

Waterfowl Count Begins To Climb At Refuge With Peak Year Eyed

The Grand Central Station of the duck world is beginning to experience its annual traffic jam. Tule Lake Wildlife Refuge is beginning to fill with ducks and geese from all over the world—including a few from behind the Iron Curtain.

Ed O'Neill, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service game biologist, estimates that there are already two million waterfowl in the refuge and there are indications this year will be one of the bumper at the refuge.

"Things look favorable for a bumper crop of ducks and geese this year," O'Neill said.

At the peak in November, he said the population of the refuge may approach the years of 1954-55 when six million waterfowl crowded into the refuge on their way south for the winter.

But one of the more serious problems facing biologists at Tule Lake this year is an epidemic of botulism, a disease which so far this summer has affected about 17,000 birds.

Some of the birds have died, but many have been saved in Tule Lake's first hospital, where they are treated with drugs. There has been an unusually severe assault of the disease this year because of the late hot weather and other contributing factors.

Employees at Tule Lake are constantly on patrol to pick up sick and dead birds to prevent the spread of the disease further.

But despite the disease, there promises to be more than enough ducks and geese for hunters when the waterfowl season opens Oct. 23. Hunters annually have taken only about 15,000 waterfowl from the refuge.

One of the main jobs of the refuge employees when the hunting season is in full swing is the collection of bands from birds shot in the refuge.

In past years, bands have been collected at the refuge from ducks marked in such diverse places as Soviet Russia and Central America.

Since the Russians began their banding program less than 10 years ago, 150 to 200 birds have been caught or shot at Tule Lake bearing Russian bands.

O'Neill said most of these birds were banded on Wrangel Island in the Arctic Ocean. Most of them are snow geese, although a few pintails have been noted.

When a Russian band is recovered, details of the incident are forwarded to the Russians by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Washington headquarters.

Also, there have been several ducks banded at Tule Lake which made their way to Russia, they were shot or captured. The Russians have cooperated in returning information of them back to the U.S.

Ducks banded at Tule Lake have shown up in virtually every country in the Western Hemisphere, plus a few Asian nations.

At least one duck banded at Tule Lake flew to Russia, was banded on the other leg by the Russians, then flew back to Tule Lake to be shot.

Information on banding and the capture of banded birds is coordinated through the service's Washington headquarters—most of it being done in the last few months by electronic data processor.

A hunter who reports shooting a banded bird is sent information on the origin of the banding.

Once a duck has been banded, it lives an average of 15 to 18 months before being shot. But some ducks have lived as long as 20 years after banding.

This year, 5,000 ducks and all the geese that can be found have been banded at Tule Lake by the Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition, pelicans are also banded as they appear in Tule Lake.

Most ducks proceed to Mexico and Central America after stopping in Tule Lake in the winter. Of the banded ducks reported killed, 60 per cent are taken in California.



PARK SEEDING—Grass seeding on this portion of Kit Carson Park in Klamath Falls is being completed by city crews of the Department of Parks and Recreation. This area, shown covered with sawdust to protect the seed, will eventually become a baseball field. An automatic underground sprinkler system is also being installed with the seeding.

Range Management Group Schedules First Session

LAKEVIEW—The local chapter of the American Society of Range Management, formed here last spring, will hold its first public meeting Monday, Oct. 7, at the Don Hotchkiss ranch, according to announcement by Bill Moser, president of the group.

Everyone interested is urged to attend and to bring a sack lunch for the opening of the 12:30 p.m. meeting. This will be followed by a short business session, after which there will be a general inspection of the following: The new seeding of alfalfa and Siberian wheat grass; a seeding of pubescent wheat grass and alfalfa 10 years old; crested wheat grass and alfalfa 10 years old; livestock utilization on these old; reviewed. The group will then go on to the native spring range of the Hotchkiss-Maxwell operations; then close by to the Walter Leemann Jr. brush-spraying program; and the Hotchkiss native meadow. The visitors will also look at the cow herd replacement heifers, especially the method of production testing program for replacement heifers.

Other officers of the local chapter are Bill Lane, vice president, and Duane Crane, secretary. Its purpose is to promote range management in Lake County. Its membership now numbers about 20 and the goal is to include a larger group of people locally in the program.

Roy Boggs, 24, 697A Reader Road, received an injured knee and was cited for failure to drive on the right side of the road after his car was involved in an accident with a state police game pickup Friday about 8:30 p.m.

State police said Boggs was heading east on Highway 66 near the Lakeview - Merrill junction when he swept a corner, sideswiping a state police game pickup being driven by William P. Bones, 27.

The impact caused the pickup to roll over, but Bones was not injured. Boggs was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance and later was released.

The state police said the left front of the Boggs vehicle was badly damaged.

California Law Cites Local Man

Richard L. Magee, 34, of 2681 Radcliffe was arrested at his home Thursday on a California warrant charging him with felony drunken driving.

The warrant, from the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, was issued in the aftermath of an auto crash in which Magee was involved. The charge is a felony because someone was injured in the crash, near Mount Shasta.

Bail was set at \$2,200 and the Siskiyou sheriff said he would extradite Magee, who was arrested by Klamath Falls police.

Fire Report
(From noon Friday until 6 p.m. Saturday)
Klamath Falls Fire Department Saturday, 3:34 p.m. — 231 Broad Street, fire started in garbage box and spread to grass. Small damage to fire box.

Alaska's population of more than 228,000 includes about 40,000 Eskimos and Indians.

Brother Wounds California Hunter

LAKEVIEW — Ernie McCullough, 35, from Artesia, Calif., became the first shooting victim of Lake County's deer hunting sea-

son, but escaped being its first fatality. McCullough was hunting with his brother Earl of Powers, Ore., at Mixup Springs about four miles south of Quartz Mountain at the time of the shooting.

As authorities reconstructed the shooting, Earl was trailing a deer which he thought he had wounded. He spotted what he thought was the wounded deer and fired. The bullet struck his brother midway in the left thigh, fracturing the leg.

Jack Lentz, who resides near Quartz Mountain, phoned for the disaster car here. Lynn Jones, deputy sheriff, accompanied the disaster car to the site.

McCullough was brought to the hospital here at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. No information is yet available on his condition.

Knife Attack At Chiloquin Investigated

Clifford George, 29, was charged with assault armed with a dangerous weapon Friday afternoon following an alleged knife attack on a woman at her Chiloquin residence shortly past noon.

The victim, Theodora Wright, 31, was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital in Klamath Falls in critical condition. Hospital attendants listed her condition as "satisfactory" Saturday afternoon.

Chiloquin Chief of Police Jack Staffo said details on the attack still are lacking. He is continuing an investigation.

Police indicated the woman had been stabbed several times. The attack took place Friday between 12:10 and 12:20 p.m., Staffo said.

Car Mishap Claims Life

LAKEVIEW—Jack C. Waggoner, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Lakeview Hospital. He had suffered injuries on Sept. 16 when struck by a car.

He was born May 22, 1908, at Morgantown, W.Va., and had spent the past 30 years in Lakeview. He was a veteran of World War I and member of the American Legion and the Eagles Lodge. One son, Jack I. Waggoner of Hanford, Calif., survives.

Funeral services will be held at the Ousley - Osterman Chapel, Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Alfred Russell officiating. Members of the Eagles Lodge will act as pallbearers and there will be military committal in the veteran's plot of the IODF Cemetery.

Bridge Winners Listed

Virginia Calhoun and Winnie Stillwell were the north-south winners and Dr. and Mrs. Seth Kerron did the same playing east-west to win masterpoints in the Fall Festival Bridge Tournament, a special event, held Tuesday at the Lakeshore Duplicate Bridge Club.

In another tournament at the Lakeshore Club Thursday the winners were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chilcote, north-south, and Martin Laylor and Lloyd Domaschofsky.

At the Klamath Bridge Club Saturday, Sept. 21, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clark placed first by one-half point over two teams which shared the runner-up position.

Beginning 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Winema Motor Hotel, the Klamath Falls Unit Committee will hold a masterpoint tournament with the proceeds to benefit research against cancer and multiple sclerosis.

Complete results of local tournaments last week:
Lakeshore BC (Tuesday), NS, 1, Virginia Calhoun - Winnie Stillwell; 2, Mrs. C. E. Clark - Lakeview-Grace Kresse; 3, Mary Juckeland - Leona Robertson.

County Property Owners To Pay Less Taxes

Property owners in all but one of the county's 45 taxing districts will pay less taxes this year than they did for 1962, County Assessor Clyde (Hap) Caldwell said today.

The savings to taxpayers in personal property and real property taxes will vary from \$40 per \$1,000 in Klamath Falls (Code 1) to a whopping \$11.70 per \$1,000 for residents of the Malin taxing district (Code 13), Caldwell said further.

The overall drop in taxes is attributed, generally, to an increase of some \$2.5 million in the assessed valuation of the county which went up from \$98.1 million in 1962 to \$91.6 this year. Of the increase, more than \$1 million was noted in the field of public utilities, Caldwell stated.

The effect of the increase in the assessed value of the county is, generally, that it enlarges the tax base, or spreads the expense of county government among more taxpayers.

Also up in value since last year was the city of Klamath Falls, which has been assessed at \$23.3 million compared to \$23.0 for last year.

The hike in the assessed value of the county was more than sufficient to offset the loss of some \$10,000 in timber severance taxes which dropped for the third year in a row, Caldwell said. In 1961-62, the county received \$265,000 in such taxes, but the amount of those revenues received by the county fell to \$118,000 for 1962-63 and has dropped still further to \$110,000 for fiscal year 1963-64. The decrease in timber severance revenues is the result of legislation passed several years ago which takes standing timber off of the tax rolls. Under the present law, the Eastern Oregon Timber Severance Bill, only harvested

timber is taxable. (that veterans and widows exemptions amounted to \$326,634 this of the 1962 figure.

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APPLES Golden Delicious 4 Lb. Bag 49c

CARROTS Crisp, Fresh 2 Lb. Bag 19c

Specials For Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Obituaries

WAGGONER
Jack Waggoner, 75, died in Lakeview Sept. 25. Father of Jack I. Waggoner, Hanford, Calif. Funeral services will be held at the Ousley-Osterman Chapel in Lakeview, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Ousley-Osterman Chapel.

EXPRESSION'S ORIGIN

The expression "to mind one's P's and Q's" originated in old English taverns, where a record was kept of the liquor purchases of the guests by tallying the pints and quarts as they were imbibed.

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Rites Held For Couple

Funeral services were held Sept. 24 from the Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel for Jessie and Arista Weedon, husband and wife who died within a short time of each other. Final rites were in the Mount Shasta Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Mr. Weedon died at the family home in Dunsmuir. His wife died Sept. 22 in a Mount Shasta hospital.

He was a native of Merrill, the son of Tom and Cindy Weedon who came to Merrill before 1888. The family owned a timber culture on the present site of the Johnny O'Neill ranch and a homestead where the late Hugh and Dennis O'Connor once ranched.

Horse Show Slated Oct. 5

An open horse show is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Klamath County Fairgrounds.

The show will be sponsored by the Horsemasters 4-H Club and will be open to both adults and children. There will be both western and English classes and a jumping class.

If anyone is interested in competing in this show or needs further information about it, please contact Mrs. Diane Gueck at 4335 Bartlett Street or telephone TU 2-6994 after 6 p.m.

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Cast Picked For Comedy

The cast of the Klamath Civic Theater's season opener, "Blithe Spirit," will feature Tom Mann in the male lead as Charles Condomine, with the two female leads being shared by Shirley Smith, as Elvira, ghost of Condomine's first wife, and Laurie Woolenschlager, as Ruth Condomine, the hero's second and present wife, director Bill Hagerman has announced.

Rehearsals are set to begin tentatively Monday, Sept. 30, with opening night slated for sometime in mid or late November.

Others named to the cast were Judy Stearn as Madam Arcati, a bicycle riding medium; Joe Broda as Doctor Bradman; Sylvia Smith as Mrs. Bradman; and Mary Cumpston as the maid.

The three-act comedy by Noel Coward concerns the antics of a somewhat happily married man who suddenly finds himself living not only with his wife, but with the ghost of his former wife, who can be seen and heard only by him.

As the production progresses through three rollicking acts, the characters in the cast slowly begin to believe him, which is unfortunate because of the problems this creates.

Death Takes John Ross

LAKEVIEW — A former longtime resident of Lake County, John David Ross, 82, died at North Bend Sept. 20. He had resided there for the past 11 years.

He was born Sept. 21, 1910, at Bellfountain, Ore., to Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Ross. When he was 2 years old the family moved to Lake County and ranched on the Westside. He was married in 1931 at Napa, Calif., to Virginia Winfrey, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Joanne Sellows and Mrs. Margaret Smith of North Bend; a son, Guy Ross of Napa, Calif.; two brothers, Fred and Russell Ross of Lakeview; one sister, Mrs. Frank (Ethel) Deter of Lakeview; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at North Bend on Monday, Sept. 23, with interment at Ocean View Memory Gardens, Empire, Ore.

Driver Hurt

Jerry Henderson, 21, Bly, was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance and then released following a one-car accident 35 miles east of Klamath Falls on Highway 60 Friday evening. Sheriff's deputies said the accident occurred about 8 p.m.

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