LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

My grandchildren took me for a nature walk in one of your so-called "managed forests" recently. They showed me den trees and other places where wild animals dwell. I was just appalled and dismayed to observe the unsafe and unsanitary living conditions under which these poor creatures live.

As we approached the parking lot we unintentionally scared a darling little fawn who was grazing peaceably nearby. She was so startled she bounded pell-mell into the forest, right through a horrid thicket of brambles. I just cringe to think how painfully her tender skin must have been scratched by those terrible thorns. In one place we saw a bird's nest that had fallen out of a tree. In another, a den tree had toppled over. Don't you have any structural inspection program for nesting and perching sites? Suppose the wild creatures in the tree had been home at the time their houses crashed to the floor. Some of them might have even been killed!

In a third instance, a big unfamiliar bird, much larger than a pigeon, was perched at the very top of a dead tree. (My grandchildren thought it was a "hawk", although I find it hard to believe anyone would name such a majestic wild creature after the vulgar act of clearing one's throat.) The tree was so frail I was afraid the top would break off and send the poor thing plunging to its death before it could take flight.

Before we returned to the car, we surprised a nasty striped snake slithering through the leaves. I just know the slimy viper was plotting to devour some poor, unsuspecting creature. Isn't it enough you condemn our dear friends to live in dangerously substandard homes? Must you also force them to endure the presence of mortal enemies in their midst? And the insects were just awful! A swarm of little, buzzy gnats pestered me all the time I was in the forest. Think how painful and itchy and otherwise unpleasant those obnoxious flying things must make life for our little wild neighbors. Doesn't their comfort mean anything to you? Surely you could be considerate enough to spray or do something to relieve our friends from this miserable torment.

And the fecal material! Those disgusting animal droppings were just everywhere, all over the forest floor, especially numerous around the bases of den trees. It is repugnant to me that you allow the wild animals under your care to live in the proximity of their own wastes. Don't you realize untreated sewage breeds disease? The thought of poor sick animals lying in the forest with no one to care for them just makes me want to cry. Those dreadful conditions must not be allowed to continue! The city where I live would never tolerate such shabby, unkept conditions in any of its parks. You haven't even raked up the leaves!
Bird's nests obviously need to be firmly anchored on solid branches. The unsound remains of dead trees must be removed and safe perches provided for the birds. I suppose some den trees are repairable but others should be removed and their occupants resettled in better quarters. Unsightly and dangerous underbrush must be cleared away. Frightened creatures must be provided unobstructed pathways. Protection from those buzzing insects, snakes, and other enemies is essential for a safe and stable wild neighborhood.

The sanitary conditions MUST be improved. Public health efforts are needed at once to provide proper sanitary facilities. I provide kitty litter for my pets at home. Surely, you could provide scattered areas for wild animals to do their business away from their living quarters. I have decided enough is enough. I am forming a citizen's public-interest group to be called the Wild Animal Safe Housing Corrective Action Lobby League (WASHCALL). We will be petitioning the legislature to require all forest managers to provide for the safety and health of wild animals under their care. We shall expect management to conduct periodic inspections to ensure the creatures' houses are structurally sound, sanitary, and secure, and that their feed and play areas are free from hazards, enemies, and discomfort.

(And so another animal rights group is formed!!!) Thanx to RICK GRIFFITH (DOD Port Deposit, MD) and THE ALLEGHENY NEWS, Summer 1988.

Politicians don't have to fool all the people all of the time -- just the 30% that take time to vote.

APHIS ACTIVITY REPT.

The following are abstracted from the weekly activity reports of APHIS-ADC and newsletters like the TEXAS TRAPLINE, THE TRAPPER'S JAW, etc. for the benefit of non-APHIS readers. This is not a publication source. Only names of NADCA members are used in situations in which they are involved.

ARMADILLOS: (TX) ADC was contacted regarding armadillo damage to an Abilene golf course. The local police had told the golf course personnel that armadillos were an endangered species and they could be fined $5,000 and a year in jail for every one killed. Animal rightists show up in the strangest places.

BEAVER: (NM) A gal complained about beavers entering her yard and severely pruning her poplar tree hedge. She wanted the beaver to be persuaded to stop the damage, but not killed. However, when they got down to work in earnest and felled the tree, that was different and ADC had to trap two beaver.

COYOTES/DOGS: (LA) These predators killed 22 deer in the last month in an LSU experimental pen.

(NM) Coyotes killed two mohair goats on the USDA Joronada Experimental Range worth $100. Overzealous guard dogs chased a llama into a fence and broke its neck in the same area. The dogs have since been replaced.

(TX) A rancher lost 75 head of sheep worth $6,000 in a five month period despite the presence of donkeys and guard dogs. When the chopper was called
in they took 24 coyotes from the 1,200-acre ranch.

HERONS/EGRETS: (LA) The Exxon Corp. had a PCO apply a Pyrethrin paste (HOR FOOT) to an oil platform to control a troublesome heron/egret problem. The situation changed when many of the birds became immobilized and drowned in attempting to clean off the top. So it is recommended not to use bird repellent pastes on over water roosts.

(LA) ADC had complaints about egrets taking goldfish out of a backyard pond and another one forming an attachment for a new car. It was scratching the finish by landing on the car and pecking at its reflection.

PIGEONS: (LA) ADC was called in on a pigeon problem in Boeing hangars in Lake Charles. Seems the military doesn't think finger painting by pigeons is artistic enough and the planes had to be repainted at a cost of $25,000 each.

PRAIRIE DOGS: (TX) ADC was informed that a rancher in attempting to discourage prairie dogs from entering his pasture placed a homemade electric fence using a neon sign transformer as a charger about 3 - 4 inches off the ground. So far he has collected six prairie dogs, two skunks, one opossum, and several birds. Hot stuff!

SANDHILL CRANES: (OR) A total of 226 coyotes, 105 ravens, and 12 raccoons were removed from the Malheur Natl. Wildlife Refuge during the 1988 nesting season on the refuge. Nesting success was 76\%, the highest reported during the past three years. USFWS is expected to repeat the request for next year. How often do we have to prove the value of a waterfowl breeding area?

SKUNKS: (TX) A city animal control department shot a skunk in a local department store. The odor ruined hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of clothing and the store had to be closed. The manager said it would have been easier to recover from a tornado.

The trouble with giving advice is that people want to repay you.

HIGH TECH IN KILLING TRAPS

Tom Krause had some interesting remarks in the current issue of AMERICAN TRAPPER (29(1):22-3) on recent developments in killing traps in a search for more humane traps. Leghold water sets for mink are apparently humane because all mink die by drowning within an average time of 123 seconds; muskrats take an average of 215 seconds. However, muskrats caught in submarine traps take 7 minutes and 18 seconds due apparently to holding their breath preparatory to diving. About half the muskrats die by drowning and the other half by carbon dioxide narcosis. Beaver which are better adapted to underwater situations die of carbon dioxide narcosis. The initial struggle of a submerged beaver lasts about two to five minutes and loss of electrical brain activity averages a little over nine minutes. Another factor in prolonging a beaver's death is that a trapped beaver can lift at least 40 pounds to get a breath of fresh air. Krause also points to the variable attitude towards humaneness. In Holland for example, they take over six million moles a year in harpoon traps and yet you could go to jail for using a leghold trap to catch a mink.

An auction is a dangerous place where you can get something for nothing.

LOGO

I haven't been overwhelmed by the response I got from the membership for suggestions on designing a logo for NADCA. Jim Pitts (APHIS-ADC, Oklahoma) has been the only one to submit a suggestion. Let's hear it from the rest of you! I set a deadline for February 1st, but we'll have to move it back to March 15th, but that will be it!

There is no child so bad he can't be used as an income tax deduction.

READIN'


Some excellent tips on the potential of using snares, such as, presetting closed snares in early fall, after setting them walk over them rather than stop the trail and go back, making artificial trails with a gas-powered
A study of female coyotes in southern Texas involved 66% territorial and 34% transient individuals. The ranges of 76% were less than 3 km², while the ranges of transients averaged 12.4 km². Using mathematical simulations of density estimates, it is suggested that coyote population reduction, even on small areas, may be difficult to achieve.

Telemetry study of coyotes in Colorado gave a mean annual range size of 11.3 km² for resident compared to 106.5 km² for transient individuals. Coyotes preferred pinyon-juniper woodlands and shrub-grasslands using less open grassland than expected.

You should learn from the mistakes of others as you can never live long enough to make them all yourself.

MEETIN’S
54TH NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE & NATURAL RESOURCES CONF., Mar. 17-22, 1989 in Washington, D.C. (Omni Shoreham Hotel). Conference subject is STRATEGIES FOR MEETING NATURAL RESOURCE NEEDS with sessions on ECONOMIC & OTHER VALUES OF FISH & WILDLIFE, WILDLIFE & HABITAT IN MANAGED LANDSCAPES, etc.


FOURTH EASTERN WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL CONFERENCE, Sept. 24-27, 1989 at The Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI. Call for papers. Contact: Scott Craven, Ext. Wildl. Spec., 226 Russell Labs, Univ. Wisc., Madison, WI 53706. One page, double-spaced abstract of proposed papers should be sent to him by April 1, 1989.


FOURTEENTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE, Mar. 6-8, 1990 in Sacramento, CA (Red Lion Inn). Call for papers by 01/15/89. Contact: Dr. Terrell Salmon, Wildl. Ext., Univ. Calif.-Davis, CA 95616.

It is not the man who has little who is poor, but the man who craves more.

PERSONNEL
I just found out that LES CAUSEY had retired from his position in Uvalde County (TX) effective 10/03/88 after 30 years of ADC service. LES had the distinction of being the first re-up in 1989. Thanks, and the best of luck to you for the future.

(To repeat what I’ve said before: it would certainly be appreciated if State and District supervisors would personally keep me posted on personnel changes as I have no official ties anymore.)

The shortest distance between two points is rarely found in a speech.

LETTERS TO YE ED
DR. TERRY WHITWORTH, WHITWORTH PEST CONTROL, Tacoma, WA:
I have been in charge of several non-profit assn. and have some thoughts concerning NADCA’s financial woes: 1. Sell newsletter advertising to suppliers. Also charge for enclosing inserts. One group I belong to sells annual advertising which fills up both sides of an 8 1/2 x 11” sheet. We print these once a year on heavy paper and use them as a cover for all newsletter mailings. We send out a form letter each year when renewal times come around. Renewal rates are 90%. The initial selling takes some time, but once it’s set, maintenance is easy. I would avoid one time because of the time involved in setting it up. Try to set
rates sufficient to cover newsletter publication and mailing costs.

2. Consider asking selected members to set-up educational seminars in various areas. Here in Washington, with the continuing education requirement for pest control operators there is a huge demand for education. The Washington State Pest Control Assn. offers periodic training sessions for a fee and we earn $800-$1100 per meeting. We charge $10 for members and $20 for non-members for a 3-hour evening meeting. Such meetings are best held near population centers and in states where education is needed for re-certification.

Thanks, Terry. I have been thinking I should get more mileage out of advertising in THE PROBE, but hate to take on another project as getting the paper out cuts in enough on my time. Is there anybody out there who would be interested in exploring this possibility for me? I'll be glad to help in getting layouts made or a mailing list setup.

Regarding the second item, I had a shot at this on my own, in fact, that is where I met TERRY. Back when I "retired" I tried a series of schools for re-certification on vertebrate pest categories in California, Oregon, Washington, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. I ran a one-man show with ten slide-tape presentations that filled an 8-hour session. I felt the series was informative and I was able to get accreditation by the Pesticides Board in each state. Even though it was expensive (travel, renting space, and writing up a manual), I did manage to break even (considering my time at a premium of 10 cents an hour). The problem was my publicity was poor. I think it would have been all right if I could have gotten the word out better. So if anybody is interested in this, I would appreciate learning about it and giving what help I can.

PETER NELSON, AGRIC.PEST COUNCIL, Wellington, New Zealand:
Things in New Zealand are much the same though it looks like by the end of 1989 the AGRICULTURAL PESTS DESTRUCTION COUNCIL (our APHIS-ADC) will not be in existence. Whether another organisation replaces it or not is not known at this stage. One thing for sure pest control will need to continue and at worst I will generate my consultancy work up to survive.

We currently are getting some good results with our bird control using alphachloralose in a paste form which is applied to bread and other types of bait. The paste looks like toothpaste but birds eat it well. Also we've been having good results on rooks with DRC-2608. Bird damage in New Zealand is increasing and for this reason we are now trying a variety of baits, etc.

ROD KRISCHKE, APHIS-ADC, Colton, OR:
Spent a couple of weeks back east in the D.C. area in training. Met some other good ADC folks. Told a lot of lies and killed lots of alky-enhanced varmints. We kicked around THE PROBE a bit too. A couple of ideas some of the guys had were: (1) A classified ad section and (2) a column of ADC tips from the field. Appreciate the effort you put into keeping THE PROBE going.

ROSS ALLEN, Special Products, Montgomeryville, PA
Thank you for the followup on Keith LaVoie's report on rodent biting pressures. Doubt if much attention has ever been paid to this area, but it should be important to everyone involved with ADC to quantify, where practical, the physical capabilities of the critters you're dealing with. There is nothing wrong with a good old horse sense approach to ADC but sometimes it's more valuable than horse sense. Don't get me wrong; ADC professionals are tops at what they do. I just think there is room for improvement. In an age of new materials and techniques quantifiable information is essential but unfortunately hard to come by. Maybe some of your members can prove otherwise in 1989.

DR. M. E. R. GODFREY, Eaton Mfg., Twinsburg, OH:
We now have some supplies of TMAD/WU:
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4. 10% TMAD in Diglyme/WU additive (a mixture of sulfides which compliment the attractiveness of the lure). Catalog #872. 100 ml @ $18.00.
5. 4% TMAD/WU gel. Catalog #883. 500ml @ $32.00.

On orders of $10.00 or less there is a P&H charge of $2.50; $10.01 to $50.00 P&H is $5.00; and over $50.00 the charge is $7.00.

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If anyone hasn't been contacted yet on this, I can be reached at 1-800-321-3421 when I'm not out of town. DAN FAGRE is doing further research for us so we hope to have first rate field data supporting the efficacy of this product.

My only link with ADC is THE PROBE, so I hope I can afford it a while longer. I enjoy it, and your humor! Of course I knew nothing about your problems, 'til after the fact. Glad you are doing well, and George; that was sudden.

(Thanks. That is one of the main reasons I struggle to keep this going as I like the contact with people I've worked with and have respected in the field. I would (and I'm sure the readers would also) appreciate an update on what everybody is doing and what their thoughts are when dues are sent in, however, put them on a separate piece of paper rather than on the back of the registration card as these have to be filed and I don't always remember to check the back. Thanks. As retirees have been the backbone of the organization ever since it was formed, I certainly appreciate their support which amounts to a charitable contribution as they have nothing more to gain from ADC, so I understand perfectly when long-standing supporters feel forced to drop out as JACK SPENCER and MARK WORCESTER did this year. I thank them for their past support.)

FRANKLIN ANDERSON, rancher, Ignacio, CO:
Your favorite subject, cats. Enclosed is a clipping I thought would be of interest (report of the killing of a lion near Ignacio who had taken 12 goats and 8 sheep, more than half the rancher's flock. Cruz, the rancher, had moved the animals closer to his house for safety but the lion continued to kill even though he ate only a little from two of his victims). Years ago lion had a bounty in Colorado and were kept in check. Nowadays they are classified as a game animal and have increased all over the State. One came into Durango and had lunch on a dog, others have been seen killing on the outskirts of town. Many farmers have lost sheep in their corrals and calves near their houses. Cattlemen who are short of calves this fall are reaching the conclusion that maybe lions got them instead of being stolen. Maybe we need a change in wildlife managers' philosophy. The lion is one of the most destructive animals that roves our forests and needs reclassification as a predator. Enjoy every word of THE PROBE. Keep up the good work.

HERBIE PULK, trapper, Pembroke, ME:
Our trapping season has just about ended, but most did not even try to set for coyote as the price was less than $10. Here is a clipping you might be interested in (see ALL THE NEWS...). I also have an article by Daniel Harrison, Univ. ME, on COYOTES IN THE NORTHEAST which deals with their history and ecology in Maine. I hope the boys out
there don’t let NADCA disband. I personally think you are doing one hell of a job and THE PROBE is just great. (This was written before Xmas and HERBIE sent me greetings and a beautiful wreath made of eastern evergreens I certainly appreciated.)

TOM NICHOLLS, RD APHIS, Denver, CO:
Appreciate the recent stand NADCA took on future leadership. Our numbers are small and we don’t need inhouse fighting.

C.R. "PINK" MADSEN, rtd. former NADCA RDII, Florence, AZ:
I wondered what was wrong all summer but when I got home I found THE PROBE stacked up with the rest of the mail. Did you hear about the bear-killing hassle down here? (see ALL THE NEWS...) This shows how livestock depredation is treated by the media. From our trailer we can hear coyotes most nights so I keep my 12 bore shined up. The added attraction is a neighbor about 500 yards away who has a thing about wolves - about 20 or so of them. They open up to answer the coyotes, another neighbor’s peacocks, local cars and dogs, or the whine of trucks on the highway about a mile away. Don’t know whether to brag or complain - what other has-been trapper gets his own serenade each night from a pack of wolves? Our 50th anniversary sort of made things seem a little better - we drug our feet right to the end but it was nice and appreciated.

B.V. "BUNNY" FENNESSY, rtd.CSIRO, Braddon, ACT, Australia:
A cheque (check!) to help make you happy. The Australian exchange rate today is 0.8680. A year ago it was 0.6915. So for an increase at my end of only 4.875% over last year’s payment, I have increased my subscription to NADCA by 33.33%. Don’t ask me how this happens! If I, and you, really understood this high international finance we probably would not be in ADC! Well, it’s official! I retired from CSIRO the middle of November. Had a pleasant farewell and they went to a lot of trouble to invite some of the friends from my murky past, including State officers from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. I was very appreciative of the fact that John Bromwell flew in for the day from Adelaide. Despite your warning about "volunteering in retirement", I have volunteered to do some editorial work on the Division’s biennial report! You may remember at the Vertebrate Pest Conf. in Coolongatta they discussed the formation of an Australian Wildlife Management Society. They are soon to get started and I am happy that the initiative for it came from ADC because I have ever been happy with the distinction in the USA between "management" (something good!) and "control" (which is something barely tolerable in ‘polite society’ because it involves killing of some animals!). This is semantically silly because "management" may have as its objectives one or more of preservation, conservation, harvesting, control, eradication, etc.

WALTER WEBER, rtd. Indianapolis, IN:
Thanks for the special effort you made to secure photos for my book. I would like to comment that you should not ever consider discontinuing THE PROBE or the organization. When I was a boy they used to wash out a person’s mouth with soap and water for saying bad words!

JOHN MEYERS, rtd. USFWS, Oklahoma City, OK:
I still believe in our organization and that you and all the others are doing a good job. I think it is a sad state of affairs that the greater percentage of our officers have to come from the retired fellas. What with scout work, church, and helping kids raise kids, I don’t know how I found time to be employed. Please note - membership for oldtimers requires a close look at the budget.

W.O. NELSON, rtd. USFWS RDII, Twin Falls, ID:
Keep up the good work - you still make the organization worth while. (For those of you who were wondering, W.O. is
still alive and well and near his grandkids.

BOB BEACH, APHIS, Las Cruces, NM:
At a recent training session back east, a group of us western District Supervisors were talking shop over some cold beer. It was decided we ADC field people should be doing a lot more to help you with THE PROBE. I’m currently trying to get some materials to you — hopefully we all will manage to give THE PROBE more support. Do remember that just because you don’t hear from us doesn’t mean we aren’t thinking about it. We in the field do support you — just not very well.

BERT BIVINGS, APHIS, Stuttgart, AR:
As the year winds to an end, I see it is again time to “cast a little bread upon the water” in your direction. I was considerably distressed when my report on the Bird Strike Committee—Europe meeting (in Spain not France) was credited to Bert Hawkins (remember, he was the one who selected that terrible verse for the APHIS’ fight song ignoring my truly inspirational submittal?)(I had expected a sooner and sharper retort on this editorial booboo of mine.) I also said I could provide a limited number of papers to anyone who wanted them so you would not be bothered. Some how you decided that I (or Bert Hawkins) had failed to send them to you. At any rate I still have them and would make them available to anyone who wishes a copy.

When he said his right ear was warmer than his left, I knew his toupee was on crooked.

ALL THE NEWS THAT’S PRINT TO FIT

Fran S. Trutt was arrested in Connecticut and placed under $500,000 bail for attempted murder. It seems this sweet little lady was caught placing a bomb near the parking place of the chairman of the U.S. Surgical Corp. This organization which uses animals in their work to make human surgery safer and less painful has been sued several times by animal rights groups. All current suits have been dropped, but Ms Trutt who belongs to Friends of Animals, Fund for Animals, Trans-Species—Unlimited, Animal Shelter Reform Committee, and Animal Rights Alliance decided to get her own bang out of the situation. In her New York apartment they found two other pipe bombs said to be too sophisticated to have been made by an amateur. Who needs Arafat when we have creeps like this in the country!

An eastern Oregon farmer suffered a day, in court that might have far-reaching implications. He was found guilty of a federal misdemeanor when Canada geese were killed after they fed on alfalfa which he had just sprayed with pesticides (DiSyston, Furidan, & Cygon). While the fine of $25 and a year of unsupervised probation were light, he spent nearly $10,000 in legal fees. During the cross-examination, it was revealed that propane cannon scare devices were unable to scare the birds away from the crop even after the first dead birds were found. As he proved the application was in accordance with EPA registration, they hung him on “taking migratory waterfowl out of season without a permit”. Thanx to RICK GRIFFITH (DOD, Port Deposit, MD) and FARM JOURNAL, Dec. 1988, p22-H.

Because George Cave of Trans-Species Unlimited crawled out from under his rock while munching on a carrot, the Boy Scouts are considering banning the killing of animals to fulfill the requirements for the wilderness survival merit badge. On a recent camping trip, the scouts were shown how to prepare rabbits and chickens by knocking them on the head with sticks, slitting their throats, and letting the blood drain out which is a handy thing to know when faced with survival. Cave says, "Killing rabbits and chickens is an inappropriate lesson for youngsters and is not in keeping with Scouting goals of good citizenship and compassion for other living things." I guess George figures they can always survive on chicken nuggets at the Colonel's, but I can't see where good citizenship comes into the picture. Even worse than implying that good citizenship is being a vegetarian is the National Boy Scout officials paying serious attention to...
this dribble. I thought the goal of scouting was to make responsible, thinking men for the future? The BSA executives are not gutsy role models. Thanx to GUY CONNOLLY (NADCA RDIII) & TIMES-NEWS (Twin Falls, ID) 12/27/88.

If you have to eat crow occasionally you will probably lose weight since it contains 608 calories per pound compared to 753 calories per pound of chicken. ARMEED FORCES JOURN. INTERNATL. 6/86

In Renton (WA), the Canada-goose problem has aroused enough resentment to rate a column in the WALL STREET JOURNAL (01/06/89). Canada's most contentious import after hockey players seems to be getting lazy and settling for a year-round suburban life on lawns and fairways instead of doing their thing further south. What's good for the goose isn't always good for the golfer. Seattle is a horrendous example of how prolific these animals can be. The progenitors of the 5,000 geese that harass that city were said to have come from 12 mated pairs introduced to the area in 1962.

They have tried catching the geese in nets during the moulting season when they can't fly and translocating them to new areas which remain nameless to avoid competition from other over-goosed communities. Best success is translocation of parents with flightless goslings as the adults acclimate themselves to the new area until their offspring are able to fly. Besides this they have tried scarecrows, plastic snakes, and stuffed owls without success. Whistles and air guns work for a while till the birds get used to them. Radio-controlled airplanes and boats have some success but they are too expensive to keep in operation. Dogs also work but generally tire out before the geese. The best suggestion is to poison, but not break the eggs, until Mother Goose gets tired with unproductive sitting. This, of course, can be done only until the pro-life and animal rights people exploit the publicity they can get by objecting. Thanx to WES JONES (NADCA Treas.).

Coyotes spark howling debate in New England as hunters are worried about deer numbers, farmers about livestock depredation, and naturalists support them as providing "...a degree of balance and diversity in the wildlife community and in the ecosystem." One game manager in Massachusetts claims they are a help as they eat animals killed by cars or other causes and "...keep such pests as rabbits and field mice under control." In Maine, however, they claim deer kills range from 3,000 to 15,000 annually even though at least 1,600 coyotes are being killed. Thanx to HERBIE PULK, Pembroke, ME.

The U.S. Forest Service suspended a grazing lease of a Klondyke rancher who killed nine black bear "...he contends were a threat to his livestock." Nancy Zierenberg (Earth First!) says he didn't get hit hard enough, "They should have put him through a trial just like anybody who wasn't a rancher." Thanx to C.R.MADSEN rtd. USFWS, Florence, AZ & THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 12/04/88.

Most men regard blondes as golden opportunities.

NEW PRODUCTS
Not exactly a new product, but DR. just sent me a brochure on his new enterprise, BIOCENOTICS, INC. This is a research and development company established to assist industry, government, and public groups on testing and evaluating a variety of pest management problems. So any ADC research project you might encounter would be in capable hands if you contact BILL, BioCenotics, 4880 Hudson Rd., Osseo, MI 49266. (517) 523-3441.

I slept like a lawyer last night. First you lie on one side, then you lie on the other.

EDITORIAL
To repeat -
- please get your suggestions in concerning an NADCA logo as soon as possible.
- give me your thoughts on -
  - advertising
  - educational seminars
  - ADC tips column
- trying to get another member signed
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- -reminding Supervisors to keep me posted on personnel changes.

YE ED -
William D. Fitzwater
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