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The Marshes

By BILL JENKINS

There is absolutely nothing like getting out on a good duck marsh this time of year. You may not get all the ducks you want because it is a "poor" year. We have been told that by authorities so of course must believe it.

But there are many other aspects to consider. There is the bracing air. This type of air is specially bracing about 3:30 in the morning when the alarm goes off and you hit the deck. By the time you have your teeth brushed and get into several layers of heavy clothes you are usually awake enough to make the first tentative move toward actually getting started.

The air is still bracing and invigorating as you climb into the cold, cold car and turn over the engine. Follows a short period of windshield scraping, false starts, flooding of the carburetor and other minor annoyances.

But the time comes when you are on the highway, the snow tires singing on the asphalt, the heater working well and all those intimate little sounds and smells that accompany the trip—someone in the back seat apparently dying from a coughing spasm, someone else muttering under his breath about hunting licenses and did he bring his? The pungent odor of last night's cigar butt that someone has thoughtlessly lit, the smell of wet dogs, wet hunting coats, wet socks and wet boots.

The sun begins to glow dimly back of the eastern horizon, the road narrows down and familiar landmarks show up. Then you arrive. You pile out, exchanging the warm air of the heated car for the brisk air of the great outdoors. Still almost as brisk as when you first clambered out of bed.

Then comes the excruciating joy of getting into a wet and tippy boat, pushing your way through the ice and tule clumps to a patch of open water, wading a hundred yards further to a favorite stand, getting your fingers unfrozen enough to load your gun.

The first faint sounds of awakening ducks filter through the marsh. A mallard calls. It is answered by a lonely caw on the far shore, the coarse sound of disgruntled geese comes from around the point and a gentle curve rings over the frozen areas as your hunting partner drops a shell into the water.

Then the birds are suddenly in the air. Black, mystic shapes speeding on their unknown errands. As the light gains in power you pick a few out of the sky, mark them down and swing your keen gaze around the perimeter of the marsh. The sun comes up slowly, the distant peaks, already snow mantled, glow redly in the sun, the pines on the hills take on their warm, yellow hues. Then the sun bursts over the hill, flooding the marsh with light, turning the ground haze opaque and the ducks all change their flight to come directly out of the east, whizzing over at roughly the speed of sound or a little faster to disappear into the west before you can get your gun up.

And so it goes. A great life, a hunter's life. A hunter's way. Turning from the always rosy backward look to the cold hard facts of the situation I can outline this schedule of events for the last hunt.

(1) Arrived at marsh to find it frozen over. (2) Put the canoe in and tore up two paddles trying to break ice. (3) Gave it up and piled out to wade, tearing a gash in my waders on the third step that filled my right boot with water. (4) Water in boots froze solid. (5) Fell into unexpected hole in mud and went in chest deep, not over waders but deep enough to fill both shell pockets with water. (6) Water froze around shells making them one solid mass of ice. (7) Got to good blind just as sun came up. (8) Ducks came out of sun, all of them ruddies, spoonies, wigwags, teal, none of which are edible in my book. (9) Gave up after two fruitless, and duckless, hours and waded back to canoe, breaking ice all the way since the original path had frozen over again. (10) Finished job of tearing ends off paddles in getting back to shore, packing boat out of water and over to truck. (11) Found that the beer I had left in truck—one is always dying of thirst after coming off a marsh—had frozen solid in the cans. (12) Drove back to town with a bypass through all the known duck areas without seeing a feather stirring. Oh, there's nothing like hunting. Specially duck hunting at this time of year.

Everyone should try it. Once at least.

Bypass Problems

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Klamath Falls will soon have the west side bypass in operation!

The striping of the paving has been completed, and it will probably be opened for through traffic soon.

But, the opening of the bypass does pose some problems.

Many civic minded people worked long hours inducing the State Highway Department to put in the bypass. Facts and figures elsewhere apparently prove that it aids economical growth of a city rather than hinders it.

This remains to be seen.

However, the fact is that the highway department has expended a great deal of money in constructing the bypass. It will do a great deal toward taking the heavy truck traffic off the downtown streets of the city and routing them around the business area.

This will have an advantageous effect on street maintenance and traffic problems.

After almost 10 years in the talking or planning stage, at least the major segment of the bypass is now completed.

The problems it creates were brought to the attention of the State Highway Commission at Salem on Friday morning by two city councilmen, James Barnes and Ladd Hoyt and City Manager G. S. Verger.

They did not criticize construction of the bypass from the standpoint of engineering.

The portion of the bypass that has been completed has been very well engineered.

However, they did take issue with the fact that the highway department has indicated it may be a number of years before they can go ahead and finish the job properly, erecting a bridge over Lake Ewauna and taking the bypass traffic up over the hill to hook up with US 97 south, as they eventually plan to do.

The city officials pleaded with the highway department to do something about it now, rather than in a few years.

In support of their argument, they pointed out that the terminal of the bypass that ends at Main Street and the Link River Bridge poses a very dangerous traffic problem.

They cited the six per cent grade, which as we know from experience in this country, can become an icy death trap on one of these wintry mornings. A sliding, twisting loaded truck certainly will neither be able to stop at the bottom of the incline, nor will it be able to make the sharp 90 degree turn that exists there to turn it safely into the Link River Bridge.

That means it will slam into traffic in the other lane, or go over the embankment into the river or the lake at that point.

Equally as important at this point are the 104 students from the uptown side of Link River who cross the bridge twice each day to attend Riverside School. No protected crossing has been provided for them. If they stay on the west side of the street, they must somehow get across the mouth of the bypass, and if they cross the street to the east side, they still meet the combined Main Street and bypass traffic at Riverside.

The city officials asked the highway department to do something about this also.

The traffic count taken at the bypass intersection with Main Street for the 24-hour period from 4:30 p.m. November 2 to 4:30 p.m. November 3 was somewhat startling in that 9,317 cars passed this point in that period. That averaged about 636 cars per hour, with the count fluctuating from a low of 197 from 7 o'clock to 7:30 a.m. up to 633 from 2 o'clock to 3 p.m.

Their arguments are sound, and

the warning they point up should be heeded by the department.

A great deal of attention should now be focused on the traffic control problem at the bypass-Main Street intersection, before this link is opened to general traffic.

And, completion of the bypass link on over Lake Ewauna should be given top priority by the commission. It is hoped they will take a page from the record book, and remember that the 90 degree curve that they put in US 97 at Kit Carson Way and Esplanade claimed a number of lives before special safety precautions were taken to correct it.

It is hoped that it will not take a like number of lives or accidents at this new intersection to get action.

Winter Olympics

By FLORENCE JENKINS

A stamp cancellation of special interest to the West has been authorized in connection with the Winter Olympic Games in Squaw Valley in the Tahoe National Forest.

C. L. Langslet, Klamath Falls postmaster, reports he has requested the necessary dies to make the cancellation available here soon.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that the Post Office Department is cooperating in stimulating interest in winter sports in the national forests.

The special postal slogan cancellation will carry this message: "1960 Winter Olympics, Tahoe National Forest, California." The slogan was chosen to serve as a reminder of the recreational opportunities afforded by our national forests—one of the major forest uses.

The Olympics are being held on national forest land under a special use permit issued by the Forest Service. This typifies one phase of the Forest Service's multiple-use management of national forests to produce water, recreation, wood, wildlife and forage.

The Olympic Games will open on February 18. At that time, approximately 1,000 athletes from 35 nations will compete in Alpine and Nordic ski events, the Biathlon (a competition combining cross-country skiing and marksmanship), in speed and figure skating events.

The U.S. Post Office will issue a special commemorative stamp honoring the opening of the Winter Olympic Games, also, according to the announcement.

Squaw Valley, which got its name when Washoe Braves left their women behind in valley camps while they went deer hunting, is one of 182 major ski areas in the national forests.

Rummaging Around

By HELEN EPLEY HOFFMAN

Have they called you yet, or sent you word?
Organization's in hot pursuit.
This isn't a stickup, but prepare for a pickup
To come by and haul off your loot.

Have you given your castoffs to PEO?
DeMolay and Job's Daughters, too?
There's the hoodoo trip, Latin scholarship,
And the AAUW's due.

Have you sacked up your junk for the Quota Club?
Sent some sorority's way?
Answered PPA's need for the big senior feed?
Remembered each school PTA?

There's many a group, and many a cause:
Each church needs donations, I know.
What you give, what you buy,

is "pie in the sky."

It's a really big giveaway show.

Well, I've scoured and I've dug; packed carton and lug;
Don't tell me! I know why you're staring.
But when I got there, my closet was bare.

Yes, it's some of your rummage, I'm wearing.

World Thaw

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP) — The world—moving toward Christmas 1959 — seems more comfortable than it has in years.

As winter closes in there is an international warm spell again.

The Western Allies, who seemed at sixes and sevens for a while, agreed to meet Dec. 19 as a preliminary to a summit conference.

Premier Nikita Khrushchev, who sounded irked at not getting to the summit right away, appears satisfied so long as he gets there at all.

President Charles de Gaulle of France chilled the United States and Britain just a few weeks ago by wanting no summit meeting until spring.

There had been a feeling until then that the Big Four might get together in Geneva in December.

But De Gaulle said this was too soon, that the Western Allies should first decide on what to say and how far to go before meeting Khrushchev.

This makes sense, even though a delay till spring permits events which could ruin Soviet-Western relations.

De Gaulle, strong for prestige, may have had a couple of personal reasons for not rushing to the summit.

Both President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan have had recent talks with Khrushchev but De Gaulle has not.

So he will be even with his partners if he also meets the Soviet Premier, as he now expects to do early next year.

One other thing: before spring and a summit meeting France may have produced its first atomic explosion, giving it a sense of equality with the American-British-Soviet atomic club.

In a major policy speech in Moscow Saturday Khrushchev not only did not sound annoyed over a summit delay but rather pleased that things were looking up.

Perhaps the most important thing he revealed was a stand-off attitude on the conflict between India and his partner, Red China.

He backed the Chinese Communists on wanting Formosa but stood neutral on the India-China border shooting.

He has a stake in wanting to keep the Indians friendly.

And, as if anxious to dissociate himself from some future Red Chinese adventure which might cause trouble, Khrushchev pointedly indicated the Soviet Union should not be held responsible for what the Chinese did.

Khrushchev takes full credit for the Soviet Union in making the world seem a little more relaxed and comfortable place to live in. He emphasized the U.S.S.R. had taken the initiative to bring this about.

And he is pretty much right. The initiative this year belonged to the Soviet Union, not the West.

Quotes

United Press International
Today is Sunday Nov. 8, the 312th day of the year, with 53 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its full phase.

The morning star is Venus.

The evening stars are Mercury and Saturn.

On this date in history:
In 1793, the Louvre Museum in Paris was opened.

In 1837, the first college founded exclusively for women, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, in South Hadley, Mass., started classes with 80 students.

In 1889, Montana was admitted into the Union as the 41st state.

In 1918, Bavaria proclaimed itself a republic.

In 1929, the stage classic, "Life with Father" had its premiere in New York City.

A thought for today: It is written in the Bible: "Faith without works is dead."

The Almanac

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Rep. Joel T. Broyhill (R-N.Y.), after the Teamsters Union listed him as one of 36 congressmen it will oppose because of their votes for the Landrum-Griffin labor bill.

"Congratulations to me."

Old Letters Of Author Found In Box

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Like many another man, Mark Twain once entertained dreams of being a boy again—but only on his own terms.

In 1881 he wrote five letters to a Dallas boy, David Watt Bowser, 12, who had written to ask if the humorist wouldn't like to relive his boyhood. Not until this week did the letters come to light in a forgotten lockbox.

Signing his real name — S. L. Clemens — the author said his answer was "no" unless he could impose some stipulations.

"The main conditions would be that I should emerge from boyhood as a cub pilot on a Mississippi boat, and that by and by become a pilot and remain one," he wrote.

Twain further insisted that the season must always be summer with the magnolias in bloom, and that he drew no midnight watches on a river boat.

"It makes one feel so dreary and low-spirited and forlorn," he explained, "to raise out of a pleasant sleep at dead midnight and go perch away up there in the pilot house in the midst of wide darkness with apparently nobody alive in the desperate world but him."

Twain was 46 at the time. He died in 1910, when he was 75.

Plant Life Seen On Mars

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A scientist reported evidence today that food-storing plants may flourish on Mars.

These plants, he suggested in a research report, appear to possess greater capacity for storing food against lean times than the earthly species they seem to resemble.

The report was made by Dr. William M. Sinton of the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

With the help of the 200-inch telescope at Mount Palomar, Calif., Sinton made spectrographic studies of light reflected from vast darkish areas of the red planet.

He found that certain "absorption bands" in the spectrum correspond to those caused by the organic molecules of plants and by carbohydrates, vegetable products used as food by both plants and animals.

Sinton concluded from the evidence of the spectrograph that the dark regions of Mars may be great patches of vegetation, some of it similar to a single-celled plant—the alga cladophora—which grows on earth.

Law Revisions Requested

SALEM (AP)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton today told the legislative interim committee on criminal law that there should be some changes in the criminal laws.

He suggested:
Amendment to the criminal conspiracy law to cover racketeering and obstruction of justice.

Permission for the state to appeal certain preliminary orders and final judgments in criminal cases.

Amendment to the anti-bribery law to cover solicitation and giving of bribes, gifts and presents, as well as acceptance.

A new law to compel giving evidence in criminal cases and granting immunity from prosecution.

Rewriting of the anti-gambling laws.

A constitutional amendment to permit removal of a public officer who refuses to testify about his official conduct.

A constitutional amendment to provide temporary suspension of a public officer whose trial is pending.

Amendment of the indictment laws to prevent the state from calling trial witnesses not named in the indictment.

In the past two decades there has been a sharp decline in the average patient's hospital stay. Twenty years ago, the Health Information Foundation says, the average stay was 12.5 days. Now it's only 8.6 days.

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Bob Wilson's Food For Thought (The Blue Ox)

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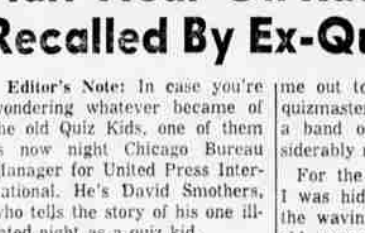
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1930 Gangster Out On Parole

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Ted Walters of Dallas, a top public enemy in the 1930s, is free on parole from the state prison at Huntsville.

Walters, now 47, and Floyd Hamilton were named as the No. 1 and 2 men on the nation's most-wanted criminal list in 1938.

In 1937 Walters completed a federal bank robbery sentence in Alcatraz and was transferred to the Texas prison under life sentence as a habitual criminal. Gov. Price Daniel approved the parole Monday.

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