

## Either Sex Hunts May Have Paid Off In California

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SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The California Fish and Game Department may have won its biggest gamble in years — if returns from the state's 1958 deer hunts continue to hold up.

The gamble, which worried department officials, was the 1956 either-sex deer hunt in some parts of California. Was it good or was it bad?

Some said it was good. They said it would kill off deer which would have produced fawns that would starve from lack of food or else eat their fills from crop-land.

Others said it was just plain murder. They claimed that to kill a doe was almost sacrilegious. Besides, they said, without the does there would be no young deer in ensuing years.

A spokesman for the Fish and Game Department added up the known kill figures so far this year for United Press International.

They show that the combined inland and coastal deer tag returns this year was 46,809, compared with 48,159 for 1957. The tag return for the inland season through October 21 was 26,602 and that for the coastal season was 20,207.

The leading counties in the tab-

ulation so far were Siskiyou, 2,507; Lassen, 2,504; Modoc, 2,364; Plumas, 1,607; Alpine, 1,488; and Shasta 1,378.

Those were all hunted during the inland season which ended Sunday, October 26.

Let's take one county — Siskiyou. The F&G spokesman said that some groups claimed the 1956 kill had "slaughtered all the deer in the county" and that they'd never recover.

The tabulation shows Siskiyou tag returns at 2,507. That is compared with 2,463 last year — or up slightly.

So far all the figures look favorable to the 1956 decision except the total tag returns. But the spokesman explains that away, too. He pointed out that hunter pressure was down.

Through September 30, the department reported sale of 236,817 licenses compared with 256,894 a year ago — for a drop of almost exactly 20,000.

Also, deer tag sales were down by 18,000 from last year's mark of 196,555.

Another thing, the weather was not very good for deer hunting. Most areas reported record-shattering warm weather. That's not very good deer hunting weather. The deer stay up high and don't get hungry during good weather; during cold days, they come down and forage for food.

Some time ago, F&G former game management supervisor W. B. Dasman and current supervisor Fred Jones came out with a back-handed defense of the controversial 1956 doe hunt.

They said that the full effect of the doe harvest cannot be completely evaluated until late 1958 and 1959 because the fawns that the does may have produced in 1957 would not have become legal bucks until they were one or two years of age.

"It is also true that an extremely heavy kill of male fawns in 1956 would have reduced the bag of legal bucks in 1957.

"Nevertheless, the buck kill of 1957 clearly dispels some of the pessimistic claims," the game experts claimed. "For one thing, the high returns do show that the deer herds were not decimated.

"Also, bag checks in Sierra and east side counties have revealed a high percentage of yearling and 2-year-old animals in the 1957 kill," they added at that time.

They said this was an indication that the 1956 fawn crop was abundant and survived well and that spike yearlings were not wiped out during the 1956 either sex hunts.

The Fish and Game Department spokesman said that the experts' claims had been borne out by the 1958 success ratio. Although it's not known for sure yet, it's expected to exceed last year's 15 percent by a few percentage points at least.

If it does, department director Seth Gordon and his employees apparently have some reason to gloat. They have won the preliminary skirmish.

But the battle hasn't been won completely yet. First sports groups will need to know how successful is next year's hunt. If that's good, too, then Gordon can say for sure that the 1956 hunt — far from injuring the inland area hunting — actually helped out.

The department spokesman told United Press International that Gordon is being primed already to make a public statement about this year's hunter success.

It is expected he will claim victory.

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EL PASO, (AP) — An El Paso sportswriter says all that blood in Juarez bullfights is not from slain bulls. "The promoters are cutting each other's throats with rival Sunday shows," he says. An agreement, with each bullfight running corridos on alternate Sundays, is expected. The pocketbook may be hit just as badly, but the blood pressure should be down.



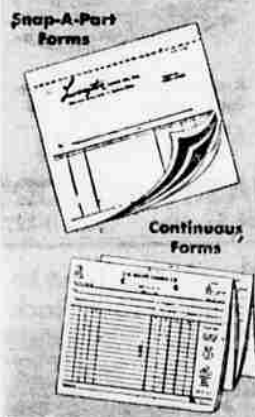
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## Stream Study To Aid With Fish Plans

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — A quarter-mile stretch of a small stream in which water flow, fish life and other stream conditions will be rigidly controlled is being readied by a team of Oregon State College scientists for new, long-range research on unknown phases of stream life and management.

The unique outdoor laboratory will make it possible to study the relationships and interactions of water quality, fish production, plant growth including troublesome slime, insect production, stream bed changes, and effects of different types of organic wastes.

It is one of the first studies of its kind ever conducted and will provide highly important information on multiple stream use.

A special dam and diversion ditch will make it possible to keep the stream flow constant at about a cubic foot per second throughout the year. The Robert A. Taft sanitary engineering center of the U.S. Public Health Service provided \$9,250 to OSC for dam construction and other work

needed to control stream flow.

The National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, has made a grant of \$30,385 to the team of scientists for the first year's work, with additional grants of \$21,000.

### U.S. Inventor Dead At Age 89

BLOOMFIELD, Conn. (AP) — George Long, who built the world's first workable pay telephone before he was 20, died Thursday night in his home at 89.

Called by many the dean of living American inventors, he built the first internal combustion engine in the Western Hemisphere.

Long was assigned the task of building a pay telephone when he was 16 and an apprentice pattern-maker at the Pratt and Whitney Co., a West Hartford-tool company.

He owned nearly 200 patents for pay telephone equipment.

earmarked for each of two succeeding years. Research is expected to continue for at least 10 years.

The OSC scientists cooperating on the study are all specialists in the various phases of the research. Project workers include Charles E. Warren, fish and game department; Fred J. Burgess, engineering; John D. Lattin, entomology; and Harry K. Phinney, botany.

The fish toxicology and physiology unit of the sanitary engineering center, Public Health Service, which is located on the OSC campus also will cooperate in the studies with Peter Doudoroff, the biologist in charge of this unit.

### FOR MEDITATION

DESCANSO, Calif. (AP) — A couple who built a home, seeking peace and quiet in this rural Southern California community, added a small chapel at one end. It is always unlocked for any passerby who may want to rest, meditate or pray.