

Fresh Group Girds To Battle With Fish, Game Men; Deplore Sport Angle

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Are Conservation philosophies of the California Fish and Game Department—and for that matter those of all other states in the Union—actually just an educated way of murdering animals?

There's a lobby group in Sacramento these days which apparently believes this is so.

The organization, which calls itself the Pines to Palms Wildlife Committee, served notice the other day that it was going to do some active work with the lawmakers this session.

A spokesman for the group wouldn't say what particular legislators were going to carry the ball, but he assured reporters that some

one was.

Here's a rundown of the group's proposals:

Professor Forgets Rule, Loses School

ROME (UPI) — A "beggar's training school," which taught young men the tricks of the trade, is out of business because the professor violated one of the rules.

Pasquale Pugliese, a 40-year-old Neapolitan laborer, founded the school, recruited the pupils and taught them such techniques as:

—Choose a crowded place.

—Look people in the face when begging.

—Make it evident you are unable to work.

—Wear clean but patched and frayed clothing; keep hands and fingernails clean, but not too clean.

Pugliese, born practically blind, kept wheel chairs, make-up kits and crutches in stock and taught students how to imitate a one-armed beggar or roll the eyes back to appear blind.

For his lessons, Pugliese charged each pupil 20 per cent of a day's collection. He might still be in business if he obeyed the rule of secrecy.

When a pupil refused to pay the 20 per cent, Pugliese threatened to expose him to the police. The pupil, 21-year-old Domenico Musone, beat up Pugliese.

While in a hospital with cuts and bruises, Pugliese denounced his pupil and one word led to another. Soon, the police were around and the school was closed. The police seized more than \$1,600 which Pugliese had collected.

The alumni now are on a police list. If they are caught begging anywhere, they go to another institution — a legitimate one known as prison.

1. Revise the Fish and Game Code to make the agencies responsible only for wildlife protection.

2. Repeal regulatory powers granted to the state Fish and Game Commission.

3. Abolish the Department of Fish and Game.

4. Abolish the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Wildlife Restoration fund.

5. Repeal the Land Withdrawal Act.

6. Outlaw archery as a hunting method.

7. Change the method of paying employees of the Fish and Game Department through proceeds of hunting licenses.

8. Have state agents issue hunting licenses.

9. Restrict hunting to that portion of wildlife that actually has been proven to cause depredation of the economy.

10. Abolish the "so-called" "Hunters' Safety Law."

The group, which claims 1,000 members in the state and 7,000 supporters, has been in operation—more or less quietly—for seven years.

But now it's ready to get things done—if it can.

The opening blast was in the form of a news release outlining the legislative program. The release wasn't mailed to United Press International. It was delivered personally by the group's spokesman, who took time to explain it, too.

"Wildlife is a public resource belonging to every citizen of the state," says the organization. "The game of the hunter is only that portion of the wildlife which actually has been proven to cause damage to the public economy or which under social conditions of stress is helpful or needed to sustain human life within its habitat."

Boiled down, this means that the group believes—like the Indians—in hunting only for the meat, but definitely not for the sport.

Read on:

"The present day Wildlife Protection and game management constitutes . . . a mismanagement of public property, pyramiding of ordinances and laws, many of them contradicting and confusing and by their effect favoring minorities to the disadvantage of the people of the state who are the owners of these resources."

"The unsatisfactory results of these activities are public knowledge," the group believes, "some of them having been made subject to legislative criticism of a severe nature."

"The Pines to Palms Wildlife Committee of California Inc. believes that the resource of Wildlife and Game (is) important to the people from an educational, morale building, economic and political point of view (and) has been mistreated in all these aspects and damaged and made subject to politics."

The group doesn't like sports killing as such. It says that wildlife should be saved and the state should "avoid progressive demoralization in the wake of a wildlife policy which actually has reached the point to declare the killing of harmless animals by children as a form of valuable public recreation and sport."

After all, the Indians never killed for sport. At least almost never.

Often they killed each other for sport, but not animals.

Pines to Palms thinks it's necessary that all the facts of "this wildlife murder" be brought out into the open and the matter of hunting for pleasure should be taken before the people of the state as a referendum.



BILLY ROSSETTO was a very impressed Cub Scout last month when he got a chance to inspect the big Sno-Go at the Mount Shasta Ski Bowl. Looking on is Greg Hamilton. Both were members of Den 8, Pack 98, on a tour of various installations during news week.

Dunsmuir Cub Scouts Tour Plants To Learn News

DUNSMUIR—Following the national monthly theme of "Cub Scout Newsman," members of Den 8, Pack 98, spent their January meetings learning what is news and how it gets printed in the newspaper.

Their first field trip was to the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl, southern Siskiyou's million dollar recreational development and the top news maker in the area during this, its first season. En route the boys stopped at the California Highway Patrol office in Mount Shasta and learned a top concern

of the patrol is seeing people get where they want to go safely. Also the office serves as a news source for seven newspapers and news services.

The boys also stopped to view the road equipment that makes access to the bowl possible during the winter months and learned that Harry Krause, county road supervisor for the area, helps keep people informed of road conditions through the newspapers.

At the bowl, Bill diCristina, lodge manager, showed the boys the lodge and the chairlift and

low equipment. E. A. Christensen, chef, gave them a tour of the kitchen.

On other occasions, the boys found out that jobs are news and Mrs. Thelma Bender, manager of the Dunsmuir office of the California State Employment service, has figures on how many people are unemployed and what jobs are available. The boys visited the city hall and pretended to be a city council for a few minutes and then saw how the information gathered by reporters is transformed into the printed word by visiting

the Dunsmuir News.

Members of Den 8 are Danny Padilla, Billy Allen, Eddie Wilson, Albert Wilson, Billy Rossetto, Greg Hamilton and Scott Harris. Their den mother is Mrs. Harold Walsh.

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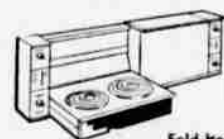
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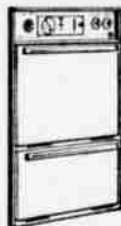


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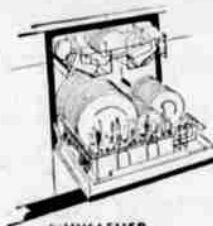
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