

HATCHERY AT ROCK CREEK TO BE ENLARGED

Commissioner Promises Improvement by Flume Construction

WATCH ELEVATOR

Newly Invented Fishway at Winchester Inspected by State and Power Company Officials

Immediate improvements will be made at the Rock Creek trout hatchery and steps for the enlargement of the plant will be taken by the game commission at the earliest possible date, according to E. F. Averill, state game commissioner who was in Roseburg Saturday with a group of state and power company officials interested in the operation of the fish elevator at Winchester.

Mr. Averill visited the hatchery and was greatly pleased with the results being obtained there. The natural conditions which obtain at the Rock Creek hatchery afford the best opportunity for propagation of game fish to be found in the state. Mr. Averill says, and he promises to urge the enlargement of the hatchery as fast as funds can be secured.

At the next meeting of the commission he will recommend that a new flume be built during the coming winter to furnish additional water supply badly needed in order to keep the hatchery operating at capacity.

Mr. Averill was accompanied to Roseburg by a group of men interested in the fish elevator installed by J. R. Wheeler, former California Oregon power company engineer at Winchester. Among the party were M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries; Ed Ballagh, master fish warden; W. O. Hadley, superintendent of fishways; J. E. Yates, assistant engineer with the Pacific Power and Light company of Portland; Prof. M. St. McMillan, of Oregon Agricultural College; and C. H. Dunn, chief engineer of the Portland Electric power company.

Elevator Watched
Saturday afternoon was spent by the group watching the operation of the fish elevator, which was installed at the Winchester dam.

This is an automatic, mechanical device which, through a system of valves, alternately raises and lowers the water in a cylinder. Fish attracted to the lower opening, are forced upward and out at the top of the falls. In the event it proves successful it will do away with the expensive and unsatisfactory fishways now in use at all dams and will provide a practical means of conveying fish over high obstructions.

In tests made Saturday the elevator worked perfectly from the mechanical standpoint, but few fish made the passage. Those acquainted with habits of fish, however, say that this was to be expected, as fish are very wary of anything new in the water. A great number of steelheads are lying at the foot of the dam now, on their way up the river to spawn, and a check is being kept on the operation of the elevator to see what effect it will have in getting these fish up stream.

Confidence Expressed
Mr. Averill expressed his belief that the device will do the work it is intended for. He states that some changes will probably be necessary, particularly in the arrangement for leading the fish up the elevator, but he is confident that it will prove satisfactory. A close check is to be maintained on the device during the week to determine whether or not the fish are using it.

Electrification Pleases
The group present at Winchester on Saturday had visited the Gold Run dam on Friday to inspect the new scheme for electrifying the waters above the turbines to keep fish from going through and being killed.

This is a newly invented device whereby electrodes are placed in the water at certain intervals and the water charged with electricity. Fish entering this area receive an electric shock which frightens them away.

Heretofore thousands of fish have been killed daily by going through the turbines, where they were cut to pieces. By charging the water above the intake, fish will be kept away, it is believed.

In tests made on Friday the scheme worked perfectly and Mr. Averill says that he is confident that a practical solution has been found for the problem of saving the fish at large power sites.

Prof. McMillan, of the Agricultural College, is to continue the experiments at Bonneville hatchery and a device suitable for all large power plants will probably be worked out.

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SCOUT SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR WILL VISIT WOLF CREEK

Captain F. C. Mills, head of the swimming and water safety division of the Boy Scouts of America, was a visitor at the Wolf Creek scout camp today. Captain Mills was met in Roseburg this morning by E. A. Britton, scout executive, who is in charge of the camp, and who came in this morning from Wolf Creek.

Mr. Mills will conduct swimming, lifesaving and resuscitation demonstrations and will give tests in swimming and lifesaving to those who are ready for examinations.

The scouts have made extensive preparations to entertain the national official, and will provide him with a trout feed at noon today. Landon Huffman and Jack Chapman spent Saturday and Sunday fishing and brought in 60 trout for the banquet.

Tonight Mr. Mills will be entertained by a "snipe hunt". A number of the scouts who are at the Wolf Creek camp have never had the experience of "snipe hunting" and a new thrill is in store for them tonight. Several of them have been working for days to get their triangular socks in readiness.

Mr. Mills is expected to give the boys some entertainment around the camp fire in concluding the evening.

Tomorrow, Mr. Britton says, the boys will start on a three-day hike. They will go to Cedar Creek, a distance of ten miles, where they will spend the three days fishing and swimming. During those three days each of the boys will be his own cook. They will return to Wolf Creek Thursday night.

Camp ends on Sunday, the 25th, and the camp will then be occupied by the Camp Fire Girls, who will go into camp on Sunday morning.

The scouts will make their next camp at Elk river in Curry county starting August 8. The next camp is primarily for Coos county scouts but a number from Douglas county are planning to attend. Those from Roseburg, however, will be required to furnish their own transportation. Mrs. L. S. Taylor, who has been providing the "Taylor Made" grub for the Wolf Creek camp has been engaged to go to Elk river for the next camp also.

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GOVERNOR GIVES REPRIEVE TO C. C. KUBLI OF EUGENE

(Associated Press United Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., July 19.—Governor Pierce Saturday issued a reprieve to Chester C. Kubli of Eugene, who is under sentence of 3 years in the state penitentiary for the crime of aiding and abetting in the unlawful misapplication of funds from the Jacksonville State bank. The reprieve was dated July 16 and will expire November 16 of this year.

C. H. Owen, who was indicted jointly with Kubli, also is under sentence of three years in the penitentiary. He also lost an appeal to the supreme court. Owen is at liberty under bond pending such time as the mandate of the supreme court is prepared for the clerk.

It was said today that an effort is being made to have Owen's case reviewed by the governor with a view of obtaining a reprieve.

W. H. Johnson, cashier of the bank, was convicted on a charge of fraud in connection with the operation of the institution, and was sentenced to serve a term of 10 years in the penitentiary. He was received at the prison April 19 1921, but was pardoned by Governor Pierce on May 20, 1924.

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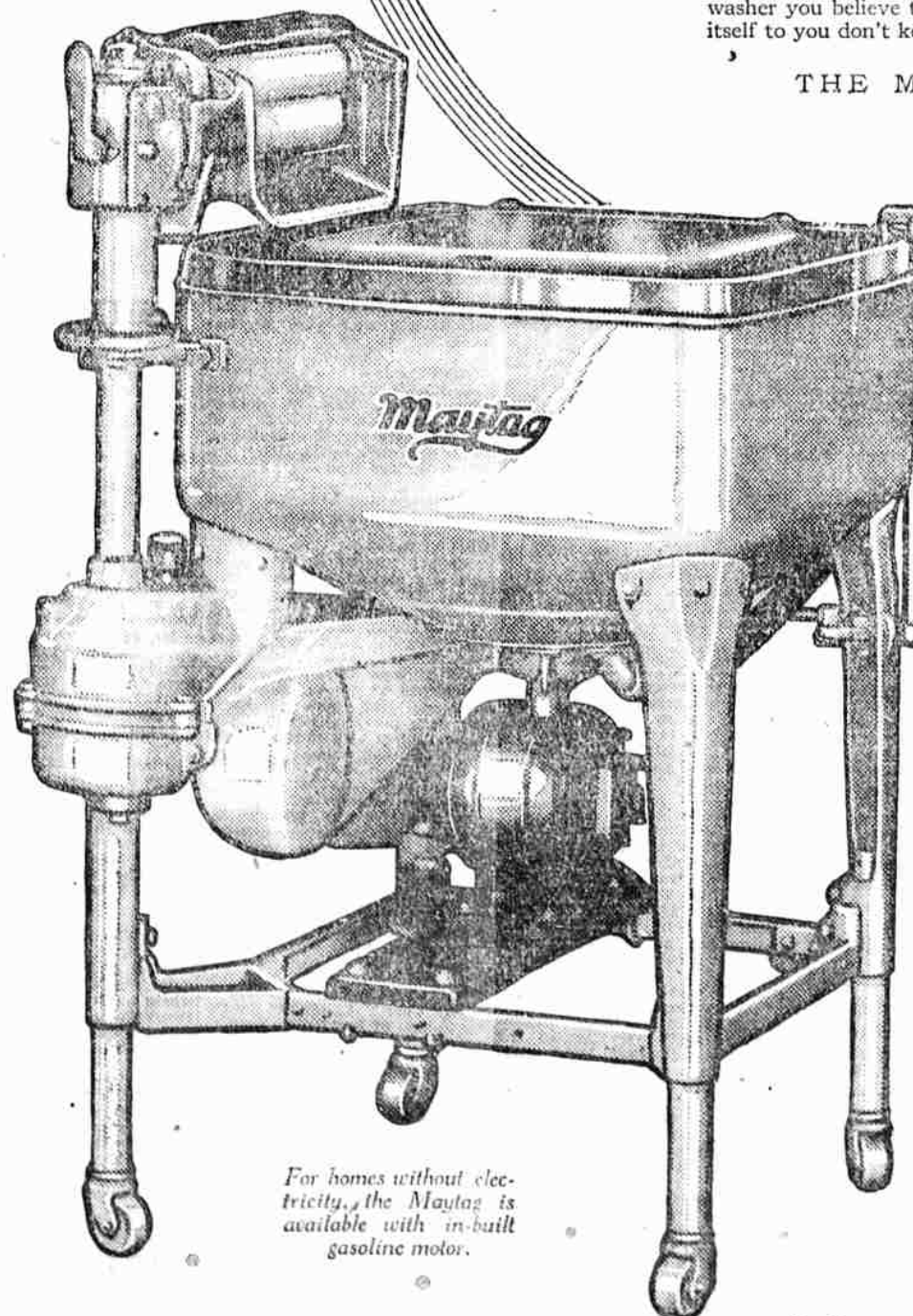
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