

Hunters Drive 67,738 Miles

If someone told you that a group of hunters drove a distance equal to three times around the world to hunt elk on the opening weekend of the 1964 elk season and wound up the hunt with about one good elk roast apiece, I'm sure you'd listen with tongue in cheek or justifiably reason that these hunters were a little bit off their rockers.

But, elk hunters are a crazy breed of outdoorsmen. According to statistics, that was the end result for 5,106 hunters on the Millicoma Tree Farm in Coos County opening weekend when they drove 1,702 cars a distance of 67,738 miles to bag 131 elk.

This is just a bit of the amazing information gathered by Jim Harper, research biologist for the game commission, assisted by research personnel of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, as they interviewed hunters throughout the elk season in this popular hunting area.

According to Harper, a total of 9,561 elk hunters checked into the area during the season bagging 225 elk, the highest kill ever recorded for this small area. Of the bulls killed, 124 were spikes. There was a good number of large bulls present as evidenced by 32 five-points and four six-points recorded in the kill.

Prior to the season, 52 bulls in the area were known to be tagged. Of this number, 28 were taken by hunters. This figure compares favorably to the bulls taken in 1963 when 26 of 44 tagged bulls were killed. The illegal kill of cows and calves climbed from 10 known kills in 1963 to 18 this past season.

By recording the speedometer readings and the time when hunters entered and left the checking station, it was possible to estimate how many drove the roads while hunting and how many actually spent at least part of the day in the bush away from vehicles. Data thus collected revealed that 54 percent of the people road hunted on opening day and 65 percent on the second day. Heavy rain which fell on the second day may have influenced greater utilization of cars for road hunting.

Of the successful hunters, however, 67 percent killed their elk while beating the brush, 8 percent killed elk while on stands, and 25 percent killed their elk while road hunting. The average elk hunting experience for the successful hunters averaged seven years and 3 elk per hunter. A number of the successful hunters had never hunted elk previous to the season.

Friends, Relatives Visited on Holiday

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Bill Wolff spent Christmas day in Portland visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stiff of Portland were dinner guests Thursday of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard.

Callers during the week at the R. S. Lindsay home included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods of Clatskanie, Richard Peterson and Noble and Nellie Dunlap.

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By Frank J. Laheney

QUESTION: Is it all right for me to use my old social security card after I get married? If the number is the important thing, does it make any difference whether my correct name is shown on social security records?

ANSWER: It surely does make a difference — you should take in your old card and get a new one with your correct name on it. The number will remain the same, but in order to keep our records accurate, and be sure that the name and the number match, it is very important that we be kept informed of any change in your name. This assures that all earnings will be promptly credited to your individual account.

QUESTION: What will determine the amount of my monthly social security benefit checks when I retire?

ANSWER: The amount of your benefits will be based on your average earnings under social security over a period of years.

QUESTION: I am going to send a letter to the Social Security Administration to notify them of my new address. What should I include in the letter?

ANSWER: Show your complete new mailing address, including the ZIP code, and your social security claim number. Also, be sure to sign the notice.

QUESTION: I am ready to apply for social security benefits. My wife is still too young to receive hers and she is working and earning \$3600 a year. Do her earnings affect my benefits?

ANSWER: No. Only your own earnings can affect your benefits. You may earn up to \$1200 yearly and still receive all of your social security checks.

QUESTION: I live in my daughter's home and in return for board and room I help with the housework. If she paid me for my work and charged me for my keep, would that not count for social security credit?

ANSWER: No, a parent working in the household of a child is excluded by law from social security coverage, without regard to any agreement or understanding between them.

Russell Berg Home Destroyed by Flood

BIRKENFELD—Word was received from Mr. and Mrs. Russell Berg that their home at Fortuna, California was destroyed by water. They lost all of their belongings. A dike broke to cause the flood.

Friends of the community were saddened to learn of the death of Hank Robinson. He had made his home here with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wanstrom for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Elliott of Warrenton spent Christmas night at the Art Bellingham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach spent Christmas day in Portland with Lloyd's aunt Stella.

The service station is classed as a purely American institution.



Rules in 1975 Told by Writer

(Editors note: The following was taken from the Footnotes column of the Capitol Journal, Salem and was brought to this office by Charles Cederburg, who felt that hunters in this area would enjoy the predictions of Capitol Journal writer William Berout.)

Here are the 1975 deer hunting regulations . . . If the trend continues. The season: Opening Oct. 3 at 6:01 a.m., closing October 9 at 7:01 a.m. Shooting will be permitted from 6:01 a.m. until noon every other day during the entire season, providing the wind velocity does not exceed 5 knots per hour.

Bag limits: One buck deer weighing no less than 130 pounds or more than 225 pounds and having no less than 4 antler points on each side and no more than a total of 9 points.

When a legal buck is killed, it must be taken immediately to the headquarters of the Oregon State Game commission in Portland where a \$9 tag will be issued to permit skinning of the animal. The office will be manned daily, except Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Hunters are warned that deer which have been tagged by game biologists must not be shot. Such deer are readily identified by the flesh-colored, dime-sized tag affixed behind the right ear. Penalty for shooting a tagged deer is 99 years in the state penitentiary and forfeiture of all hunting privileges for two seasons.

Guns and ammunition: All calibers of rifles are legal with the exception of those using shells shorter than 3 inches in length. Specifications for rifles can be obtained by writing to the Division of Naval Armaments, Offshore Artillery Unit, Department of Defense, the Pentagon.

General regulations: Deer may not be shot while going to and from water, while sleeping, while running, while standing (bad sportsmanship), while eating or going to and from meals, near salt lick, while crossing a road, trail, stream, stubblefield, pasture, meadow or interstate highway. Deer may be shot, however, while climbing trees (a cross attempt to elude the hunter) and while crossing federally owned power dams not located in national forests, monument areas or incorporated cities.

Game wardens: State game wardens need not be addressed as "Sir." This designation applies only to federal officers. Hunters must be friendly and helpful and provide refreshments while officers check licenses, citizenship papers, drivers license, Wassermann rating, gross earnings, fingerprints, racial extraction, church affiliation, intelligence and education record.

Open areas: The entire State of Oregon is open to deer hunting during the general season with the exception of those sections bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west, the states of California and Nevada on the South, the state of Idaho on the east and the state of Washington on the north.

Conclusion: Hunters will realize that the game regulations are based on the best scientific information available and are designed to conserve the state's deer population, now estimated at 39 billion.

Grandmother Visits Student While Here

MIST—Mrs. Ida Condit is spending a few days with the Mathews so she can be with her granddaughter, Marian, who is home from Graceland College in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kyser were with their daughter, Mrs. Dale Leino and family for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robbins visited with the family Saturday night. Leslie Robbins stayed over the week end with Judy.

Armour Reynolds of Longview was here Christmas day to see his dad, H. M. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds was in Portland Christmas eve to see Mrs. Reynolds and her condition was unchanged.

Storm Cancels Program Planned by Mist School

MIST—The Vernonia and Mist schools were closed Tuesday evening until January 4 for the Christmas vacation. School was unable to be held due to high water over the roads between Mist and Vernonia and water in Vernonia district. The Mist school Christmas program had to be cancelled also.

Sulo and Dale Sanders left for California Saturday evening for a combined visit and business trip. They will bring Mrs. Sanders' father, Raymond Brower, home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rinkes and family were dinner guests at the Clarence Kyser home Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Karr of Vancouver were visitors the same evening.

A phone call from Thousand Palms, California Christmas night from the Doug Barrs was received by Mrs. Wayne Kyser. They were just fine but had just gone through a terrific sand storm. They had been concerned as to the flood in this vicinity.

Relatives Fear Flood Damage

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cox were in Astoria on business Tuesday. Mrs. Toby Knowles accompanied them. Christmas eve Mrs. Cox received calls from her sons in California and Arizona wishing everyone Merry Christmas. They were concerned for their welfare due to the floods. The Coxes ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hansen. Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Hansen were in Forest Grove Saturday. Bill Dixon and friends from Clatskanie visited with the Coxes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Garlock joined other family members in Bandon and Port Orford for the holiday. Driving down Thursday, they encountered water on the highway but were able to go through. At Bandon they visited her brother, Ed Burness and family and at Port Orford, her sister, Mrs. James Hall and family. Enroute home they went to Hazel Dell, Wn. to visit the Roy Totten and Vern Wagner families. Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmons and Jerry of Clatskanie visited at the Garlock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright and David of Manzanita spent Christmas eve through Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Bess Mathews, and other family members.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Saxton and Earl of Tillamook were with the Ray Garlocks and Mary Garlock Thursday through Saturday for the Christmas holidays. Pastor and Mrs. George Thayer and baby son and Mrs. Thayer's mother, Mrs. Saunders of Virginia were dinner guests Saturday at the Garlock home. That evening, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Garlock and five children visited. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chase and family of Scio were dinner guests Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Garlock and Mary attended a Seventh-day Adventist banquet at Beaver Valley Grange hall at Hudson Sunday eve. Mrs. Garlock states that the Bern Bliss family left from College Place, Wn. last week for Hartford, Michigan for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dowling were down from Vancouver Christmas eve through Saturday to join his dad, Austin Dowling, and sister, Florence, for the holidays.

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Water alone does not necessarily injure feed. The principal danger in feeding hay, grain or forage that has been wet is from mold, putrefaction, and fermentation.

It only takes a few days for hay or grain to start a fire after flood water has drained away. Scatter all material to prevent fires.

If feed is dried quickly, there is much less danger to livestock than when it has remained soaked for several days. Wet hay should be spread out to dry, and turned and shaken frequently. Bales of hay should be broken and spread out to dry.

Wet grain should also be spread and dried as quickly as possible. Small quantities may be dried in artificially heated, well-ventilated buildings. Feeds that are slightly musty or partly spoiled are more likely to harm horses than cattle. Hogs will tolerate still poorer feeds. But there is a real risk, from digestive disorders and forage poisoning, in using any spoiled feed. Small quantities of inferior feed may be given if it is necessary to keep stock alive until good feed can be obtained.

After silage has been saturated with water, some nutrients are leached out when the water drains off. But there is no spoilage from the water itself.

Dead livestock should be disposed of quickly, to prevent possible spread of disease to other livestock in the area. Carcasses of drowned animals may be sent to a rendering plant. Otherwise, dispose of the dead livestock on your own premises, preferably by burying the carcasses.

As soon as a carcass is found, cover it with crude oil or kerosine to keep away dogs, buzzards and vermin. It is extremely difficult to do a satisfactory job of burning carcasses. They should be buried in a spot where subsurface drainage will not reach water supplies. Burial should be deep enough that predatory animals can't reach the carcass.

Activity Center To Open Soon

During this decade, the growth of knowledge about the mentally retarded, their problems, and the public acknowledgment of them, has made possible the development of many programs to aid these persons.

The Columbia Association for Retarded Children, Inc. is sponsoring an activity center for trainable mentally retarded children which will open January 4, 1965. It will be at the Labor Temple, 18th and Tualatin streets, in St. Helens.

Mrs. Mabel Stinton, director, will hold sessions Monday through Thursday, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. She will have the assistance of volunteer help in executing her well-balanced program to aid the trainable mentally retarded children.

Anyone interested in providing assistance with the children or transportation, is asked to contact Mrs. Stinton.

An advisory board committee has been appointed to establish policies for determining eligibility and to serve in an advisory capacity to the director. Applications may be secured by contacting Mrs. Mabel Stinton, Box 1233, Station A., St. Helens, or phone 397-1614.

With the opening of the activity center at the beginning of a new year, the prospects of a brighter and richer life are closer for the trainable mentally retarded in Columbia county.

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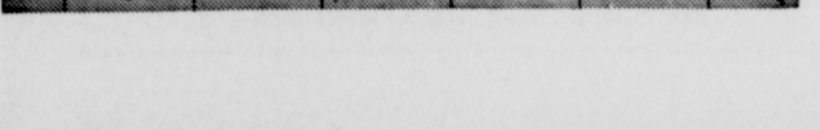
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