

Alcoholic Council Reports Activities; Lists Directors

Nine local citizens were elected to the board of directors at the March 13 annual meeting of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Council, Inc. of Malheur County.

Ardythe Stubstad, Jack Sather and Blanche Rowe were elected from the Ontario area; Wallace Prowell and Edna Blaylock from Nyssa, Pat Bond and Orin Culbertson of Vale; Glenn Ward of Adrian and Mildred Amick of Harper.

The evening began with a banquet at the Moore hotel in Ontario. The audience was treated to a dynamic and enthusiastic speech by Robert Whipple, education consultant from the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Section, of Portland. He talked on community responsibility for alcohol problems. Arrangements for the evening were made by Mrs. Rowe.

The business session was led by Stubstad, president of the outgoing board. After election of directors, the meeting was concluded by a report to the membership by Verne Flock of the hospital family project who serves the council as a consultant.

Flock, in his report, reviewed the recent progress of the council in education in conjunction with the schools in the area. He noted that young people have a sincere desire for knowledge concerning the effect of alcohol upon health, personality and society.

A permanent continuous school for education in alcohol problems was proposed for membership consideration. Flock also disclosed a preliminary survey on the extent that alcohol problems involve work for law enforcement agencies.

The survey revealed that 75 to 90% of the misdemeanor offenses come directly or indirectly from alcohol related problems. Misdemeanor-type

Nyssa Chamber

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It also required checking the traps at regular intervals, destroying the catch and re-setting the traps.

The areas were plainly marked "POISON AREAS" to protect dogs and domestic animals, and a stake showing the actual poison station. Then when the poisoning season ended all traps had to be collected, all remaining contaminated meat destroyed by burning and anything left over buried deep under ground.

"Pud" retired two years ago but has not lost his interest in the work or wildlife in general. He modestly noted that the county now has two trappers doing what he did alone for many years.

(Ed's note: Would recommend this program for any group interested in this field. It's educational and "Pud" is highly entertaining in a dry way.)

APPLE VALLEY

By Frances Smalley

APPLE VALLEY - Mrs. Lulu Standle was admitted to Malheur Memorial hospital on March 14. She is reported to be slowly improving.

Mrs. Evelyn Ramey and children of Portland recently spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston left March 7 for Albany, Ore., to visit Capt. and Mrs. Gene Boston and sons. On March 9 they went to Springfield and brought Mrs. Dick Harris and

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offenses comprise from 1/3 to 1/2 of a department's workload.

Law enforcement alone costs more than \$400,000 a year in Malheur county and when the follow-through agencies, such as the courts, the district attorneys office, welfare, juvenile department, mental and public health, vocational rehabilitation, employment service, parole and probation, and others are added, the cost of alcoholism and alcohol problems from any point of view (humanitarian or monetary) becomes somewhat staggering.

The new board will meet in the near future to organize and consider problems facing the local community in terms of alcohol education and treatment.

Sugar Co. Announces

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finer sugar. The juice will be processed into sugar during the summer months, and the longer operating period will boost the plant's payroll substantially.

Orme said Idaho's favorable tax climate for industry is a significant consideration in the decision to build the country's biggest sugarbeet plant.

"The state has two very progressive pieces of tax legislation in its Freeport exemption and inventory phase-out laws," he explained. "I think our action shows that a constructive business climate results in more jobs and encourages much greater commercial and industrial activity. It's certainly a two-way street."

Orme estimated the Nampa installation's increased capacity is worth an additional \$10 million to farmers in the state. Payments to Idaho beet growers currently range from \$35 to \$45 million annually.

The official added that Amalgamated expects to contract more than 130,000 acres in the Gem state this spring, and said the 1968 crop could stretch the capacity of all company plants to their absolute limits. These include a 6,700-ton facility at Nyssa, a 4,000-tonner at Twin Falls, a 7,000-ton capacity plant at Paul and a small, 1,900-ton factory at Lewiston, Utah.

Amalgamated had already been in the business for fourteen years when it opened its first beet factory in Idaho at Burley in 1912. Nampa was built in 1942, with an original capacity of 1,800 tons. A new diffuser, the unit that cooks the juice out of the freshly-sliced roots, was installed in 1947. It was supposed to have a 2,400-ton daily capacity, but factory personnel found ways to improve controls and speed the operation. In a short time, it was putting out double the production that the manufacturer had guaranteed.

Orme said that Nampa has a reputation throughout the company for its excellent management.

"In fact, it runs so well that we were almost afraid to tamper with it at first," he revealed. "But we finally decided that this was just exactly the kind of tough, challenging job that our crew here could handle."

Maurice Hatch, a 30-year veteran with Amalgamated is the plant manager. Robert Van Horne, a 27-year man, is Nampa's agricultural district manager.

FISHING FILMS MAY BE ON TV SATURDAY

Some of the pictures taken during a recent fishing trip off the Baja, Calif., coast in the Sea of Cortez, may be shown on the 'Outdoor Sportsman' program on KTVB Channel 7 at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23.

Nyssa Dr. L. A. Maulding was with Jim Conway, well known outdoor sportsman, when the pictures were shot.

LARGE MALE COUGAR PROVES TO BE DIFFICULT CUSTOMER

A big male cougar, estimated to weigh from 135 to 150 pounds, proved a difficult customer when biologists of the Game Commission along with a federal trapper and several interested individuals attempted to free the animal from a trap.

The big predator had stepped into a bobcat trap, one of several such sets placed along Little Bear Creek in Wallowa county by a commercial trapper.

Wendell Weaver, government trapper at Enterprise, notified district game biologist, Ron Bartels, of the cougar's predicament, and the two made immediate plans to set the animal free. The mountain lion is a protected animal in the state, and cannot be indiscriminately killed.

Bartels contacted biologists in Pendleton for a supply of succostrin, an immobilizing drug, and to Pilot Rock for a Cap-Chur gun used to fire a drug-filled dart, which was at the State Police office there. These items were rushed to Enterprise.

But even the best laid plans can go awry as evidenced by the chain of events which followed.

In the past, commission biologists have enjoyed excellent success with the use of succostrin in immobilizing deer, elk, and other animals, but this was the first attempt with cougar. To be on the safe side, Bartels and his assistant, Vic Coggins, prepared a dart containing a recommended cougar dosage as written up by a team

Mild Winter Aids Big Game

For the third winter in a row, big game animals are wintering well and up to the present time have experienced no undue stress. This is the report from game biologists in all sections of the state, who are now at mid-point in the winter inventory of big game animals.

Bob Stein, staff biologist who heads the big game program for the Game Commission, reported that weather has been generally mild so far this winter except for a short period of deep snow and cold during December. Since that time weather has moderated, and most winter ranges are relatively free of snow.

Range conditions appear fair, Stein said, and if mild weather prevails for the next two months, deer, elk, and antelope should come through the winter with a minimum of loss.

Stein was somewhat pessimistic since the next two months are the most critical in relation to survival of the animals, and potential severe weather still poses a threat. In some areas food supplies are less than normal, and continued good weather will be necessary if herds are to survive with a minimum of loss. He mentioned that some deer herds in eastern Oregon appeared a little ragged, and some elk herds in southwestern Oregon were also becoming somewhat lean.

Stein reported that composition is complete on deer and shows well-balanced herds comparable to last year. Classification of black-tailed deer shows 66 fawns and 41 bucks per 100 does, while the mule deer in eastern Oregon averages 65 fawns and 19 bucks per 100 does. In both areas fawn production and survival is slightly below a year ago, while the buck ratio is up slightly.

During February, March, and April, biologists will travel extensively on all big game winter ranges to obtain the annual trend counts, according to Stein. The census counts plus classification provide the Game Commission with an overall population status of the herds.

of experts who had immobilized numerous mountain lions in the Rocky Mountains during a research study there extending for several years.

But, evidently Oregon mountain lions must be considerably tougher than their Rocky Mountain counterpart, for the recommended dosage had little effect on the big cat.

At the scene, Bartels took aim with the Cap-Chur gun and fired the drug-filled dart into the snarling animal's hip, then stepped back and waited for the expected results. Now, according to rule, the big cat should have collapsed in a minute or so, and gone into a deep sleep lasting perhaps a half an hour. All it did was make the animal a little sleepy, but it would snarl and prepare for battle at the approach of his liberators.

When the effects of the first dose wore off, Bartels prepared a second, slightly stronger, and again administered the dart. The big cat again went paritally asleep, but continued to face up to its tormentors. Rather than risk an overdose which might result in death, Bartels decided to handle the animal with ropes while it was partially under the influence of the drug.

Several long poles were secured and slipped rope loops over the cat's head as well as around its hind quarters. The animal was then stretched out on the ground, and secured to prevent use of claws and teeth.

Carefully and cautiously, Weaver removed the trap while Bartels pulled the two darts from the animal's hip. Next, the rope was removed from the animal's neck, and then looped around the hindquarters loosened so it could free itself. The next step was a quick retreat to safety in case the big cat came up fighting.

For some time the animal sat there facing his liberators, not realizing it was free. Finally the succostrin wore off completely, the big cat stood up on wobbly legs for a moment gaining strength, snarled once more in the direction of his tormentors, then bounded away into the timber.

Bartels said the animal did not appear to be seriously injured from its ordeal in the trap, and that the claws on the trapped foot could be extended and retracted. It showed no effect as it ran away from the scene.

Not only is it difficult to say the right thing in the right place, but it's far more difficult to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Area Ministers To Sponsor Cantata, 'No Greater Love'

"No Greater Love", by John W. Peterson, is title of the cantata which will be presented at the union Good Friday services April 12, in the Nyssa school cafeteria. This program is sponsored by the Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial association.

The high school chorus, under direction of Don Bates, will be the basic group for the cantata, with other interested youths and adults of the Nyssa-Adrian communities completing the total choir.

There will be six practice sessions in preparation for the

presentation of the cantata, with the first rehearsal being at 2 p.m., Sunday March 24 at the Nyssa First Christian church, located at South Fifth street and Ennis avenue.

All young people and adults of the two communities, who are interested in singing with the group, are invited to attend this first practice session or contact Don Bates or the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence, pastor of Nyssa Methodist church.

Life Can Go On

Maybe it's the human will to survive, or maybe it's just plain old-fashioned stubbornness. Whatever it is, people are always winning battles the experts figured them to lose.

Look at some of the people who come down with the crippling lung disease called emphysema; nobody knows how to cure it. In its most advanced stages the disease is considered virtually untreatable.

Yet more and more people are managing to cope with emphysema. Coping with it doesn't mean sudden recovery or a miraculous cure. But it does mean fighting through to con-

tinued life, work, and the enjoyment thereof, despite the ailment.

Under medical supervision, severe distress caused by emphysema can be eased and kept within bounds through special breathing techniques, applications of oxygen, drainage of congested lungs and air passages, physical exercise, and supporting medication.

In Detroit years ago the local TB association inaugurated a program of aid to emphysema sufferers through loans of breathing aid equipment. In a dozen other cities, breathing clinics and home aid, similarly inspired, now improve the lot of many people formerly considered hopeless. In Jefferson County, Alabama, the Christmas seal association cooperates with state health officials in conducting an emphysema vocational rehabilitation program that not only provides physical help but retrains patients and fits them for productive work.

Medical supervision and rehabilitation can make the difference between bleak misery and an interesting, useful life for the emphysema patient. Best approach of all is the preventive one: Don't smoke; don't neglect a chronic cough or shortness of breath; do see a doctor if you have breathing troubles.

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