

## Game Refuge in Mountain Areas

The week of March 20-27 has been designated National Wildlife Week, and the following discussion of the wild game problems, written by Forest Ranger Clark Anderson, is of interest to all:

From the beginning of time, down through the ages until the present, the crop of wild game in any area has been an influence on the prosperity of the population of that area. Among the primitive tribes, these game animals limited the tri-

bal activities and movements since it was here that their entire food and clothing supply was obtained. The knowledge of the movements and the adeptness in capturing these animals governed the prosperity of the peoples concerned.

This necessity has diminished to a luxury with the coming of faster modes of travel, other sources of food and clothing and greater ease in capturing these birds and animals. There remains with everyone however, an urge to capture, which is inherent in man, not so much for the food value as for the exhilarating value of out-of-doors recreation and the resultant trophies which are obtained. Increase in leisure time will continue and the number of re-

creation seekers will increase similar to that which occurred during the 1916-37 which showed a 500% increase.

Until the last few years, the game supply in Southern Nevada and elsewhere has constantly decreased. This has largely been due to disregard for game laws and an increase in the number of predatory animals, together with destruction of the habitat by cultivation of every available farming area and by closing of sources of water to game animals by the use of their water by domestic stock, etc.

Although industries have not yet reached their ultimate in capacity in the county, there yet remains a

### RETURN FROM RENO

Mesdames Frank Gusewelle, W. E. Ferron, W. R. Bracken and Hazel Williams returned Sunday from a trip to Reno.

### REMOVES TO KINGMAN

Helen Miller Cantrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Miller, has removed to Kingman, Arizona, where she will operate the new Miller enterprise, El Trovatore court.

vast expanse of desert land or "wild land" which is no good other than for game bird and animal production. The need for improvement so as to make these areas more useful is apparent. This need has been shown and is recognized by the federal government in their setting up the Wildlife Refuges in Southern Nevada which are designed to better conditions for wildlife in this area.

### The Desert Game Range

By virtue of popular demand and presidential proclamation that part of the public domain including the area about Mt. Charleston on the south, the Sheep, Desert and Pint-water Ranges on the north has been withdrawn from entry and put under administration and management of the U. S. Bureau of Biological Surveys, as a wildlife refuge, principally for the benefit of a rapidly diminishing herd of Nelson Mountain Sheep.

During the early days the number of sheep to be found in the confines of the range described amounted to many thousands. Due to ever increasing encroachments of man, the number has decreased to such an extent that the sheep destroyed by game law violators alone would soon exterminate this species if it were not for official protection.

As a result of federal acquisition these mountain sheep have become the property of the U. S. government. In view of the situation as it stands since federal acquisition and administration, the chronic "moocher" or game law violator had better think twice before going into the hills with the usual purpose in mind and woe to him if he is caught.

In respect to the general citizenry, their cooperation is solicited and this opportunity taken to remind them of their right. In turn, they are invited to visit the officials in charge for further information as to its aims and ultimate goal concerning the Desert Game Range.

## WILDERNESS HIS PLAYGROUND



(Photos from U. S. Forest Service)

When Wallace Beery, America's favorite movie "heavy" "gets away from it all" he pilots his own plane to his lodge in the wildest part of Idaho. To reach the Beery camp overland requires a pack-train trip of several days. Mr. Beery is chairman of Idaho's Wildlife Week committee, and an ardent sportsman-conservationist. He is shown with a twelve-and-a-half pound rainbow trout, with the scales to prove it. The mountains, bear climbing tree and moose in the lake were photographed in the neighborhood of Beery's camp.

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