



FAMILY ALBUM

BY LYLE DOWNING

HUGH O'CONNOR



Then . . .

After half a century of study and observation, Hugh O'Connor, retired Klamath Basin rancher, has acquired more respect for the intelligence of sheep than the business acumen of bankers.

Brant Season Now In Effect

Waterfowl hunters who want the elite in waterfowl hunting are reminded by the Oregon Game Commission that the season on the Pacific brant opens on December 1 and will extend through February 10, 1956. Bag limit on the brant is 3 birds per day or in possession.

The black brant, smallest and darkest of our geese, are probably least known and hunted by sportsmen. They are found only along the Pacific coast and are rarely seen far from the sea, marine estuaries, or coastal meadows.

Although great sport, they are difficult to hunt unless a person has the proper decoy setup. In addition, there are only a few hours a day when hunting is good. Usually the morning outgoing tides are best for brant shooting.

When Is A Twin Not A Twin?

When is a twin not a twin? The answer that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kessler of Malin might be worried over today is:

When they are born on different days.

At about midnight Thursday in Klamath Valley Hospital, Mrs. Kessler gave birth to two girls. One arrived at 11:58 p.m. Thursday and the other at 12:06 a.m. Friday.

The two girls have not been named, and hospital attendants said that because they had to be immediately placed in an incubator, neither has been weighed yet. With birth so close together, the hospital was calling them twins.

But, on the other hand, they weren't born on the same day.

COLLISION
EBENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two Pennsylvania rail road freight trains collided head-on near here Saturday, killing at least three crewmen and injuring at least four others.

Now . . .

when a young man, says he has gone through a half dozen cycles of prosperity and hard times and is glad to be sitting this one out.

Like the late Will Rogers, the former sheepman says all he knows is what he reads in the newspapers.

"But from what I have read," he added, "in all this trouble over the present plight of the farmer, I believe they are passing up a good cure — more work."

"The trouble is that the average farmer isn't working," he continued. "In the old days, a farmer didn't come to town more than once a month, unless some emergency arose. The Cadillac crowd we've got running most of the farms now, comes to town three or four times a day. A lot of them even live in town and let a foreman run the farm."

On the subject of sheep and bankers, O'Connor said: "Back in the horse and buggy days, every banker ran an ad in the paper advising all the people in his community to see him whenever they had a knotty business problem."

Early in our career as sheepmen, my brother, Dennis, and I saw our banker about the price of wool. We had a chance to sell our crop for 32 cents a pound on contract. Our friend, the banker, advised us to hold out for 75 cents a pound. He had inside information. When the final payoff came, we sold for 12 cents a pound and were glad to get it."

O'Connor claims there is no

grounds for the popular belief that sheep are dumb.

"I've seen a ewe walk into a flock of 1,000 lambs and pick out her offspring. And lambs are like so many peas in a pod. I've seen sheep demonstrate their intelligence in other ways. Pigs, for my money, are the dumbest animals on earth."

O'Connor was born in County Cork, Ireland, January 21, 1884. When he landed in New York, he made a beeline for Lakeview via Klamath Falls. For many years with his brother, Dennis, he operated a 388-acre ranch near Merrill.

The O'Connor Brothers quickly became dominant figures in the Klamath Basin sheep industry. They had 800 acres in Lake County and 2,000 acres in Klamath County, Stukel Mountain and in Modoc County, California.

Shortly after he retired, Hugh O'Connor took a fling at politics. He ran against Jerry Rajnis for county commissioner in 1950. Rajnis won the election with a majority of only 85 of the 12,893 votes cast.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, who reside at 133 Grant Street, have three daughters, Patricia Elizabeth (Pat) O'Connor is news editor of Radio Station KFJL, Marilou O'Connor is assistant librarian at Klamath Union High School. The third daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Moran, lives in San Francisco.

(Listen to Hugh O'Connor Sunday, 10:15 p.m., Radio Station KFJL).

Club Hears Guest Speaker

Tom Horn, manager of the Tule Lake Wildlife Refuge was guest speaker at the December 1 luncheon meeting of the Klamath Falls Sororist Club held in the Winema Hotel. He was introduced by Doris Fredrick, program chairman.

Colored pictures of birdlife on Tule Lake, Upper Klamath Lake, Lower Klamath Lake and Clear Lake refuges were shown by the speaker whose hobby is photography.

Pat O'Connor, news editor of KFJL was greeted as a new member. Mrs. Claude Davis and Mrs. Tom Horn were introduced as guests.

A cooked food sale is planned for the December 15 meeting. The annual Christmas party at which members of the Venture Club will be guests is planned for December 22. The next meeting, December 2 will be a business meeting.

It was announced that the Klamath Association is again making Christmas decorations for sale to raise a fund for building a workshop. Decorations will be made to order. Present headquarters of the association are at 30th St. and B-10th St. streets.

Christmas cards and recipes to be sent to a sister club in England should be signed and taken to the next meeting or given to Coral Sabo. Toys for Christmas distribution should be taken to the next meeting.

In keeping with the program theme on birdlife, tables were centered with stuffed ducks loaned by Mrs. Kenneth McLeod.

Moose Christmas Drive Announced

Christmas shoppers are reminded of the Christmas toy barrels which have been placed in local stores by the Moose Lodge for the collection of toys to be distributed to needy children by the lodge.

"Operation Santa Claus" is scheduled for December 23 when gifts will be distributed by Santa Claus in person to children of all ages.

Persons buying a toy to drop into the barrels are asked to write the age and sex of the child for which the toy is intended on the wrapping.

Letter requests for toys may be mailed to the Moose Lodge, to the Christmas Clearing Bureau, care of United Fund Office, P.O. Box 839 or phoned to 6096.

KF Ministerial Group To Meet

The Klamath County Ministerial Association will meet Monday, December 5 for an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in the Empire Room of the Winema Hotel.

The business session will convene at 9 a.m. followed by a talk by Mrs. Thomas Gerbing, project executive of the Klamath jet air base who will give an orientation talk on cooperation in spiritual and social relations between the churches and the personnel of the base who will soon arrive to make their homes in Klamath Falls.

This meeting will be open to all ministers in Klamath County as well as parish workers or church lay leaders. Questions will follow the talk.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT H. LARSON

Col. Larson Named To Base

Lt. Col. Robert H. Larson, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, has been named the senior project officer at the Klamath Falls jet interceptor base by Brigadier General Munro MacCloskey, 28th Air Division Commander, Hamilton Air Force Base, California.

The air officer is a veteran of over 15 years with the U.S. Air Force, having graduated from flying school at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas in October, 1940.

During World War II Col. Larson served as an instructor and in training operation capacities in the then Air Training Command at various air bases in the South and Southwest.

His most recent overseas assignment was in 1950-52 when he was a part of the U.S. Air Force's mission to Turkey. While in Turkey he served as an advisor to the Turkish Air Force at Izmir. He also served as an operations officer and instructor in the air section of the Turkish Command and Staff School at Istanbul.

Col. Larson's last post was at the P88-D flying training school at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida where he took the course in the P88-D. This type jet interceptor aircraft has been designated as the aircraft which will be stationed here at Klamath Falls.

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Check Passers Await Verdict

Two bogus check passers were in the county jail Saturday awaiting sentence after pleading guilty before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Both defendants waived grand jury investigation of their cases. They are Lee M. Maxwell, 28, who was arrested in Reno and Harold Hansen, 26.

District Attorney Richard Beesley described Maxwell as an old hand in the spurious check passing game. He was alleged to have forged more than a \$1,000 in worthless checks which were passed in Klamath Falls business establishments.

Hansen was charged with obtaining property under false pretenses.

Judge Vandenberg did not indicate when he will pass sentence on the two men.

Posse Catches Third Gunman

SACRAMENTO (UP)—The third of three gunmen who kidnaped a sheriff and his deputy was captured yesterday by a posse that included one of his victims.

James M. Woosley, 29, was found hiding in the bathroom of the home of a woman acquaintance. He offered no resistance although a gun he had taken from an officer was hidden in the room.

The posse went to the home of Mrs. Carmen Torres in suburban Del Paso Heights on a tip that Woosley had slipped through a cordon of 60 officers and managed to make his way by a dozen backblocks to the home.

Officers late yesterday nabbed Ronald G. Greer, 12, Sacramento, as he crouched in the brush along a Sacramento River levee.

A member of the posse that surprised Woosley was Sheriff Lester McFall of Calaveras County. Woosley and Greer broke away from the Amador County jail early Monday morning, taking McFall and Deputy Russell Leach as hostages. A third escapee, Luis Cervantes, 24, was captured a short time later by Leach after McFall had been thrown from the escape car.

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