

Protector



'Red' Habel, captain of the Wofford (S. C.) College basketball team, is troubled with weak eyes but it doesn't affect his playing a particle. For 'Red' as you'll note, has a specially devised mask which he wears to protect his 'specs.' The protector is the work of 'Rip' Major, Wofford coach.

SWANS IN CURRITUCK

Two Thousand and Nine Hundred and Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight Counted in December.

Currituck, N. C., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Two thousand nine hundred sixty-eight swans were counted on Currituck Sound early in December, while on Lake Mattamuskeet, 2,494 were counted.

The count was made by experts of the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture, and the report of the count in a bulletin of the department has just been received here.

Practically all of the swan population of eastern North America concentrates for winter quarters on Chesapeake Bay, Md.; Back Bay, Va., and Currituck Sound, N. C., and adjacent waters, says the department. Here they can be counted with reasonable accuracy, and the experts found a total of 14,597.

The greatest number was found on the Chesapeake Bay, including the Susquehanna flats, where 6,920 were counted. On Back Bay, Va., 2,016 were observed, and on the Potomac River, near its junction with the Chesapeake, 169 were counted during the same census.

This is the first fairly complete census of these birds the survey has been able to make, says the bulletin, and, for this reason, little can be said with certainty as to their increase or decrease. There is little doubt, however, it adds, that the swans have become bolder in the presence of man, as a natural result of the protection given them over a ten-year period which will expire in December, 1926.

Under the provisions of the law, the closed season will continue after the ten-year term until regulations are promulgated by the President allowing an open season during which these birds may be hunted.

The greater familiarity of the birds has brought them into feeding areas formerly little used by them, such as shooting ponds on club preserves, and the department has received complaint of their consuming large quantities of wild duck foods, even the entire visible supply in some cases. This, however, it is pointed out, does not mean the destruction of the food supply, for seeds and rootstocks always remain in sufficient quantity to renew the stand next season.

Swans compete for food with shoal-water ducks, not with deep-water ducks, but the department says that, so far as has been observed they have caused no permanent injury to the extensive wild fowl resorts they frequent. The clearing of vegetation out of shooting ponds by swans is not an important factor from a sporting point of view as on ponds frequently shot over in this region, baiting is often resorted to to keep ducks coming to them.

Careful observations of these birds is to be continued by the government, it is stated, and annual counts of their numbers are planned.

AMUNDSEN VISITS DR. COOK IN PRISON

Former Shipmates in Antarctic Joke Together and Recall Dangers They Endured.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 21.—For three-quarters of an hour this afternoon Captain Roald Amundsen, Arctic explorer, and Dr. Frederick A. Cook, now an inmate of the federal prison here, former ship surgeon on one of Captain Amundsen's expeditions, joked and recalled their experiences together fighting ice packs in the frozen wastes.

Their conversation was in private and Captain Amundsen declined to say a word about his friend. "Not a word, not a word about Dr. Cook," he told reporters. And that was final.

Capt. Amundsen drew a red-bound book from his pocket and presented it to Dr. Cook. The book was a copy of Captain Amundsen's "The Polar Flight."

For two years Captain Amundsen and Dr. Cook were close companions, and this comradeship was written on their faces when they met. It was a friendship born in perils of ice when men lost their reason and only the stoutest hearts held on, determined to wrest the secret of those unknown wilds or die trying.

Capt. Amundsen was first mate of the Belgian expedition to the South Pole, which sailed in 1907. Dr. Cook was a ship's surgeon on this trip. The expedition returned in 1909 and the men parted, but their friendship endured. Upon their return from the

South Pole expedition, Capt. Amundsen and Dr. Cook were received by the Belgian king, decorated and made chevaliers of the Order of Leopold. Capt. Amundsen and Dr. Cook next met at Copenhagen, upon the return of Dr. Cook with his declaration that he had discovered the North Pole. They met again in Norway. That was their last association until today at the federal prison where Cook is serving fourteen years for his oil operations in Texas.

In actions the two resembled each other while chatting. The same fire flashed from their eyes and the same squint was in their features. In other ways they were totally dissimilar. Capt. Amundsen, bronzed by the sun and winds and biting frosts, Dr. Cook, with the pallor that comes to all prisoners not employed in the open.

Capt. Amundsen declined to comment when asked whether he thought the privations suffered by Dr. Cook while on their explorations might have affected his mind.

WANTS STATE BEHIND NATIONAL PARK PLAN

Mark Squires Favors Special Legislative Session For Appropriate Funds.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Suggestion that a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly be called by Governor McLean to appropriate funds for the purchase of the North Carolina part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was made here today by Mark Squires, chairman of the State Park Commission. Mr. Squires' suggestion was not made officially by him, but merely as a statement of the sentiment of many people with whom he has conferred with regard to the park.

He stated that a number of people have said to him that in their opinion the State ought to officially get behind the park and that the people of the whole State ought to pay for it. An appropriation has been made by the Tennessee Legislature, he said, with the condition that the City of Knoxville pay a certain part in the purchase of 80,000 acres of land upon which an option has been secured.

Mr. Squires said that he was in Washington merely to confer with members of the State delegation in Congress with regard to the campaign for funds for the park in North Carolina. Accompanied by State Democratic Chairman John G. Dawson, who is here on legal business, he visited the members of the delegation.

Mr. Squires stated that he would not ask Governor McLean to call a special session.

MRS. HARRISON GETS ANNULMENT PAPERS

Schoolfield Girl Who Was Forced Into Marriage is Given Back Her Maiden Name.

Danville, Va., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Leora Milton Harrison girl bride of Lonnie Harrison became single, legally, today, and was restored her maiden name by Judge Kegley sitting in the Pittsylvania circuit court, who wrote an order annulling the marriage of the Schoolfield girl. She says that Harrison, infatuated with her, held a revolver trained on her during their marriage last November at Schoolfield. Rev. S. C. Owen, who married them thought the girl's tears were prompted by joy instead of fear.

Harrison is back in jail. He finds it difficult to give the \$1,000 bond which has been set by Judge Kegley because of his experience of Tuesday night when he is alleged to have attempted once more to abduct his bride, thereby forfeiting his \$1,500 bond which two Schoolfield friends put up for him. The jury which tried him for marriage under compulsion yesterday could not agree and was discharged from service.

Mud in the Senate.

Asheville Citizen. We have with us always the man who, when he can not defeat a splendid undertaking by argument, resorts to the low business of the assault through mud-slinging. We have him even in the Senate of the United States. Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Labor Senator from Minnesota, is under the misapprehension that, since he can not deny the nobility of the idea of the world court, he can discredit it by impugning the motives of those supporting it.

Taking the floor on Wednesday with a prepared speech, he declared that the United States should not go into the World Court because it is the creation of international financiers who want it to maintain the value of their securities. The kind of mind that believes it can get anywhere by throwing mud is the kind of mind that believes a financier is a crook because he is a financier.

Mr. Shipstead's position is a confession and a prophecy; a confession that his view of world affairs is somewhat circumscribed, a prophecy that his tribe, Farmer-Labor will not increase.

Woodrow Wilson was not, even in the ugliness of the Shipstead imagination, an "international financier." Hundreds of others who have labored for the World Court here and abroad would have a hard time exhibiting bank accounts that would label them financiers of any description. Moreover, financiers have put over many of the world's finest projects. They are, in spite of Mr. Shipstead, a powerful lot. They are, also of Mr. Shipstead, capable of seeing a great vision and of undertaking a great reform.

Besides, this Minnesota Senator, if he knows anything at all, knows that it is essential for the finances of the world to be put on a sound basis.

Without money, the powers would be as crippled as would Mr. Shipstead without his property and salary. If the World Court helps to keep the nations financially prosperous, it will do a good, not an evil, work. Nor can it be deprived of American membership by Mr. Shipstead's pretense that, because it helps to assure prosperity, it can do no other good thing.

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