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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

The Oregon State Game Commission has announced its plans for asking the coming legislature to outlaw the carrying of a loaded rifle or shotgun in a car within this state.

This is one ruling of the commission that we will go along with. There isn't a more conservative practice in the world than putting a loaded gun around. You're liable to get a shot at a deer, a rabbit or a squirrel. You're liable to get a shot at a bird or a cat. You're liable to get a shot at a person.

Every year there are three instances of hunters and others being killed or seriously wounded because a gun went off in the car. Some of them are the "unlucky" variety and others discharge because their owners jacked them out in haste to get a shot at a deer or a bird and failed to take the proper precautions.

There are only two classes of people who will be against this bill in a violent manner. The road hunters and the poachers. Road hunting is one of the most dangerous occupations known to mankind, anyway, and it's certainly not sporting. Poaching is where you find it and enough said.

If our memory serves us correctly this same measure came up in the legislature a few years ago and was voted down. I seem to remember that at that time a group of ranchers possessed the bill on the grounds that they would be unable to kill coyotes they ran across while driving if they had to load their guns first. This sticks a bit with us because the poachers and professional trappers have done such a good job of eradicating the coyote that it is seldom one sees the little grey wolves any more.

I am interested in knowing, however, if the commission plans to ask for a bill outlawing carrying a gun with a shell in the chamber and the magazine filled, or if they intend to ask for a bill that would require a man to completely empty the gun, magazine and all, when he climbs into the car? And does the bill also refer to revolvers and pistols? Anyone who would even consider carrying a loaded pistol in the car might just as well blow his brains out at home and get it over with. Revolvers are a lot of fun when handled right and chain lightning when handled wrong.

It will be interesting to see what the legislature does with this bill.

The commission will also ask that big game referees be abolished as the need for them passes. With this we are in hearty agreement. There are too many referees as it is now.

This statement will, of course, bring down a storm of protest from sportsmen's groups, nature lovers, dog-ooders and that peculiar

class of people who consider hunting nothing but a particularly degenerate form of murder anyway.

Let me say right now that I am in favor of abolishing all reserves. I don't stand for bigger bag limits or longer shooting hours or longer seasons or any of the rest of it. But I do, and in a very strong manner, believe that the game in this country belongs to us as citizens, that it is a heritage handed down by our forefathers. I do not agree with the complete protection of big game and upland and migratory birds to the exclusion of all hunting.

We need have reserves because if we didn't in this rapidly growing world of ours we would be in serious trouble. The game would have no place to go, there would be no breeding grounds, no resting grounds for those of a migratory nature.

But the entire United States is covered with a mass of reserves that are, in effect, doing nothing but saving our migratory birds for the game hogs and commercial hunters of Mexico. Adequate resting grounds must be furnished the birds and the deer. We must see to it that they have adequate facilities for breeding and for rearing their young. But beyond that we can, conceivably, open up portions of these vast reserves to the shooting public during the proper season.

I hope the commission every success in their efforts. I think they are doing a sincere job of trying to help the sportsmen. It's largely a case of one small group trying to please a force of millions of hunters.

If the sportsmen of America would band together as a party, stick together and direct their aims in an intelligent and far-sighted manner they would be the most powerful body in America today. They could change the entire face of the political picture, elect presidents and bring about game legislation that would tend to keep the majority of them happy.

I'm afraid this situation will never arise, however, because if you get over half a dozen sportsmen, outdoorsmen, hunters or whatever you choose to call them together the thing will end up in an argument as sure as shooting. No pun intended.

We'll know more about it next year when the legislative session winds up.

In the meantime I'll go on plugging for those things that I think we should have in the game laws: A 30-day either sex deer season, an early opening of the duck season, even if it means shorter shooting season and a lowered bag limit.

They'll Do It Every Time



HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Yup, I had lunch with Gary Cooper. Nope, he didn't bend my ear much.

But it isn't true that the conversation of the screen's strongest talent man—the cowboy's cowboy—is limited to such expressions as "Yup" and "Nope."

"That idea got started years ago when I used only those two words in a gag radio interview with Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy," said Cooper, grinning and rubbing his chin.

Actually, Cooper likes to talk as well as the next man—provided the next man isn't the kind of a guy who just opens his mouth for the pleasure of making sound waves. He simply believes that actions really speak louder than words, often as well as on.

The crispness of dialogue that has made him one of the most durable successful film stars comes naturally.

"In a stage play, where you are limited in scope, you have to rely on dialogue largely to tell the plot. But in movies action tells the story.

"The best dialogue is the shortest. I feel the same thing is true in literature. Take Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It isn't long—but it's great."

"Coop," as his friends call him, is one of the most highly conscientious artists in the film industry, but he doesn't act like an artist. After 30 years before the camera, he still is quiet, friendly, hard-working. None of Hollywood's flamboyance has affected him.

He learned range life as a boy in Montana, and started his career as a \$50-a-week stunt man—"fighting Indians and charging the enemy."

"I only played the villain once," he recalled. "It was in a two-reel quickie made on poverty row. I played the heavy who set fire to the widow—or was it her Yup."

Hugh Pruett

Astronomer, Extension Division Oregon Higher Education System

At times we in northern latitudes bear the expression "Under the Southern Cross," or we see references to a sky figure by that name. All such sound poetical—but very far away since this group of stars can be seen from nowhere in our country excepting in Southern Florida and Texas, and then only indistinctly. The Southern Cross is the envy of northern stargazers.

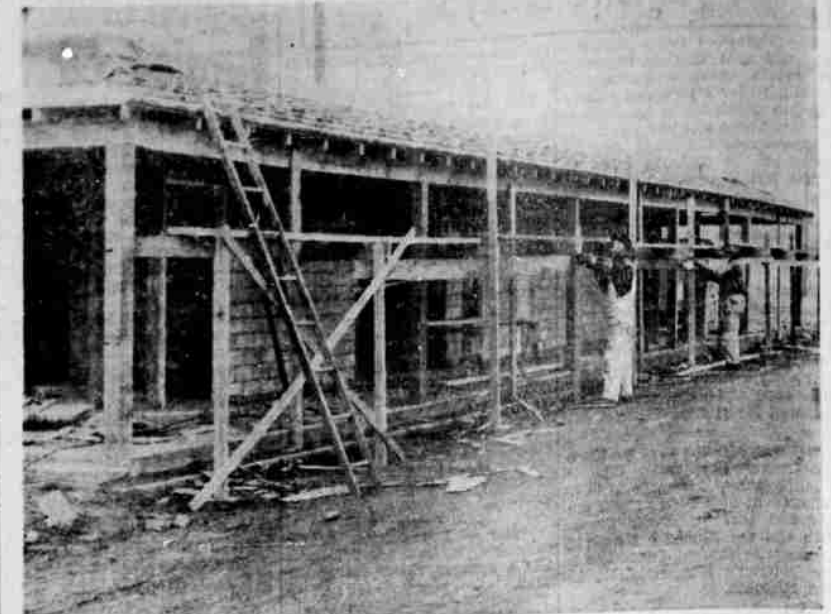
In Dante's Divine Comedy we find a reference to this constellation: "I turned and fixed my mind on the other pole attentive where I saw four stars never seen before save by the ken of our first parents. Heaven of their rays seemed joyous! Oh thou northern site! Be-fore indeed and widowed since of those deprived!"

The Southern Cross, a stellar figure small enough to fit easily inside the bowl of our well-known Big Dipper, is composed of four stars, three of them quite bright. When seen due south the cross stands almost upright. Alpha, at the foot, is the brightest; and about a standard first magnitude white star, Beta and Delta, at the ends of the cross arm, are also white and of magnitudes 1.5 and 3.1. (The higher the magnitude number, the dimmer the star.) The relative faintness of Delta at the right of the cross arm is the only detraction from the glory of this celebrated asterism. Gamma, magnitude 1.6, is a splendid, reddish orange jewel, blazing from the top of the cross.

To add to the charm of the Southern Cross, the entire figure is enmeshed in a dense part of the Milky Way, that pathway in the heavens paved with countless stars so distant that they cannot be seen individually excepting with optical aid.

We sometimes read of the anticipation of seeing the Southern Cross by those taking their first voyages into the southern seas. But the traveler cannot expect to see this figure in the early evening skies at all times of the year unless he goes as far south as Uruguay. There the Southern Cross—like our Big Dipper here—is always above the horizon. But anywhere in southern latitudes, and even farther north, it is highest and due south at 9 p.m. during the middle of May.

At the equator this starry cross



DEAN MILLER, owner of the Jay Hawk Oil distribution service on South Sixth is building this new pumice tile building as part of a 10-pump plant adjacent to the Town and Country Shopping Center on South Sixth Street. Four islands to serve the public are being completed now, more will be added later. A wide area is being blacktopped. This 14x76 building with rustic overhang is shingled with split cedar shingles brought from Grants Pass. It will be used for storage, display rooms and office. Left is carpenter John Banta. Right is John Plymale.

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US Postal Order Review Planned

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate group is said to be planning to review an order by Postmaster General Sumnerwell permitting delivery of advertising mail bearing no specific address.

H. W. Brawley, Democratic staff member of the Senate Post Office Committee, said yesterday hearings on the order and its results would be held early next year.

Brawley said the order, issued last year, has brought protests to the committee from householders, postal unions, and weekly newspapers that claim loss of advertising as a result.

The Post Office Department has said such mail stimulates business and is less expensive to handle because it doesn't require sorting. Congress could void the order by law.

Polio Vaccines Eyed With Hope

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Two famous polio warriors—the Salk vaccine and gamma globulin—hold the key to the 1955 polio season, through-out the nation, and weekly newspapers of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In a speech at a meeting of March of Dimes volunteers yesterday, O'Connor said full hope is being placed on the vaccine developed at the University of Pittsburgh's Medical School. They expect it to be "at least 65 to 75 per cent effective," he said.

At the same time, he said, gamma globulin is a fraction of the human blood which contains polio fighting antibodies. Its development "established the basis for a vaccine," O'Connor said.

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Pope Spends Restful Night

VATICAN CITY (AP)—A Vatican source said today Pope Pius XII passed "a fairly good night."

The Pope is still seriously ill from the gastric ailment that apparently brought him close to death nine days ago. But he has been slowly gaining strength.

He sat up to eat once yesterday and took a few brief walks on the arms of his private physician. On one of his excursions, he surprised the telephone switchboard operator in his Vatican apartments by coming in to see his pet goldfinches.

"Obviously they feel better than I do," a source reported him saying with a smile.

The Pope has been following a revised medical treatment for the past week. It includes the intravenous injection of blood plasma, vitamins and liver extract, plus increasing amounts of liquid or soft foods.

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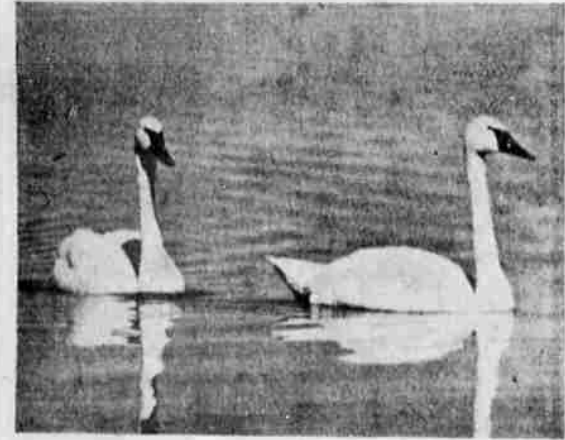
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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD



Among the creatures of nature, the Swan, epitomizes grace and beauty though it has been little appreciated by the vast majority of the people of America that this grand bird has been brought to the brink of extinction. In spite of abundant publicity the few remaining birds each year must run the gauntlet of the Gun Clubs. The wandering swan is the common swan of North America. In size this magnificent snow-white bird ranks among our waterfowl as second only to the great Trumpeter which is now on the brink of disaster. The "whistler" is one of the common sights in the Klamath Basin as this area is the northern portion of its winter range that extends down through the central valleys of California and into the north-western corner of Lower California. Their nesting grounds are on the uttermost limit of land of the continent extending from Alaska across the tundra areas to Hudsons Bay. Seventy degrees of latitude marks the southern limit of their range. On Sunday, December 4, 1,100 of these great birds were seen on Spring Lake. These are probably the last group to arrive here this year from the far north.

The swan picture accompanying our column today is one that was taken by Gerry Watson and will be seen in its full color on his show coming to the Armory on December 13, 14 and 15. Gerry is one of our fast growing group of the younger ornithologists and wildlife photographers. He has spent a number of summers right

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Although they do not usually say so, some correspondents are evidently driven to distraction by snoring—never their own!

Q—Please say something about snoring. Is it caused by a growth of some sort? Mrs. B.

A—Generally speaking, snoring is the result of sounds made by vibrations in the soft parts of the back of the throat. When a person vibrates the muscles in these areas may become so completely relaxed that the passage of air in and out of the lungs causes them to vibrate. However, obstruction in the nose of various causes, including enlarged adenoids, deflections of the nasal septum, polyps, and tumors may all lead to, or exaggerate, the sound of snoring. It is said that excessive smoking, obesity and irritations of the throat may influence snoring.

If a physical cause can be discovered and corrected the snoring may depart or at least the noise from it lessened. Since many people snore only when lying on their backs, a change in position of the head may be helpful. One suggestion has been made that a strip of adhesive plaster be placed across the corners of the mouth, but it seems to me this might be a bit uncomfortable, since snoring rarely disturbs the sleeper.

Perhaps the most practical solution in most cases is for the one who is disturbed to sleep far enough away from the snorer to lessen the noise.

Q—I am 26 years old and have had asthma during the summers for several years. Two years ago, while pregnant, the entire season passed without a wheeze. Is there anything which can be taken to bring about a similar change in the summers? Mrs. G. P.

A—This is an interesting observation. There are changes in pregnancy which affect some diseases favorably. It has long been known that patients with rheumatoid arthritis who are pregnant are likely to be much better during the course of the pregnancy. I do not know of anything, however, which can be taken by mouth or by injection which would restore the relief from asthma sustained during your pregnancy, though the fact that you had this experience should certainly be brought to the attention of your doctor and perhaps studied further by him.

Q—Would you please explain

Vets Honor G. C. Marshall

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, eyes moistened by a shower of tributes, said last night Americans must resist any effort or urge for a drastic reduction in their armed forces.

"We must not get slack and wind up doing the very thing the Soviet government would have us do," Marshall said.

The wartime Army chief of staff, secretary of state and of defense, was honor guest at a dinner marking the 10th anniversary of the American Veterans of World War II and Korea. He was presented a silver-steel helmet symbolic of his wartime leadership.

President Eisenhower and former President Truman also messaged praise.

Eisenhower said Marshall has rendered "service of unexcelled distinction and patriotism."

Truman called him "the great man of the second world war" and lauded his later service in government.

INDUCTED

WASHINGTON (AP)—A nephew of President and Mrs. Eisenhower will be inducted into the Army next Wednesday. He is Richard Gill Jr., 22, son of Mrs. George G. Moore, a sister of Mrs. Eisenhower.

natural, wild, and free. For us in the minority, the opportunity to see gettie is more important than television, and the chance to find a poaque-downer is a right as inalienable as free speech."

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