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FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Will the Umpqua river enjoy a big run of silverside salmon in the fall of 1950?

Biologists find hopeful indications. Tally of silverside salmon at the Winchester counting station shows an unusually high percentage of jacks. The jack is a male salmon migrating ahead of his normal four-year cycle. Presence of more than average numbers of jack salmon indicates that the 1951 migration, from which these fish come, is larger than normal, according to Ross Newcomb, game department resident biologist, although the 1947 migration dropped to 1010 fish, which would normally presage a decrease next year.

Biologists have been making a study of forecasts based on jack salmon percentages, Newcomb says, but so far, while evidence is on the favorable side, the theory is too new for acceptance as a proven fact. But it is believed that a high percentage of jacks presages an increased run the following year. At least, biologists will be watching next year's silverside run for further proof of the theory.

Here's another interesting question: What effect has removal of commercial fishing intensity had on salmon migration?

The answer to that question is still several years in the future, but we have a "straw in the wind" to be used as a basis for guesswork.

In 1946, the first year silverside salmon were tallied at the Winchester counting station, 1379 adults went over the board prior to Dec. 15.

This is the return year of the 1946 migration and the Winchester count for the comparable period stands at 1330, or 49 fish less than in 1946. Thus the run, has, at least, reproduced itself.

But other factors point to a much better condition.

The migration this year, due to low and warm water, was extremely late. Many fish, which might otherwise have gone through the Winchester counting station, did not come into the river in time to reach the upper waters. Check of spawning beds in the lower river show four times as many salmon on those beds as observed in any previous year. Thus it is evident that the 1946 migration not only reproduced itself but made a substantial gain and, in addition, will, given normal conditions during the next four years, produce a much larger migration for the succeeding cycle.

There is every reason to believe, therefore, that the removal of commercial fishing intensity will show a very beneficial effect on future salmon migrations.

Winchester Bay Sports Fishery

The biologists also have some interesting figures on the Winchester Bay sports fishery of the past season.

The study shows 18,107 sports anglers making 7,243 boat trips and taking 4,913 salmon, totalling 58,665 pounds. The chinook salmon catch included 1,153 fish totalling 24,152 pounds, an average of 21 pounds per fish, and 3,760 silverside salmon, totalling 34,513 pounds, an average of 9 pounds per fish.

Breaking these figures down into individual records, gives an average of 2 1/2 fishermen per boat, three-tenths of a fish for each fisherman, or 3 3/4 pounds per fisherman.

Checks of equipment show that the average fisherman had a capital investment of \$416 in gear, boats, motors, camping equipment, etc., or more than \$7 1/2 million spent in outfitting for recreation.

Studies have not been made to date into the actual return to communities of the lower river from the Winchester Bay sports fishery, but some of the businessmen in that area have made unofficial estimates that profits obtained from sports anglers during the Winchester Bay season amounted to around \$2 1/2 million.

Investments in new camp ground facilities, stores, theater, and other businesses catering to the sports fishery at Winchester Bay during the year will add from \$100,000 to \$150,000 to the county's assessed valuation. The Winchester Bay area probably will have twice as many visitors next year as were present during the past season.

When a person begins to digest these figures, it is obvious that money spent to develop recreational facilities within the county is good, sound business, reflected in increased tax revenue.

Grand Jury Indicts Four In Slaying Of Bookie

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 17. —(AP)—Indictments charging four men with murder in the death of Bookie Martin D. Breslau, 60, were returned by the San Mateo county grand jury Friday. Breslau was shot and killed on a Daly City street last Sept. 29. The men named in the indictment, all of San Francisco, were: Roy Herman Teller, 26; John (Midge) Ruano, 34; Glen McMain, 33, and Cecil Alves, 37. All but Alves are in custody. A fifth man, Joe Teller, 32, brother of Roy, has been held for investigation in connection with the killing. He was not named in the indictments. The indictments were returned before Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton who ordered bench warrants issued for the four men. He also ordered that the ones already in custody be held without bail.

Odd-Job Man Held For Raping Girl Aged 7

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Dec. 17. —(AP)—A 28-year-old odd-job man was charged today with raping a 7-year-old girl. Babbette Wilcox after telling her he was one of Santa's helpers. State police said George C. Haskin of Ogdensburg has signed a statement that he attacked the daughter of a taxistand operator late yesterday in a station wagon. He dumped her in front of her home more than two hours after picking her up, police said. Babbette, bruised and frightened, was placed under a doctor's care at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wilcox.

Suitcase In \$20 Loan Contains \$4,000 In 'Dope'

SEATTLE — (AP)—A Seattle pawnbroker who picked up a \$4,000 loan for \$20 turned it over to federal narcotics agents. A. B. Crisler, district supervisor



SANTA CLAUS has just told these little boys and girls that—if they are good, mind you—he would promise to bring them a mighty fine Christmas present, come Christmas eve. They're giving his words a lot of deep thought; you can see that with half an eye. Marilyn Madzier, Ann Svarverud and Neva Watson are clustered on Santa's knee and right in front of his whiskers. They'll be good, I'll betcha. (By Paul Jenkins).

In the Day's News

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off like the Black Plague used to, than this "political illness" that since the war has been more or less epidemic behind the Iron Curtain.

The flu can be licked, but this political illness business in communist countries seems to be invariably fatal.

FRED Hampson, who left Oregon some years back to become a war correspondent and has been working at it ever since, has just been forced out of Shanghai by the communists. He says in a dispatch:

"The saddest phase of this farewell to Shanghai was wrapped up in a small group of Chinese who saw us to the ship with their brave bouquets of flowers for the departing foreigners DESPITE THE GLOWERING DISAPPROVAL OF COMMUNIST GUARDS."

He goes on:

"This group of Chinese seemed to me to represent the beginning of a solid middle class in China which could have grown and brought greatness to China. They were the product of Shanghai. They had absorbed the best of the West and mixed it compatibly with their Oriental natures.

"They had modest but good homes. Their children were in school. They had learned professions and trades. They could earn enough at them to maintain themselves with pride and decency. And they had done it ON THEIR OWN. No kin ties with the rich. No political connections. No special privileges except their own abilities."

FRED then adds:

"Now they are OUT OF WORK. The gates of their professions and trades are closed to them unless they can somehow get into the PARTY MACHINE and wear grotesque cotton uniforms, send their kids to the 'correct' schools and live on a few dollars a month and a regimental rice allowance.

"I guess they are the despised bourgeois who must be crushed down to become part of that vague horde — the PROLETARIAT—above which one is not supposed to want to rise.

"These are to be destroyed. A millennium has arrived."

FRED has been on the ground, over in tragic China, WATCHING IT WITH HIS OWN EYES. Our parlor pinks, who praise the "proletariat" and despise what we call the middle class and what the pinks in their Marxian patter call the "bourgeois," haven't seen it in operation.

Seeing it with your own eyes makes such an UNBELIEVABLE difference.

Elgarose

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Olson and Mrs. Phil Hess of Eugene have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson. Paul Backlund visited over the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Backlund. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie John and son, Ray and Mrs. Mary Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rietz at Camas Valley. Mr. and Mrs. John Tikker, parents of Mrs. Bessie Knystra, and Mrs. Ray Morris, a sister of Mrs. Knystra, and daughter are visiting at the Knystra home. Sunday they all went to Mouth where they visited with Miss Shirley Knystra who is attending school there. Mrs. Frank Wade has China Lily's and narcissus in bloom in her yard. This writer saw a spray

Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Four lovely young girls liked to help their mother—in theory. But Saturday morning had become a time their mother dreaded. "They squabble about who is doing more than the other. They fuss about who is to do which job. I declare I'd rather do it all myself and let them go and play tennis or whatever is on their minds."

But of course that would not be blessing her daughters, would it? Although they at the moment might think so, adolescents being a bit allergic to home duties at times.

So my friend wrote the tasks, one on each slip of paper, folded, and put the slips in a box. "Now, girls," she said, "the tasks on the slips of paper in this box must be done before any girl leaves the house this morning. It's on the idea of forfeits. You draw a slip, and you are on your honor to DO what is on the slip. When the box is empty you may help whoever is still working—or just stand and watch her finish. But you all leave at the same time."

New Ointment For Burns Comes From Beef Aorta

DETROIT — (AP)—A protein ointment for burns developed by a Detroit physician was reported to have been used successfully on 500 patients at Children's hospital here. The ointment is called "Epithene" and is a product of the Willson Laboratories in Chicago. Its discovery was reported to the medical profession about seven years ago and since then it has been used in clinical tests here. Dr. C. H. Chase, who developed it, said he expected it to become more widely used as result of successful use here. He himself has used it with good results in industrial cases here, he said.

Dr. C. N. Weller, a member of the Wayne university medical college faculty, said the ointment had been found excellent for treating the burns of children. He carried out tests at Children's hospital.

The raw material for the ointment is taken from freshly killed beef. The aorta, a large artery near the heart of the animal, contains the healing ingredients, Dr. Chase discovered in research that he started 13 years ago. "These advantages are claimed for the ointment: It does not kill tissue; it helps a scab to form; favors the growth of new skin; stops the loss of body fluid; eliminates the need for bandages in many cases; it can be removed easily so skin may be grafted if necessary; it can be used as a medium for penicillin and sulfa drugs; any infection can be observed and treated quickly."

Elkton

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH The Elkton City council met Wednesday night, Dec. 7, with Fred Paulus of the State Bonding commission present. It was decided that the property would have to be reassessed. Due to the city's lack of funds, Paulus is going to ask the State Tax commission to take over the job of reassessing the property in Elkton.

Earnest Esslinger, Glenn Hahn, Don Gossel, Kenneth Gossel, and Bud Madison joined the army at Eugene, Dec. 6. The boys are now taking basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Friends and former neighbors of Emel Anderson were saddened by the news of his death on Dec. 8.

The High School is to play Glide, Friday, Dec. 16 at Elkton. This is the high school's first league game.

The Grade School will play the Yoncalla ball teams on Yoncalla on Thursday night.

The Girls' League is giving

It worked. Really it did! It made a game out of what had seemed dreary routine. The mother had used imagination!

One time EJ had laid down the law about a task that our boys were to do before they left the yard. And they wanted to play baseball and tennis. . . . gh, me. Any mother knows the spot I was in! The job was to move a lot of round boulders that had been hauled from the beach a hundred miles down the coast. Dad wanted the space the rocks were taking; he left word just where they were to be piled.

The boys were resentful—they wanted to play first and move rocks later. . . . An idea saved the situation. I put a big tin pail on the spot where the rocks were to be. Invited the boys to count points or each rock that went in the pail (those that missed had been moved, took!) and believe it or not, they turned to on that pile of rocks and had a grand time. . . . In fact, to get more points they put the pail where the rocks had been and actually began to pitch the rocks BACK again! Boys!

their third annual Christmas tea on Dec. 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be a program and refreshments, and everyone is invited.

Fifteen persons attended the Home Extension meeting held at the home of Mrs. Laurence Thomas, Dec. 8. The project was gift wrapping, and Mrs. Thom as demonstrated several different ways to wrap and trim gift packages.

Mrs. L. L. Holcomb and Mrs. Martin Suloff went to Scottsburg to attend a project leader meeting, Friday, Dec. 9, where they learned how to make a lamp shade. The lamp shade project meeting for the Elkton unit will be held at the Elkton theater on Jan. 3.

Mr. Laurence Smith, prominent local sportsman, is ill at the Kaiser hospital at North Bend.

Mrs. Violet Baker, who has been on a two weeks' vacation trip to Oakland, Calif., has returned to Elkton. She has been staying most of the time with her sister, Mrs. Newton Henderer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bishop took Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hancock and daughter Carolyn to Portland Thursday where Carolyn went to the Shiner's hospital for observation. Carolyn was seriously burned last winter when a stove exploded in the Hancock home. Little Miss Hancock returned home to Elkton with her parents but she will enter the hospital for plastic surgery as soon as there is an opening there for her.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith were Mrs. Smith's sister, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Crispen and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Clark and family all of Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tikker, parents of Mrs. Bessie Knystra, and Mrs. Ray Morris, a sister of Mrs. Knystra, and daughter are visiting at the Knystra home. Sunday they all went to Mouth where they visited with Miss Shirley Knystra who is attending school there.

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Savings Bond Sales Increase In November

County Chairman, H. O. Pargeter, announced today that sales of Savings Bonds in Douglas county for November totaled \$78,758, compared to sales of \$64,673 in October.

Sales of E bonds in Oregon for November total \$2,339,087, with additional sales of F & G bonds bringing total purchases of U.S. Treasury department Savings Bonds to \$2,867,824, according to figures just released by the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco.

In connection with the publishing of these figures, E. C. Sammons, state chairman, announced that comparisons show the sale of E bonds for November were off about \$140,000, compared to sales in October. However, total E bond sales for this year exceeded the same period of 1948 by \$30,000.

On the same basis of comparison, redemptions increased about \$185,000, but total redemptions for the eleven months of 1949 are running far behind the same period of 1948. These redemptions include substantial maturities, amounting this year to approximately \$7 million in Oregon.

Sammons also announced that 11 Oregon counties have exceeded their total sales for the entire year of 1948. At the end of November, Hood River County had outsold the year 1948 by \$134,000. Benton County with sales exceeding the 1948 total by \$38,000 and Malheur County exceeding 1948 by \$52,000 have also made exceptional showings.

U. S. Take-Over Of British External Debt Suggested

By SAM DAWSON NEW YORK. — (AP)—A surprising suggestion has been made that American taxpayers could save considerable money in the long run if the United States would take over some of Britain's external debt now.

This debt, called blocked sterling, is the \$9 billion mountain that fastened itself on England's back when she was buying war necessities from friends and relatives. Britain is paying it back in dribbles, about \$900 million a year.

Some say the money for these payments comes indirectly from Uncle Sam, anyway, in the form of Marshall plan dollars, and that the United States must plug up the holes in the sieve or the Marshall plan can't end in 1952 as promised.

The principle is a simple business one: when a businessman gets too hard pressed by his creditors, everyone may be better off if it is agreed to pay a little now rather than run the risk of no payment, ever. If England and her creditors would face up to that grim fact, it might stave off bankruptcy later, a state in which every one would lose.

Skeptics, of course, have strong points to bring up against it.

They say the plan would be merely another loan to Britain, would plug up one hole, maybe, but leave many more important ones in British economy still open.

of Scotch broom in full bloom at the top of Haines hill on the Kellogg road Saturday.

There will be a district nominating meeting for District No. 6 at the Odd Fellows hall, Dec. 21, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of selecting two candidates for the position of director from this district of the Douglas Electric cooperative. All members should attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nordsten of Linslau visited with the Joe Hudsons Sunday.

The Elkton troop of Boy Scouts decorated the city's Christmas tree Monday night.

Our Community Chest is really a kind of group insurance—did you ever think of it that way? We all get together on a plan to guarantee help to those of our community who need it and when everyone contributes his share no really big burden falls on anyone. The various welfare agencies which have earned our confidence and gratitude over a long period of time, jointly collect and administer the funds we subscribe a. I do a much better job than we could do individually, because of their great experience. We all know from past experience, what a wonderful feeling of accomplishment we get from having had a full share in a good job well done so let's get at this Community Chest job with the enthusiasm it merits. How about it? Have you done your share yet?

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