won't be long until they'll be looking for unoccupied bird holes and robbing you of all the old bits of string and fluff they can get their claws on to build cozy nests with.

The city has had the street sweeper out doing a job of cleaning up the winter's muck. A dusty

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

Mountain sheep have but few recognized species throughout the world while domestic sheep have an innumerable number of recognized forms. On account of the extreme variability of sheep under domestication, it is generally supposed that the domestic breeds have all been derived from a few wild species, this subject, however, is involved in obscurity. The word "sheep" comes to us from the Anglo-Saxon of ancient times and in all probability was applied to the familiar domestic ruminant which carries the scientific name of *Ovis aries*. The name, however, has been extended to cover all its immediate relatives.

According to Darwin, sheep have been domesticated from a very ancient period, and the remains of a small breed, differing from any now known, having been found in the famous Swiss lake-dwellings. It is the general opinion, however, that sheep was domesticated before the dawn of history in both Asia and Europe, but was unknown in this state in the New World until after the Spanish conquest. Whether the present domestic animal has been derived from any one of the existing wild species, or from the crossing of several, or even from some wild species now extinct are matters of conjecture. The variations of external characters seen in the different domestic breeds are very great. They are chiefly manifest in the form and number of horns, which may be increased from the normal two to four or even eight, or may be absent altogether in the female alone or in both sexes.

Other variations are to be noted in the ears and in the tail as well as in the color and quality of the fleece.

Compared with the best known domestic breeds, we find our wild species is much larger, and, instead of an all-wool garment, wears a thick overcoat of hair like that of a deer, and an undercovering of fine wool. The hair, though rather coarse is comfortably soft and spongy, and lies smooth, as if carefully tended with comb and brush. The predominant color during most of the year is brownish-gray, varying to bluish-gray in the autumn; the belly and a large, conspicuous patch on the buttocks are white; and the tail, which is very short, like that of a deer, is black with a yellowish border. The wool is white, and grows in beautiful spirals down out of sight among the shining hair, like delicate climbing vines among stalks of corn.

The horns of the male are of immense size, measuring in their greater diameter from five to six and a half inches, and from two and a half to three feet in length around the curve. They are yellowish-white in color, and ridged transversely, like those of a domestic ram. Their cross-section near the base is somewhat triangular in outline, and flattened toward the tip. Rising boldly from the top of the head, they curve gently backward and outward, then forward and outward, until about three fourths of a circle is described, and until the flattened, blunt tips are about two feet or two and a half feet apart. The horns of the female are flattened throughout their entire length, are less curved than those of the male, and much smaller, measuring than a foot along the curve.

In a former column I quoted Bailey as stating there were no known measurements existing for the sheep that ranged the Klamath Basin country and all of the east-

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By Jimmy Hatlo



JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)— Over 25 years ago an Indochinese named Ho Chi Minh made his way to Paris as a servant on a French boat and got a job as a photo-retoucher.

Indochina was strictly a French colony then. And in 1919 Ho Chi Minh joined the French Communist party. He has been a Communist ever since. He is a man who can be said to have lived a dedicated life.

His was a double dedication: communism and independence for Indochina. Now he is leading the French in their fight against the French in Indochina. His followers are not all Communists by any means. Many are Indochinese nationalists who also insist upon independence for their country.

Ho Chi Minh is described now as a man of about 62, thin-faced, with a wispy beard and a hoarse voice resulting from tuberculosis. He is a man the United States must think of in trying to keep Indochina from communism.

If the French, sick of the war, seek a negotiated peace with him and then clear out of Indochina, it is hard to believe this dedicated man won't try to take over the whole country.

Ho Chi Minh—the name means "The One Who Shines" — went from Paris to Moscow and studied revolutionary techniques. In the mid-1920s he went back to Asia and in 1930 formed the Indochinese Communist party.

In 1940, in southern China, he founded the Vietminh—league for the Independence of Viet Nam. Indochina, slightly larger than Texas, is made of up of three associated states: Laos, Cambodia and Viet Nam.

The Vietminh had national backing. In 1944, with aid from the Americans who were fighting the Japanese—the latter held Indochina then—Ho Chi Minh went back into his homeland with several hundred Vietminh partisans.

He cooperated with the 14th Air Force's pilot-rescue teams and made several raids against the Japanese. In return, American intelligence officers helped him.

At Basin Lava Bed Sheep, even though the species is extinct we still can all join in this search and the writer is willing to compile any information sent in. John Muir offers the first record, are there any others?

Telling The Editor

MAYOR MATERIAL

Personally I believe our sheriff would do himself and the community a greater justice by trying to solve a few unsolved crimes such as murder that have been going on, than trying to make our D.A. look like a heel.

When a murder is committed it is printed one night and then never another word about it, except the last one that I heard about. The first story stated that it was murder as the body had been badly beaten. The next story about it says the man committed suicide.

We have a good honest District Attorney. Why not let him run his office. I'm sure no one will be cheated out of anything. Maybe that's the trouble. Is he too honest for you guys who are always picking on him? One thing I'm sure of he still has my vote. Wouldn't he make a wonderful mayor?

Mrs. Leona Gavin
224 N. 3rd
Klamath Falls

Reward Offered For New Business

TEXARKANA, Tex. (AP)—Wanted: a big industry. Reward: \$10,000.

You don't even have to live here to win the prize. Just supply a committee of 15 Texarkana businessmen with information leading to establishment here of a permanent industry employing 500 or more people. If you snag a smaller industry for Texarkana the reward will generally be \$20 per person it employs. Rules and entry blanks will be available Friday, said John Garvey, a bakery executive.

The Doctor Says

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

"I know a couple," writes Mrs. S., "who have a five-year-old girl whom they dress well and to whom they teach manners, and they often take time to play with her. However, they do not allow this girl to eat between meals, which I think is wrong.

"When I keep this little girl I give her two or three cookies and a glass of milk at ten or ten thirty in the morning and also around three in the afternoon. She seems hungry and is thin, and I am afraid of what would happen to her if she ever got sick."

A growing youngster should have enough food during the twenty-four hours of the day and this should be a balanced diet. It makes little difference whether this food is given all at the regular mealtimes or some of it between meals. Of course, if the in-between-meals eating interferes with a balanced diet it would not be desirable.

Mrs. S. should remember that the raising of a child is the parents' responsibility rather than hers, and that if she interferes with their routine for the child she takes a responsibility which they may well resent.

A curious question comes from another Mrs. S., who says that her thirteen-year-old son is sprouting a growth of dark hair on his upper lip, and wants to know what is the best way to treat this situation. One would think that the mother would know that this is perfectly normal, though perhaps a little earlier than average, and should be left alone until it is necessary for the youth to start shaving.

An unusual question comes from Mrs. D., whose niece's daughter was born with a deformed rectum. She says that the little girl now seven, doesn't have much control of her bowels and is often punished. "Can this be remedied by surgery?" she asks.

It seems incredible that a little girl of seven should be punished for something for which she is not responsible. One would think that the parents would obtain the best possible advice for her since there would be a good chance of remedying the situation.

The condition certainly should not be allowed to run on, since the little girl may develop feelings of guilt which would affect her all through life.

Finally, a mother writes that her little 16-month-old girl has a hernia of the navel, and the doctor advised an operation, which she would like to avoid.

In this case, since the hernia is still present at the age of sixteen months it does seem likely that an operation would be advisable. It may be that the doctors will want to wait a little while before doing the operation, but small children do not remember unpleasant experiences very long. Other things being equal, the sooner it is done, the better.

POET'S CORNER

THE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE HILL

By Elsworth Pellett

So little, and so silent, Oh little house
With thy walls of purest gold,
No longer dost thou smile with joy
As loving hearts unfold.
The silence round thy cheerful hearth
Must stir thy heart to tears
Since filled with loving melodies
Through thy rejoicing years.

My heart too, bleeds, as sitting here,
I list! For footsteps dear
A happy voice and tender smile,
Yet not a sound I hear.
Thou art like me, Oh little house
We've memories we cannot forget
We have done our best with what we've had
Since happily we first met.

Oh little house, I love you still
How each thing speaks of loving hearts
And the touch of a loving hand.
Years will pass by yet we cannot forget
The echo of footsteps on a stair,
The treasures we planted deep
Down in our hearts
And voices we loved so to hear.

So now, little house, as we must soon part
Let us cherish each loving smile

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QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

... here's a Herald & News. Want Ad that'll interest you—it says I'm not responsible for debts other than my own!"

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