

Region Nature Society Holds Annual Bird Count

A total of 32,320 birds of 124 species were tallied by members and friends of the Nature Society of the Klamath Region during the 12th Annual Christmas Bird Count of the Klamath Basin held on December 27. Twenty-two people working in 10 parties conducted this seasonal account of bird life in the field and 337 miles of travel; of which 18 miles was by foot and 319 miles by car. The count as conducted by the Nature So-

cety takes a cross section of the Klamath country extending from Crater Lake to the Modoc Lava Beds. Twelve other species of birds, not seen on December 27 but were noted during the nine-day winter resident bird report held December 26 to January 3, brings the total number of bird species observed during the Christmas season to 136, which again emphasizes that the Klamath country is one of the outstanding areas of

the Pacific Coast for bird life regardless of the season of the year. The birds counted on December 27 were:

Eared Grebe 6, Western Grebe 11, Pied-billed Grebe 136, Great Blue Heron 41, Common Egret 2, Black Crowned Night Heron 524, American Bittern 1, Whistling Swan 901, Canada Goose 2,182, Lesser Canada Goose 415, Cackling Goose 150, White-fronted Goose 743, Snow Goose 133, Mallard 463, Gadwall 10, Widgeon 123, Pintail 1,068, Green-winged Teal 59, Shoveller 856, Redhead 2, Ring-necked Duck 108, Canvas-back 44, Lesser Scaup 1,107, Common Golden-eye 1,933, Barrow's

Golden-eye 10, Buffle-head 983, Ruddy Duck 2,660, Hooded Merganser 20, Common Merganser 216, Red-breasted Merganser 8, Goshawk 1, Cooper's Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 139, Swainson's Hawk 35, Rough-legged Hawk 60, Ferruginous Hawk 1, Golden Eagle 4, Bald Eagle 64, Osprey 2, Black Pigeon Hawk 2, Peregrine Falcon 2, Sparrow Hawk 35, Chukar Partridge 55, California Quail 612, Mountain Quail 15, Ring-necked Pheasant 494, Virginia Rail 12, Sora 6, Coot 1,253, Killdeer 12, Common Snipe 9, Greater Yellow-legs 1, California Gull 2, Ring-billed Gull 447, Western Mourning Dove 3, Barn Owl 1, Horned Owl 12, Pygmy Owl 1, Burrowing Owl 2, Great Grey Owl 1, Long-eared Owl 2, Short-eared Owl 2, Saw-whet Owl 1, Kingfisher 12, Red-shafted Flicker 42, Western Pilate Woodpecker 1, Red-naped Sapsucker 2, Red-breasted Sapsucker 1, Williamson's Sapsucker 2, Hair Woodpecker 5, Downy Woodpecker 2, White-headed Woodpecker 5, Horned Lark 120, Scrub Jay 10, Gray Jay 12, Steller's Jay 22, Black-billed Magpie 132, Raven 1, Clarke's Nutcracker 3, Black-capped Chickadee 51, Mountain Chickadee 206, Plain Titmouse 3, Bush-tit 53, White-breasted Nuthatch 7, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, Brown Creeper 8, Dipper 6, Winter Wren 8, Bewick's Wren 12, Marsh Wren 19, Canyon Wren and Rock Wren 3, Robin 34, Varied Thrush 2, Solitaire 4, Golden-crowned Kinglet 225, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2, Walnut Pippit 1, Great Shrike 7, Loggerhead Shrike 10, Starling 5,774, House Sparrow 559, Western Meadowlark 220, Yellow-headed Blackbird 5, Red-wing 52, Tri-colored Red-wing 6, Brewer's Blackbird 3,447, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, Cassin's Purple Finch 27, House Finch 722, Pine Siskin 24, Lesser Goldfinch 12, Spotted Towhee 2, Oregon Junco 604, Chipping Sparrow 2, Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow 1,408, White-crowned Sparrow 25, Golden-crown Sparrow 17, Lincoln's Sparrow 2, Modoc Song Sparrow 56, Merrill's Song Sparrow 50, White-throated Sparrow 4, Lapland Longspur 65.

This count added two new names to the check list of birds for the Klamath Basin. These were the White-throated Sparrow and the Lapland Longspur. The Red-breasted Merganser which is rarely observed in the Klamath Basin made its first appearance on the Christmas count and the Western Burrowing Owl which is a common summer resident also makes its first appearance on the Christmas count. The birds that were seen during the nine day observing period of December 26 to January 3 but not on December 27 were: Holboell's Grebe, winter report, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Western Pigeon Hawk, Screech Owl, Pook-hill, House Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Audubon Warbler, and Red Crossbill. These birds with the 124 checked on the Christmas Count brought the total of birds reported present during the Christmas season to 136 species. This is the largest number of bird species to be reported in the 12 years that the Christmas count has been conducted in the Klamath Basin. The next largest number were reported in 1954 when 121 species were recorded. This year the Starling led the list with 5,774 counted, second on the list were Brewer's Black Birds with 3,947, Ruddy Duck came third with 2,660, Canada Goose took fourth place with 2,182, and Gambel's White-crown Sparrow placed fifth with 1,408. The count is not a census of birds of the Klamath Basin. It is only the tally of birds seen by the counting group. In contrast to the Christmas count as taken by the Nature Society, the Fish and Wildlife Service keeps a running census of birds of their interest in the National Wildlife Refuges of Lower Klamath and Tule Lake and during the week of December 20 to 26 they estimate:

Whistling Swan, 3,700, Canada Goose (large) 3,000, Cackling Goose 5,000, White-fronted Goose 13,000, Snow Goose 11,000, Gadwall 400, Pintail 100, Green-winged Teal 70, American Widgeon 6,000, Shoveller 33,000, Redhead 200, Ring-necked Duck 200, Canvasback 4,000, Lesser Scaup 5,000, Common Goldeneye 400, Bufflehead 1,300, Ruddy Duck 25,000, American Coot 15,000, giving a total waterfowl population on the two refuges 230,000 birds in 18 species. All the rest of the bird life is not estimated as they are only of interest to bird watchers. Those who participated in the 1959 count of the Nature Society were Jim O'Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans, Naomi, Lawrence and Robert French; Louis and Delores Holzgang; May Gray, Lyle Brewer, Anna Strahan; Elizabeth and Ira Kostenbader; Loraine Quillen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kimball, Dollie Moore, Nina Price, Russell and Mary Pengelly, Bruce W. Black, Ken McLeod, Richard Staup.



NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS for the Klamath County Dental Society was chosen recently. Shown here, left to right, are Dr. Claude Crittenden, vice president; Dr. Melvin Amsherry, president, and Dr. George Nitschelm, secretary-treasurer. Not available was Dr. Harold Catmull, editor.



EXCHANGE CLUB officers, elected recently, from the left, are Otto King, secretary; Bob Rutter, president, and Ken Brisco, vice president. Outgoing officers are Calvin Calhoun, secretary, and Bill Cooley, president. Rutter was last year's vice president. They will hold office for a year.



KLAMATH LODGE 77 AF and AM installed a new slate of officers recently. Shown here, front row, left to right, are Clyde Hutchens, senior steward; W. W. Dewing, senior warden; Al Schriber, worshipful master; C. K. Wells, junior warden; Sanford Selby, marshal. Back row, same order, William Wales Jr., junior deacon; Allen Welp, chaplain; Gene Byrnes, senior deacon; William D. Milne, secretary; Gaylord Upington, junior steward; Earl Palmer, assistant tiler. Not present for the picture were Joe R. Lake, treasurer, and James A. Anderson, tiler.

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BASIN BRIEFS

Mrs. Margaret Wallace of Margaret's Dress Shop, Fort Jones, is spending 10 days vacation visiting in Los Angeles with her son, Bob Wallace, and family. Edna McFarlin is taking care of the shop while she is away.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Miller, Fort Jones, spent last weekend in Redding where Miller received medical treatment.

Delbert Davis, Fort Jones, is visiting relatives and friends in San Francisco, Modesto and Sacramento.

Kenny Younce, Sacramento, and formerly of Fort Jones, was a recent visitor here.

Mrs. Donna Cummins of Fort Jones is in San Francisco for medical care.

Mrs. Marion Fowler, Fort Jones, was presented with a birthday gift by students of the second and third grades at a party in her honor Friday, January 15.

Mrs. O. C. Wells, Alturas, has been visiting at Bonanza with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Peple.

The Gilbert Wardwells have purchased a new home at Benicia, California, and their house in Alturas is for sale. They have been operating a private hunting lodge and grounds for their son-in-law at Benicia the past year. Wardwell is a retired deputy sheriff of Modoc County and his wife, Lura, is prominent in the Federated Church and garden club work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Holden have returned to their home at Coos Bay after spending three months at Bonanza.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Nixon and children of Bly are expected home soon from a trip to Deer River, Minnesota, where they visited Mrs. Nixon's family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jerry, while they were there, the Jerrys' home burned to the ground and the possessions of both families were lost in the fire.

J. C. Anton and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Gilmore, Los Angeles, were in Langell Valley January 13 for the funeral services of O. C. Johnson.

Mrs. Betty Baggett will be hostess to the Tulelake Garden Club at her home Tuesday, January 19, at 2 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Dorothy Manceau and Katherine Stonecypher. Mrs. Roy Campbell will speak on "Conservation" and Mrs.

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Caldwell Files For Own Job

Assessor Clyde R. (Hap) Caldwell is the first Klamath County office holder to file for reelection this year.

Caldwell, at 44 completing his term as assessor, said he made his wishes known now because "so many people have been asking me if I'm going to run again."

Caldwell formally declared his intentions to run again by posting his filing fee with County Clerk Charley Delap yesterday. He seeks another four-year term, on the Democratic ticket.

In a brief statement, Caldwell said: "So many people have asked if I will run for office another term, due to the people having invested \$45,000 to \$50,000 in training and schooling me for this office, that after much consideration, I feel it is my civic duty to serve you, the people, as long as you so desire."

Caldwell moved to Klamath Falls in 1939 and had been in construction and real estate business here before election as assessor in 1956. He was graduated from OTI in accounting that year.

Earlier, Richmond W. Walker announced his candidacy for justice

of the peace in the Odell District, a post to which he was appointed several months ago. Walker and Caldwell are the only announced candidates to date.

In addition to the Odell justice and assessor posts, the positions of county judge, two county commissioners, sheriff and county clerk are to be filled in elections this



C. R. (HAP) CALDWELL

CATTLE FOR KHRUSH

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three gift cattle for Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev left here Wednesday by an Air Force plane for Moscow.

President Eisenhower gave Khrushchev a purebred Aberdeen Angus heifer when the Soviet leader visited here last September. Former Commerce Secretary Lewis Strauss, who also raises Angus cattle, made a present of a heifer and a bull.

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The primary election is May 20, the general election is November 8.

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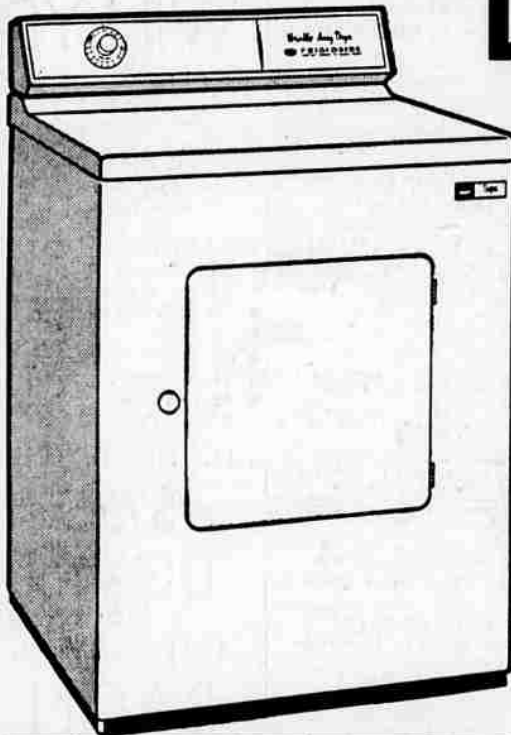
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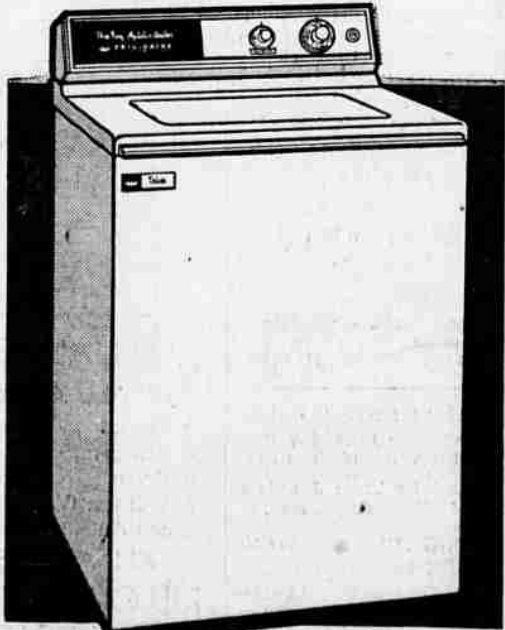
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