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This alumni newsletter, sponsored by the Fin and Antler Club and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, is compiled to maintain communications between the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and its alumni. It hopefully contains items of both a serious and light-hearted nature that can give alums a glimpse of "what's happening" in the department.

The department would like to continue the newsletter as an annual publication, including contributions from students and staff as well as from graduates of the school. The success of the newsletter will depend upon the cooperation of all of us.

Communication is a two-way process, and the department would appreciate your comments, suggestions, or news of your whereabouts. The newsletter is made possible only by contributions from alumni, and your continuing support is needed and heartily appreciated.

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WHY NASH HALL?

In July, 1973 the Oregon State Board of Higher Education authorized the name NASH HALL for the building previously called Bioscience. Completed in 1970 at a total cost of \$3,780,000 Nash Hall is a "core" type structure consisting of six stories with three additional floor slabs positioned under the roof in such a way that they can be elevated into place to provide three additional floors for future expansion. The total net useable area is 65,927 square feet with a total gross area of 1,025,534 square feet. The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife occupies 22,428 net useable square feet and the Department of Microbiology 43,499 net useable square feet. Plans for this structure have been requested by federal granting agencies as a model in recommending an efficient, flexible type of design for other institutions interested in constructing scientific buildings.

In adopting the name NASH HALL recognition was given to the late Wallis Nash, prominent British born lawyer, scholar, author and editorial writer who served many years as secretary and later as president of the first Board of Regents at Oregon Agricultural College. Nash was a man who exerted a considerable influence, not only on the early formation but in the direction of Oregon's first Agricultural College.

Six years following the signing of the Morrill Act in 1862 by President Lincoln, Corvallis College was temporarily designated as the agricultural college of Oregon, a designation made permanent in 1870. Until the mid-80's the agricultural college was conducted by Corvallis College though this small institution, struggling for its very existence and still under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was unable to truly fulfill its obligation "...to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts...". In fact, the church had taken some steps to return the agricultural college to the state of Oregon. The legislature accepted and had appointed trustees to assume control when the church changed its mind. Eventually court litigation was necessary to resolve the problem with the supreme court finding in favor of the state. During this period Mr. Nash served as secretary of the board and was a staunch supporter of state control. Others, including State Senator Thomas E. Cauthorn, joined with him and the energy and wisdom of such men had much to do with shaping the final destiny of the Oregon Agricultural College. Nash even wrote the curriculum which became the foundation for building Oregon's first agricultural college, later to become Oregon State University.

In 1966, Dr. James W. Groshong, professor of English at Oregon State, was commissioned by the OSU Centennial Committee to write a narrative of the University as part of the institution's activities commemorating the Centennial. Professor Groshong's report, "THE MAKING OF A UNIVERSITY 1868-1968", is a remarkable accomplishment and should be read by every OSU Alum. In his preface, Professor Groshong states, "... OSU at the beginning of its second century is what it is because it was to a considerable extent made that way by the Oregon environment, the needs of its people, certain pieces of creative legislation, and the work of individuals who held critical posts at critical times." Wallis Nash was one of those very important individuals.

WHY NASH HALL, CONT.

Born near London in 1837, Mr. Nash died on his ranch near Nashville (Lincoln County), Oregon on March 13, 1926. He was an official of the Oregon Pacific Railroad built from Yaquina to Corvallis and an enthusiastic advocate of the early development of Yaquina Bay, site of our original fisheries lab and present location of the Marine Science Center. Nash first visited Oregon in 1877 and returned with his family two years later to make his home. The family home was about where Waldo Hall is presently located and the family garden near the Men's Gym. He served as President of the Portland Board of Trade, wrote editorials for the Oregon Journal and the Morning Oregonian and authored several books relating the early history of Oregon. His writings reflect a strong interest in the wild birds, animals and other natural resources he found so abundant.

In Oregon, There and Back in 1877 (MacMillan Co., London 1879) Nash writes of his first trip to the United States and to Oregon with many interesting accounts of the Willamette Valley, Corvallis, Yaquina Bay, and the Siletz Indian reservation. This trip was a resource evaluation assignment for clients in Paris. He was accompanied by Professor Henry N. Mosley, chief naturalist of the famous Challenger Expedition, who also wrote a book, "Oregon: Its Resources, Climate, People, and Production", published in 1878 in London for which he was honored by the Oregon State Legislature.

In Two Years in Oregon, published by D. Appleton & Co., N. Y. 1882, Nash writes of his return to Oregon to reside in Corvallis in 1879. This book covers a wide variety of subjects including social conditions, natural resources and natural history topics involving deer, elk, sea otters, land otters, waterfowl and other birds. He describes the Columbia River salmon industry and the salmon varieties found in the Yaquina and Siletz areas. He also clearly described the symptoms of "salmon poisoning" in dogs and wolves and the immunity developed by the occasional dog. Investigations of salmon poisoning over the years have been an outstanding biological research accomplishment at OSU and have involved personnel in several departments including Bacteriology (now Microbiology), Veterinary Medicine, Zoology and Fisheries and Wildlife.

Nash's book A Lawyer's Life on Two Continents (The Gorham Press, Boston 1919) was divided into two parts. In Life in the New World he tells of the early history of Corvallis, the railroad project from Yaquina, and of trips to various other parts of Oregon. The last chapter discusses the Oregon Agricultural College. In the Old World portion he speaks of Charles Darwin, a long time friend and neighbor of the Nash family in England.

Xerox copies of these books and many other materials on Wallis Nash have been brought together in a file and are available in our Department for anyone interested in knowing more about this British born lawyer who became one of Oregon's influential pioneer citizens. The State Board of Education has chosen well in naming our building NASH HALL.

Lee W. Kuhn and R. E. Dimick

JOB OUTLOOK DIM

For the past few years the number of jobs in the fisheries and wildlife field has been negligible, but a slight upturn seemed to be in evidence this year. All sixteen M.S. and three PhD degree recipients plus eleven (7 fisheries, 4 wildlife) of the Bachelor of Science (25 fisheries, 42 wildlife) 1973 graduates have gone into permanent positions in the field while 4 fisheries and 9 wildlifers had or have temporary employment in the field. Thirty-six percent of the fisheries and sixty-two percent of the wildlife grads in the class of 1973 either do not have jobs in the field or have not kept us informed of their status.

The above statistics may sound discouraging, but in actuality they show a slight increase in employment over the last two or three years. Overall, however, my feeling is that very little rise in the number of job possibilities may be expected for three or four years. With our regular increases in enrollment, my prognosis is that the percentage of graduates with B.S. degrees who are able to go into permanent jobs will not rise precipitously but more likely will be a gradual incline until more money becomes available to finance the many jobs currently listed in the "wish book" of the many governmental agencies.

Private industry must be convinced that biologists are necessary to monitor the ecological aspects of their operations as well as to conduct research. Graduates who have the necessary contacts can be most beneficial to us in this area.

If all graduates will keep us informed of all definite or possible openings and also make suggestions for new contacts, the recent, current, and future graduates of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife will be grateful, as will the staff.

Lenora Bond

ENROLLMENT FIGURES, FALL 1973

Students enrolled in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Fall Term, 1973.

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| Post Bac | 14 |
| Seniors | 101 |
| Juniors | 103 |
| Sophomores | 62 |
| Freshmen | 108 |
| Special student | 1 |
| Total | 463 |

SELF-TEACHING CENTER ESTABLISHED

An item of interest to old grads of the department is the self-teaching center which had its beginning at the time of our move to our new quarters in Nash Hall (formerly the Bioscience Bldg.) We began with one room which was designed for individual study and have recently acquired another room which is used as a group study area.

Our initial thrust (under the leadership of Dr. Paul Vohs) was to provide slide-tape series on identification, ecology, conservation, physiology, capture techniques, etc. of fishes and wildlife. These were designed by professors in individual courses and have, in many cases, become assigned segments of these courses. We have over 80 of these series available in the center and more are being prepared each term.

In addition to the slide-tape series we have a few Super-8 film loops on various subjects. These we have not found to be very effective because of the short duration (3-5 minutes) and because of the lack of sound with the films.

Most recently, television is receiving a good deal of thought and effort. We have programs on video tape which are sent by cable from the campus TV center to our building. There are TV sets in both the fisheries and the wildlife laboratories as well as in the group study room. In addition, we have recently acquired a video tape recorder and a video-tape player. With these we are able to produce video tapes in the field and can play them back using the TV sets connected to the video tape player.

We are now at the point where we need to produce the materials to make the most efficient use possible, not only of the equipment, but also of the students' time. Most of us are enthusiastic about the possibilities offered by the use of audio-visual means of instruction, and we'll be using these techniques more and more as time goes by.

Erland Juntunen

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN VISUAL MATERIAL

Erland Juntunen's article above tells of the departmental self-teaching center where we use visual and audio materials to augment our teaching. We have three needs you might be able to help us with. The first need is for slides that are identified as to person, place, and technique showing utilization of various techniques to capture, hold, mark, and otherwise work with animals. We are also interested in slides showing any other techniques that a wildlife or fisheries biologist would utilize in his work. These include weighing of animals, measuring of animals, setting traps, working with the public, or any other activities that might be used in a new course we are proposing to teach called Wld 255, Wildlife Techniques.

REQUEST FOR VISUAL MATERIALS, CONT.

The third area where we need your help is for our orientation course and for the Dean's office. Slides showing wildlife biologists in action in the various activities are desired. We need to explain to the many students who are interested in this field what a wildlife biologist does. In today's job market, that might even include emptying garbage cans. However, we would rather stick to those things that exhibit activities carried out in the field. If you can help us with these requests, we would be most appreciative. This could be your chance at a perpetual place in the world of education! If you would like to send us slides to be returned to you, we have the equipment to copy those slides here in the department. Originals will be promptly returned. Your help is appreciated.

Paul A. Vohs

EXTENSION NEWS

The Department has two Extension Wildlife Specialists at the current time, and their total effort adds up to about one-half of a person. Andy Landforce is spending the major portion of his time in the 4-H-Youth Program as a specialist in natural resources and working in the department with the farm pond program. Paul Vohs works with extension for about 1/3 of his time and handles mainly assignments in predator management, big game management, and forest-wildlife interactions. Charlotte Tackett is the Extension secretary handling the large amount of work generated by these two fellows. (Note: Andy retired on Dec. 31, 1973, to devote his efforts to fishing, writing, and consulting work.)

STAFF NEWS

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife is currently looking for a new wildlife staff member to replace Jay Long. The assignment will be approximately 75% teaching and 25% research and will begin at the assistant professorship level. The area of specialty will depend upon the abilities of the individual and his past training and experience. We are looking for a young and vigorous individual to step into the position left by Jay. If you are aware of anyone who has just received or is about to receive his PhD degree in wildlife or a closely related field, we would appreciate your bringing this opening to his or her attention.

Some of you may not have had the opportunity to drop around the department in the past three years to meet Dr. Robert L. Jarvis who joined the staff from Louisiana State University. Bob teaches our birds course, wildlife ecology, and will be in charge of the game birds course this winter. He obtained his PhD degree working under Bill Klimstra at Southern Illinois University where he evaluated the biological effects of crop impaction by soy beans on Canada geese. Bob is currently involved in research projects on ring-necked pheasants, mourning doves, dippers, and waterfowl. Bob and his wife, Grace, have two children, two dogs, and one jackass!

Paul A. Vohs

The Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Unit was re-established in May of 1961 after becoming inactive following Art Einerson's retirement in 1958. Art had served 22 years as the unit leader.

The Unit program is a cooperative effort between the Oregon State Game Commission, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, and The Wildlife Management Institute. Its goals are to conduct wildlife research, assist graduate training at OSU in the area of wildlife ecology, and to make available information that will assist agencies involved in resource management.

Howard Wight (1948) was named the new leader after having returned to the staff at OSU in 1964. In September of 1971, Dr. Charles Meslow came to the Unit program after completing his PhD at the University of Wisconsin, and teaching wildlife subjects for three years at North Dakota State University.

At the present time, there are 17 graduate research projects in the Unit program. Staff members of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife cooperate with the Unit by guiding students and projects. The Oregon State Wildlife Commission and Bureau personnel have been instrumental in pointing out research needs, funding, and assisting students in the field. Several projects are also sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers. Currently, there are two women engaged in M.S. programs and we expect more in the future.

Most projects represent individual efforts by students and their major professors. One major project, however, will integrate the efforts of a number of graduate students, employment of summer undergraduate assistants, and the overall direction by field Supervisor, Jim Tabor (M.S. 1973). The goal of this project, funded by the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers, is to inventory the wildlife habitats and their associated animal populations on both sides of the Columbia River, from the tri-cities area to the mouth. Major groups to be inventoried include: big game, fur bearers, small mammals, birds of all types, amphibians, and reptiles. Even bats will be surveyed by a female honors student.

A cross section of the types of projects currently underway is provided by the following list of project titles that appeared in the last quarterly report of the Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit:

- Black-tailed Deer Movements
- Pileated Woodpecker Ecology
- Prairie Falcon Biology
- Ring-necked Pheasant Studies
- Spotted Owl Ecology
- Mallard Banding Analysis
- Pronghorn Investigations
- Coyote Scent Station Statistics
- Forest Bird Literature Review
- Sea Otter Studies
- Osprey Ecology
- Black Bear Studies
- Energetics of the Dipper
- Accipiter Hawk Ecology
- Columbian White-tailed Deer Study
- River Otter Study
- Mountain Goat Investigation

Howard Wight

BONDS TAKE SABBATICAL

(Ed. note: During 1971-1972 Dr. and Mrs. Carl Bond were absent from the department on sabbatical leave. This is a brief rundown on the events of that trip.)

Our sabbatical leave took Mrs. Bond and myself around the world over a nine-month period. The purpose of the leave was to study current methods of aquaculture - especially in Thailand and Japan - with the ultimate purpose of initiating an undergraduate course in aquaculture. Some extra support was obtained through a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship.

Although Thailand and Japan were the main targets, the opportunity to look in on other interesting areas was also taken. London was the first stop, with the object of examining some type specimens at the British Museum. From here I went to Scotland to visit the Pitlochry freshwater station and back to Lowestoft in England to see experimental flatfish culture.

Next stop was Iran where two weeks were spent with some ex-students then in the Peace Corps - Wayne Kinunen ('69), Steve Bullock ('73), and Pete Walczak (Zool. '69). These volunteers seemed to be handling most of the biological aspects of fisheries in northern Iran and were doing well under the circumstances they faced.

After Iran, we spent a few days in India and took off for Bangkok where we were met at the airport by Mek Boonbrahm (MS '58), Plodprasop Suraswadi (MS '70) and Miss Tasanee Sorasuchart (M.Ag. '60). Affiliation while in Thailand was with Kasetsart University, where Mek is Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Tasanee is a member of the faculty. Plod is Chief of the Fishery Management Unit of the Thai Department of Fisheries. Mek and his staff made it possible for us to see nearly every kind of fish culture in Thailand, while Plod and his wife were of the utmost help in finding an apartment and various other kindnesses while we were there. We visited stations from near the Laotian border in the North to well down on the Malay Peninsula. Most of the culture methods are traditional, but some culturists are gravitating toward more modern methods.

We left Thailand early in January after a three-month stay and stopped for a few days in Hong Kong, where we enjoyed the hospitality of the father of my student, T. T. Kan. Professor Kan arranged a trip to the carp and mullet culture areas of the New Territories and the Au Tau Fisheries Station. From Hong Kong we went to Taiwan to see mullet and eel culture. Mr. T. P. Chen, Director of Fisheries for the Joint Commission for Rural Reconstruction (Dr. Lo Chai Chen of San Diego State is his son) arranged our itinerary, which took us to southern Taiwan where Dr. Chiu Liao has been very successful in artificial propagation of mullet.

After a few days in Taiwan we flew to Japan where my affiliation was with Tokyo University of Fisheries. My sponsor was Dr. Reizo Ishiyama, a noted authority on Rajidae. His son, Hisashi, is currently a graduate

BONDS TAKE SABBATICAL, CONT.

student in Agricultural Economics at OSU. In addition to the help we got from Dr. Ishiyama, we were well taken care of by our friend Dr. Teruya Uyeno, who arranged for us to live in a guest apartment at the college where he taught. Commuting time from home to work was at least an hour and twenty minutes each way.

Dr. Ishiyama had contacts and ex-students throughout Japan and arranged for us to see key areas in aquaculture from the southern tip of Kyushu to the northern tip of Honshu. We were there over four months and had opportunity to learn what was currently happening in every type of culture from seaweeds to yellowtail in the marine aspect and from ayu to carp in freshwater. We had opportunity to meet numerous leading scientists in various fields of fisheries and ichthyology, but the highlight of the trip was an hour-and-a-half audience with the Crown Prince, who in his spare time is an ichthyologist specializing in gobies.

We left Japan in late May and went to Honolulu where we contacted Dr. John Maciolek (BS, OSU, '50). I attended a one-day conference on aquaculture at the U. of Hawaii, visited Dr. Ziad Shehadeh at the Oceanic Institute and Dr. John Bardach at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology to see experiments in progress, and then headed home.

Carl E. Bond

THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW

Being married to an outdoorsman isn't easy on a person who loves the creature comforts - creature there is plenty, but comforts! While looking at the stars is delightful, when I go to bed I want a roof and a bed, not a pad of fir boughs or a flat air mattress. Over the years these divergent attitudes have been good for much "discussion" - can't understand these married couples who no longer "talk" to each other (or yell?)

So our purchase of a new self-contained camping trailer (Recreational vehicle or RV?), bought with our usual financial acumen, just as soon as a fuel shortage became apparent, looks like the answer to camping. But I wonder if the neighbors are going to mind our evening campfire outdoors; we'll probably never get enough fuel to move the monster out of our driveway. Oh well, into each life some rain must fall - and at least we'll have a roof.

Lenora Bond

JAY LONG RETIRES

(Ed. note: Many graduates of the department will remember Jay Long, who has now entered a state of partial retirement:)

Retirement at age 62, with full benefits, is rather nice. At present (Fall Term) I am teaching one course, Wildlife Recreational Techniques (six class hours on Tuesday only). I hate Tuesdays! Tentative future plans are for me to teach summer session only, when the above-mentioned course and Principles of Wildlife Conservation will be offered.

I expect to do a bit more of harvesting the "biological surplus" and perhaps to do some recreational reading. It seems that previously most of my reading time was taken up with pursuing professional journals, periodicals, etc.

As most of you know, my main interest for the past 33 years on the staff has been in the teaching area. I have also served for over 30 years as faculty advisor for the Fin and Antler Club. These duties have been recently taken over by Drs. Paul Vohs and Robert Jarvis. May they, hopefully, be around to serve for the next 30 years!

It was most gratifying to receive major teaching excellence awards from the School of Agriculture and also an all university (Mosser) teaching award. More important, however, are the contacts that I have made with students as an instructor, and often, as an advisor. And some of them even remember me!

Anyway, on retirement, it's nice when you can get up in the morning, frantically looking for your glasses so you can try to find your teeth, that you don't have to panic - you have all day and don't have to make that 7:30 a.m. class that Lee Kuhn always seemed to schedule for you!

Over many years you are bound to receive a few compliments. One I particularly remember: Many years ago I was working on a shellfish research project in Yaquina Bay during the summer. Our budget was very tight and I was living alone in one of Yaquina Petes "apartments." Next to me was a young couple who were working as commercial crabbers. The walls were paper thin and it was impossible not to hear what they were doing or saying. When they weren't making love - which seemed to be a good part of the time - they were either eating and/or arguing. She had dropped out of school in the sixth grade but he had gone on through the eighth. So he was always putting her down because of her lack of education. One morning when the argument had gotten to the screaming stage she yelled, "Well, education isn't everything - take Jay Long, next door: he's a college professor, but he sure as hell doesn't act like one!"

Probably one of the nicest things ever said about me!

ANOTHER WHOPPER

(Ed. note: Retirement for Jay Long hasn't included retiring his sense of humor - he's not getting older, he's getting better?)

There once was old Joe, a boozier, a gambler, a womanizer. But Joe

ANOTHER WHOPPER, CONT.

had one redeeming trait: above all, he liked to hunt ducks.

And as must happen to us all, one day Joe passed over and was met at the gates by an attendant. The attendant said, "Joe, we know all about you and we have your computer card in our file. We know you like to hunt ducks, so climb into our little heavenly buggy and we will fly over to show you our new waterfowl hunting set up."

Within seconds they arrived at a beautiful club house overlooking a fabulous marsh. Joe could see flights of mallards, pintails, teal and even a few geese trading around over the water.

"Come in and let us show you our club house," said the attendant. On entering Joe was amazed at the picture windows overlooking the marsh, the private bar and dining room, and particularly by the gun racks. Here were Prudey's, Smiths, Parkers, Winchester 21's and even some magazine guns for the plebian type hunters.

Then the attendant showed Joe how the waterproof underground tunnels worked, with individually operated carts that ran out to vinyl padded seat blinds with covered tops which opened electrically by only pushing a button. Not only that, the attendant explained, but there is a phone in every blind. Should you wish something to eat, a drink or whatever, beautiful mini-skirted little girls will run out in our little underground wagons to minister to your every need.

By this time Joe was thinking, "Boy, they must have somebody else's computer card in my slot."

Also, he was getting a bit "itchy" to shoot some of these waterfowl.

So he asks the attendant, "Why don't we go out right now and harvest a few?"

The attendant said "Joe, there is only one hitch: we are temporarily out of ammunition. We have an exclusive contract with Federal Cartridge Company. They are very busy producing ammunition for the various war efforts and we don't expect another shipment of shotgun shells for about a thousand years.

"A thousand years without any duck shooting," said Joe, "Why I'd rather be in Hell!"

The attendant replied, "Where in the Hell do you think you are, Joe?"

Jay Long

NEWS ON THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Fin and Antler Club is adding a new dimension this year. Early in the fall we initiated the formation of a student chapter of The Wildlife Society here at Oregon State. We want our own chapter so that we can participate in the parent Society and be a part of their undertakings. In addition we want Oregon State to have full recognition at the Student Conclave held each spring. Student chapters of The Wildlife Society from approximately eleven western states support the annual conference designed to unite students with a common interest in Fisheries and Wildlife. The conclave is a fun weekend and a good chance to find out about current happenings in our field.

To be a member of the Oregon State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, you must have a current membership in The Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society, the Society of Range Management or the Society of American Foresters. Students also must have paid Fin and Antler Club dues and be a participating member.

The objectives of our Student Chapter are:

To develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife and man depend.

To undertake an active role in preventing man-induced environmental degradation.

To increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values.

To seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

We are presently going through a bit of red tape in our effort to get the Chapter underway, but hopefully will be fully endorsed before the Conclave in April. We welcome your support!

FIN AND ANTLER CLUB

The Fin and Antler Club is utilizing visiting professors and personnel of various governmental agencies as guest speakers at their business meetings this year. Under the direction of president Sally Rodriquez, the club is planning a full and active year. The annual wildlife barbecue featuring many species of wild game is planned for later this term. Department students interested in attending the Wildlife Conclave at California State University at Humboldt are meeting Sundays this term to practice for the Wildlife Bowl to be held the last day of the Conclave. Similar to the old G. E. College Bowl, it involves a double elimination competition between universities from the western states. Mike Passmore is doing a great job organizing the Conservation Education programs to be delivered to the schools this year. The club also wishes to acknowledge the aid and support of our advisors Dr. Paul Vohs and Dr. Robert Jarvis.

Sally Rodriquez

ANDY GOES FISHING - A MESSAGE TO TODAY'S STUDENTS

Closing the books on your desk, completing the assembling of a written report into a folder, and putting your pencils away in satisfaction of knowing that a job is finished provides a warm glow that tingles. Retiring is about like that too. And as you know, finishing one assignment and facing another can provide some brighter moments with stimulating ideas and visions of the coming tasks. The thoughts of reading some books and articles put aside for later reading is exciting, or the pleasure of complete organization prior to going fishing, hunting, or backpacking in various mountain ranges is stimulating to say the least. Little did I dream of this new role and its possibilities when I graduated from the then Fish and Game Department, Oregon State College in June 1942.

What does your future hold? Thinking back to our own undergraduate days, the job outlook was poor and we weren't prepared for any specific job. In my case, I hoped that I could just get a job somewhere in the field. But then the President of the United States gave most of us unwanted but firm direction. Before graduation he sent my induction orders to report for active duty in the United States Army on July 14, 1942. I think President Truman signed that one, and a person just naturally felt like he ought to obey. So for the next five years, rather than going after an advanced degree, I trained, taught, and commanded troops in, first the European Theater of Operations, and then the Southwest Pacific. I came out with only a bullet hole in my right leg and lots of experience in working with men. I am among the lucky ones that returned, and today while on the leading edge of retirement, I am counting numerous blessings. Among them is living in an era when someone developed monofilament fishing line, spinning reels, and society accepted mini-skirts and bikinis.

While today's job opportunities for graduates in our field look a bit bleak, there still must be a good life and livelihood for graduates from our department. Some of our thinking about the future over thirty years ago wasn't too visionary in relation to the way things turned out. Your visions could be as fragmentary too. For instance, Bob Mace, a 4-Pointer in college, now Chief of Operations of the Oregon State Wildlife Commission, visualized making some money raising bull frogs for restaurant use, and Director John McKean liked big game and thought surely there would be some kind of a job in the big game field some place in these United States. Lots of us have made it in other fields. Dick Mehlhaf who established Mehlhaf's Clothing in down town Corvallis, is a graduate and so is Real Estate man, Virgil Lyons. Most of us made it one way or another, and I guess we had one thing in common. We just kept trying and took the bad with the good.

Right after World War II, opportunity took me through several good years as County 4-H Extension Agent in Wallowa County, northeastern Oregon. While there, 4-H enrollment increased four times and we tied youth work in with adult programs in both production of crops and livestock. As a result of our work, swine growers returned to producing two litters of pigs a year, grain growers adopted the use of fertilizer to increase grain and pasture production by about 11%, and beef steers were economically fattened for market on grass and grain. The 4-H projects, Wild Birds and Animals, 4-H Fisherman, and Horsemanship were started in Wallowa County and were adopted later on a statewide basis.

ANDY GOES FISHING - A MESSAGE TO TODAY'S STUDENTS, CONT.

In 1953, I was assigned to be Oregon's first Extension Wildlife Management Specialist with Oregon State University Extension Service. I have been serving as an advisor and teacher to the Extension Service and their various publics, working on a variety of subjects including farm pond management, wild animal management, and serving on various committees. The public wants and needs lots of help in care and preparation of wild game as food. Presently, I have put most of my energies in working on ten Nature Science project areas in the 4-H field - a big field of teaching opportunities that has barely been scratched.

Now I am retiring, and after finishing some long range leader training programs and teaching assignments, I hope I see you out fishing, hunting, and tramping through some of the wild lands. Oregon is a fine place for all of us to enjoy together.

Andy Landforce

FROM THE MAILBAG -- PROF KUHN

Occasionally hard work and dedication to duty does pay off with recognition for work "well done". A recent issue of the Idaho Statesmen carried an article entitled "Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen" and described the long and active career of none other than Assistant Director of the Idaho Fish and Game Department -- Bob Salter '49. Bob has been with the Idaho Dept. since earning his M.S. in '49 when he hired on as an upland bird biologist. He has had many titles during his long service including Game Bird Supervisor, Chief of Enforcement and Assistant Director. On two occasions, for six months in 1962 and four months in 1971, he served as Acting Director, a job he could undoubtedly have kept as a permanent assignment had he chosen to accept. In 1971 Bob received the American Motors Conservation Award in the professional category, one of ten such awards given annually in the United States in recognition of outstanding professional work in the wildlife field. Bob has served with many other groups and clubs both professional and non-professional but one in particular impressed me greatly. He is a member of the "Poachers Club" though the article failed to mention whether "active" or "inactive" and also failed to state the qualifications for membership. In any case Bob, congratulations are in order.

Another '49 er to receive recognition and \$\$\$ too is Bob Finley. Bob was one of six chosen to receive 1973 NOAA AWARDS from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for outstanding contributions to NOAA programs in 1973. Bob received the public service award for pioneering a "new look" in the consumer education materials produced by the National Marketing Services Office. In addition to a plaque for his office wall, Bob received a one thousand dollar check for his wallet. Nice going!

FROM THE MAILBAG--PROF KUHN, CONT.

And while reviewing honors and awards we can hardly overlook Spencer Smith '48. Spencer is presently Western Field Coordinator for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and works out of the Denver Federal Center. As most of you know, he recently served as Director of the Bureau. On leaving that position he was granted the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award, his fourth such award since entering the service. Perhaps a paragraph from the remarks of the Honorable Joseph M. McDade, Congressman from Pennsylvania, in the Congressional Record, September 26, 1973 may be borrowed to sum up his career: "Spencer Smith is no bureaucrat; he is a man who gets things done. In every office he has held--aquatic biologist with the Bureau; chief of fisheries with the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission; Assistant Regional Director of the Southeast Region; Assistant Director of Cooperative Services in the Bureau--his whole life has been summed up in action. He found the problems, he faced the problems; he solved the problems." High praise indeed, and I'll bet Spencer can't even vote for the guy!

A recent news release carried the announcement that Jack E. Hemphill '50 had been promoted to regional director of the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service. Since leaving Portland Jack has been Deputy Director in Atlanta and will now serve as Regional Director in Minneapolis. Sure hope you have some "long Johns" Jack!

My Christmas card mail seemed to be a little heavier than usual with "retirement notices" this year. You will read elsewhere in this edition that Professor Jay Long took the plunge in July though we did con Jay into coming back fall term to teach his ever popular WILDLIFE RECREATIONAL TECHNIQUES. Then my old college room mate Don Vogtman '42 joined the civilian ranks after 31 years with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and now Andy Landforce '42 has notified us that he has tossed in the towel as of Dec. 31. The Oregon Wildlife Commission is hereby placed on notice that they had better add another steelhead hatchery on the Alsea or greatly increase the capacity of their North Fork Unit. Having Andy on the river every day is about like inviting a family of river otters to establish residence in one of the hatchery holding ponds.

Perhaps some of you have wondered why "WILDLIFE NEWS AND VIEWS" ceased publication after struggling along for so many years. Lack of interest in our Alums? No! Lack of interest among our current students? No! The simple fact of the matter is that as our Alumni group increased in numbers, costs of producing this small news letter zoomed. Our last issue (June, 1971) cost over \$200 to prepare and mail. With postage rates continually increasing we simply couldn't continue to operate on voluntary contributions from you -- our Alums. With University and Departmental dollars extremely hard to come by, we were forced to join the ranks of Life, Look, and the Saturday Evening Post. As Miss George, our student editor, suggests, we do hope to continue at least on an annual basis and would welcome any suggestions you might offer.

FROM THE MAILBAG---PROF KUHN, CONT.

Some of you old timers probably thought things were tough when you graduated and started looking for a job "way back when". A letter from "Pete" Lewis '73, Conservation Officer, Division of Wildlife, Colorado Department of Natural Resources indicates how tough the competition is for today's graduate. Pete was one of 960 who applied to take the examination. Of that number, 450 qualified to take the written exam and 62 of those made it to the orals. Only 5 were hired and Pete was one of them. Too bad we let this young man get away from Oregon!

Mike Schlegel '65 is now busy chasing elk around the state of Idaho. They will be studying calf survival on the Lochsa herd next summer in an effort to find out reasons for the poor survival. Tagging calves with radio collars, flying around in helicopters and fixed wing aircraft should keep Mike busy. Present address: P.O. Box 626, Kamiah, Idaho.

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