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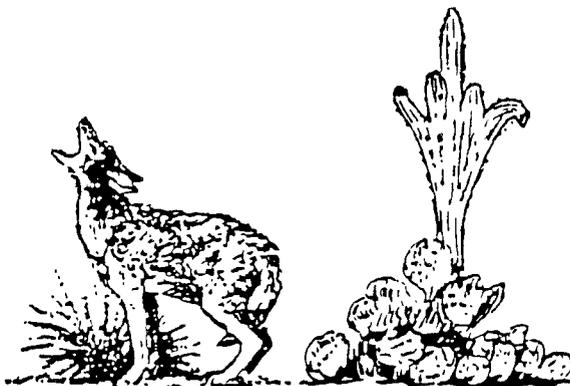


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THE PROBE



National Animal Damage Control Association

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NEWS FLASH !!

Just as we were getting ready this issue of the PROBE we received the notice that the head of APHIS-ADC, JIM LEE, has been replaced by a Veterinarian. What the effect this shift is going to have on the ADC program is too early to forecast as yet. Hopefully we will have more information in time for the May issue. But it is sad to note that Agriculture, like Interior, apparently ignores qualified ADC professionals when filling ADC positions.

The reason history repeats itself is because no one listened the first time around.

IF THAT ISN'T ENOUGH!

EPA is up to its old tricks. The environmentalists have been screaming about an EPA audit of the Denver Wildlife Research Center that uncovered poor laboratory practices and misrepresentation of results. A forinstrance is given that USDA never reported the deaths of 3 rabbits following their exposure to 1080 in eye irritation tests. The reason suggested for this dereliction is that it might foil USDA efforts to get that horrible old ten-eighty back on the market again. Susan Hagood (DEFENDERS mouthpiece) primly states, "EPA should take immediate steps to suspend registration of the toxic collar until all tests are completed by USDA and the Agency (EPA) is satisfied that the reported results are a true indication of the likely impacts of 1080 use." (DEFENDERS Activist Network News release, thanx to Dr. WALTER E. HOWARD).

Examination of the facts of the case give a slightly different perspective. EPA's audit last summer was the usual bureacratic semblence of "scientific" fact gathering. Leaked to the environmentalists, there has been no official enumeration of any alleged problems or required remedies after all these months. The 3 rabbit ploy was an EPA mandated test to determine "ocular and dermal toxicity of 1080." EPA set out the details of the test failing to take into account that rabbits, unlike certain EPA officials, will groom themselves when dirty. So 3 unrestrained rabbits died. The tests were conducted later in a proper fashion where the rabbits were restrained and no rabbits died. These results were written up and submitted. The earlier failure was also reported to EPA but not as part of the test as those results were not indicative of what the test was designed to test. And this is the grain of sand from which the artis built a sandbag !

USDA officials have heard that EPA was complaining about "insufficient data". But despite a meeting with EPA representatives, USDA has yet to get an official written notice of any specific complaints or suggested remedies. They have learned the hard way that to deal with EPA is only through documented channels because anything EPA does is subject to denial or arbitrary change whenever convenient. So the status of the toxic collar is still pending and there is a cloud of doubt cast over the lab. The researchers cannot defend themselves against charges that have never been leveled. Meanwhile environmentalists have a free hand to spread rumors. This points up to what's wrong with ADC. We state our

with the facts, win it, and go back to work and earning a living. The environmentalists put on a sob story replete with Disney characters. If they happen to get a fair-minded judge, they scream "foul", exhort the suckers to contribute so they can live more comfortably with their defeat, and sit around thinking of sneakier ways to attack the same subject. (Thanx to Russ Reidinger and the LIVESTOCK WEEKLY, 02/05/87)

It is easy for me to meet expenses. I meet them everywhere I turn.

APHIS ACTIVITY REPT.

These items are gleaned from the weekly reports sent to APHIS personnel that I think might be of interest to others:

BLACKBIRDS

This new PA-14 water cannon spraying system seems like a good technique. Kentucky personnel killed about 500,000 blackbirds and starlings when two areas within a roost were sprayed on two successive nights.

Later KEN GARNER and BERNICE CONSTANTIN used the water cannons for the first operational use to apply a 0.4% PA-14 water solution to a 4-acre blackbird/starling roost and killed an estimated 85% of a 280,000 roost population.

DWRC tested Ro-Pel bird and mammal repellent and found it to be no more repellent to red-winged blackbirds than distilled water. Sooooo.

COOTS/GEESE

A golf course in Sonoma County (CA) suffered \$6,000 damage to fairways and greens from coots. JOHN MAESTRELLI took 136 coots to relieve the problem.

ALAN FOSTER is having the same problem with Canada geese on Denver golf courses. Due to the open winter more golfers were playing this year and more geese were staying. This creates a messy handicap and they are going to try a study with dimethyl anthranilate as a repellent on grass.

PETE BUTCHKO has been having his problems with the coots too. Coots on a 30-acre housing project pond have reached a

population level of 1,000 birds causing approximately \$50,000 damage by foraging on the homeowners' landscaping, fouling the sidewalks, and degrading pond quality. They are impossible to haze and exclude for PETE is trying to get a trapping permit to take 3/4 of the population. PETE had another one on a nearby golf course where coots caused \$60,273 worth of damage for the replacement of one green, one tee, and restoration of five fairways.

COYOTES

DON GNEGY (VA) spent a week in Texas working with GARY MCEWEN on coyote control as DON is facing an increasing number of complaints from this new addition to the eastern fauna.

A cooperator lost 8 sheep to coyotes in Carter County (OK) despite the fact he used guard dogs and pens his sheep at night. His wife observed coyotes killing a lamb within 200 yards of their sleeping guard dog. Well you can't be working all the time.

Coyotes chewing irrigation drip lines in California grape and almond agricultural areas caused \$45,000 damage last year.

CROWS

Crows, perching on ledges below windows, were found to be pecking at the neoprene weather seal gaskets around the windows. What will they think of next?

DEER

The Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance Co. paid \$1,386,383.32 on 1,468 claims in 1986 for property damage (does not include physical injury claims) to automobiles caused by deer. As the company writes an estimated 4.5% of collision insurance in Georgia, the total amount paid out for deer collision accidents in the State may approach \$31 million. This might be why the Farm Bureau is pushing for legislation to permit shooting of deer anytime there is damage and giving depredation permits to gardeners as well as farmers.

Peachtree City Airport (GA) has got a real problem with deer. Within six weeks they've had 3 aircraft damaged, the last one costing \$15,000.

HAWKS

Hawks were creating a problem in Placer County (CA) by landing on top of a large floor cage containing parakeets. The hawks' screaming, flapping of wings, and making faces at the parakeets created such an uproar that the excited parakeets were dying of heart attacks and broken necks in attempting to escape. It was suggested that exclusion netting high above the cage itself would minimize the problem.

MONGOOSE

Studies by DWRC in Hawaii on the mongoose showed that diphacinone-ground beef bait in PVC pipe stations were most effective against this animal. Radio located animals were all killed between 5-13 days baiting with a concentration of 0.0005% diphacinone.

NORWAY RATS

Crawfish producers in Louisiana are having rat problems 'rat now. Some producers are losing as much as \$50 per day because of rats eating crawfish from their traps.

RVENS

About 600 ravens roosting on a southern California solar energy plant during the night caused a \$12,000 loss last year. It is difficult looking at the sun through crap-covered glasses.

REPELLENTS

Kentucky DWRC personnel are checking on the availability of commercial methiocarb-seed treatment to protect sprouting corn. At the average planting rate of 16 pounds of seed corn/acre and at the 1987 suggested retail rate, it would cost about \$1.50/acre for Blue Ribbon HBT, \$2.50/acre for Gustafson HBT, and \$2.27/acre for Borderland Black if applied at 1/2 the registered rates which gives almost as much protection at a cheaper cost.

SKUNKS

Sacramento (CA) ADC district is having a rash of typical California odd-ball events. These include a skunk living in TV console which forced the family to give up watching the Cosby show when the skunk decided it was time to emerge. Another skunk took up residence in a bathroom. And several living in heating ducts of homes under construction were

trapped when carpets were laid and grills installed. The new home owners were startled to say the least when black hair and strong odors started to emulate from the hot air vents. In another instance a young housewife got more than she bargained with when she reached into her dryer to remove clothes and got a handful of opossum with her ten young. Practically all these happened when the animals got into the house through cat doors (supports my stand that cats have no place in civilized society).

California doesn't have the whole market on skunks. Sam Crowe trapped one in a house which somehow escaped in the kitchen. It climbed inside a washing machine which was then moved outside. When the skunk refused to leave its newfound home, it was shot inside. The machine may never be used again.

TRAPPING

The Humane Society of the United States has apparently targeted Colorado as one of seven States where they plan a campaign to ban the leghold trap this year. Be forewarned.

GARY OLDENBURG (WA) reports that a trapping ban on snares, leg hold, and conibear traps was introduced into the Washington State Legislature as Senate Bill 5543.

Inflation is when you need a double your money back guarantee just to break even.

GOLF HANDICAPS

That coot/goose problem does get around. The Town of Mountlake Terrace (WA) recently adopted a city ordinance to prohibit the feeding of waterfowl on the lake, park, and golf course. They have posted signs to enforce the ordinance:

1. Human food can be harmful to birds.
2. Dense bird populations increase chance of disease and parasites.
3. Bird droppings add nutrients to; the lake that increase algae growth and lake decay.
4. Parasites on waterfowl and algae can cause "swimmers" itch.
5. Increased algae depletes oxygen from the lake, thus killing the fish.
6. Bird droppings throughout the park are unsafe, unsanitary, and unsightly.
7. Waterfowl eat the grass we need for

ground cover and erosion control.
8. Feeding waterfowl is now a violation of City Ordinance #1672 - maximum fine: \$300

Thanx to TOM WALKER & Natl. Soc. for Parks & Recreation, March 87 newsletter.

Some stretch pants have no other choice.

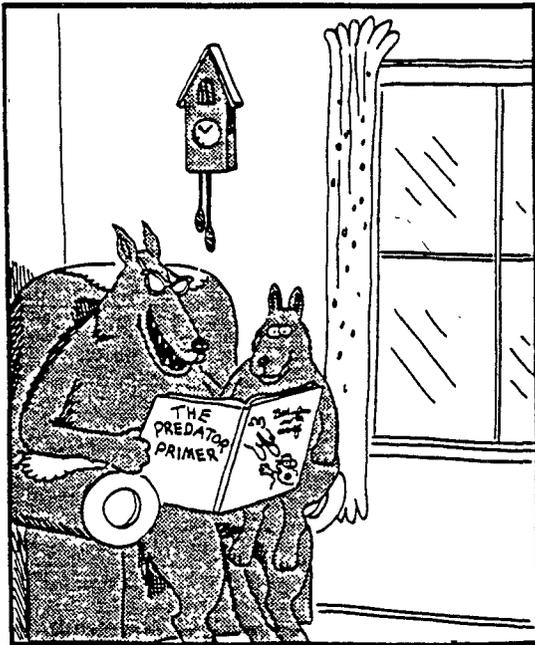
APHIS WINS AWARD

Senator William Proxmire presented his esteemed GOLDEN FLEECE award in February to APHIS for organizing a song contest. This award is given monthly for what Proxmire conceives is "the most wasteful, ridiculous or ironic use of the taxpayers' money." After the latest developments, ADC will have difficulty getting one with printable lyrics.

Snap decisions are for the dogs.

RUN. JANE. RUN, RUN.

U.S.NEWS & WORLD REPORT (02/23/87) gave the Fish & Wildlife Service the golden goose award for the best memo of the week: "Hungry predators, given the opportunity, frequently eat duck eggs (and, if possible, the duck). Eggs eaten by predators have an unacceptable low likelihood of hatching. Ducklings not hatched are not known to fledge. Ducks that do not fledge make no contribution to the fall flight." Well it is basic writing and definitely true.



"See Dick run. See Jane run. Run run run. See the wolves chase Dick and Jane. Chase chase chase. ..."

DON COYOTE

DON HEINBAUGH sent us a newspaper review of this book by a rancher who found coyotes to be his friends (THE PROBE #66). Now the fairy tale has been picked up and really given wide acclaim as READER'S DIGEST (March, 87) has done a book condensation with even a quote from that eminent authority, Roger Caras: "Dayton Hyde is a national treasure. The secret powers who put the coyote in our land put Dayton Hyde here to interpret our land's mysteries."

Experience teaches backwards. It gives a test before explaining the lesson.

MEETIN'

28-30 Apr. 87 - 8th Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Workshop, Howard Johnson, Rapid City (SD). Any aspects of wildlife damage with special sessions on prairie dog management/control and predator management/control to enhance waterfowl production. Daniel Uresk, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mt. Expl. Sta., SD School of Mines, Rapid City, SD 57701.

19-22 Aug. 87 - ECOLOGY & MANAGEMENT OF BREEDING WATERFOWL Symposium at Winnipeg Convention Ctr., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Contact: Waterfowl & Wetlands Research Sta., RR #1, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Canada RIN 3A1.

18-21 Oct. 87 - 3rd EASTERN WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL CONF. at Gulf State Park Resort, Gulf Shores, AL. Abstracts of papers due in March. Will give more details as I get them.

A fool and his money are invited places.

GREAT PLAINS WORKSHOP

- April 28:
- Storch: Welcome from Great Plains Agricultural Council
- Post: South Dakota - History, land & wildlife
- Miller: Overview of SD ADC program
- LEE (?): ADC 1987 - National perspective
- ROWLEY & ROWLEY: Decoying coyotes with dogs
- Bernstein: Steel vs lead in aerial hunting
- CONNOLLY: Aerial shooting takes confirmed sheep-killing coyotes in MT
- EBBERT & FAGRE: Importance of attractant qualities for improving a new coyote

delivery system
 GRAVES: Experimental olfactory stimulants and use strategies for coyotes
 Littauer: Cougar predation on livestock
 New Mexico
 McMurchy: Black bear damage prevention in Saskatchewan
 Steger: Electric powdered fences for ADC
 Schneidmiller: Fencing to control big game damage to stored crops in Wyoming
 McMurchy: Ungulate damage prevention in Saskatchewan
 Riedel: Snares in beaver control
 Heinrich & Craven: Canada goose crop damage in Wisconsin
 PFEIFER & Fairaizl: Should ducks be frightened?
 PFEIFER & Fairaizl: The lure crop alternative
 Johnson, etal: Duck nest success and predators in Dakotas & Montana
 Doty & Rondeau: Predator management to increase duck nest success
 Simpson: Mammal predators on duck nest success in South Dakota
 Warhurst: Ducks Unlimited techniques of predator management
 Lokemoen: Increasing waterfowl production on points & islands by reducing mammalian predation
 Lup & McDaniels: Bullsnake predation on waterfowl in Nebraska
 Boufford, etc.: Overwater nesting by waterfowl

I'd rather be filthy rich than clean poor.

April 29:
 Angell, etal: Sociobiology and population dynamics of prairie dogs
 Menkens, etal: Ecology of white-tailed prairie dogs in Wyoming
 Detling & Whicker: Control of ecosystem processes by prairie dogs, etc.
 Kreuger: Prairie dog overpopulation
 Uresk: Black-tailed prairie dogs - good or bad?
 Cable & TIMM: Efficacy of deferred grazing in reducing prairie dog reinfestation rates
 Knowles: Shooting and habitat alternation for control of black-tailed prairie dogs
 Moline & Demerais: Efficacy of aluminum phosphide for prairie dog and pocket prairie
 Matschke: Potential of 1080 as prairie dog control at less than registered concentrations

FISHER & TIMM: Chlorophacinone as prairie dog toxicant
 Khattat: BIA prairie dog control program
 Franklin: Control and promotion of a new population of prairie dogs
 Biggins & Schroeder: Historical and present status of black-footed ferret
 Miller, etal: Evaluation of prairie dog habitat for potential black-footed ferret
 Hettenback & Henderson: Kansas wildlife damage reporting system
 Lee & Henderson: Bird damage survey of Kansas feedlots
 BIVINGS: Control methods of objectionable roosts of purple martins
 Advoni: Rodent damage to crops in India
 Sieg: Small mammals: Pests or vital components of the ecosystem?
 Marsh: Characteristics of zinc phosphide as a rodenticide
 Matschke, etal: Relative toxicity of strychnine to 8 spp. of ground squirrels
 GODFREY: Novel strategy for pocket gopher control
 Agnew, Uresk, & HANSEN: Arthropod consumption by small mammals on prairie dog colonies and adjacent ungrazed mixed grass prairie
 PANEL DISCUSSIONS:
 Prairie dog management and control
 Predator management and control to enhance waterfowl production

Nothing improves my hearing faster than praise.

BARNUM WASN'T KIDDING
 Brazos County (TX) has voted to stop giving a \$7.50 bounty on wolf ears. The county treasurer says she paid out \$225 for 30 sets of "wolf" ears this year while the Texas Wildlife Dept. says there have been no wolves in the area for years. Who are you gonna believe? Thanx to GUY CONNOLLY, NADCA Reg. Direct. III (Twin Falls (ID) and the Times-News (ID).

One thing about inviting trouble - it's sure to accept.

LETTERS TO YE ED
 Here's an article for you (see GOLF HANDICAPS). I find the ADC notes you have included in the last two PROBES very interesting. As a non-APHIS employee I have no other means of learning about other peoples innovations. TOM WALKER (Navy -PA)

To rush the publication (NATURE AND ANIMAL WELFARE - see PROBE #70 pg 5) I had to subsidize it, so am willing to sell copies for \$10 and take care of the postage for which the publisher charges another \$1.50. I have a 30-minute TV program with a 'devout' animal rightist as soon as I return from Brazil. Dr. WALTER E. HOWARD, Univ. California-Davis.

Please re-enroll me as an active member. I discontinued my membership several years ago after suffering some discord with the direction I felt NADCA was taking and the attitude of some of the Directors. I again offer my support to assist NADCA in becoming a truly professional organization in which ADC folks can be proud of there membership. TOM HUTCHINSON (APHIS, Western Regional Office, CO) (After the new developments, I'm not sure I was on the right track afterall.)

Just a note to let you know our organization is very much interested in and grateful for your running of the APHIS Activity Report in THE PROBE. I have found the information especially helpful. I hope it is at least a periodic, if not a regular, part of your newsletter.

Your response to the PETA cat lover was so good, I've placed it in my "Rebuttals to the Radicals" file. Thanks. BARRY VORSE (Director of Communications, WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA, OH)

I recently acquired the book, BLOODY TRACKS ON THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THE WILD WINDS BLOW by Charles A. Wilson. It is his biography as a Government Hunter for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service from 1943 to 1956 in the Lander (WY) area. Besides the text there are some good photographs and information on 1080 which Wilson condemns with other poisons. He has written two other books, THE WHITE INDIAN BOY and THE RETURN OF THE WHITE INDIAN, the story of his father who lead a colorful life in Jackson Hole. SHERMAN BLOM (APHIS - DWRC CO) (SHERM sent me a mimeo brochure on these books which I intended to print in here but haven't the time or space right now. Anybody interested can write me or SHERM (Box 26608, Lakewood, CO 80226-0608) to get further information.

Thanks for a job well done. Sure enjoy my job under the USDA "Protecting American Agriculture". Lots of work, but exciting and a rewarding experience to finally feel wanted after 30 years under Interior. DARREL GRETZ (APHIS, Denver, CO)

HARLAN has spent most of the past year in Pakistan and I was left to pay bills, keep the home fires burning, and move them from one state to another. So, I'm the one who didn't pay his dues. Please continue THE PROBE but don't send me any animals to control! Best wishes to you and the family, its been a long time! SEDLEY SHUYLER (MO) (We met them when we were stationed at Purdue and HARLAN was getting his PhD. That's one of the fringe benefits of this job - keeping contact with people you've worked with in the past. I'm willing to give space to any others who want to write and pass on good wishes.)

Thank you for the note that showed a filler for my company (Meyer Mfg.) appeared in THE NORTHDIV GOTCHA. I feel you have a fine publication and a superb organization and I am proud to have my company as a member of the organization. How many newsletters like TNG and TP are in existence? STEVE MEYER, Garrison, IA. (I told him I didn't know of any but if some of you do please let me know as I'd like to get on their list too. He also indicated that he was thinking of putting out a quarterly newsletter soon on trapping which should be interesting.)

I've left Wyoming Agriculture and joined the "feds". The State of Wyoming does not have a registration on 1080 for use in the collar - the primary reason is the discovery by EPA that several rabbits died from the dermal toxicity tests conducted by FWS. I haven't received any recent info concerning what action will occur next but suppose the test will have to be redone. Sorry I'm late with dues, but trying to move in January, start a new job, and fighting the weather and predators is about like trying to get something done with EPA. LYLE CROSBY (APHIS, Caspar, WY)

Fortunately, my second eye operation came out the way I expected the first one so am now getting back into the swing of things. The hospital sent me a copy of

the bill to Aetna - \$288 for a little eye-drop bottle and some bandaids ????? WILMA is about the same and is in a nursing home at present as I couldn't make the 22-hour shift. She is starting to eat better, however. JOHN C. JONES, Reg. VIII director, rtd. USFWS, Bethesda, MD.

You are a master of subtle and not so subtle harassment. Here's my \$10 plus a few extra for NADCA. Please know I just love your editorial lstyle. Attached are a couple of copies of a recent rodent control bulletin. JEFF JACKSON, Wildlife Ext. Spec., CES, Athens, GA 30602 (The leaflet is a 20-page booklet which is really update and very complete on CONTROL COMMENSAL RODENTS IN AGRICULTURE. You can probably get a copy by writing JEFF.)

It's good to laugh at yourself occasionally. Other people do.

LET'S GET COMMERCIAL

"Home Free," ultrasonic pest control devices, manufactured by Saga International has been ordered to pay full refunds to consumers who purchased them by the Federal Trade Commission. And our dear buddies in EPA for the first time in ten years have made a positive statement by closing down another ultrasonic device called "Rat-I-Cator". Thanx to PHIL EGGBORN (VA Dept. Agric.)

NIXALITE has a toll free number in case you want some information on making sitting a painful proposition for some birds - 1-800-255-2255.

I mentioned a good-looking ADC cap that Dave Nelson (SD) sent me the other day. Dave has made these available to any members who want them. The cap is an adjustable baseball type cap. It has a tan front panel and brown camouflage material on the sides and brim. Across the front panel in large black letters is "ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL". At the bottom is a drawing of a running sheep being chased by a coyote with bullseye cross hairs sighted on his shoulder. Above them is a high wing monoplane coming directly into the picture. It is a very nice looking cap and certainly distinctive. Dave has agreed to furnish these on request for \$5.50 each in lots

up to 3 which includes handling and postage. For 4 or more, he'll sell them for \$5.00 each. I'm going to buy some to take to Australia next month to pass around to my ADC friends over there. Dave's address is: 1003 S. Garfield, Pierre, SD 57501.

I got a cute plastic mouse trap in the mail the other day. I would sure like to know if anybody has tried these out yet. It is a square tube with a bend in it. The door comes out like a cover over a porch. When the mouse goes in the trap his weight pushes the other end down and the door slaps shut. It retails for about \$2 apiece. I'm too busy right now (and Albuquerque isn't flooded with mouse infestations) but I hope to give it a change later along with CRAIG SWANSON'S pocket gopher trap when the weather gets better and I am home for awhile. The mouse trap by the way is a gaudy yellow and blue, sold by Trap-Ease, 3122 South Maple St., Santa Ana, CA 92707. It is quite ingenious if the mice will enter. Anyway it is easier to move around than MONTE DODSON's water barrel.

Build a better mousetrap and watch the government build a better mousetrap tax.

I got a flyer from Cobb Place, Inc., Box 529, Whigham, GA 31797 on an accordian type of climbing animal barrier (TOP GUARD) for protection of trees and bird feeders.

THURMAN BOOTH sent me a note on the APPLIED ELECTRONICS CORP. (3003 County Line Road, Little Rock, AR 72210) Electronic bird and predator control devices. He said they have built most of the broadcast units that APHIS uses in bird work.

This note got lost but a famous NADCA member, DR. WILLIAM B. JACKSON (who wrote most of a WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION handbook on "Commensal Rodents" and split the writing fee with me), has announced the opening of a Biocenotics Environmental Laboratory (48801 Hudson Rd., Osseo, MI 49266). This has taken over the work that BILL started at Bowling Green University (OH) before his recent retirement. This is just in case you need some good research done in ADC as there aren't that many good labs left

in the country.

The hand that rocks the cradle usually is attached to someone who isn't getting enough sleep.

TRAPPING IN WILDERNESS AREAS

The US Forest Service is going to permit the use of choppers to take coyotes in the Mount Naomi (UT) area under very restrictive circumstances. The USFS said that environmental assessment studies showed sheep grazing permittees lost 91 sheep to predators last year, 57 of which were confirmed by federal employees and the losses ranged from \$4,000 to \$6,500. The environmentalists are objecting as usual. Sierra Club spokesman says, "...the decision lacks justification and scientific background. The Forest Service has failed to establish the loss of sheep is any more than would occur in absence of predators." (What killed those 57 that were confirmed by 'federal employees' ?) As for permitting the use of mechanized vehicles in wilderness areas - look at the restrictions ! Only 3 flights per year will be allowed into the area after moderate to heavy snows when the use will be light. Thanx to Clair Acord (UTAH WOOL GROWERS ASSOC.)

Don't smoke in bed. The ashes you shake may be your own.

AND NOW THE REST OF THE STORY --

I like the radio commentator, Paul Harvey, but in a recent program he called hunters "psychological weaklings who hunt only to fulfil a need to dominate, a need to reaffirm superiority." Harvey referred on Dr. Schweitzer's warning that "...anyone who has accustomed themselves to regard the life of any living creature as worthless, is in danger of arriving at the idea of worthless human lives." There they go again equating mosquito/mouse/moose/and man. The WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA is asking all those concerned with hunting to complain to Harvey AND his sponsors (Harvey doesn't do that for nothing): Paul Harvey News, 360 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601 TruValue Hardware - Pres. Daniel Cotter, 2740-52 N. Clyborn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

Monsanto Carpet - Pres. R.J.Mahoney, 900 N. Lindberg Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63137
Moen Faucets - Pres. G.R.Bouwkamp, 377 Woodland Ave., Elyria, OH 44036
Allstate Ins. - Chmn. D.F. Craib, Jr., 4 Allstate Plaza, Northbrook, IL 60062
GE bulbs - Exec. VP P.W.Van Order, 3135 Easton Turnpike;, Fairfield, CT 06431
Bikes - Chmn.F.V.Schwinn, 1856 N.Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60639
Roach prufe - Pres. Alan D.Brite, 5147 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016
Supermarkets - Pres. William E. Olson, IGA, 5725 E. River Rd., Chicago, IL 60631
Auto music - Chmn. Dr.A.G.Bose, The Mountain, Framingham, MA 01701
Kerr glass - Pres. R.W.Norian, 501 S. Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020

There is no substitute for brains, but silence helps alot.

FUR & BEAUTY PAGENT'S

I am sure you are all aware of the big publicity scoop Bob Barker got for the Animal Rightists in the Miss USA pagent by refusing to "work" if the lovelies were wearing fur. I wrote a letter of protest to both the ALBUQUERQUE TRIBUNE and U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. Needless to say neither letter was published. I feel an indication of the biased attitude of the media is that a couple of days later the Trib published a letter from somebody praising Barker's "bravery" in standing up for his rights. Being an Editor has some advantages as I can now publish my own letter to the USN&WR without censorship:

Dear Mr. Editor:

There is an insidious movement afoot today that threatens the economics and health of the country under the guise of being on the same untouchable level as "motherhood and apple pie". Albuquerque, New Mexico was subjected to a demonstration of the movement's rising power during the Miss America pagent when the MC refused to go on if the contestants wore fur coats. Unfortunately the spineless sponsors of the contest knuckled under and gave the ANIMAL PROTECTION fanatics a free publicity plug. A closer examination of the objectives of these people would show how intellectually short-changed and criminally-hypocritical the hard core of this group really is. Admittedly there are some naive souls who honestly believe

animals should be treated like humans and are thus cynically bilked by the professional fund-raisers in the name of "Animal Rights" without examining what the true goals really are.

They claim that animals have "rights". The "bill of rights" is a human document written by and for humans. Natural law recognizes no such philosophy. Nature is basically cruel and follows only the creed of "might is right". Thus if animals would recognize our rights then we should be morally aware of theirs. In the dark ages, French farmers brought lawsuits against the rats destroying their crops. They never made any headway because the plaintiffs could not be brought to the courthouse. I would hope that our educational system has not regressed to the simple-minded, superstitious stature of the public of those days.

The Animal Protection activists are extremely hypocritical. If they really believed in Animal Rights, why should there be any difference in these rights for different species of animal life?

A moose deserves no better treatment than the mouse, but they demonstrated against legal harvests of the expanding moose herd in Maine while turning a blind eye towards the homeowner trapping a mouse in his house. And what Animal Rightist willingly offers a blood transfusion to a mosquito? Even vegetarians wear shoes (or thongs). This hypocritical stance may go to criminal lengths. Violence and vandalism against the human race is no excuse for what they claim is the human treatment of the lower animals. They send letter bombs to public officials, vandalize medical laboratories stealing laboratory animals and wantonly destroying valuable research data, and interfere with persons attempting to make a legal living.

I do not condone needless suffering of lower animals. However, I want to benefit from the knowledge medicine can get from experiments done on these animals (I have yet to hear of an Animal Rightist volunteering his body to the advancement of human medicine). Further I like to be able to afford to eat meat and resent these vegetarians fixing it so I can't. Man evolved as a predatory animal and thus I have a longer support

background for my life style than those humans who want only to graze. And finally my experience has been that wild animals in an environment man has disrupted have little natural checks on their numbers (Look at the problems man is encountering today as he eliminates his own long standing population checks!). Thus numbers should be limited under certain situations and if the byproducts (animal furs) can be utilized - rather than left to rot on the ground - that is my definition of conservation of natural resources.

I don't have the knowledge, but then neither do they, that the pain of an animal caught in a trap or in captivity in a zoo is any greater or less than a human under similar circumstances. But I do know that much of man's "suffering" is mental. He knows what is coming, but animals do not have the ability to speculate on the future. We value "freedom" but there are many instances of animals that escaped from the zoo trying to get back into that safe environment where they are fed and sheltered regularly.

Man's vast surge to an urban from a rural environment has closed his eyes to the facts of nature as his forebears knew them. Disney has further conditioned him to look on animals as furry humans. It isn't so!

WDF, Secretary, NADCA

There is no substitute for brains, but silence helps alot.

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I apologize for putting the directory off another issue. I have been really snowed under and have been getting a steady trickle of new recruits so the list keeps changing. Next time for sure!



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