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## Park Picture

By BILL JENKINS  
Happened to be up around Spring Creek Park the other day and noticed three out-of-state cars parked alongside the highway and the occupants out in the biting cold taking pictures of the little creek.

Which just goes to prove that people will stop in your country if you have something worthwhile for them to see, take pictures of, talk about or do.

Spring Creek on this particular day was in its full glory for the month of December. A clear day with the sky so blue it almost hurt to look at it, the ice making fairy figures on the bushes growing along the water, the snow sculptured by the wind into every imaginable shape. Even a handful of driving ducks were reluctant to leave their clear pool because of the intruders and swam around indignantly waiting for the interlopers to pull away.

It brought to mind again the thought that while Oregon and the West Coast are beautiful areas in general you'll go a long way to find more spectacular beauty than we have here. Sometimes hidden away, but there if you slow down and look.

Let's hope that Klamath County will continue its interest in such sites and keep plugging away for more and better roadside development. The state highway department and the parks division are going ahead on a splendid program. All we need to do is see to it that the natural glories along our highways are developed and maintained. As well as those of the beaten path, such as Kimball Park.

Bert Stott and his crew out busily working in the cold, too, to get the city's skating rink in shape. When we drove by on chilly Saturday morning Saturday they had been out with a hose putting another coat of water on the ice. It won't be long, if the cold weather hangs on, until the strains of the skater's waltz will be heard again out along Lakeshore Drive.

Reminds me that a "bunch of youngsters out in Wocus had a fine skating last Friday in a flooded field. From the road, at least, it looked like the ice was nice and smooth as well as plenty firm.

## Polio Battle

By MAX WAUCHOPE  
Despite the development of the Salk anti-polio vaccine the dread disease is still a killer in Oregon. In 1955 there were 416 cases of polio reported in the state and medical authorities said that 1955 was the third worst year for polio that the state has experienced. Now let's look at the 1955 polio balance sheet for the nation.

On the plus side the Salk vaccine was given to 10 million children of school age. The vaccine production difficulties in the early spring are now ended and the vaccine is emerging in growing quantities. The March of Dimes care for those stricken is giving each an increasing chance to live a worthwhile life.

On the minus side the polio epidemics are still not ended. The terrible disease struck heavily in Massachusetts and Wisconsin. The year's toll of disease was about 30,000 cases; tens of thousands of Americans are suffering paralytic after effects of the disease. Last year was definitely a year to remember in the war against polio. It was the year that the 13-month study of the Salk vaccine ended and showed that the vaccine was safe, potent and effective. Seven million school children received the vaccine provided by the March of Dimes and estimated three million more received vaccine from other sources.

The year brought problems too. One manufacturer's vaccine was found to contain live virus but a quick, unprecedented series of safety tests was accomplished and the apparent serious difficulties in manufacturing were met so successfully that production is now routine. An adequate supply of the vaccine will bring the day nearer when universal vaccination against polio is now foreseeable.

Parents of America were thankful that the Salk vaccine was proven so successful last year but this thankfulness was matched by the fears of those living where the polio epidemics raged. It was impossible to vaccinate all children in 1955 and polio was far from conquered. It struck in Boston, Massachusetts and spread in concentric rings throughout the state. By December 10 the toll was 3,983 cases, more than three times as many as the state had in 1954, six times as many as the average of recent years.

In this and other epidemics, March of Dimes funds provided emergency aid. It took millions of dollars to bring care to those who needed it, and everywhere the doctors and nurses and parents who viewed polio as it is, the wounded bodies of children, realized that they had to fight it to prevent it. Wisconsin was the second state to be struck by the dread virus. There were 2,492 cases reported in 1955 in that state. The terrible disease struck in Oregon when the chill of winter was beginning and people thought polio was over for the year. Basil O'Connor, president of the March of Dimes organization (for which he receives no pay), said "As 1955 ends we are interested in looking forward and in planning to use what we have learned in the past to carry on the fight against polio. We certainly have learned lessons. We have learned that the American people, by joining with their scientists in a voluntary

partnership, can take a baffling disease and defeat it. The defeat of polio has not come, but we know, as we knew when the effectiveness of the Salk vaccine was established, that polio will be beaten, finally and irrevocably. Every child who receives vaccine brings us closer to victory. Every returnee, and who is returned home, represents an advance towards our goal."

On the local scene the March of Dimes drive will begin in Klamath County on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Jay Krook, local manager, for the Consolidated Freightways. This month-long drive for funds for this most worthy cause certainly warrants the support of everyone in the county.

## Deer

By KEN McLEOD  
The problem of the Oregon-California interstate deer herd has come again into a critical phase with the so-called heavy "harvest" of does and fawns just completed on the winter range in Modoc County.

The happy press releases from the California Game Commission of the successful hunt completed there well illustrates the lack of moral courage on the part of the game management people to tell the full story, by giving an estimate of the crippling loss, and wantonly slaughtered animals that were left upon the area but not counted.

Some day the so-called game management expert will have to face this critical issue for he will not be able to keep the situation under his hat in deep secrecy because of the fact that the facts might reflect criticism upon his sagacious decisions.

The problem must be faced sooner or later and unless it is faced the public will not develop an iron-clad code of sporting ethics — whether it is with big game or with migratory waterfowl — the experts who should know about this situation hide their heads like the proverbial ostrich or act like those famous three monkeys so popular three or four decades ago.

We are hardly so naive as to believe that the game management people condone the acts of a ruthless small group of human outlaws who hide behind the cloak of the sportsman even though they fail to speak out about the situation because of fear of political reprisals.

It is getting time that there should be some clear and frank discussions upon these game management problems — there have been many discussions in the past neither clear nor frank which have tended to muddy the whole picture. We will not be able to expect a successful program of game management until there comes a feeling of mutual respect between the sportsman generally and those who are charged with the custody and well-being of the game.

A few years ago, local sportsmen were very vociferous in condemnation of those who manage the big game of the region. Of late, they have been so outspoken perhaps this may give the game management people the "impression" that they have converted public thinking to their mode of thought. If such is the case they would be indeed in error for I have not encountered very many converts.

The game management people may have gained some knowledge of the problems of wildlife but have failed in solving the problems of wild people. It was back in 1943 I listened to a wildlife expert speak of problems of the Interstate Deer Herd and his first statement at the beginning of his discussion was: "Gentlemen — there is no problem here — we know all the answers!" Very definitely in that case the training and background that developed this expert had some problems it refused to recognize. Apparently we did not know "all the answers" since in 1945 a study group was organized to find solutions to some of the unanswered questions. Those who have worked sincerely upon this project have discovered many facts that were not known a decade ago in spite of the fact that at that time "we knew all the answers."

These researchers have been sincere in the pursuit of the development of facts and their findings should be given careful consideration, however, a difficulty apparently arises in the attitude expressed by the expert towards the non-expert in which the expert develops a philosophy and the philosophy develops propaganda.

Thus we have two problems going hand in hand, the problem of facts and the problem of philosophy which may color those facts to bolster the conviction of the expert. Most of the stubborn arguments on big game management that fall into this latter category have really developed from a lack of knowledge and for which a philosophy is substituted to fill in the missing link.

Thus we have a conflict between the philosophy of the sportsman and the philosophy of the game management profession and in the heat of argument facts appear to be mar-shaled by both groups to justify their philosophy which does not solve the problem. The management of the Oregon-California interstate herd will give ample opportunity for argument. The summer range of the interstate herd belongs largely to Oregon and is approximately 400,000 acres. The winter range covers some 335,000 acres and is mostly in California. 100,000 acres of this winter range is the key area on which the larger portion of the herd concentrates.

When these broken-down pockets get large enough they will usually show in an x-ray film or can be demonstrated by special methods. The arrangement must be like a bunch of grapes.

Anything which results in a long-lasting cough such as bronchitis or a chronic sinus infection may eventually bring on bronchiectasis. Once bronchiectasis has become established the cough remains; coughing often brings up heavy mucous sputum, frequently having a foul odor.

The first step in treatment is to see if the condition which produced the bronchiectasis is still active and to use whatever means possible to attack the underlying cause.

The medical treatment of fully developed bronchiectasis has not been highly successful, at least until recently. Now, however, the use of penicillin offers hope to some people with bronchiectasis, especially if the disorder is not too far advanced.

The other method of treatment which is satisfactory for many of those with bronchiectasis, even when the condition is advanced, is surgery. The part of the lung affected with bronchiectasis often can be removed by surgery pretty successfully and this has undoubtedly saved many lives. In considering surgery, of course, the individual circumstances have to be weighed in each instance.

Bronchiectasis constitutes a serious handicap to health and it can produce dangerous complications. It is better to prevent than to treat.

Since it can come from so many different causes, a person who has a long-continued cough, regardless of what is producing it, ought to try to get at the bottom of the trouble early and stop the difficulty before bronchiectasis can have a chance to develop.

## Vets Mail Bag

More than 66,400 GI home loans totalling over \$75,000,000 were guaranteed by the Veterans Administration during November, the second consecutive month that a new record was set for the 11-year-old GI loan program. VA reports.

In addition, GI home loan applications received in November continued at a record rate while the number of homes for which VA received appraisal requests showed a decrease.

During November, VA received 55,174 GI home loan applications from private lenders on behalf of veterans.

However, VA received appraisal requests for 53,416 proposed and existing homes, 25 per cent under the October figure of 71,241 homes. Of the 53,416 homes for which VA received appraisal requests, 30,397 were proposed homes and 23,019 were existing homes.

The 66,400 loans guaranteed during November was three per cent more than was guaranteed in October, and brought the year's total to \$5.5 billion.

VA reported the volume of loans repaid in full has been increasing in 1955. During the first 11 months of this year, about 190,000 home loans were reported repaid in full bringing the total since the beginning of the program to 775,000, or 18 per cent of all GI home loans guaranteed. The loans repaid in full to date had an original principal amount of \$4.4 billion.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. I am the widow of a World War II veteran who died of a service-connected disability, and I have never remarried. Would I be eligible for a GI home loan, even though my husband made use of his loan benefit before he died?

A. Yes. The fact that your husband used his GI loan benefit would not serve to prevent you from getting a GI loan in your own right.

Six simple little rules outlined by the Veterans Administration, if followed by veterans communicating with the VA, will have a double-barreled result, VA announced.

Use of the rules will speed up replies and service, and reduce cost to the government.

To help reduce the number of letters and other correspondence received by the VA from veterans who didn't identify themselves, VA urges that veterans include the following information on letters, check or other mail sent VA Offices:

1. Don't write Washington—write your VA regional office.
2. Always give your full name and correct mailing address.
3. Give your "C" number—that is—your claim number, if one has been assigned.
4. Give your rank or rating and service serial number.
5. If the correspondence pertains to your GI insurance, include the insurance policy number, and send your letter to the office handling your insurance account.
6. If now attending an educational institution or enrolled in on-the-job training, give name of training establishment.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. As a World War II veteran, I am eligible for a GI loan. However, I returned to active military duty. Am I still eligible for the loan, or must I wait until I am discharged again?

A. As a World War II veteran, you still are eligible for a GI loan, and you have the right to use your loan benefit while you are in the military service.

## They'll Do It Every Time

LOCKER-ROOM VIGNETTES—YOU'D THINK ONE OF THESE GUYS WOULD HAVE A COMB, WOULDN'T YOU?



## By Jimmy Harlo

GUESS WHO? WHY, SKINHEAD... OF CUSS, OF CUSS...



## MONEY RECOVERED

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP)—Dogs rolling in dough solved the case of the missing \$200,000. The money, in non-negotiable checks, disappeared a week ago while enroute from a bank here

## to Los Angeles via air.

No clues were found immediately. Then a tracer was put on other shipments on the plane. The mystery was solved, it was reported Friday, with the disclosure that the envelope of checks had fallen

## into a crate containing dogs.

The pups chewed up the checks literally rolling in the dough.

Ring out the Old... ring in the New! Let's all greet 1956 with our warmest welcome... holding high our hopes for its future... holding firm to our resolution to make each of its days a milestone of achievement.

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