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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon. Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; colder tonight.

In the Day's News

Important ones—level, fairly open ground for tank fighting, good roads clear to Manila, etc. It seems almost beyond belief that they could have overlooked this favorable spot.

FISH AND TAX DOLLARS

By Charles V. Stanton

PREVIOUSLY we have reported the intention of the Oregon Fish commission to ask the state legislature for continuing appropriations to maintain its hatchery program.

Again we ask the question, why should Oregon taxpayers be required to subsidize private industry? There might be a reasonable answer if a substantial proportion of our population was absolutely dependent upon commercial fishing for a livelihood.

All our coastal streams, aside from the Columbia, are far more valuable for recreational purposes than for commercial fishing.

But Ralph Watson, political editor of The Oregon Journal, Portland, in the edition published Sunday, Jan. 7, reports:

The Fish commission intends to ask the legislature to put it back on a straight appropriation-based arrangement where it would turn all poundage fees into the general fund and ask for an appropriation sufficiently in excess of that revenue to enable it to maintain hatcheries enough to increase the salmon run, or at least not let it dwindle.

CHAIRMAN VEATCH is further quoted, in support of his proposal, that "sports fishermen catch about as many salmon as commercial fishermen, pay no poundage taxes and contribute nothing to hatchery maintenance."

Below we have averaged the catch of spring-run salmon taken from the Columbia river for the past 16 years:

Table with 4 columns: Pounds, 1929-1934, 1935-1940, 1941-1944. Total 1,947,362.

Notice, if you will, the steady decline, even taking into account the fact that manpower shortages had some effect in reducing the take since the war started.

Now, Chairman Veatch of the Fish commission points out that sports fishermen are taking salmon from the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

In the columns below we give you the pounds of spring-run steelheads taken COMMERCIALLY in the Columbia river during the same 16-year period listed above.

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You will observe that the COMMERCIAL fishermen have taken more than two and one-half million pounds of steelheads during each four-year period, except the war years.

WE WOULD need no expensive hatchery program in this state if it were not for commercial fishing. If we had abundant runs of salmon, our rivers would quickly restock themselves, not only with salmon but also with other species of fish.

This continuing fight between commercial and sports fishing interests involves more than salmon. We are led to believe the problem can be solved by permitting netters to take the salmon, leaving other game fish to sportsmen.

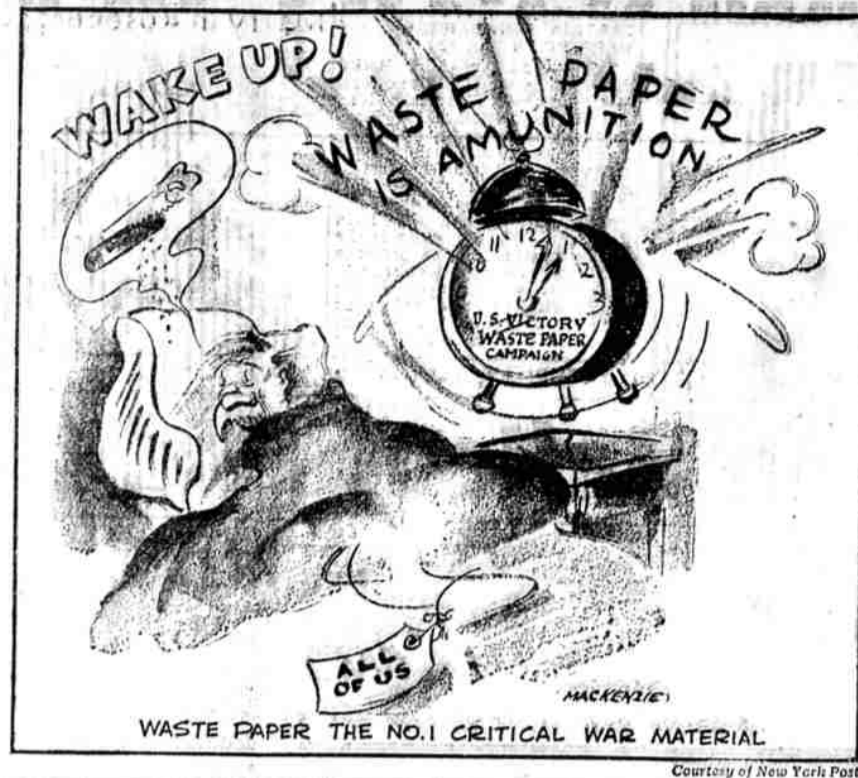
Nature has created an interdependence between salmon runs and other species of fish in our rivers. This relationship is seldom taken into account when considering the industrial side of the fishing question.

Nature provides that salmon shall enter fresh-water streams to spawn. After spawning they die and their carcasses are distributed along the river bed from source to mouth, furnishing food for the salmon fingerlings as they start back to the ocean with the first freshets.

THE number of fish any given area of water will sustain is limited only by the amount of natural food available. When we destroy or limit salmon runs we are reducing the

have real striking power—will come back hard now. If it doesn't there will be a screw loose in the Jap war machine.

THE News from Europe continues to look better. The Germans are apparently stopped in the Belgian bulge, but they do



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amount of fish food in our streams and, consequently, there is not enough to support abundant fish life. As a result we have seen a steady dwindling of ALL species with the related necessity of reduction in bag limits on game fish.

Experiments by the federal government in Alaskan waters have proven that streams can be kept well stocked providing there is ample escapement of salmon. Hatcheries need be only a supplemental source of supply.

But the commercial fishing interests in Oregon are not interested in escapement. They have fought every effort to shorten open seasons. They have spent thousands of dollars to defeat every conservation measure brought before the legislature.

They want only one thing and that is every last fish that can be dragged out of Oregon streams. And now they are asking the taxpayers to help them drain off the final vestiges of the rapidly dwindling fishing resource.

THE TIME has come, in our opinion, when all our coastal streams should be permitted to restock themselves. As, when postwar travel hits Oregon, we will be in a position to reap a harvest of tourist dollars. Such revenue would benefit EVERY individual in Oregon, not a few selfish packers.

THE fish in Oregon waters belong to the people, not to the packers. Why then, should we be asked to pay some one to rob us?

Douglas County's High Farm Record Will be Reported

A report on another outstanding year for the Douglas county Agricultural Conservation association will be presented to the state conference of Oregon AAA committees at Corvallis Jan. 18-20.

Representing the county association at the conference will be Leo Sparks of Oakland, chairman of the county AAA committee; L. S. Compton of Drain, vice-chairman; Elmer Ball of Riddle, member; and J. C. Bovingdon, assistant secretary.

"Mounties" Elect At Reedsport, Plan Rodeo This Year REEDSPORT—The Reedsport division of the Douglas county mounted police held its annual meeting and banquet at Tiny's restaurant at the old CCC camp last Wednesday evening.

Gardiner Eastern Star Installs New Officers REEDSPORT—The Masonic temple in Gardiner was the scene of an impressive ceremony last Thursday evening when a large number of members and guests assembled to witness the installation of the officers of Martha chapter, Order Eastern Star.

have still making some disturbing progress in the south. We on the home front can't help wondering how much strength we had to divert from the Saar front in order to stop the enemy push into Belgium. Time will tell.

As this is written, the Russians haven't yet won the battle of Budapest. We'll feel better when they do.

New Counsel Engaged By West Lumber Board

PORTLAND Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—Gordon Lind, Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted a position as attorney for the West Coast Lumber commission here, Chairman John D. Galey announced today.

Pvt. J. Hodson Wounded In France, Mother Told PFC John Hodson was wounded in action in France Dec. 23, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. W. F. Hodson of Riverside, who is a patient at Mercy hospital.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilgore. REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 6:00—Flying High. 6:05—From an artist's Orchestra. 6:10—Music for Remembrance. 6:15—Local Symphony Orchestra. 6:20—Newspaper. 6:25—6:30—Cross Reporter. 6:35—State and Local News. Keel Me to Go. 7:05—Musical Interlude. 7:10—Jazz Music. 7:20—Red Boyer. 8:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air. 8:05—Alka Seltzer News. 8:10—Service Station. E. G. High. 9:00—Hal McIntyre's Orchestra. 10:00—Sign off.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1945

- 6:00—Wesley Radio Hour. 6:05—Voice of Prophecy. 6:10—Flight Hour. 6:20—Luncheon Hour. 6:30—Alka Seltzer News. 6:35—Commander Scott, Greyhound. 6:40—Hokey Hall, Choir. 6:45—Baptist Church Service. 6:50—Paul Carson. 7:00—Voice of the Dairy Farmer, American Dairy Union. 7:05—Nack. 7:10—Your America, Union Pacific Railroad Co. 7:15—National Hat Song. 7:20—Let's Face the Issue, Chesapeake & Ohio. 7:30—The Shadow. 7:35—Quick as a Flash, Helms Watch Company. 7:40—Concert Gems. 7:45—Dick Brown, Form 10. 7:50—Cleveland Symphony. 7:55—King's Ambassadors, Dr. Floyd Johnson. 8:00—Mediation Board. 8:10—Lambert Heater, Harbassal. 8:15—St. Ignace. 8:20—Cedric Foster, Employers Group. 8:25—Music. 8:30—Earl Wilson, General Clear. 8:35—Leontides Withersall. 8:40—Catholics Boy Choir. 8:45—Music Direction. 8:50—Bugs, Carmichael Show, Table Product. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:10—Stardust Serenade. 9:15—Human Adventure. 9:20—Old Fashioned Revival Hour. 11:00—Sign off.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1945

- 6:45—Youn Pacific. 6:50—Schelker Auction. 6:55—Alka Seltzer. 7:00—Rise and Shine, Smith Brothers. 7:10—State and Local News, Borling Optical. 7:15—Judd Furniture Store. 7:20—Al's Roseburg Auction. 7:25—Shoppers Guide. 7:30—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles Institute (ABC-RDDB). 7:35—Wally Townsend's Orchestra. 7:40—Easy Listening. 7:45—Lenny and Ginger, Groves Laboratories. 7:50—William Lang and the News, Krent. 7:55—Alka Seltzer News. 8:00—U. S. Naval Academy Band. 8:05—Shoppers Guide. 8:10—Music. 8:15—Alka Seltzer News. 8:20—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture. 8:25—Lorraine With Lopez. 8:30—Musical Market Basket. 8:35—Wheel of Fortune. 8:40—Morning Melodies. 8:45—Musical Interlude. 8:50—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer. 8:55—Rhythm at Random. 9:00—State News, Hansen Motors. 9:05—News Review of the Air. 9:10—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Felt. 9:15—Miniature Concerts. 9:20—Sentimental Serenade. 9:25—Headlines in Harmony. 9:30—Musical Hi-Jinx. 9:35—Melody Time. 9:40—Western Serenade. 9:45—Prayer. 9:50—Griffin Reporting. 9:55—Dusty Records, Remingtons Music. 10:00—Johnson Family. 10:05—Felix Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co. 10:10—Social Security, Information. 10:15—Bob Crosby's Orchestra. 10:20—Church of Christ. 10:25—Sam Hayes, K. & W. Fire Foods. 10:30—Supper, Kellner's. 10:35—Tom Mix Babson's Parina. 10:40—Night News Wire, Studebaker. 10:45—Lambert Heater, Krent. 10:50—Dinner Music. 10:55—Twilight Reverie. 11:00—Living with the Orchestra. 11:05—State and Local News, Keel Me to Go. 11:10—Musical Interlude. 11:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co. 11:20—Lone Ranger. 11:25—Here Comes the Band, Douglas Flour Mills. 11:30—Michael Shane, Union Oil Co. 11:35—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store. 11:40—Funch Light's Orchestra. 11:45—Music for the Night. 11:50—Sherlock Holmes, Patri Wine Co. 11:55—Sign off.

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