

Farm Bureau Furrow

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**RANCHER SHOOT'S GEESE;
ACQUITTED ON GAME VIOLATION**

The frustration of ranchers in game preserve areas who find their crops and feedlots a smorgasbord for geese and ducks was given a solid airing in Klamath county last week.

Merrill rancher Walter Fotheringham was accused of game violation after shooting a bunch of geese in his feedlot last March 7. There was no doubt Fotheringham was guilty of game violation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent William Fuchs witnessed the violation.

To Fotheringham, the whole case was a matter of principle. He decided to test whether or not a man can defend his property against the depredations of migratory birds by any means he felt reasonably necessary.

Background on the case shows Fotheringham dumped 15 loads of cull potatoes in his feedlot last February. Geese moved in by the thousands and drove the cattle away from the potatoes. The rancher and his hired man tried many methods of dispersing the geese and finally in desperation fired into the marauding intruders. A game officer who witnessed the incident issued a citation. When asked where the officer was when the rancher was trying to disperse the geese, the officer allegedly answered, "That's not my job."

Dick Kilham, publicity chairman for the Klamath County Farm Bureau, in reporting the story, said, "The trial, in exonerating the accused, changed the burden of proof, which rested fully upon the Fish and Wildlife Service, into a burden of guilt. In the end, the accuser had become the accused."

The jury found Fotheringham not guilty and in so doing gave new meaning to the right to protect one's own property.

The verdict places the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the defense after years of apparent immunity to the problems facing farmers and ranchers in refuge areas. Now, with precedent behind them, ranchers will have the right to protect their crops, and perhaps the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will come forth with aids to help.

The pattern of ignoring the problem on the excuse, "That's not my job," has suddenly been reversed and depredations of migrating birds are a part of the responsibility of the protectorates.

It is neither right nor sound to expect farmers and ranchers to feed thousands of hungry geese to protect them for hunters who supposedly pay the government for maintaining the goose supply.

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**Natal Grange
Party Dec. 19**

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Natal Grange has its Christmas party planned for Saturday evening, December 19.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ekhoft Saturday were Michael Cook and Caroline McCawley of Beaverton, Helen Joan Ekhoft and Duane Justice of Portland. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ekhoft of Portland.

Mrs. Marion Grant and Mrs. Ike Dass were in St. Helens Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lindsay called on Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap Saturday. Monday evening Richard Peterson visited at the Dunlap home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Stiff of Portland visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cook of Skamokawa visited with Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dass Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan and family of Longview also visited at the Dass home this week end.

**Letter to the
Editor - - -**

To the Editor:

The outstanding success of "Hearts and Husbands" Day, featuring Dr. Paul Dudley White, was due in large part to the complete saturation by the newspapers of Oregon and Southern Washington with the message urging women to attend.

The Board of Directors and the Committee on "Hearts and Husbands" Day of the Oregon Heart Association wish to express their sincere appreciation to you for the generous contribution of time and personnel which made this unique event such a success. Without your valuable assistance this program would not have been a success.

We thank you.

Sincerely Yours,
John W. Kendall, President
Lauretta Taylor Keller, Chairman
"Hearts and Husbands" Day

**Growers Told
Deadline Need**

Growers need to complete all details of marketing wool and lambs not later than December 31, 1964, in order to receive payments for the current marketing year, reminds County Agent Don Coin Walrod.

Since the wool marketing year now is on the calendar-year basis, the sale will not be considered as taking place in the 1964 marketing year if any part of a sale of lambs or wool is not settled by December 31. Only a small number of farmers have filed wool marketing information so far this year, according to ASCS office manager Bill Armstrong.

Payments for the 1964 marketing year will begin about April of next year, after the program payment rates are determined, based on the average prices received by producers for shorn wool sold throughout the nation in 1964. Payments for the 1965 marketing year on marketings taking place or completed after December 31, 1964, will be made in the spring of 1966.

Wool producers may file applications for payment for the 1964 marketing year with the ASCS county office any time between now and the end of January 1965.

**Family Here
For Holidays**

RIVERVIEW — Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Grover Botkin and three children came Saturday from Winnemucca, Nevada to visit her mother, Mrs. Maude Wells. He will spend his leave here and leave in January for technical school in Mississippi. Mrs. Botkin and the children will remain here until his re-assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parcel and two sons of Kelso visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook Sunday.

The Friendship club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Grace Penchevy with Mrs. Annie Wilson as co-hostess. After visiting awhile, a game was played and there was an exchange of gifts. Then names were drawn for new secret pals. Attending were Mrs. Tina Steinhauer, Mrs. Thelma Iman, Mrs. Gertrude Hacksmma, Mrs. Zada Snook, Mrs. Sally Briones, Mrs. Alice Brown and children, Mrs. Amy Huntman, Mrs. Ruby Fowler, Mrs. Jessie Miller, Mrs. Margaret Berndt, Mrs. Helen Markham, Mrs. Maxine Weller, Mrs. Lorraine Strong. Refreshments of cup cakes, ice cream, coffee and tea were served.

**THE PUBLIC
WELFARE ?**

Questions about public welfare which are of general interest, are answered in this column as a public service. Help with individual problems is available at your county welfare office.)

Can I get help from welfare if I am already getting social security?

Eligibility for public welfare help is based on need. If your social security is not enough to meet your needs at welfare standards, public welfare may be able to supplement.

Why don't you require welfare recipients to take better care of their property they live on?

The public welfare agency does not have the authority to control the behavior of welfare recipients. If the property is rented, the landlord is free to deal with welfare families in the same way he would deal with any other tenants.

Why does public welfare need an adoption program when there are private agencies offering the same services?

The public welfare adoption program was established primarily to enable the public welfare agency to plan adoption for children already in its care for whom adoption was an appropriate plan. These were mainly children over three who otherwise would grow up in temporary foster care. Most private agencies gear their adoption service to infants and pre-school children. The addition of adoption to the State Public Welfare Commission's services provided more complete child welfare services to children in Oregon.

I earn barely enough to support my wife and children. Do I have to contribute to my parents if they apply for old age assistance?

The relative contribution scale established under Oregon law (ORS 416.060) will tell you whether you have a legal obligation or not. In addition, the caseworker will want to talk with you about your plans for your parents to find out whether you are able to make some contribution on a voluntary basis.

Do I need political "pull" to get a job in public welfare?

No. Public welfare employees are

**Mrs. Reynolds
Is In Hospital**

MIST—Mrs. H. M. Reynolds was rushed by ambulance Sunday morning to the Emanuel hospital in Portland after becoming quite ill again. She is being given tests and at last reports, she was resting as good as could be expected.

The missionary society met Wednesday at the Birkenfeld Center with pot luck at noon. Sulo Sanders was the special speaker. The group presented Anna Hanberg a birthday cake and sang happy birthday.

The Shalmon Libels received word Friday evening of the death of his sister's husband, Ed Lindberg of Astoria. The funeral is being held Wednesday in Astoria.

Steve Hemeon had the misfortune to run a pitchfork into his foot last week end. He has had to make trips into the doctor and will be out of school until it is better.

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under Civil Service, and your application will be given full consideration under regular Civil Service procedures, regardless of your party affiliation.

When people ask for credit in my store I would like to find out whether they're on welfare. How can I get this information?

According to Oregon law, information from public welfare records is confidential. Although lists of names of recipients are available in every county office, this information can-

not be used for commercial or political purposes of any nature.

Is it true welfare is spending tax money on large numbers of negro, indian and other minority groups?

Members of minority groups often tend to have a higher than average proportion of assistance recipients because of problems of employment and because in some instances they have not received adequate education. However, Oregon has a relatively small non-white population and the majority of assistance recipients

are not members of minority racial or religious groups.

I read that twenty percent of case-workers are Catholic. How is this determined?

This is an estimate based on percentages in the state population as a whole. Since applicants for employment are not asked to specify their religious preference, it is assumed that various groups will be represented in about the same proportion on the public welfare staff as in the general population.



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