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ingredients. "I can't let those other trappers suffer and struggle any longer without knowledge of this first-rate pew." So combine the following:

- 1 1/2 pints beef gall
- 3 quarts rotten eggs
- 1 gallon beef blood
- 8-10 oz. coyote urine,
preferably from another state.
- 2 lbs. coyote manure

Blend these ingredients together and store in quart jars. Age for one year in the blazing sun. Hold your nose when you open a batch.

The stifling odor lingers, he cautioned, so handle jars respectfully. If you accidentally get some pew on your hand, do not plan to go home for dinner. However, if you hold your hand out the window while driving for two weeks, the smell comes right off.

In other helpful tip-giving, Campbell advised trappers to provide adequate warnings to others who collect ingredients for them. If, for example, you send your spouse to the Skunk and Junk to buy coyote urine, stress in advance the possibility that the cap could be loose and could allow urine to ooze onto the car seat, negatives, finished assignments, etc. "Trust me on this one," said his wife, Babe.

Campbell claims that, when used correctly by the tablespoon per dirt hole or post set in the right wind, the pew will attract coyotes from a quarter of a mile or so.

Having thus spoken the unspeakable, the man now has no secrets whatever.+++

MUSKRAT MUSE

My first muskrat was important when I was a little trapper, so I asked my dad to help me skin it.

"Sure, son," he said, "I'll be glad to help. Here, you can use my knife."

*Contributed by Dr. Ron Boles
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ROAD KILL SKUNKS LOCAL TRAPPER

On a recent early morning trip to Athol, Post Falls trapping enthusiasts, Cougar Bob and Jesse Hammer, sighted a road-killed skunk. The wise, older trapper asked the younger but smartening Hammer to jump out, grab that skunk, and throw it into the back of the pickup.

"I told him we could use it in our coyote bait," said Cougar Bob. "Jesse had his doubts, but he did it, gagging all the way. He was a pretty good sport."

"I couldn't believe anybody would want to pick up a dead skunk," said Hammer in an interview after his recovery. "I wasn't feeling well that morning anyway, but the smell was enough to kill me the rest of the way."

Hammer's symptoms of intestinal distress and headache did not improve as they neared the trapping site, which was detectable at ten miles when the wind shifted in from the north.

At the site, Cougar Bob asked Hammer, who was about to lose consciousness, to grab that skunk again and throw it onto the bait pile to bury near the trap. Hammer, however, told Cougar Bob to go straight to that burning place reserved for big sinners.

"Jesse was delirious, so I knew he didn't mean that," said the sinner, smiling, "so I suggested that we go have a nice big breakfast."+++

HAT TRICK OLD HAT

Reminiscing on the wretched tricks men play on newcomers,* Cougar Bob brought to light the old "Hat Trick," which was quite popular with crews when he worked for the Bureau of Public Roads in the late 1950's.

At lunch, by prior arrangement, a crew member practiced chopping on a stump with an ax. Then another experienced crew member said, "You're pretty good at that. Think you could do it blindfolded?"

Turning to the new man, the conspirator asked, "Do you think you could do it blindfolded?"

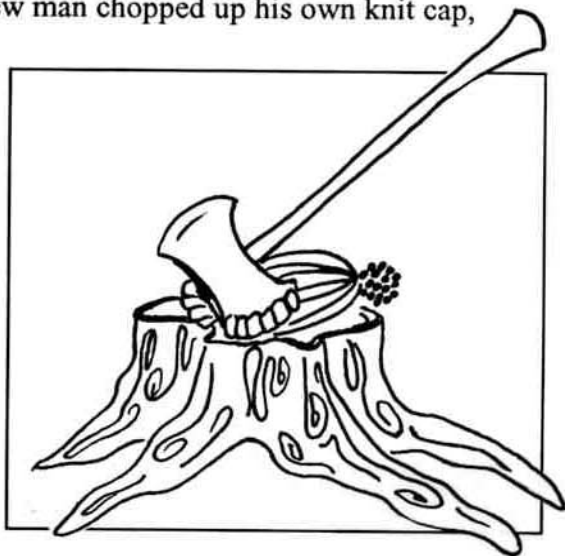
The new man's standard response was, "Nothing to it!"

Generously, the crew always gave him two practice swings. Then, while someone blindfolded him, another man took his hat and laid it on the stump. The new man chopped up his own knit cap, baseball hat or Stetson with mighty, sincere blows.

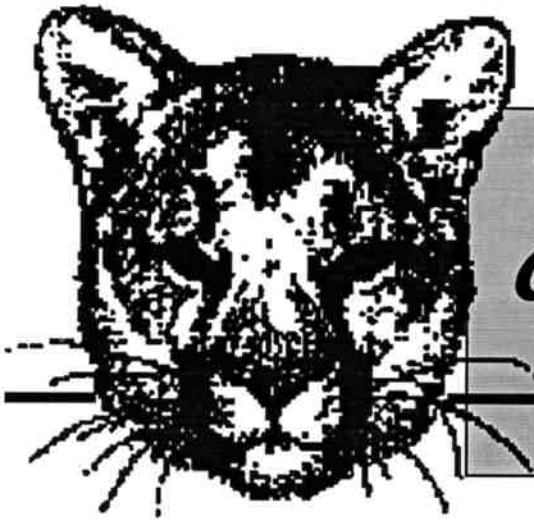
When the hat was history and the blindfold came off, the crew was ready to run.

Amazingly, the newcomers always fell for it, but only once.+++

*See "Road Kill Skunks Local Trapper," this issue.



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TIPTOEING TIPS FOR APPROACHING ANIMALS

The Big Boys say that if you can sprinkle salt on a bird's tail, probably you can catch the bird. They will also tell you that stealth employs strange garb, behavior or noises.

Some hunters secretly approach game by creeping from bush to bush in green and brown camouflage, or by darting from snowdrift to snowdrift in a flapping white bedsheet. Cougar Bob

uses the out-front approach, however, by wearing civies as he sprints after a waddling porcupine. He grabs it by a hind leg and lifts it off the ground quickly enough, so far, to avoid a swat by the porky's tail.

Myrimba music works every year for a Boise deer hunter; and Cougar Bob occasionally has good luck attracting several types of creatures with a harmonica. He reported that

long, thin notes attract deer and elk, and avant-garde cord blasts bring coyotes and bobcats. "Once," he said, "my perfectly good music upset a cow elk so bad that she put me up a tree!"

Other tricky hunters use coyote calls, which sound like a rabbit in distress, as a ruse to attract varmints. Cougar Bob cautions users of these devices never to play the demonstration record at home on the stereo before 5:00 a.m. as it tends to attract hostility from your spouse.+++

CLOSE CALLS SURROUND SURGERY

If all the doctors, nurses, friends and family of Cougar Bob Campbell get together someday to swap close calls, Campbell's March 30 gallbladder surgery certainly will be a prime topic.

As it was, Campbell's laproscopy, a surgical method by which the gallbladder is removed through a one inch incision in the navel, made his early release possible. He walked out on March 31, setting the hospital staff free, and the following morning he

went coyote hunting.

"They kept me in there too long," said the resilient outdoorsman. "I nearly went crazy."

"It was touch and go for us, too," said a nurse who asked not to be identified, "whether we could stand his growling for one more day, much less the usual 5 to 7 days if he had had conventional gallbladder surgery. He tells good stories, but he can be

obnoxious when he wants to go home."

"The doctors almost didn't diagnose the problem in my lifetime," said Campbell. Since the procedure, some of his six-year-old symptoms have disappeared. "It cleared up the pain in my neck, between my shoulder blades and in my left elbow, and I can eat now without turning green," he reported.

The patient said that he regretted to learn too late that the procedure could have been photographed as long as the small video camera was inside. "If only I had known the possibilities," he lamented, "I could have shown my insides to all my friends."

Now, for his friends, that really was a close call.+++

SECRET TRAPPING SCENT RECIPE DIVULGED

Normal protocol within some professional circles is for skilled individuals to keep confidential the secret of their greatness. However, in an unprecedented wave of generosity,

trapper Bob Campbell agreed to make public his pew recipe for attracting coyotes.

"Wiley coyotes are one of our toughest assignments," said Campbell as he began to list the

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