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SALMON CLOSURE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Spring chinook salmon anglers doubtless will be very disappointed by the Oregon Game Commission order closing the Umpqua River to sports fishing for this biggest of all fish obtainable from fresh water. Many vigorous protests and much criticism of the Commission's action undoubtedly will be heard.

The regulation, however, is based on scientific study. Game Department scientists are employed for one purpose—and one purpose only—and that is to learn FACTS. They would not be good scientists if influenced by politics or expediency. The making of policy, correlating biological facts with effects on economy and public opinion, is the province of the Game Commission, not its employees. In this particular case the Commission has found that FACTS outweigh political expediency and it is imposing a closure, with full expectancy of censure, because it is convinced conditions warrant drastic action.

We anticipate a considerable amount of criticism, but we do not believe this censure will be as extensive as the Game Commission probably expects.

Any angler acquainted with conditions on the Umpqua River well knows that the chinook salmon run is dangerously small. Biologists are aware that when a species or race of fish or animals becomes too small, the task of restoration is extremely difficult. Nature's processes are based on abundance. Preservation becomes proportionately more difficult with increasing scarcity. Drastic action now, biologists claim, will advance by many years the time when a usable population of salmon can be restored.

A female chinook salmon will spawn from 3,000 to 5,000 eggs. Sports fishermen last year took 514 salmon. If half of these were females, we lost a minimum of three quarters of a million eggs—probably nearer a million. Had these fish been permitted to spawn naturally, they would have aided materially the return run of the next five-year cycle.

The Umpqua and its sports anglers have taken a lot of abuse.

The river was robbed of more than 34,000,000 eggs. For a complete five-year cycle the egg take was moved from the Umpqua to the Columbia. The river has been subjected to an intense commercial fishery. Adding to these criminally destructive practices have been the contributing factors of pollution, forest removal, increased sports fishing intensity, poaching, inadequate protection, etc. Sportsmen have seen their limits cut from five to three and to one fish per day and their season drastically curtailed. Now they must give up their sport entirely. While the sports fisherman has made his contribution to scarcity, he is far less responsible for present scarcity than destructive practices permitted in the past because of the state's lack of foresight in protecting a resource.

The sportsmen's objection to complete closure in the past has been based largely on the fact that destructive practices by the commercial fishery were permitted to continue. The Game Commission now is showing good faith in its announced intention to appeal to the Fish Commission to close to outside trawlers a suitable area around the mouth of the river. Here is the place where major damage is done. Fish collect outside the bar in great numbers before starting their fresh water migration. They become easy prey for trawlers who kill untold thousands of immature fish as they drag through the salmon schools. If the Game Commission succeeds in obtaining offshore closure, we believe our sports anglers will be more willing to accept the drastic regulation imposed upon them. The Game Commission, if it meets with opposition from the Fish Commission, should fight its demand through to the highest authority.

The Game Commission also promises to bring in spring chinook eggs to be hatched at Rock Creek and released in the Umpqua system. The plan is to keep the fish until they are a year old and thus give them a better chance for survival than if released when younger. The Game Commission also promises better law enforcement, an activity that has been sadly neglected in the past.

We share in disappointment over the necessity for closing the chinook salmon season. Personally we haven't damaged the run in the least, for our salmon take in recent years has been nil. But we have spent many pleasant hours in the early spring sunshine, sitting in a boat on dancing waters, watching budding leaves, the stirring wildlife, as it feels the influence of the burning spring, lazily anticipating the blood-tingling strike of the lordly chinook—a strike rare but long-remembered. The salmon ignored our hook, but we at least had an excuse to go fishing. Now we have no excuse.

It's strong medicine. But we've had a lot of fun with salmon catches in past years. If the youth of the next generation is to know the kind of sport we have had, we must sacrifice our own pleasure. If the Umpqua River is to be restored as a recreational resource—a resource capable of contributing millions of dollars annually to the community's economic welfare and pleasure—it is required that some of us sacrifice—only temporarily, we hope—our own selfish pleasure.

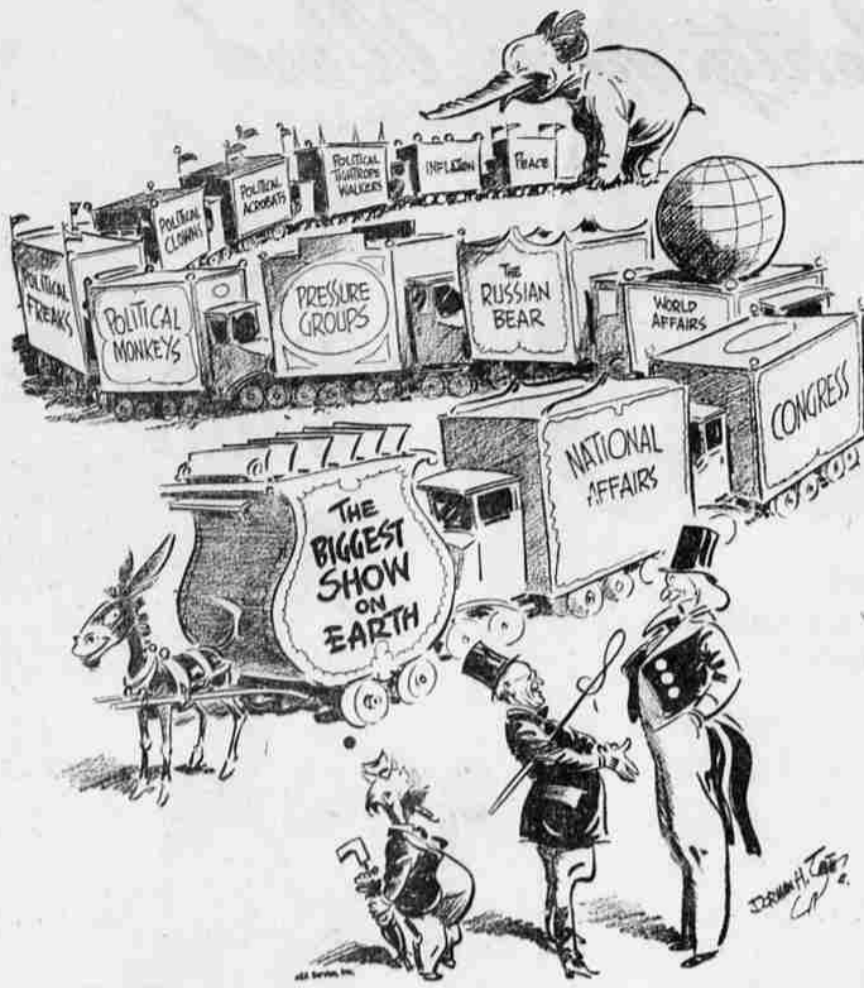
Polio-Hit Yoncalla Participates in Drive

Yoncalla, a community which had the misfortune to have four polio cases during the past year, has rallied to the cause of the polio drive. Every organization and club is putting on some kind of entertainment to raise

funds for this effort.

Members of the Yoncalla Civic Club held a cooked food sale Saturday and netted \$52. Wednesday evening, members of the Business Women's Club will hold a card party at the Rice Hall for benefit of the polio fund. The American Legion held a dance at the "Halo" Hall Saturday night, proceeds going to the Polio fund.

'Good Luck on Your Four-Year Tour, Harry!'



Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Last Friday I heard with pleasure of the interest in this column which was expressed in Canyonville last week when Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, and Mrs. J. H. Gault of Corvallis, until recently state radio chairman for the Federation, stopped in on their way home. They spoke enthusiastically of their visit in Canyonville. Congratulations on the way the library sponsored by the Waman's Club has grown! Over 200 volumes, I think they said!

Although I did tell in one of the first Scraps written for the News-Review how the name of the column happened, I am delighted to repeat the simple little story. Perhaps others may have missed the first explanation, too? Back in 1932 a California editor asked me to write a column, and I did so, calling it something for several issues. Because with two small boys and other demands upon my time, I had to make every minute count. I kept a little notebook at hand, and as I sewed or mended (mended! overall knees and sock holes—they were at the marbles-stage I remember!) I would think of an idea for either the column or for the little stories and articles I was writing. One week I remarked to the editor's wife: "Here's what came out of my mending basket this week—" That did it. The column was named.

But to return to Miss Stephens

and Mrs. Gault, delightful ladies. Indeed, I was interested to see the books which you saw down in Canyonville. I meant to jot down the titles for they would make a fine book-list; will write for the list and share it with others who may not have seen them. Some I had read; some I knew I wished to read the instant I looked at the books.

Miss Stephens told a little story about the influence of books on children: I think it was her niece who was given "The Yearling" and read it with absorbed interest. Then later at dinner Venison was put in front of her, and she was urged to eat it; when she seemed reluctant, she was assured how delicious the venison was! The child burst into tears and left the table. It made me think of my father's concern when he discovered that, after "Black Beauty" came my way, I was going around un-checking horses so they would be "more comfortable," other people's horses! My efforts were not appreciated by drivers who stopped in to see him on business. With a small girl's lack of fear and love for horses, I never thought of any personal hazard! Or that I might be meddling in business that was not mine. Mrs. Gault's contribution to our laughs was the confession of her niece that she had never been able to be sure of the handwritten recipes her aunt had just given her... Mrs. Gault had just asked me to decipher a word in my hand-writing.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SPEND AND SPEND; TAX AND TAX

The Oregon Statesman Any doubts that the new deal was rolling again are removed by a look at the federal budget for the coming year. For the sixth year after the war it rises to nearly \$42 billion, the largest in peacetime. Burden of the national debt, support of the military establishment and care for war veterans, aid to Europe are the major items, but other expenses are augmented on the president's recommendation. To make good on his campaign promises will cost over \$6 billion.

The tax increase far exceeds the \$4 billion previously mentioned and runs to nearly \$6 billion. If that is to come from corporations and persons of large incomes the squeeze is going to be hard, for already they are heavy taxpayers.

One might expect congress to cut the spending; but past experience indicates it may be increased as congressmen and senators boost the ante for favorite causes.

Medford Mail-Tribune The legislature is in session in California and a couple measures have been introduced which Oregon might well imitate. One would provide that any initiative measure requiring expenditure of state funds must include its own methods of raising the money before the measure can get on the ballot. The other would require the state treasurer to estimate the cost involved in any ballot proposal and have same published in the voters pamphlet. Had such legislation been in force in Oregon at the time of the recent election, the resulting mess of having laws passed with no means of financing same might have been avoided.

In the Day's News

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sumably that means giving the Chinese who LIVE on the land the right to OWN it.

Keep your fingers crossed. That kind of land reform is THE LAST THING COMMUNISTS WANT. They fear the small landowner as you and I fear cancer. The small land owner is a natural capitalist. He likes to look at his acres and say proudly: "THIS IS

MINE." The small landowner is a free and independent thinker. He is instinctively self-reliant. He knows by hard experience that if he doesn't plow and seed his land he gets no crop. He has no faith in something for nothing.

COMMUNISM fears that kind of people. You can bet your bottom dollar that the kind of land "reform" the Communists have in mind for China isn't the kind the Chinese yearn for.

U. S. ATTORNEY-GENERAL CLARK calls for sweeping revision of our espionage laws as protection against "treacherous operations of those who would weaken our nation internally."

What we NEED is to take spy hunting out of the political drum-beating class and make it honest. Suppose you were a business man and somebody in your office was TIPPING OFF EVERYTHING YOU DO to your competitor. If the competition was pretty keen, you'd go broke.

It's a nasty admission to have to make, but most of our spy hunting has been done with a brass band and a press agent crew.

You can't fight spies effectively that way.

OUR government is said to be trying to find out who tipped off traders a week ago that the Agriculture Department was going to boost its export allocation of food, fats and oils for this quarter.

WHEN THE NEWS GOT OUT, PRICES OF FATS AND OILS WENT UP. It's pretty hard to believe that whoever was tipped off didn't make a nice quick profit. It seems probable that the tipster SHARED in the profit. You can't have good government when things like that happen.

PORTLAND police are said to be CRACKING DOWN ON GAMBLING. They may mean it. Charley Pray, Portland's new police chief, has a curious notion that laws are intended to be enforced and that crime is something to be stamped out. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Portland's new WOMAN mayor, seems to have similarly odd convictions.

Under such conditions, crime can be controlled just as disease is kept under control. We couldn't control disease if we tackled it with our fingers crossed, secretly hoping it wouldn't work (which is our general attitude toward control of gambling).

OUR handling of gambling is a curious paradox. We VOTE plausibly to make it a crime. Then we turn around and gamble with a free conscience, feeling that we have done our whole duty by passing a law forbidding it.

The net result of this widely prevalent system is to RESERVE THE PROFITS OF GAMBLING FOR LAWBREAKERS.

The site of Washington, D. C. was selected in 1791 in a political deal. Northern states to the Potomac location in exchange for southern votes to have the national government pay debts incurred by states during the Revolution.

Mrs. Lula Gorrell Honored at Dinner Given by Teachers

Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, who has just retired from the office of county school superintendent, was honored at a special dinner meeting of the Douglas County Chapter of the Oregon Education Association Saturday noon in the Sutherland Grange hall.

Ivan Parker, Myrtle Creek superintendent of schools, extended, on behalf of the teachers of the county, thanks to Mrs. Gorrell for the assistance she has given them during her eight years in office. She was presented with eight pieces of sterling silver from the county. O. E. A. Mrs. Gorrell spoke briefly, acknowledging the honor.

Kenneth Barneburg, new county superintendent, was introduced. A brief business meeting was conducted, with Vice President Jack Flug, Reedsport, reporting on measures now before the state legislature and possible success of the bills sponsored by the State O. E. A. Homer Townsend, Canyonville, reported on his attendance at the O. E. A. meeting in Portland recently.

The dinner was prepared by ladies of the grange. A program was presented, including group singing; "Hello Again," Paul Elliott, Roseburg superintendent, who served as toastmaster; choral readings and songs, "Recipes for Happiness," Sutherland sixth grade; piano duet, Carmelita Mendonza and Barbara Watkins; Wilbur solo, Steve Thomas; Wilbur; piano solos, Judy Hensley and Ellen Wahl, Sutherland children.

New Blood Banks Of U. S. Add Up First Year Assets

By NEA Service ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The nation's first regional blood bank in the American Red Cross national blood program added up its assets this month after a year of business, and reported it had showed the way for a total U. S. collection of 97,000 pints of blood for America's peacetime medical needs.

With the Rochester regional center as a model, 19 other centers and one state mobile unit now are supplying whole blood for free transfusions to patients in 614 hospitals and 32 clinics, Red Cross officials said.

In addition to the 97,000 pints of blood collected, large quantities of blood derivatives, including immune serum globulin, serum albumin, and anti-hemophilic globulin were supplied to physicians through state health departments.

Although the collections in this first nationwide, peacetime unit of blood banks is thus far only a small percentage of the present U. S. needs, Red Cross officials said it indicates what could be done if all community forces were mobilized.

The most commonly used blood fraction being distributed is immune serum globulin, given in small amounts to children within four or five days after exposure to measles, thereby modifying the attack and sparing them serious complications.

Although whole blood for transfusions and blood plasma for fractions are the major items in the program, some of the surplus plasma returned to the Red Cross by the armed services is being used for research.

Yoncalla Civic Club Discusses Projects

Regular meeting of the Yoncalla Civic Club was held at the home of Mrs. John Kruse last week, with Mrs. Lillian Martin-dale, president, in the chair. Much discussion was held to the needed improvements in the city, among them being street signs.

A donation of \$500 from Avery Lasswell and E. A. Kruse to be used in remodeling the City Hall into suitable club rooms and library purposes was accepted. The club voted to furnish the kitchen in the City Hall with an electric range, hot water heater, and any other service pertaining to its completion.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kruse, assisted by Waneta and Willetta Blickenstaff and Opal Crowe.

Sutherland, Myrtle Creek Trapshooters to Vie.

Myrtle Creek and Sutherland trapshoot teams will compete Sunday, Jan. 23, as a part of the weekly program at the Roseburg Rod and Gun club grounds. This will be the first of a series of 50-bird team events.

Scattergun enthusiasts at next Sunday's shoot will enjoy a Country Store event offering a wide variety of merchandise prizes, according to a report by Cecil Graves, trapshoot chairman.

A large turnout marked last Sunday's practice shoot, George Baker holding the only perfect score for the day, while E. C. Chapman, 24, and D. B. Bubar, Perry Thiele, George Moulton and Duncan Culver in the 23 class, were other high scorers.

YMCA Board to Meet; Officers to be Chosen

Annual meeting of the board of directors of the Roseburg Young Men's Christian Association will be held at 7:30 Monday evening, Jan. 24, at the Chamber of Commerce offices.

An election of officers is scheduled. Dwight Welch, Portland, area secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be here to present personal papers and applications, from which the local Y. M. C. A. board will select a director to take charge of its activities.

Eugene Springer Named Head of Choral Society

Eugene Springer was elected president of the Roseburg Choral Society at a meeting Monday night at the Junior High School. Other officers included: Vice-president, Essile Martin; secretary, Amy Robinson; treasurer, Mrs. H. D. Scott; membership committee: Mrs. Rex Gardner, Barbara Lamb, Ray Benison and Harold Cox, and assistant librarian, Mary Hess.

The membership drive, which has been in progress, will close January 31 and all men and women interested in singing are invited to attend the next practice at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, Jan. 24, at the Junior High School. The Society is under the direction of Charles Ricketts. Anyone desiring further information on the society is asked to call the temporary membership chairman, Mrs. Gardner.

Officer in Taxi Finds Quarry on Same Seat

WALDPOR, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Sgt. W. J. Mulkey, veteran of the state police force, was called from bed at 2 a. m. to be told of a robbery at the Pastime Tavern in Newport.

He quickly put on clothes, and ran out into the cold. His car would not start. He ran to the highway and flagged down the first passing vehicle. It was a taxi. He jumped into the back seat, told the driver to turn around and head for Newport. Then he looked around. There was another passenger—and cigar cartons scattered all over the seat.

Mulkey said they were traceable to the tavern. He arrested the passenger and booked him as Olaf Arnold Vog, 31. Mulkey said a robbery charge was filed.

Quaker Students Sent To Prison for Draft Evasion

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Six students at a small Quaker college are under federal prison sentences of 18 months each on charges of draft evasion. A seventh pleaded innocent.

The sentences were imposed yesterday by Federal Judge Charles A. Devey, who earlier told the youths: "I hate to do it, but I can't let you flagrantly defy the law of the land."

The students were charged Monday by Federal Judge Charles A. Devey, who earlier told the youths: "All seven, students at Penn College in Oskaloosa, Ia., said they refused to register because of religious beliefs. They are Quakers."

Ex-Missioners to Preach At Open Bible Church

The Rev. and Mrs. Ray Jackson of Seattle, former missionaries in the Dutch East Indies, will preach at 7:45 tonight at the Church of the Open Bible. It was announced by the Rev. DeLloss Crook, pastor. The Jacksons are preparing to

return to the mission field soon. They are planning to go to New Zealand, where they were located for a time following the recent war, after coming out of the Dutch East Indies. The public is invited to tonight's missionary rally.

Fire Kills Two Children, Train Crash Kills Third

(By The Associated Press) Three children and one adult met violent deaths in Washington state Monday.

Charles S. and Everett, 6, sons of Mrs. Lillian Chenevert, perished in a fire that destroyed their farm home near Newport, despite efforts of their widowed mother to save them. In downtown Tacoma, three-year-old Francine Marie Perret was killed by a passenger train while crossing the railroad tracks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Perret.

Leslie McCollum, 21, was killed when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an auto at an Anacortes intersection.

TEACHERS ASSN. MEETS

Roseburg Classroom Teachers Association met Monday evening in the Junior High School library. C. A. Ricketts presided.

During the business session, members accepted the report of the salary committee, headed by Ed Wyatt, Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott spoke on the growth of the Roseburg school system.

Next meeting of the group has been set for March 14 at 7:30 p. m. at the Senior High School.



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