



Mt. Hood in wintry garb, as seen from the new Timberline Lodge. A highway is being constructed from Government Camp making this scene available thruout the winter months. (Photo courtesy Shell Touring Service).

EDITOR ASKS "WHOSE DUCKS ARE DYING" AS COLD WAVE HITS

(From Glenns Ferry Gazette)

There has been much comment throughout Southern Idaho about the fact that large numbers of ducks have starved to death outright, while others have met death because of being too weak to escape their enemies.

There should be no such loss, but who or what is to blame is the question. The cold weather and snow can not be the whole reason, as there is less this winter, in this locality at least. Local sportsmen are laying the blame at the door of the biological survey department.

The ducks and geese are migratory birds and as such, are under the jurisdiction of that department, with its governing head several thousand miles away. The laws governing the migratory bird shooting season are made in Washington, D. C., for sections of country with peculiarities of their own and which will not prevail in others.

The duck season in Southern Idaho the past season was over before there were any but locally raised ducks to shoot at. Ordinarily the local ducks are the only ones here until the first of December. The northern ducks, and which are in the vast majority, only move south as the cold stormy weather forces them south from one section to another. Eventually they came to the Snake River valley where warm water, pleasant weather and a closed season invited them to stay. Along comes heavy snows to cover their feeding grounds. As a result they soon become too weak to resume their journey southward.

It became a question of seeing thousands die of hunger or the sportsmen supplying the necessary feed, the latter to be paid for by someone. An appeal to the federal department was met by an appropriation of \$300. Very magnanimous. The sportsmen were urged to buy lots of shells, go out along the rivers

and lakes and shoot—not at the ducks, as that would be a violation of the law—but in the air. The suggestion was also made that no more feed be put out. The theory was that the birds (already dying for lack of proper feed) would be frightened and resume their interrupted trip to the southland.

There has been appropriated by the Idaho legislature a large sum for feed for the starving birds; local sportsmen, both as organizations and individuals, have given large amounts of time and money and grain to help save the ducks and geese that belong to the federal department.

The shooting season in Idaho was for only thirty days when hunting was poor; shotguns were cut to a three-shell capacity, and the \$1.00 stamp added, in an effort to build up the "crop." Had the season been made to allow shooting when the greatest percentage of birds were here, there would have been more killed, but far less than have died of starvation, and others forced on south.

Nothing can be done this year to repair the damage done, but the sportsmen's organizations of Idaho and adjoining states should take the matter up with their state Wildlife Federations and through them, carry the matter to Washington, and insist that the biological survey take steps to prevent a recurrence of present conditions.

If the biological department continues the practice of making rules in Washington for Idaho, Oregon, Utah and other northwest states and collecting \$1.00 besides as a propagation tax, the same department should be responsible for, or make some effort at least to prevent, recurrence of present conditions.

Loving Much or Little

It has been truly said that in those who love little, love is a primary affection; a secondary one in those who love much. Be sure he cannot love another much who loves not honor more. For that higher affection sustains and elevates the lower human one, casting around it a glory which mere personal feeling could never give.

LOWER BIG BEND
MISS FLORENCE RUSSELL

Mrs. W. W. Looney, who has been seriously ill in Caldwell, was able to be taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Inez Hart in Santa Barbara California.

Mr. Looney is giving up farming and is selling out at Public Auction February 22. He will go at once to Santa Barbara, Calif., to be with Mrs. Looney.

Mr. and Mrs. Syner Carrol were badly frightened Wednesday when their kitchen caught on fire. Wm. Teter and Chas. Witty came along just in time to help put it out without any serious damage being done.

The lower grade room entertained their mothers at a Valentine party Friday afternoon. A short program with the opening of their Valentine box, followed by refreshments was enjoyed by the children.

The P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday night. Mrs. Joe King, Chas. Witty, M. K. Johanssen were elected for a nominating committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Borge spent the week end in Weiser with Mrs. Borge's father who is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Edd Able, Mrs. Ray Cartwright and daughter Helen were Thursday visitors of Mrs. Harry Russell.

Loren Grewell, brought Mrs. Grewell down from their ranch on the Owyhee to his sheep camp at the W. W. Cummings ranch.

The William Mayberry family were Sunday dinner guests of the O. E. Butlers in Kingman Kolony.

Martha Godwin has been staying with Lucille Thrasher in Kingman Kolony and attending high school. Tom Godwin has bought the Maurice Judd ranch in the Kolony and will move March first to his new home.

Ed. Abbl is chopping hay on the Owyhee the past week.

Many Bend farmers attended the Soil Conservation meeting in Adrian Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ose Schweizer of Owyhee called at the Harry Russell home Monday afternoon.

Bill Scott received word that his sister Mrs. Gillie Trainer is very sick at Joseph, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe King are recovering from an attack of the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennon were visiting in the Bend Monday. They expected to leave for Seaside, Oregon about the first of March.

Two Kinds of Lava

American volcanoes have two kinds of lava. Hawaiians call them a-a (ah-ah), a rough, brittle form; and pa-hoe-hoe (pah-hoy-hoy), the flat, unbroken variety, smooth and shining.



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Random Shots . . .

(Oregon News Bureau)

Portland has been treated to a sensational controversy in connection with the ring of the Oregon Worsted Mills before a trial examiner of the National Labor Relations board. Testimony by Portland police has tended to indicate that bombs recently found at the mill may have been placed there by someone seeking to embarrass the union agitators. A cloak of mystery has been thrown about the entire affair with the public left to draw its conclusions from the prejudiced statements of opposing attorneys while the real testimony has been taken in secret sessions.

Officials of the labor relations board state that they are not concerned whether a crime has or has not been committed, but that they are seeking evidence of violations of the Wagner act.

Some of the Hood River grangers who have been trying to get legislation at Salem that they believe will protect them from another costly transportation tieup have been asking pointed questions about the presence at hearings there of Charles W. Hope and Conciliator Howard of the National Labor Relations board always in the company of B. A. Green labor attorney.

"I thought these men were supposed to be open-minded representatives of the public but apparently instead of being umpires, they are out and out labor agitators and at government expense," declared one granger after the hearing last Thursday.

Those who are always looking for some off-color developments when the legislature is in session insist that lobbyists are responsible for the session extending beyond the 40-day limit. These shrewd manipulators who operate from the legislative corridors always get further when the lawmakers are weary and their cash low, assert the wiseacres. They believe that free meals and free liquor get the better results after the measly \$3 per day has been cut off.

Robert Farrell, young chairman of the Lincoln day banquet in Portland, and a ex-member of the legislature, is coming in for a lot of criticism these days. Staunch republicans flocked to the banquet hall to see B. F. Irvine, editor of the Journal and a new deal supporter seated in a place of honor at the speakers' table. Farrell is the same young candidate who neglected to put the word "Republican" on any of his

Vladimir Chenkoff's drawing of Fred MacMurray and Claudette Colbert in "MAID OF SALEM"



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campaign literature when he sought return to the state house last November. He was defeated.

Latest efforts of the slot machine crowd to try to embarrass those who oppose their operations has been to introduce a bill at Sa'em to ban betting on horse races through so-called bookmakers. We already have a law banning such betting but the nervous slot machine manipulators seem to think another, should it be openly violated, will help them.

Just what reasoning process these minion of sure-thing gambling use is not clear. However, one fact is crystal clear and no amount of legislative manipulation will cover it. It is that the sucker who plays a slot machine has less chance of getting his money back than he has at any other kind of gambling.

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gaming establishment is that the take, the house percentage, will get them in the end. And the man who plays if he plays long enough will find to his sorrow that the only one who wins is the man who runs the game.

Potato prices continue to soar. Bakers have been commanding \$4.25 a hundred wholesale in Portland. We can expect the usual aftermath—heavy potato planting this summer—ordinary prices as a result next fall. Turkey raisers can give you some figures on this situation. Last year they did well. This year the national crop was twice that of the year ago and with local shippers cut from much of their market by the maritime strike they took real losses. The market was a full 10 cents a pound under the previous year. So that chances next year will be for a lighter turkey crop and good price; and a heavier potato output and reduced returns.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS TO MEET FRIDAY

The regular meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held this Friday evening, February 19th, according to announcement by Commander Jake Kollen. All veterans who served in defending their country against foreign enemies are invited to attend.

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