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Rabbits

By BILL JENKINS

Spent last Saturday soaking up some of the Lake County brand of sunshine while on a spring rabbit hunting trip. Went over with Ted Telline and never found the weather any better any place.

February really outdid itself on the tail end.

We found some rabbits, too. A heartening sign for the hunter. Plenty of the big jacks over there in the sagebrush flats. And just as hard to hit as they were the last time.

Both of us were using scope sighted, flat shooting varmint guns and got in some good shooting as well as some lousy fliers that went off into the distance.

One thing about these new red hot 22's that are souped up to well over the 3000 fps mark, there is no ricochet. The bullet breaks up instantly on hitting anything—sometimes even a blade of grass or a tiny branch. No danger to livestock, if there is any over the hill, when handled properly.

Rabbits in this country seem to go in cycles. We are apparently coming into the peak years of another one after a long dry spell.

Whether the rabbit is a menace to the crops is not a point of discussion here. But he sure does make a sporting target if you go out after him in the right spirit. Take no short shots, get 'em running when you can spot the fleeing form as it darts in and out of the dense sage and rabbit brush and you'll have top notch sport.

Sitting shots at 150 yards or over are good, too. Anyone who can make consistent hits at that distance is good enough for my money.

I recommend it as sport. As long, of course, as the hunter observes all the safety rules and the rules of courtesy regarding property rights, livestock, other hunters and what not.

Oranges

By FLORENCE JENKINS

There is good news for orange lovers.

The navel orange crop, marketed exclusively from California and Arizona, surprisingly has grown from the "average" size expected to one of the best and biggest crops in history.

To top this, 1959 is becoming a "vintage" year for navel oranges. Tests show them to be sweeter than ever and, of course, there's not a seed in a carload.

Nature's abundance this year is explained partly by a theory advanced by growers. They say that last year's shortage gave the trees a rest. As a result of that rest, trees now are bearing above-normal quality fruit.

A good example of the way crop estimators were fooled is shown in a comparison of early crop estimates with current ones. In Central California, last October it was estimated that the navel orange harvest would be 17,500 carloads. Within six weeks, that estimate was revised upwards to 19,000 cars and just recently it was moved up to 20,000 cars. In southern California the estimate has been raised from 9,500 to 13,000 cars.

On February 15, there were 18,400 cars waiting to be harvested for the fresh fruit market compared with 6,000 on the same date last year.

It is to be hoped that a similar about-face will occur in the water forecast for Oregon this year. Only one area—the Willows—is reported to have normal snowpack and water content, according to the water experts.

There is one advantage so far as the farmers and ranchers are concerned, however, which has been pointed out by the Klamath County Agent's office, which must not be overlooked. With the ground unfrozen, what moisture we have received has soaked into the ground where it will do some good come spring.

Bad Drivers

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail.

America has 79 million drivers and some 10 million car accidents a year. But here's the eyeopener: One per cent of these drivers, habitual offenders, cause 15 per cent of the accidents.

What is the talkingest town? Maybe New York City. Its eight million residents make 18,700,000 phone calls a day, or more than two for each person.

Hair-raising history: The nobility of ancient Rome had an odd way to cover up baldness. They wore wigs made from the scalps of the daughters of captured chieftains.

You're wrong if you think most

of today's children are worthless. A survey showed that 7 of 10 youngsters in the 8-to-12-year-old bracket help mother dry the dishes, set the table, make beds, and tidy up the house.

Fine arts note: Some 75 per cent of the visitors to the Louvre in Paris go there to see the Mona Lisa. But when the painting was removed for repairs, the empty space on the wall drew more visitors than the lady normally did herself.

A bird lover sends us this bit of feathered lore: "A parakeet with a blue beak is a guy and a parakeet with a gray or yellow beak is a doll."

It is getting harder all the time to find a barber who'll give you an old-fashioned straight-edged razor shave—too much bother. Some barbers now even have free shave booths in their shops in which customers, after getting a hair cut, can shave themselves for nothing.

Are your superstitious? Do you carry a good luck piece? The National Geographic Society says the best of all lucky charms is the left hind paw from a rabbit that was killed in a graveyard by a cross-eyed person in the dark of the moon. That's why rabbits wear left hind paws—they're lucky.

Here's a helpful hint for ladies who didn't get a Valentine. There is an old belief, girls, that if you drink white wine and rosewater, then look at the moon through a silk scarf, you'll see the face of your future husband. Warning: This trick works only for maidens. It's no good for divorcees or hopeful widows.

Word game: Actress Lisa Kirk's definition of the world's biggest hush-hush business is baby sitting.

Americans haven't lost their sweet tooth, despite the dieting craze. We eat an average of 18 pounds of candy yearly. Incidentally, a piece of ordinary boxed candy contains about 47 calories.

George Washington, lucky at war, wasn't so lucky at cards. He was an inveterate player, but his diaries note he lost at the card table more often than he won.

Odd facts about women: the average woman prefers bath water five degrees warmer than does the average man. A survey in a Cleveland nursing home showed obesity was eight times more frequent among elderly women than elderly men.

Boxing sidelight: heavyweight champ John L. Sullivan never would enter the ring before his opponent did. He believed that "the guy who goes in first goes out last—first." Sullivan broke this lifelong rule in his fight with James J. Corbett and lost his title.

Diamonds are a popular hedge against inflation, but nothing beats man's oldest property, real estate. The 50-million-dollar Empire State Building now stands on one corner of a Manhattan farm that sold in 1799 for only \$7,000 and 180 years the farm land went up much more than 1,000 times its 1799 value.

It was William Somerset Maugham who observed: "A woman can forgive a man for the harm he does her, but she can never forgive him for the sacrifices he makes on her account."

Brush

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—There is a simpler view than some of the guesses on why Premier Nikita Khrushchev gave British Prime Minister Macmillan a rude, fast brushoff when he went to Moscow to discuss the Berlin crisis.

The guesses range from thinking Khrushchev was making one more effort to intimidate the West to saying he was impatient with Macmillan for not bringing solid

solutions with him to Moscow.

The simpler view is that the realistic Khrushchev thinks strictly in terms of power and who has the muscle. He has shown he understands what power means by getting rid of all his rivals in the U.S.S.R. until now he stands supreme.

In this world the two most powerful forces are the Soviet Union and the United States. They dominate. Compared with them every other nation is a second-rate force, according to this view.

The two leaders of the two dominant powers are Khrushchev and President Eisenhower. Therefore, any talks except directly between Khrushchev and Eisenhower are a gumbeating waste of time.

If this view is accepted, then that would explain why Khrushchev treated Macmillan like a messenger boy, dismissed the idea of a foreign ministers meeting as time-wasting, and aimed at what he has sought more than a year: a summit meeting with Eisenhower.

His meeting with Macmillan was in a way a kind of junior summit. He showed what he thought of Macmillan's importance by the way he treated the British prime minister, who was his guest.

Khrushchev has given the United States, Britain and France until May 27 to get their troops out of Berlin. If they don't, he has threatened to let the East German Communists block any supplies the Big Three attempt to send their Berlin troops.

Since this situation could lead to war, the Western Big Three proposed to seek a peaceful solution by talking. But their idea of who talks and Khrushchev's idea are not the same.

The Big Three—following what has become a kind of reflex action any time trouble arises—suggested that their three foreign ministers get together with the Soviet foreign minister to talk things over.

Such foreign ministers meetings in the past, as Khrushchev later emphasized, can be time-consuming. They can be and often have been, unproductive.

Before the Soviets could give an official answer to the proposal about foreign ministers, Macmillan decided to go to Moscow, see Khrushchev, and try to lay the groundwork for peaceful solutions. But, since the Big Three were not yet willing to go beyond the idea of a ministers' meeting, Macmillan couldn't carry with him to Moscow any proposals that went further than that.

Khrushchev—during a recess in his conversations with Macmillan—made a force of the talks by delivering, in a manner that seemed completely contemptuous of the prime minister, a speech on the very subject they were discussing: Berlin.

He warned that Western efforts to push military supplies through to West Berlin after May 27 could mean war; he mocked the idea of a foreign ministers meeting; and said only the heads of government have sufficient power to negotiate on the German problem.

Then Sunday, just before Macmillan set out for home, British sources said he was coming back determined to urge the United States and France into a summit meeting with Khrushchev. Macmillan long has favored such a meeting, but the official Allied stand has been for adequate advance preparation.

So Khrushchev moved one step closer to what he has wanted all along—a meeting with Eisenhower.

Anti-Trust Move

By ELMER C. WALZER

UPI Financial Editor
NEW YORK (UPI)—The his-

tory of the anti-trust drives

against General Motors Corp. over the past five years may give a clue to the form of attack in the latest Justice Department drive.

In a recent study on antitrust policies by the Twentieth Century Fund, it is noted that in 1953 the then chairman of the Federal Trade Commission "made it clear that he wished there were some way under the law to break up the corporation."

A drive against GM's bus business resulted in a government urging the company not be allowed to sell more than half the requirements of each of the four big bus users.

Assistant Attorney General Stanley N. Barnes threatened that GM might be made the object of a crash program by the anti-trust division and urged divestiture of two of its five passenger car divisions, according to the study.

In 1954, however, it is noted Barnes approved the merger of independents on the ground that they would "economize by eliminating duplicating facilities, secure better dealer representation and sell more complete lines of cars."

The Twentieth Century Fund also noted that Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), who conducted the 1955 hearings on General Motors and sought separation of the firm's non-automotive units, "like half of all drivers, prefers GM cars actually."

The fund study notes that the trend toward concentration in the manufacture of passenger cars has gradually eliminated all but five of the 180 or more companies that have made cars commercially since about 1900.

And here is what the fund says about size:

"The advantages of size in passenger car manufacture are as great as, or greater than, in any other manufacturing industry."

"They include the ability to make use of expensive, cost-cutting machinery; to finance the introduction of new models at appropriate intervals; to finance costly research, styling and other services; to finance a widespread dealer organization which will give the public convenient points for both the purchase and service of cars; to offer a diversified line of cars, and perhaps other products, and thus avoid disaster if any one model fails; and to bargain with the parts industry successfully and make parts if this promises to be more profitable."

"Profits per dollar of sales are positively correlated with size in automobile manufacturing and the relative advantage of large size seems to be increasing."

The fund feels that General Motors may, as an alternative to striving for a larger share of the passenger car market may have resorted to expansion into other fields—electrical refrigeration, motor buses, aircraft engines, diesel locomotives, and road machinery.

It does not feel there is any truth in the popular view that GM refrains from more aggressive competition for fear of ruining its rivals and becoming an illegal monopoly.

The author of the fund study, Simon N. Whitney, says "the antitrust laws have perhaps had a modest effect in protecting small firms in such areas as sales finance and parts manufacture, and in diverting expansion of General Motors into nonautomotive fields, and congressional antitrust investigations have brought considerable benefit to dealers since 1935, but on the whole the industry is one in which large investment and concentration of output have contributed to economic performance."

Quotes

United Press International
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—J. Allen Hynek, associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, commenting on secrecy and the space program:

"Secrecy is fairly good in general so as to avoid premature fanfare about launchings that may fail to achieve their goals. But secrecy can be carried too far, to the detriment of scientists trying to make observations."

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Bob Hope, insisting the show must go on despite an ailment that threatens the loss of sight in his left eye: "Last night I taped a short segment for the special 'Manie Sacks Memorial' show and when I ran out on the stage I almost fainted from dizziness."

ONTARIO, Calif.—Ruth Flores, 35, appealing to the kidnapper of her nine-week-old son Eric: "I just want her to bring back my baby or take him to a doctor. He has such a cold."

They'll Do It Every Time

Illustrated by E. H. Miller

By Jimmy Hatlo



BOY SCOUTS of Gazelle Troop 92 are shown here with Gazelle Cub Scout Pack 3 and the scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster and den mother at a recent court of honor in Gazelle. From the left, front row, Cub Scouts Johnny Eiler, Roy Epperson, David Lalor, Jimmy Richter, Pat Campbell, John Prytula, Jim Carter and Chester Dougherty. Back row, Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Bridwell, Scoutmaster Loring Bullard, Boy Scouts Dick Etchison, Stanley Buscombe, Jerry Eiler, Jerry Campbell, Edward Lalor, Bobby Silver, Den Mother Louise Eiler and Scout Arthur Dougherty.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Sees Charter Presentation

GAZELLE—Presentation of the charter for Gazelle Boy Scout Troop 92 to Mrs. Jack Campbell, president of the Gazelle Parents Club, sponsors of the troop, was

Six Basin Men Enlist In Navy

Six men from Klamath Falls have recently enlisted in the Navy, according to Chief John Howard of the local recruiting office.

The young men were William A. Smith, whose wife, Joan, resides at 2653 Radcliffe Street; John A. Hankins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orin H. Hankins, 1548 Hope Street; Richard W. Krois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Krois, 1627 Warden Street; Floyd E. Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Harper, Route 3 Box 823; William Charles Mesner, son of Mrs. Violet Mesner, 2054 Summers Lane; and Seaman Joseph C. Fitzwater, USNR, son of Arthur L. Fitzwater, 2319 Main Street.

Smith, a former member of the Army and the National Guard, is now at Treasure Island awaiting assignment to a naval unit. The other men are in San Diego, taking 10 weeks of intensive training, after which they will return home for about two weeks before reporting to their next assignment.

BPW INITIATION
There will be an annual initiation meeting Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Willard Hotel. Every member is urged to attend and bring a guest to see the emblem ceremony.

MEASURE TABLED
SALEM (AP)—The House Labor and Industries Committee Thursday tabled a bill to give state employees time and a half pay for holiday work.

The Oregon State Employees Assn., which had urged passage of the bill, asked that it be killed. It explained it had found a better way to achieve the same purpose.

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GRANGE NEWS

EASTSIDE

NEW PINE CREEK—Members of the Eastside Grange draped the charter at the last meeting on Saturday night for William F. Burch who had been a member for a number of years.

Mrs. Klem Mulkey reported that because of the successful card parties held recently, the Home Ec Club has enough money to redecorate the kitchen. The next meeting of the Home Ec Club on March 5 will be an all day work affair with a potluck dinner served to those who are redecorating the kitchen. Work will begin at 10 a.m. and all are asked to help with this project.

Members voted to minimize dues for juveniles under 18 years of age, making them \$2 for initiation and \$3 per year dues. The members also voted to order 13 new manuals and elected Jack Hinton as the new business and insurance agent. Hinton will take the place of Lee Cruzon who recently resigned.

Virginia Hinton, lecturer, had arranged for a film, "The Story of Soil Conservation" to be shown after the meeting by Arnold Bullock, soil conservationist from Alturas. Bullock was accompanied by Harry Sanders, also of Alturas. Refreshments were served after the lecturer's hour.

Members had drill practice later, as they are going to meet with the Westside Grange on March 7 and participate in putting on a seating drill. On March 14, the Eastside Grange will go to Valley Falls where they will put on the third degree.

DOVE OF PEACE

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—Iowa House Speaker Rep. Vern Lisle says that to keep peace in his own house he will vote against a bill to permit dove shooting. He said he decided to do so after his wife wrote him a two-page letter for the birds.

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