

## Game Agent Finds Plenty Of Variety In His Life

According to some past age, variety is the spice of life. The monthly report of Cal Giesler, conservation aide for the Oregon State Game Commission, hints

that he has had plenty of spice in his life recently.

In helping game agent Cece Langdon of Ontario, Giesler was walking pheasant census routes and recording the species of wildlife he saw. A record of his observations for 7 1/2 miles of walking read, "count included 123 pheasants, 9 Hungarian partridge, 257 mallards, 12 green-winged teal, 27 crows, 10 magpies, 1 red-tailed hawk, 1 jack rabbit, 1 muskrat and 1 house cat."

In addition to running wildlife counts during the day, Giesler was giving conservation talks at a number of the schools in Lake, Harney, and Malheur counties at night. These are outlying schools that are not contacted by the regular members of the commission's information and education department.

By having the program in the evenings, many of the parents could attend. In the town of Plush, which is located in Warner Valley, there are four students enrolled in the school, but the evening Giesler gave his talk, 76 persons were present.

In these programs, the talks and films deal with general subjects and are followed by a question and answer session. Thus far, a total of 690 children and adults have been contacted in this region. In addition to those who saw the regular school programs,

## Korea Said To Attend Geneva

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea's capital buzzed with rumors today that the government had decided to attend the Geneva conference and would announce the decision next week.

Several Korean newsmen privately said they had the word from "reliable sources within the government" but had been cautioned against publication now. The rumor hit full bloom after U.S. Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs called on President Syngman Rhee yesterday and then Rhee and Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai went into a six-hour conference. A source close to Rhee said no decision had been made.

Rhee and his government have refused so far to say if South Korea would attend the April 26 conference on Far East issues.

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## 'Blue Rain' Explained

DETROIT (AP)—Astonished Detroiters were talking today about the "blue rain" which spattered hundreds of homes on the Northwest Side yesterday.

Davenport, Iowa, had the same thing. Houses were flecked with tiny blue spots. Some of it was a purplish-blue.

Science came up with explanations—though first excitement ran high. One unofficial theory, for instance, was that it might have come from the hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific. There was positively no expert support for that one.

Civil defense launched an investigation and determined there was "no cause for alarm."

Elim tree buds—that's what it was in Detroit apparently. Dr. Joseph G. Molner, city health commissioner, advanced the explanation. He said the buds had fallen to the ground, rested on the damp earth, and had then been blown forcefully against the houses by Wednesday night's big windstorm.

Chemicals in the house paint probably contributed to the ultimate coloring, he said.

Scientists in Davenport reported microscopic examination showed the flecks were caused by a type of vegetable material, probably pollen spores.



IMPRESARIO BALDY EVANS considers he has reached the zenith of his booking career with the signing of Harry James and His Music Makers for a dancing party Tuesday, April 20 in the Klamath Falls Armory. Pictured above is sprightly Paula Gilbert, featured vocalist with the band.

## Cow Elk, Calf Held In Trap

A yearling cow elk and a last year's female calf were recently caught in the elk trap on Vaughn Mountain in Coos county and transplanted in the head of Scar Creek in the Vincent Creek burn area north of Scottsburg in northern Douglas County. Bob Corthell, district game agent at Coquille, who had charge of the trap-

ping and transplanting, reports that the animals balked at entering the loading chute but otherwise gave no trouble and withstood the trip to their new home in good condition.

Damage to Douglas fir seedlings on Weyerhaeuser timberlands has necessitated the removal of elk from this area. Last August, six elk were trapped and transplanted to the Vincent Creek burn. One mature cow, one yearling cow, one male calf, two spike bulls, and one three point bull were included in this group.

## Walkout Halts Rome Debate

ROME (AP)—A walkout by Social Democratic senators blocked another leftist demand last night for debate on the hydrogen bomb and the activities of U.S. Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce.

The Senate was adjourned after a roll call showed a quorum was not present.

The Social Democrats (anti-Communist Socialists) left the Senate after a pro-Red Socialist asked for action on a demand of a week ago that the American envoy be declared unwelcome because she allegedly had interfered in Italian politics.

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## Grouse Noted In Ceremonies

Though many persons may doubt that spring has actually arrived because of the still chilly weather, evidently the wildlife populations are convinced that winter is past.

Reports from field agents of the Oregon State Game Commission show that the various wildlife signs heralding spring have started.

Bob Corthell, game agent on the south coast, reported hearing blue grouse "hooting" on March 5. This "hooting" is part of the grouse's premating activity and is carried on each spring. Elsewhere, west of the Cascades, Francis Ives, game agent in the south Willamette Valley, noted another sign of the new season and reported that the first returning buzzards were seen on March 10 as were the first swallows.

East of the mountains, two game agents reported on the pre-

paring antics of the grouse. Bob Stein, working in the Walla Walla mountains, states that the first strutting blue grouse in that region were noticed on March 15 in the Troy area.

In the Baker area, Karl Morton, agent for that region, first observed the unique strutting exhibition put on by the sage grouse on February 23. These grouse, often called sage hens, put on a spectacular dance during the early



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