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Signs of The Times

By Dorothy Neil

A great deal of furor seems to have arisen in California where the black panther from India escaped from the traveling circus and made for the hills. One of the most vicious of the cat family, the big feline will probably become king of beasts in those mountains where his hair-raising scream will warn man and beast that he had better keep out of his way.

Grandma read the story and shuddered. She remembered when she was a little child, she and her brothers and sisters were entertained and horrified by the story of Aunt Deilah, a frontiers-woman who in her amazing and fearless way defied a panther and saved the life of her little boy.

Aunt Deilah, a pioneer woman of the mid-west, which comprised the frontiers at that time, had a remarkably clear voice, a gift unusual in those days when woman's daily living took its toll from quality of song as well as quantity. Aunt Deilah often sang in her clear, strong voice as she went about her chores. Chores of course included out-of-doors chores as well as the regular household chores, but she sang as she worked whether it was churning or harvesting.

Now Aunt Deilah kept on her wilderness homestead a pack of hounds which they used in hunting, for hunting was part of everyday living also for the frontiersman and their families. We never did learn the name of Aunt Deilah's husband, but took it for granted that he did exist, or had at one time, since she was the mother of a family.

But the hounds we know existed, for they are part of our story if we ever get around to telling it.

Aunt Deilah found that she had to go to the home of a near neighbor, some several miles away, and mounting her favorite horse and taking her little boy behind her, set out.

She had gone quite some distance when she came to a long clearing. In the shadows of the woods ahead a figure moved, and Aunt Deilah thought for a moment it was a person. A few more steps and to her horror she saw it was a big cat, who languidly made his way to the center of the wagon road, and sat down to await their arrival.

The horse reared, pawing the air. He wanted no part of a panther-cat. The little boy clinging to his mother in fright, and Aunt Deilah's heart froze within her. The cat started circling the three frightened creatures, in order to spring from the rear, the horse kept the beast at bay with his hoofs, and Aunt Deilah began to call the hounds.

Miles back the clear call went on the windless afternoon. Back at the farm home the leader of the hounds rose to his feet and listened. He knew that voice.

It was a long way off, but to the keen-eyed dog it had all the authenticity of a call from the back porch. With one accord they began to bay until they were loosed to go in the direction of the voice.

In the clearing the tired and frightened horse still kept the circling cat at bay; the baby clung whimpering and Aunt Deilah still called with just a hint of panic in her voice. It was a case of survival of them or the cat.

Then she heard the dogs. The cat heard them too and stopped to sniff the wind for a moment. Then in a burst of energy he stepped up his circling, but the horse had heard the dogs also, and bravery is always strengthened when help is on the way.

With a scream of rage the cat lunged into the falling hounds then turned to lunge away, to be lost in the shadows of the forest.

The hounds arrived and toof up the scent. The men arrived also and tracked the animal down and killed him.

Not much of a story, perhaps, but a story, nevertheless. A story coincident with many similar ones from those early days. A story to thrill a group of wide-eyed children for generations as they snuggled in to their feather beds and listened in imagination for the scream of the "panther cat" and the bay of the faithful hounds.

MYF Carwash Project a Success

Methodist Youth held a field day as well as a work day on Saturday when 22 young people turned out to wash and polish cars. The carwash netted \$57.50 and plans are being made to hold another one soon. A number of patrons have signified their willingness to patronize the carwash at least once a month.

At noon a chili dinner and berry shortcake was served by Mrs. Carl Johnson, counselor, assisted by Mrs. Ken Brooks.

The boys of the MYF did the heavy work on the cars and the girls assisted with polishing and cleaning the interiors. The profit will be applied on the MYF pledge for the year.

Pioneer Daughters To Meet March 26

The Whidbey Island Chapter of Daughters of the Pioneers will meet on Friday afternoon, March 26 at the home of Mrs. Carl Dean for the election of officers for the coming year, and to make plans for a tea in celebration of their twentieth anniversary.

Tentative date for the tea is set at April 23, the regular meeting date of the Chapter, and as yet a place has not been designated.

Christian Youth Plan Combined Pre-Easter Rally

Plans were being made this week by Christian Youth for a week of Youth Rally meetings to be held before Easter, and with all church youth groups participating. Each church group will be in charge of one night's service.

Enthusiastic support has been forthcoming from all the groups and churches contacted so far, according to Neil Tigner, high school senior, chairman in charge of getting the ball rolling.

The first official meeting will be held on Monday evening at the home of Cline Herrin when presidents and counselors of the various church youth groups will be invited to be present to further plans for the rally. It is planned to also invite the church youth group from Coupeville to take part in the services. Anyone interested is asked to contact Neil Tigner at the high school.

Easter Seals to Aid Local School

The Easter Seals Campaign opened this week with an appeal to help crippled children and adults through buying a set of seals. The "help crippled children" slogan has become a little nearer to home in this area with the establishment of the Lincoln school for handicapped at Burlington, to care for persons from San Juan, Island and Skagit counties.

At present the school has eleven students and operates with a staff of two teachers, a nurse and physical therapist. It is one of only three such schools in the state that takes care of various types of students.

The school is staffed by the state, but local funds provided the building and local organizations work toward maintenance and supplies. Easter seal proceeds will go toward maintaining the Lincoln school for handicapped children and adults.

Rev. Lindberg Speaks Here Tues.

A group of 24 friends and neighbors met Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eklund to meet and hear the Rev. D. R. Lindberg, missionary who has spent the past winter in Formosa. Rev. Lindberg was formerly pastor at the Burlington Presbyterian church, and has also served in China. He and his family are planning to return soon to Formosa.

Rev. Lindberg told of the work in Formosa and the great need of the people there for Christianity. He also showed pictures of the area. Mrs. Burton Engle and Mr. Neal Nozland each sang solos as part of the evening program.

The Rev. Lindberg met with the Boys Club at the school in the afternoon and told them of his missionary work.

Sergeant Snover Now Overseas

Sergeant Philip R. Snover was enroute last week to Japan for another tour of duty in Japan.

Sergeant Snover left for overseas after being at Port Ord, California since his re-enlistment in October. His wife, the former Lyla Libbey, and his daughter eight-month-old Gail, are staying at her parents, the Joe Libbey's until they can join the sergeant in Japan.

RADIO ENTERTAINERS
Don Snyder and Curt Hedstrom, Coupeville entertainers, have been placed regularly on the Saturday radio program from 5 to 6 p.m. over Mount Vernon station KBRC, as disc jockeys, plugging Whidbey Island. The program is sponsored by Whidbey Island businessmen.

THERE'S NEWS IN THE ADS—
How can you get the best lawn in town?

INSTRUCTIONS being laid down by referee Jack Meeter to wrestlers Knight Smith of Coupeville and Cy Molitor of Whidbey NAS, at the start of a match at the

Oak Harbor Lions' Smoker. Molitor was a victim this week of a traffic accident and is in the hospital at the present time.

—Whidbey Press Photo

State Plans Cut In School Aid

Chairman Carlton Sears of the Legislative Budget Committee at Olympia announced this week that his group is studying a proposal for a sweeping revision of the state's program of financial aid to school districts.

The main point in the proposal would be a cut in state aid to wealthy school districts, leaving those districts to get more financial aid through local taxes.

The proposal also calls for withdrawal of state aid from small, un-economical school districts, which Sears said would encourage consolidation. He said the proposal would be effected over a period of four years to avoid injury that could be caused by a quick change-over.

In regard to the wealthier districts, Sears said that if the districts were unable to get more money through increased local taxation the alternative would be a reduced district budget.

The money withdrawn from support of the wealthy districts would not be distributed among the poorer districts, but would remain in the treasury, and Paul W. Ellis, legislative auditor, said that the saving to the state would be "substantial."

The premium now placed on low assessed valuation would be removed under the terms of the proposal, which Sears said would encourage higher assessments in the counties requiring additional school funds. He emphasized, however, that the proposal is subject to change after it has been discussed with other members of the Legislature. The committee also plans to study the needs of three state institutions of higher education, EWCE, CWCE and Washington State College.

NEW BABY

Attorney and Mrs. John Wold are receiving congratulations this week on the birth of a boy born March 16 at Harpole's maternity hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces. The little boy joins a brother and a sister, and has not been named as yet.

YOUR FRIENDS AND OURS

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Pioneer Profiles

Captain Richard Holbrook, Early Pioneer Lands on Whidbey Mar. 17, 102 Yrs. Ago

Of interest to many who remember Mrs. Frances Holbrook Pfeiffer, (Horace Holbrook) and the Holbrook family, may be the story of their father, Captain Holbrook, who was also the son of another captain.

Captain Gideon Holbrook, a sea captain, who had inherited from an uncle the old house built in 1690, six miles from Plymouth in Manomet, which is still owned by his descendants, was the father of Captain Richard, who was born in that same old house in 1821.

At the age of 13 he began his career on the sea when he joined a fishing fleet at Grand Banks. During his

Chest X-rays on Friday in O. H.

On Friday, March 19, the State Department of Health will have technicians at the office of Dr. Henry Carskadden in Oak Harbor who will take X-rays for persons receiving chest X-rays from the Snohomish-Island County Tuberculosis association showing that further study should be made regarding their chest X-rays taken earlier this year.

Miss Peterson and Mr. Moen of the State Health Department will be present all day at the office and the X-rays will be taken without charge. Dr. Carskadden's office was chosen as a central area for the north Whidbey residents.

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March 17, 1852

Here he met Captain Eli Hathaway and the two sailed around Whidbey Island into Penn's Cove and landed on the northwest bank March 17, 1852. Captain Holbrook homesteaded 160 acres where San de Pica now stands.

After several ventures in trading and working in the woods, Captain Holbrook proved up on his claim and farmed. He married Harriet Low in Olympia in 1860.

He served two terms in the Territorial Legislature, and was instrumental in establishing a mail route between Olympia and Bellingham's Bay. In the '70's he refused to accept the office of Treasurer of the Territory, for earlier, when treasurer of Island county, it is said that he kept the County funds in a sugar bowl in the dish cupboard of his log cabin house, and his wife said it had worried him so much that he was unwilling to take another similar responsibility.

Captain Holbrook was loved by all who knew him, for his concern over those who needed help, the widowed and the orphaned; and it was said that whenever a new family landed on the Island he was the first to welcome them and offer them any assistance needed.

He died in Coupeville in 1933.

The death of Frances Holbrook Pfeiffer, 83, who passed away recently, has brought forth many loving comments on her life from a host of friends. Although born and raised on Whidbey Island, the daughter of Captain Richard Blackhawk Holbrook, Mrs. Pfeiffer spent most of her life in the east and in California.

She returned to Whidbey Island in 1937 when her brother, Horace Holbrook, was ill, and remained in Coupeville in his home after his death.

A young girl, Frances Holbrook graduated from Oberlin College and the Emerson school of Oratory in Bldston. She was a journalist for many years in New York and on a Boston paper, and while there met and married Mr. Pfeiffer, who was a writer also.

Frances Holbrook Pfeiffer was known in Coupeville as well as in her home in California as a poet with an unusual gift. She was a very inspirational person to know, according to old friends here.

While living in Coupeville after the death of her brother, though very advanced in age, she wrote continually for the "Monitor" magazine. Her many poems written about local people and places are treasured by her friends here.

Church Groups to Study World Order

The adult groups of the Methodist church is making a study of "Christian Responsibility to World Order," under the direction of Larry Thie who is working under the current Laymen's activities program of the church.

Morning Sunday school session time is taken up with the study combining the three adult classes for the series.

An interesting point in the discussion is the fact that the World Council of Churches which will meet in Evanston, Illinois this summer will study the same subject.

Local People to Attend Grand Court

Grand Court of Amaranth will meet this weekend in Tacoma at the Masonic Temple there. From Whidbey Island Court, Mrs. Frank Green and Mrs. Ray Baker will attend, and Mrs. George Andrus, Royal Matron of the Whidbey Island Court.

Installation of new officers for Amaranth will take place on May 22, preceding the visit of the Grand Royal Matron on June 3. Mrs. Herschel Pierce will be installed as Royal Matron of the Whidbey Island Court.

Read the Classifieds —

4-H Week Ends With County Rally At Clover Valley

National 4-H week came to a fun filled climax last Friday night for Island county 4-H youth at a rally held in the Clover Valley school.

More than 150 youngsters and their parents from all areas on Whidbey and Camano gathered at the school to enjoy games, songs and other entertainment.

The rally day party had its serious moments, also, as the group of 4-H youngsters re-dedicated themselves to the four "H's", head, heart, health and hands.

One of the more serious and inspiring moments came when more than 50 youngsters were initiated into 4-H in a candle-light ceremony.

After the initiation, refreshments were served to the youngsters and to their parents.

Speaking of 4-H before the party, County Agent Larry Thie said there are 12 clubs in the county consisting of about 140 members, more than 100 of whom live in the Oak Harbor and Coupeville area. The enrollment places Island county about midway up the list in participation within the 39 counties.

The girls' 4-H clubs operate under the guidance of Fern McGregor, county extension agent, with the exception of those girls who have farming projects. They and the boys in 4-H operate with the help of the county agent, Larry Thie.

Island County has won several honors for its 4-H work.

It is the only county in the state to win two International Farm Youth Exchange scholarships. Al Sherman went to Austria as the first student and Ray Reuble of Coupeville has been approved for the year, although he may be unable to take advantage of the scholarship due to his draft status.

Island county's 4-H youth participate in at least four fairs in the state.

They participate heavily in the Island county fair, held each year at Langley and teams are also sent to Puyallup, Monroe and Yakima fairs.

Fire Season Starts As of March 15

As of March 15, fire permits are required for any outside fire in the county with the exception of fires within the city limits. Henry Hilberdink, Island fire warden, announced this week.

Minimum fine for conviction of burning without a permit is \$25.

At the present time, burning permits will be issued for a month at a time, Hilberdink said. Later, however, the permits will be issued for shorter terms.

Hilberdink will issue permits in Oak Harbor on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and will headquarter at the Pastime during his hours in town. The fire warden will issue permits for the Coupeville area every Wednesday and Saturday before noon and will be in the courthouse for that purpose.

Hilberdink will visit the Langley district every Friday before noon for the purpose of issuing fire permits. He may also be reached at his home in Oak Harbor or at OR-5-2507 for further information.

Permits Needed For Timber Cutting

Timber cutting permits are required to cut and remove timber on any state and private land in areas of merchantable timber, according to a notice this week from Roy Benham, district forest warden.

Applicants for these permits may be had by contacting the State Forestry office in Sedro Woolley or any State Forest Warden.

Any operator logging without a permit, is in violation of the Forest Practices Act, Laws of 1945, and may be shut down. Each day's operation without a permit, constitutes a separate violation.

An operating permit is required by Chapter 18, Laws of 1953, for any person, firm or corporation to conduct a commercial operation, in dead and down timber with power driven equipment. These permits may be had directly from any State Forest Warden upon submitting legal description and ownership permission.

PLANT SALE

The Greenbank Garden Club will hold a plant sale on Saturday, March 27 in front of Chip's Boat shop at Greenbank, hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

WSCS Program on Spanish Americans

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met on Thursday at the church parlors for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Pat Wanamaker was in charge of the program on "Spanish Speaking Americans," and Mrs. Don Allen was in charge of the worship service. Hostesses were Mrs. Justus Hancock, Mrs. A. K. Capaan, Mrs. Meade Sweeney and Mrs. Ray Engle.

TWO HOSTESSES ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Bill Kotike and Mrs. Art Hammons were co-hostesses on Tuesday evening when they entertained a group of friends during an "Orthopedic evening." Refreshments were served to Mrs. Wayne Libbey, Mrs. Daryl Franzen, Mrs. Phil Snover, Miss Betty Franzen and the hostesses.

TWO EASTER SERVICES

Easter Services at the Methodist church this year will include two morning services starting at 9:45 a. m. and at 11 a. m. Sunday school will include only children, and it is hoped that everyone from Juniors through adults may be accommodated at the two services.

Island Boy Waits As Draft Board Decision May Interfere with IFYE Program

The draft board and a sliver of steel hold the key to the future of 17-year-old Raymond Reuble of Coupeville, who has become the second Island County farm youth to win national recognition through the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Ray has been approved by Washington as a delegate to New Zealand, under the exchange program.

Al Sherman of Coupeville was a delegate to Austria. He is presently serving in the Armed Forces.

Free Movies For Youngsters Start Saturday

Free Saturday movies at the Oak Theatre in Oak Harbor will begin this Saturday at 1 p. m. and continue until further notice.

The movies are being sponsored and paid for by more than 60 Oak Harbor's business and professional men.

The title of this week's movie is not yet known. Jerry Landers, owner of the Theatre, said, however, that it would be a "first class movie suitable for children."

Along with the main feature a comedy will be presented each Saturday and a serial will begin this Saturday and continue each Saturday hereafter.

The movies are strictly for children, with no youngster 14 years of age or older, admitted. Mothers or baby-sitters, however, will be admitted, also free of charge.

The show will last until approximately 3:30 p. m. and an usher will be on hand at all times to keep order.

Those sponsoring the show emphasize that it is for all children under 14 regardless of where they may live.

Oak Theatre has been closed Saturdays for the past few weeks.

Eastern Star Elects Officers

Tula Chapter, OES, met on Wednesday night of last week to elect officers for the coming year. Mrs. Allen O'Connor of Oak Harbor was elected to the office of Worthy Matron; Mrs. Ben Ferguson was elected associate Matron; Mrs. Paul Walker, Conductress and Mrs. Howard Gulkey, associate Conductress.

George Lentz was elected Worthy Patron; Howard Gulkey, Associate Patron; Mrs. Gerald Nelson, Treasurer and Mrs. Ray Baker, Secretary.

Installation of officers will be held on March 27 at the Masonic hall, at an open meeting.

Special

Tula Chapter will hold a special meeting this week, March 17 or 18, on the revised list of campaign leaders are Mrs. Sidney Evans, Mrs. John Varney and Mrs. John LeSourd.

Red Cross Meets Quota with \$325

The Red Cross quota set in the recent campaign has been reached in the Coupeville area, according to Dr. Ritchie D. Ocheltree, chairman of the drive. \$325 has been turned in to the fund from Central Island County, with 180 families contributing to the local campaign. Others made contributions as employees at their place of business and elsewhere.

Real appreciation is extended to all workers and contributors who made this campaign another success. On the revised list of campaign leaders are Mrs. Sidney Evans, Mrs. John Varney and Mrs. John LeSourd.

When readers glimpse the happy pictures of birds singing, buds sprouting, leaves opening, children skipping they will perhaps think they can sniff the first sweet scent of an apple blossom.

In fact, they will be correct.

The three Whidbey papers will be printed in perfumed ink. Be watching for us—(sniff, sniff) next week.

LUNCHEON GUESTS

Mrs. Freeman Boyer Jr. and children were luncheon guests on Monday of Mrs. Freeman Boyer Sr.

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Calamity strikes a little closer to home when one hears of the appeal from the Mayor of Koronadal City on Mindanao island in the Philippines who says that seventy thousand people in this valley alone face starvation unless someone sends them food before the end of March. The most any of these families have to exist upon at the present time is one meal a day, and that of banana leaves, roots and bark.

President Ramon Magsaysay declared an emergency following the onslaught of millions of large crop-destroying rats who made sudden devastating attacks on the maturing harvests in the Cotabato Province of the island. Entire communities have been reduced to ruin and starvation.

The American people have been appealed to through CARE, which has already allocated all the food packages in its warehouse at Manila and has re-shipped another 4500 packages from Japan. That such a calamity has befallen so many thousands of people so near home is almost beyond the comprehension of people in this country. Only the steady stream of CARE packages into such a locality convinces one that folks really do CARE.

The Administration's recommendation of a flexible farm price support program is receiving the enthusiastic support of business as well as leading farm organizations.

The result of fixed price supports encouraging the farmer to produce whether or not there is a market, equals a problem which is becoming more acute every day. Mounting surpluses of wheat, corn, cotton, wool, and other products are piling up in silos, bins and warehouses, with a bill for storing this overflow that is staggering. The government owns at the present time enough vegetable oils to make more than a billion pounds of margarine.

This, in addition to the cost of acquiring the surplus farm products. For high, fixed price supports and the surpluses they produce, the consumer must pay higher prices for farm products in the markets. While possible flexible price supports are not the perfect answer to every farm price and income problem, generally people are convinced that they are greatly superior to fixed supports at higher levels.

The State of Washington Highway Commission can arise and take a bow with the announcement that an Award of Honor has been given to the Department of Highways by the National Safety Council.

The award was made because of the excellent record made by highway department personnel in reducing injuries and accidents. The reduction in on-the-job injuries to highway personnel means more efficient workers turning out more work at less cost.

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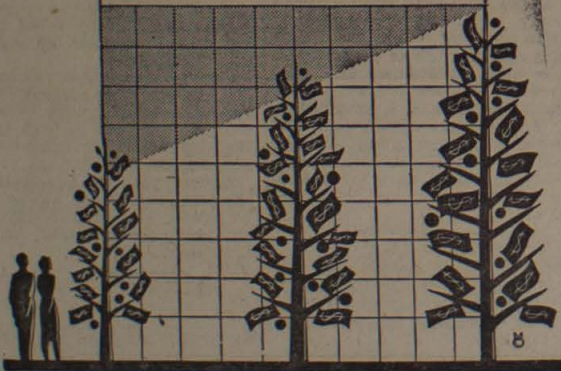
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YOUR COUNTY AGENT SAYS

By Lawrence H. Thie

Last week we talked about de-beaking poultry and its possible effect on egg production. Since then, I have visited with James Eckles of South Whidbey and discussed de-beaking with him.

Mr. Eckles de-beaked his pullet flock when they were just about at top production last fall and found that in the several days immediately following de-beaking, production actually went up.

I expressed considerable surprise at this but he commented that he had read an article or more concerning similar experience by research workers in California. They suggest that a possible clue to this increased production lay in the fact that prior to de-beaking the birds were very selective in eating. Following de-beaking they could no longer select and therefore ate larger quantities of mash which resulted in higher production.

Incidentally, referring to last week's column and more particularly to the subsidies in the column which are generously supplied by the editor, Ace Comstock, I'm still wondering what the heading "Farmers Make Legs" referred to. Seriously, Ace I appreciate those subsidies as well as the bold face type used to emphasize certain parts of the column and individual names. I was, however, somewhat surprised to learn that farmers were "making legs" (I supplied "less", Larry. The Linotype supplied the "legs").

Here's what I'm interested in: Greenbank area, who for some time have been interested in having a 4-H club in their immediate vicinity, will be interested to know that Mr. Ray Edwards, living just north of Greenbank, is considering working with the boys and girls in that area.

Parents of children 10 years or more of age who are interested in having the children take part in 4-H projects such as gardening, poultry, dairy etc., should contact Ray letting him know of their interest and also of their willingness to cooperate in making a 4-H program in that area a success.

Gilbert Surface of the Clinton area is actively interested in developing a 4-H group in that area. He gave me the names of several boys in the area interested in 4-H. Mr. Surface has very generously volunteered to see what can be done about developing a 4-H group in that vicinity. Parents or potential club members should contact Mr. Surface or write this office for further information.

Naturally, we here in the Extension office are glad to give our time in helping to develop 4-H groups in any area of the county where interest exists and where adults and young people alike are willing to cooperate in developing a program.

Mr. E. C. Heilman, member of the Board of Directors of the Skagit County Cattlemen's Association, called me this morning (as I write this on March 11) and announced a meeting of the Skagit County Cattlemen's Association at Allen Grange on Wednesday, March 17th.

Mr. Heilman extended an invitation to Island County cattlemen and others interested in livestock production, to attend this dinner and program. Mr. Heilman is coming into the county and will contact a good many of the livestock producers in this area personally.

Incidentally, on April 8th, Mr. Charlie Kyd, Extension livestock specialist from the State College, will be in the county for the purpose of meeting with livestock producers on both Camano and Whidbey Island to discuss problems of the industry. Considerable interest has been evidenced over the past number of months by various producers in the area in the formation of a livestock association. Such an association is to be for the purpose of meeting together periodically for the exchange of information and ideas as well as for fellowship with people of like interests. So keep that date in mind and make plans to attend the meeting which will probably be held here in Coupeville at the courthouse on the evening of April 8th with Charlie Kyd.

Dick Hansen at the Coupeville Wharf tells me that the Eastern State's Farmers Exchange has contacted him about having a new variety of timothy produced on a trial basis in this area. Apparently this timothy, "Climax," is very popular now on the East Coast, but the seed supply is limited. Eastern State's Farmers Exchange is looking for areas where certified seed may be produced in quantity to supply their needs. They sent 10 pounds of the seed out to Dick who in turn made arrangements with Chuck Arnold in the San de Fuca area to plant the seed here. This is registered seed. There will be no harvest of seed until the summer of 1955.

Sounds like there may be some possibility of expanded production for a crop of this nature locally. This is one of the tangible local results of Clyde Willey's work through the State Crop Improvement Association.

Charlie Kyd, Extension livestock specialist mentioned above, sends an announcement on sheep shearing schools to be held in various parts of the state. Of interest to folks in this area is a school to be held on the John Ward Lawler ranch at Monroe, March 19 and 20.

This particular school will involve considerably more than just sheep shearing. The Lawler ranch is considered to have one of the best sheep flocks in Western Washington. Opportunity will be given to discuss and observe all phases of sheep production as well as shearing.

The shearing school continues for the two days. However, the general open meeting for the public will be held on Friday afternoon, March 19 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Any sheepmen interested in attending the school should contact me here at the office and perhaps we can arrange for a carload to go over together on Friday.

Dairymen will be interested in a report made by Dr. L. A. Gaud, dairy scientist from Ohio State University, at the recent Dairy Institute held at Washington State College. Dr. Gaud warned that the present milk surplus may very well result in shortages in the near future. This is a result of increased population and a tendency on the part of some producers to go out of business now with falling prices.

Dr. Gaud points out there has been a 50 per cent drop in dairy technology graduates from Land Grant Colleges from 1949 to 1952 resulting in a very definite shortage of trained manpower available to the dairy industry. This information would indicate that the future of the dairy industry is good even though currently the situation doesn't look too favorable.

A reminder to gardeners that now is the time to fertilize your lawn if you want to have beautiful grass throughout the summer.

A good fertilizer application on the lawn now would be from 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn area. This could be supplied by some 8 to 10 pounds of ammonium sulfate which is the form in which you buy your nitrogen fertilizer or use about 4 to 6 pounds of ammonium nitrate which carries a higher percent of nitrogen. It is probably best to apply approximately half this amount now in the early spring and the balance later in the summer, about July or August.

Remember that when applying fertilizer of this sort, it should be applied with water. That means that if you put it on the grass in the rain you don't need to do anything else because the rain will take care of washing the fertilizer down around the roots and prevent the grass from burning. If you apply the fertilizer on a bright sunny day you had better get out the hose immediately in order to wash the fertilizer down to the roots of the grass plants with a generous application of water.

COUNCIL TO ELECT

The North Puget Sound Council will hold election of officers this Friday night at a meeting to be held at the Empire Cafe in Anacortes. John Vander Pol of Oak Harbor is the present president. Reservations should be made through Gustaf Dalstead, postmaster through Gustaf Dalstead, postmaster at Anacortes.

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28	OAK HARBOR	7:45	11:45	5:45
38.7	COUPEVILLE	8:04	12:04	6:04
66.6	LANGLEY	9:00	1:00	7:00
72	MUKILTEO	9:50	1:50	7:50
97	SEATTLE	10:40	2:40	8:40

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25	MUKILTEO	10:55	1:55	6:55
30.4	LANGLEY	11:33	2:33	7:33
38.4	COUPEVILLE	12:16	3:16	8:16
63.3	OAK HARBOR	12:35	3:35	8:35
72.2	AULT FIELD JCT.	12:44	3:44	8:44
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97	MOUNT VERNON	1:30	4:25	9:30

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Opposing Viewpoints Aired on Deer At Sportsmen's Meeting Wednesday

Opposing viewpoint on a proposed closure of Whidbey Island to deer hunters for a period of two years were presented to members and guests at the North Whidbey Sportsman's club meeting held last Wednesday. Representatives of the State Game Department upheld their contention that such a closure would hurt, rather than help, Whidbey deer hunters while representatives of the Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun club declared that the closure would mean more and larger deer for Whidbey Island.

Gardner Jones, game biologist from the Clemens Tree Farm, declared that there is no scarcity of deer on Whidbey Island at the present time and that the deer at the present time are on what he called "a starvation diet."

Jones said he made a visit to the island in early March and found an abundance of deer sign and indications that Whidbey deer are feeding on foods not normally a part of their diet if enough other browse were available.

Around Langley I found plenty of deer sign," Gardner declared. "A round Freeland I found an abundance of deer sign and I found a fair amount on North Whidbey. The food they are eating indicates they are on a starvation diet and Bush Point, particularly, is a good example. There are plenty of deer on Whidbey Island."

Gardner used colored slides to illustrate his points as he told of results of a study of deer habits on the Clemens tree farm.

"From fawn tagging operations we have been able to estimate the total deer population, their length of life and the distance traveled from the spot at which they were tagged," Jones said.

Jones said 176 fawns were tagged in the first year of the study; 225 in 1951, 225 in 1952 and 270 last year. "From the tags turned in during hunting season we have determined that deer move an average of less than a mile during their first year," he said. At 2 1/2 years of age they are found in the same area, although bucks appear to move up to four to six miles from the site at which they were tagged.

Jones cautioned that the figures might not represent a true picture of the deer ranging habits.

"The tagged deer were killed in the fall and we have no way of knowing their winter ranging habits," he explained.

Jones said the study of feeding habits indicate deer prefer browse to grass and weeds plants except during the early spring when the weeds and grass are young and tender.

"Cedar, salal, blackberry, huckleberry and vine maple are browse foods," he said.

Jones declared that logging practices determine the amount of food available.

"More deer can be supported in a relatively open area than in second growth covered lands," he said. "On Whidbey, most of your deer range is covered with second growth timber."

Jones presented statistics which he said indicate that Whidbey deer hunters kill approximately one-third of the deer herd each year. He said reproduction replaces those killed, thus assuring a stable deer herd.

The non-closure viewpoint was upheld by Ole Elde of the Game Department who cited figures to show that in 1936, the last year of the buck only kill, 100 deer were taken on Whidbey.

"In the past sixteen years we have

tracks. On another day and in the same area I found only 11 sets. These studies were during the snow. Scurluck declared that Gun club members feel this is the year to close the island to deer hunters.

"We want to import some new deer strains onto the island," he said. "We feel that, with the population down as it is, the new strains might help develop bigger and more deer."

"We have men on South Whidbey who would donate trucks, time and effort into getting deer for importation on the island."

Emphasizing repeatedly that the club is not "bucking heads" with the game department, Scurluck pointed out that the original opening of Whidbey for either sex hunting was an experiment.

"Let us try closing the island to hunting for two years," he urged. "We'll bring in some new deer blood and see what happens."

Scurluck's statements were backed by Jack Wardell, president of the Holmes Harbor club.

"I get back on the side roads a good deal on my job," he declared. "There are far fewer deer seen now than in previous years."

Listening in on the arguments, besides the North Whidbey sportsmen, were Dick Seward of the state game commission and several members of the Central Whidbey Sportsmen's club.

North Whidbey Sportsmen will discuss the proposed closure at the next meeting and will, in all probability, issue a majority resolution expressing their sentiments.

"We feel there are far less deer on Whidbey than it could handle," he declared. "The Game Department's contention regarding overpopulation of deer on Bush Point is not applicable as that area has been closed to hunters by private landowners for the past five years."

Scurluck said other areas on the island are lacking in deer.

"During the past winter several of us cruised different areas on South Whidbey," he related. "We found very few deer tracks, even during the snow. I walked approximately 18 miles through the woods one day and found only nine sets of

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By Mrs. F. C. Morris

Mrs. Mamie Monroe entertained the Sewing Club at her home Wednesday afternoon with seven ladies present. After a time of visitation and sewing, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Melvin Grasser and Mrs. Ed Kennedy.

Mrs. Charles Arnold spent the day in Seattle Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morris motored to Mount Vernon Saturday. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Andre Arneson and family at Lake Erie on their way home.

Mr. Ted Damgaard received word Tuesday morning that his brother Hans Damgaard, suffered a heart attack on Monday.

Mr. John Fitzgerald arrived home Thursday from Minot, North Dakota after several months visit with his mother and other relatives.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kennedy were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson, Stevie and Chris.

Mrs. Howard MacDonald, Eddie, Betty and Francis went to Seattle Friday to spend the weekend with her mother Mrs. Fitzgerald and other relatives.

Miss Pyllis Sloth accompanied Mrs. Duffin to Seattle Sunday.

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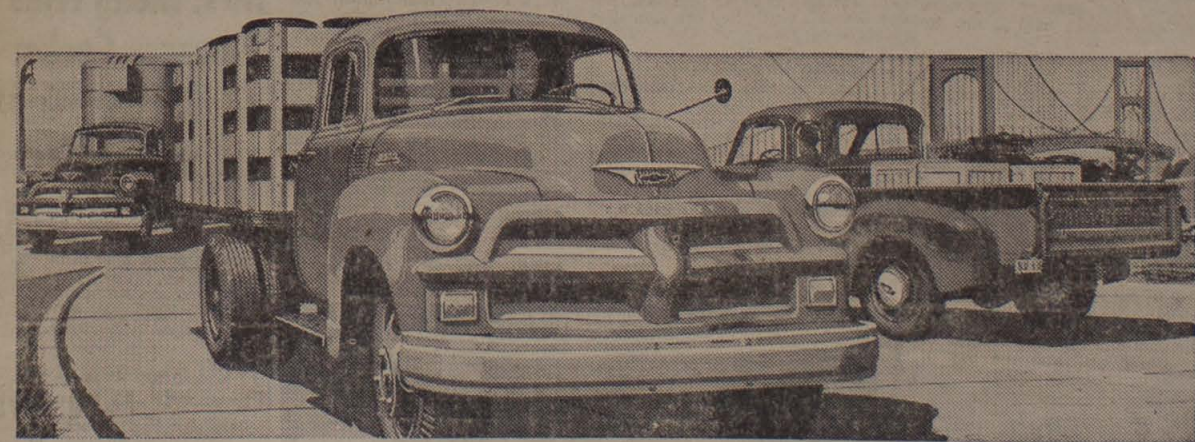
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THEY ARE THERE
Proof that the Blackmouth are there for the hardy fisherman is John Youngsman's experience thus far this year.
John has connected on six out of seven trips off West Beach, the latest catch being this weekend.
Most of the knots used by anglers today were probably used by ancient Phoenician and Egyptian sailors.

Greenbank News

By J. K. MacInnis
Uncle Sam got his yearly income this week in greenbacks; all over the Irish observed St. Patrick's day by the wearin' of the green; and, Spring is due on Saturday, well, lets hope its green. In spite of the surprising white mornings last week, the grass seems to be thriving and past due for its first clipping. How we sweat and scheme to keep it growing, and how we sweat to keep it cut. There seems to be a lesson in that somewhere, but where?

The most wonderful news in the Spring or any time is to hear of our boys coming home from the far East. Ed Hamel went into Seattle one day last week to meet one of his boys. Ed had had five sons fighting for us. His son returned with him Monday evening for a visit. The two haven't seen each other for a long time. Breaking up in Alaska soon now, and Sidney Amundson is all ready for his annual trek, and will be leaving within the week. Mrs. A. is learning to drive the family car for easier transportation while he is gone.

The fishing and boating is on the wing—or swim—Chips is again writing his column, "How Are They Bitin'" and a welcome addition it is.

Speaking of wings, the sweet soprano tones of our feathered friends are beginning to add harmony to the bass tones the frogs who thought it was Spring early February.

Birthday celebrations last week were: Ed Basel, who, we hear, spent it at his typewriter writing odes to Spring.
A Birthday party was held for Mrs. Auvil at Clinton at the home of the Elmer Tashes. The Roy Sellers were two Greenbankers present.

Trudy Garber was guest of honor at a birthday party at our house on Monday afternoon. Those present were the Mesdames Don Allen, Art Bratsberg, Chips Carey, Harry Dines, Earl Garber, A. Hutchins, Will Murdoch, Joe Nichols, Jack Payton, Rol Sellers and Oral Skiles.
Spring is bringing remodeling changes to the home of the Jack Engstroms. Ground has already been broken for the remodeling job.

Spring school elections were held last Tuesday with Edith Magnuson, Betty Engstrom and Gladys Thorsen working at the polls.

After doing their "dooty", Trudy Garber, Annabelle Hutchins and Clara Chips stopped at Nelle Nichols for a game of Canasta.
Mr. E. Stanley Boozel was the featured speaker at the Spring meeting of the Chuckanut District of Garden clubs last Friday in Mount Vernon. There's no one who knows more about all phases of gardening than Mr. Boozel, and one can be sure that all who attended and heard him will be inspired to greater effort and more beauty this spring. (private note: and that doesn't mean, rocks!).

Our neighbors the Jack Rulands were out enjoying the bright spring sunshine on Sunday. Mrs. Jack couldn't resist, and stayed over for a few days longer.

Vince Schwarz brought his friends the Elmer Johnsons of Seattle to spend the weekend with him. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Thompsons came on Sunday to spend the day.

All of them and the Ernest Tallboys dropped in for chats.

Melva Sinema, Clara Larson, Betty Rehberg, Pat Keith, and our very newest neighbor, Mrs. Ray Hanby served at the PTA dinner given in Coupeville one evening last week.

Before we proceed any further, we wish to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hanby and their three young children who came to Greenbank recently from Kirkland where they have lived for the last six years. They are occupying the P. Herr home. Mr. Hanby is employed at NAS Whidbey. We wish to welcome you to Greenbank, folks.

The Progressive Club held its monthly meeting last Thursday evening. The weather kept a number of members at their firesides, but those who attended were all the more enthusiastic for being present for they were treated to an especially entertaining evening. Lt. Com. Ralph Matthews, Security Officer at NAS Whidbey showed us his colored slides of Formosa and Okinawa, and gave a delightful talk about his experiences and life at the two historical places while he was stationed there. The hostesses, Nelle Nichols and Mary Morris, served several kinds of home-made cake and coffee. Business was kept at a minimum, and the gal members were enthusiastic about the plans to serve breakfast to the Business Women's Club later in the season.

The concrete floor for the fire-house was poured by the strong boys in the neighborhood last week end.

Guests for an evening's whist and pinocle at the home of the Victor Magnusons last Saturday evening were the John Josephsons and Hans Amundsons of Freeland.

Miss Murle Seeman who is a guest in Greenbank is returning to Fairbanks, Alaska where she is employed by the Alaska railroad. Miss Seeman has traveled from coast to coast in our U. S., territories of Alaska, Hawaii, Canada and Australia and five other countries. She says people here are friendly, the weather is grand, but most of all we have what most people are looking for all over the world, and that is, peace.

The Spring Orthopedic luncheons are gaining momentum with another luncheon given recently at the home of Mrs. Earl Garber. Mrs. Earl Keith assisted. Guests were, Mrs. A. Hutchins, Mrs. Emil Larson, Mrs. John Sinema, Mrs. Ray Hanby, and Mrs. Hammond of Coupeville.

Gladys Thorsen lunched in Seattle last Thursday with several members of her family. Those present for the reunion were her sister, Mrs. E. V. Blackwell of California, her mother, Mrs. Doane, her aunt, Mrs. Rathke and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker, and another sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Goode.

Mrs. Richard Benson spent last Monday in Seattle and again in Everett the following Monday. The young Richard Bensons and two daughters visited with them here over Saturday and Sunday.

The B. A. Peaches of Bush Point drove to Seattle on Monday for a few day's visit.
Clara Chips and I took off for a short trip to Everett on Friday. Crossing to Everett and Seattle we saw Mr. M. Olum, Mark Sorensen and Mrs. Frear of Langley. On the way home returning with us were Katherine Lowe and Ruth Schreiber.

Paul Bakken and John Walker visited Archie Poor at the Veterans hospital last Sunday.

Mr. P. Meadows has been in Kentucky for the past five weeks. One of his brothers is very ill there.

John Lettola brought his two children, Judy and Tommy for a weekend visit with his grandparents, the Frank Lettolas.

Another case of mistaken identity: "Walkie-Talkie" our lone duck was scheduled for the frying pan for sure about a week ago. Just before the event was to have taken place, I found a neatly constructed nest of various dry materials with half a dozen beautiful white eggs in it. "His" neck was saved, and she now is enjoying life furnishing the pets with hard boiled eggs. Again, hooray for Spring, 'tis still Springing folks.

Life for most of the world is a puzzle with a peace missing—Frances Rodman.

Oregon caves show evidence of man living there 1,000 years ago.

Thoughts Beside The Altar

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In his early ministry Jesus was confronted by the question from his followers: "Lord, teach us to pray." He answered it. He would answer it in language of our age if faced with the same question. He might teach after this fashion:

"Lord teach me to get over my selfishness. Aid me in becoming a person in earnest about my religion." or

"Help me to be inclusive in my Christianity, remembering God made of one blood all creatures to dwell beneath the sun."

"Since I wouldn't want to live in a country or community without a church help me to quit being a parasite by laying abed on Sunday and isolating myself from the responsibilities toward my neighbors." Amen. Again Christ would recommend that we pray without ceasing.

"Teach us, O Father, the folly of saving ourselves. Face us ever with the lure of the growing, giving life through Thy Spirit," yet again "Give me the stamina to be as interested in being a good Christian as I have been about Basket Ball, Fishing, Business, Farming, shopping, teaching, keeping store, eating and sleeping." Amen or even

"Lord, I have a rare privilege in being a citizen of the United States. Help me to keep a clear mind, a right attitude, a progressive spirit, a non-partisan interest, an inquiring intellect that my citizenship may be an asset to my country. May I so contribute to its good that the world will know it as modeled after the life pattern of Jesus Christ." Amen.

"Lord, I've held a grudge for a long time. Help me to so spiritualize myself that if my day for taking leave of the earth came suddenly every person I know would be an asset to my country. Do not be ashamed to be my God." Amen.

"Lord, I haven't the courage to keep my child home from public school because of the compulsory attendance law. Help me to exercise the same fine spirit of cooperation with the church school leadership who teach my child the way of life. Give me grace, get up and verve to be in my place, behind the steering wheel on the way to Church School class, Divine Worship and all church functions as I wish members of my club, my fraternity, sorority and lodge would have." Amen.

"I thank Thee Lord, for those who established the church and kept it a going factor in the community these last 100 years. May my spirit of cooperation be prompted by thy spirit that I will, by early Saturday retirement, be ready and of service each Sunday and as needed." Amen.

"Lord, I have a readiness for drink, profanity, loss of temper. Help me to show appreciation for the sacrifice of Christ that I may exercise will power to overcome my temptations. Teach me to live a day at a time without drink, loss of temper, selfish thought, lowering my standard of conduct." Amen.

"Lord, thy body the church is today split asunder into many denominations because of petty differences. We thank Thee for the unity of Thy church in our community. Help me to contribute toward its harmony, strength of faith and peaceful aggression against intemperance, indifference, infidelity and inactivity." Amen.

"Let me not make vain repetition of the words 'Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

SHOOT PLANNED

North Whidbey Sportsmen will hold a trap shoot this Sunday, March 21, it has been announced. The shoot begins at 10 a. m. at the club grounds north of Oak Harbor and all are welcome.

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Two Plead Guilty Two Not Guilty In Court Tuesday

Two pleas of not guilty and two guilty pleas were heard in a Superior Court session at the Coupeville courthouse Tuesday before Judge Charles R. Denney.

Ivan Francis Lee of Oak Harbor pleaded not guilty on a morals charge. He was charged in an information filed March 8 by Alden Whelan, prosecuting attorney. A trial date may be set later.

Frank Lynn, who was returned from Alaska by Sheriff Tom Clark late in February, also entered a not guilty plea. He was charged with assault in the first degree in an information filed May 29, 1952. The information charges Lynn attacked his former wife, Canna B. Lynn Taft on May 28 of 1952. He, too, will probably come to trial at a later date.

Donald Huse of South Whidbey pleaded guilty to a charge of second degree burglary and was sentenced to Walla Walla for a 15 year term. Huse was charged on an information filed December 22, 1953 and was returned to the Island from Portland by deputies Pete Hockenberry and Bill Shadle on March 1.

Huse was on parole from a previous conviction in California.

Wayne R. Fisher of Seattle pleaded guilty to a charge of family desertion and was sentenced to the Washington State Penitentiary for a 20 year term. The sentence, however, was suspended. Fisher was placed on probation for three years and must obey certain conditions of the probation as set forth by the judge.

Paul R. Pate, who pleaded guilty at the last court session of a charge of second degree burglary of Kahn

South Whidbey Events

Near-record numbers of voters turned out to pass levies for streets and field lights last Tuesday in Langley, and elected to school board positions C. F. Andrews and Randolph Erikson. Joe Hedgecock, Charles Burk and Ed Christie were elected to the city council.

Close to \$250 was raised for the VFW Memorial Athletic Field fund as a result of a highly successful wrestling card held last week at the high school.

A girls trio consisting of Sharon Smith, Beverly Mills and Shirley Mills, all of Langley high school were judged winners last Saturday in the VFW-sponsored Talent program auditions held on the campus of WWCE in Bellingham. The girls, who call themselves the "Harmonettes" are much in demand for appearances on South Whidbey, and are under the direction of Robert Darst, music instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Camfferman, South Whidbey artists, are each exhibiting paintings for the next month in Seattle. Mr. Camfferman is showing at the Seattle Art Museum in a four-man show, and Mrs. Camfferman will show her work in a one-man show at Hathaway House at 314 Stewart St. until April 12. The Camffermans are well known northwest artists.

The American Legion observed its 36th birthday on South Whidbey with an old-fashioned chicken dinner at the Legion Hall on Monday evening. Legionnaires and their families attended.

Brothers' store in Marketown last December, was brought before the court but sentencing was deferred pending further investigation.

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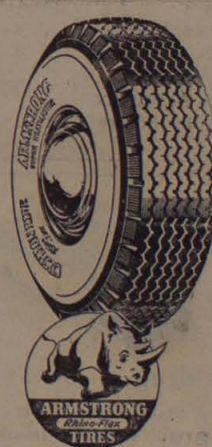
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A new regulation of special interest to dog owners who participate in field trials or general training of dogs was announced today by the Washington State Game Department. Effective immediately, by action of the State Game Commission, any game bird or game animal used for field trials or training of dogs must have a metal band or tag attached for the purpose of identifying the game bird or animal as having been legally acquired.

Small metal bands, serially numbered, are now available at State Game Department headquarters, 509 Fairview Avenue North, Seattle 9, Washington. As provided by regulation, the bands are sold at cost, or 5 cents each.

It should be noted that under the regulation establishing this procedure, any game bird or animal to be used for training or field trials must be banded before being transported to the trial or training area, and the band must remain on the bird or animal.

Carl N. Crouse, Assistant Director of Game, also pointed out that only game birds or game animals procured from private, licensed game farms may be used for the training purposes covered by this regulation.

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The Washington State Nurserymen's Association has prepared the following list of popular varieties of annuals. You will notice the list is based on use, which is a good standard for selection.

VINES: all types of sweet peas. **BORDER PLANTS:** lobelia, ageratum, nemesis, verbena, bedding petunias. **INTERMEDIATE BORDERS:** godetia, snapdragons, double petunias, scabiosa.

BACKGROUND PLANTS: tall salvia, giant marigolds, larkspur, zinnias. **FOR THE ROCKERY:** portulaca, any of the dwarf border plants. **FOR THE WINDOW BOX:** trailing lobelia, balcony petunias.

Growing annuals from seed is easy. Some seeds, such as sweet peas, marigolds, zinnias, can be sown directly into the garden. Sweet peas can be planted right now. Other species later.

Annuals which have exceedingly tiny seeds, such as petunias and lobelias, are best started indoors in flats or seed pans placed near a south or east window, and set out after all danger of frost is passed.

Plan now to have the most colorful garden in your neighborhood. Annuals provide a great deal of color for only a little care, and even less expense. Get good varieties, follow the experts' recommendations, sit back and enjoy your own private pageant of beauty.

Frankly, we are now all caught up on cold weather.

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Fishing, while not good, has improved over last week.

A large school of herring came into Holmes Harbor on Saturday and brought some nice fish with them. A lot of fishermen took a beating Saturday but Sunday was better.

Don Lister and A. W. Donnell had six fish to 11 pounds taken off Baby Island on cut spinners and at least two nice fish to 27 pounds came from Beroot's at Freeland.

We understand that herring are now for sale at the Freeland trap. Hap Nelson stopped to tell us that one boat brought in five silvers the past week. And Mike Hines had a 24-pounder, fishing out of Bush Point Resort.

At least two large springs have been taken inside Deception Pass the past week. One went 37 pounds. For the first time this year the Skagit was good all the way up. Don McKnight and Pat Hughes had five Sunday that went to 17 pounds. All were taken on cherry bobbers.

The water is just right and the lower river holds a lot of bright fish. If the weather stays on the cool side, your chances are good.

The State Sportsmen's council passed a resolution asking that Coast Guard personnel at Westport be increased rather than reduced.

While I fully agree that the Coast Guard should be ready in any emergency, it should also use more of its existing powers to see that only boats suitable to Westport waters are used.

That's the ocean fishing and can be mighty tough. It's no place for a 12-foot boat and very few 14-footers have any business outside.

A good safe 16-footer would do more good than a dozen extra Coast Guard men on the job. Some of the junkies I saw when down that way would have been a poor bet on Pass Lake.

Every year I let out a howl about people fishing in too small a boat with too much motor pushing it and each season we see several needless tragedies, most of them caused by plain carelessness.

Don't overload your boat. Even a good boat can become unsafe if overloaded. If you're caught in a storm, slow down. Trying to get in fast when the water is acting up is poor seamanship. If the water gets really rough, get your passengers to sit on the floor. It's hard to tip a boat over when the weight is low.

The council also endorsed Initiative 192, restricting commercial fishing in Puget Sound.

I'll go along with those that say this is a step in the right direction. But it's a tiny step. Seems the boys back of this (and a lot of sportsmen) could have tried for just a little bit more. Expanding all the effort that is going into this initiative on such a small part of the season for poor salmon fishing seems like a lot of wasted effort.

To restrict only the taking of salmon by whatever means will never give us a really good salmon fishing. Other things far more important are being neglected.

Sort of reminds me of the farmer that was getting a dozen eggs a day from his hens until Mr. Fox got into them. Instead of going after the fox, he cut his breakfast eggs from three to two, finally to one as the fox kept after the chickens. When it got to one, he figured his system was wrong and went after Mr. Fox.

Will we wait that long before going after pollution, the major reason for poor salmon fishing? Let's quit trying to restrict too much the taking of salmon and put more effort into having salmon to take.

While I don't always see eye-to-eye with John Metcalf of Langley, there is one thing John and I agree on, that's pollution and what it does to the salmon.

Must be plenty of woodshed boat builders on Whidbey. So far I've handed out seven sets of those plans I told you about last week. Maybe I'm in the wrong business. I've only got a couple of sets left but have more coming. As long as I can get them, you are welcome to them.

The 14-foot outboard plan is a dandy for the beginner to start on. And it's a building plan, not a blue print, which to a home boat builder is about useless.

Former Islander Dies in Seattle

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Bethel Temple in Issaquah for Mrs. Albert Arndt, who died at a Seattle hospital on March 10 after a long illness.

Mrs. Arndt was the former Henrietta Mesman, sister of John and Sam Mesman. She lived on the Island many years ago.

Reverend Cornelius Rientjes, another former Islander, was one of the officiating ministers. Burial was at the Hillside cemetery in Issaquah.

Men are like coins. When life tests them, the genuine one bounces.



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Penn Cove Park

by Vera Van Atta
"Chamber of Commerce" for Penn Cove apparently began as far back as 1792 according to Archie Binns' book called "The Sea in the Forest" which is a fascinating history of Puget Sound.

According to Vancouver, who quoted Lt. Whidbey, the first man to circumnavigate the island, "The surrounding country (speaking of Penn Cove) for several miles in most points of view, presented a

delightful prospect, consisting chiefly of spacious meadows elegantly adorned with clumps of trees. Nature had here provided the well-stocked park, and wanted only the assistance of art to constitute that desirable assemblage of surface, which is so much sought after in other countries, and only to be acquired by an immoderate expense in manual labor."

The country in the vicinity of this branch of the sea is, according to Mr. Whidbey's representation, the finest we had yet met with, notwithstanding the very pleasing appearance of many other spots.

And doesn't that please our little of propaganda-loving hearts! The twin tables of the "P. C. B. C." were set up in the living room of Mrs. Joe Griffin's home Wednesday.

The guests, Mrs. Bert Grossman, Mrs. Ray Coleman, Mrs. Gale Skea, Mrs. James Hill, Mrs. Henry Hurst, Mrs. Fred Prael, Mrs. Clifford Torky "deserted" on a concoction of angel food cake, topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Can't figure out which is the most astronomical figure, the points in the weekly bridge game or the calories in the preceding desserts. The hostess for the day, Mrs. Griffin, said to be sure to mention that she was the winner of the week as it is not likely to occur twice.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hightower entertained Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinn and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holt at a dinner, Wednesday eve. The occasion for the celebration was Mrs. Sinn's birthday. Unexpected guests from Port Angeles, Mrs. Frank Kelly's home, Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barnett, formerly attached to VP-57, motored here from New Mexico to attend to some real estate that they still maintain in Oak Harbor and to visit their friends in Penn Cove, the Kellys.

At the NAS Wives Club luncheon, Wednesday, Mrs. William Arnold, the club president, announced that the sewing group is now "set up" and will begin producing ten complete layettes per month for Navy Relief. All those interested may contact Mrs. Arnold for the full particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fristoe were surprised when an additional nine couples arrived and declared that it was a "going-away" party for Tom and Erlene, who will soon be moving to Seattle. Toasting the Fristoes were the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Paquin and the guests, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. John Sues, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Bleifuss, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Everett, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Thomas.

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Sue and it was a bonny "Wearing of the Green" party that VP-57 staged Saturday night at the BOQ according to Penn Covers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffa. The lads and lassies were each presented with a green carnation and ate their "T-bone steaks under green streamers and balloons. The Kelly of the Cove were not the "green" because they were quarantined by small daughter's very red measles. Their neighbor, LeRoy Nickerson also wasn't in "Clockamorra" but Pamela, California. Despite these lamented absences, the party was declared a success and ended in the wee hours after a series of skits with which the boys amused themselves on their last deployment.

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