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RIVER MISMANAGEMENT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Dr. R. E. Dimick, head of the school of fish and game management, Oregon State College, sends us a clipping from an old and yellowed copy of the *Roseburg Review*. The clipping bears no date, but it obviously is very old. It was taken from a newspaper found in the walls of a 100-year-old house, in the City of Portland. A workman engaged in razing the house, found the paper and sent the clipping to Mr. Dimick because of its special interest to the college's fish and game management school.

The news item reads as follows:

Ten million salmon eggs. That is a number too vast for easy comprehension. Computed in volume, it means over 162 bushels. That total, however, is the amount handled by the North Umpqua state fish hatchery the past season, and it is expected that this number will be fully equalled during this season. At present there are about 3,000 salmon in captivity at the North Umpqua hatchery and more are still coming into the large inclosure in the open river. Most of these salmon are chinooks, there being a very few steelheads among them, and an occasional silverside.

What Has Happened To Our Fish?

Persons familiar with fishing conditions on the North Umpqua river today may be amazed by the news contained in the clipping quoted above.

Because of the mention of silverside salmon, and the fact that salmon still were arriving at the racks, the item apparently had reference to the fall run of fish rather than the spring run. It may surprise some anglers to know that both the North and South Umpqua rivers once had tremendously large runs of fall salmon.

What has happened to our fish population? Why should the Umpqua river be so seriously depleted of fish life? Many theories can be advanced. Some persons will point to the depletion is due to commercial fishing, others that timber removal, forest fires, pollution, siltation are to blame, while still others will point to mismanagement. The facts are that all these factors have had their influence.

Destruction of the South Umpqua river, a warm water stream, dates from seasons of large forest fires, set by incendiary life after year, raising summer temperatures above fish life tolerance. Forest fires induced chemical changes by pouring ashes and lye into the water and permitting excessive siltation of spawning beds.

Excessive commercial fishing intensity at the mouth of the river cut heavily into migrations, serving to reduce spawning runs to the danger point.

Egg Take Destructive Factor

The news item quoted above tells of the take of salmon eggs at the North Umpqua hatchery. Perhaps we find in that account the factor most responsible for destruction of the river's fish life.

The Umpqua river study reveals that more than 34,000,000 chinook salmon eggs were transferred from the Umpqua river. Between 1914 and 1919 more than 24,000,000 eggs were moved to other streams. Those dates cover one complete cycle of the spring chinook salmon. We imagine that the actual number of eggs removed was considerably more than those shown by the study, but no proof is available.

Taking an average of almost five million eggs annually away from the river for a full five-year cycle certainly was most stupid management on the part of the State Fish commission, which was responsible. It is understandable how, with commercial fishing continuing to whittle down migrations, until recently, we have few fish left.

But even more serious than the removal of eggs to other streams, in our opinion, was the loss of fertilizer effect through halting of upstream migration at hatchery racks. Racks were in the river to obstruct upstream migration from 1900 until 1942. Nature provided that salmon should spawn and die, that their carcasses might provide food and fertilizer. But for more than 40 years this fertilizing process was lost because salmon were spawned artificially and their carcasses ground up to feed fish held in hatchery ponds.

Recent news reports tell of experiments being conducted in the state of Washington by using commercial fertilizer in rivers. Common garden fertilizer has been used with much success in speeding growth and reproduction of pond fish.

Perhaps some method can be found to correct over a long period of years the mismanagement which has proven so destructive to Umpqua fish life.

Girls Continue Candy Mint Sale

Public response to the Camp Fire Girls' annual money raising event, which is taking the form of a candy mint sale this spring, has been most gratifying, it was reported today by Mrs. Harold Hoyt, president of the Roseburg Camp Fire Girls council. The sale got underway last week.

Many boxes of mints already have been sold by Camp Fire Girls and Bluebirds who are canvassing their Douglas county communities. However, since a goal of ten boxes per girl must be attained to complete the project for summer camping for girls, the public is urged to continue to buy mints this week.

The drive will be concluded Saturday, and the uniformed Camp Fire Girls will be about with their mints every day throughout the

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Still A Long Way To Go . . .



In the Day's News

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there can be no such thing as freedom.

I'd say our only hope of avoiding war lies in exactly what President Truman proposes—a great campaign of TRUTH to convince the world that we DON'T WANT WAR, that we genuinely DO want peace, that peace can come only through justice, friendliness and freedom for individual men throughout the world and that we are determined to do our best to bring these things to pass.

But that—If, despite our best efforts to bring peace by these means, we are forced to choose between a communist-run world and war we will fight to the death in defense of our liberty.

If we are to convince the world of that, we must be so utterly sincere that people throughout the world can't help but believe us. After all, nothing convinces like sincerity.

At this point, I'd like to quote a statement made seriously and rather grimly to me the other day by a friend whose opinions I greatly respect. He said: "As it looks now, we'll have to fight the Kremlin UNLESS THE RUSSIANS THEMSELVES DO IT FOR US."

WHAT he meant is that unless the Russian people revolt against the cruel and brutal tyranny of Russia's communist leadership, there will be war. If there is war, we will be in the forefront of it.

It is a wise and discriminating opinion. The idea that the Russians themselves might revolt against the tyranny of the Kremlin isn't too visionary.

We now know, partly through captured German records, that when the Germans swept across the Ukraine, which is a vital part of Russia, they were looked upon by the people more in the light of deliverers than of conquerors.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian Russians deserted to the Germans. Whole divisions of Russian troops went over in organized bodies. Some very well informed men are convinced after going through these captured records and talking with Russians who were there and saw it (some of them took part in it) that ONLY THE UNBELIEVABLE STUPIDITY OF HITLER AND HIS NAZI GANG prevented a situation from developing that would have changed the whole face of the Russian-German war.

The fantastically stupid nazis scorned and oppressed and even mass-butchered these deserting Russians who were sick of communist tyranny and in time convinced them that bad as the communists were the nazis were worse.

LET'S be intelligently realistic about this whole business. The Russians at the bottom of the heap don't like what they've got. They might revolt—If we are intelligent enough, HONEST AND SINCERE ENOUGH, to bring about what the stupid nazis failed to bring about.

Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

On trips I have found that keeping a "log" lessens the weariness for me. E. J. always spends every minute behind the wheel. No, that's not quite accurate: he gave me the wheel for fifteen whole minutes on our last trip to Texas; that long stretch down to Del Rio where there are "bigger cows and no milk, bigger rivers and no water, and you can see farther and see nothing." Only to me every inch of that part of Texas was a seeing of printed pages materializing into reality—truly scenery!

The only objection to such a motor-log type of record is scribbled notes, speedometer readings at the margins, postals and snapshots, etc., for illustrations, is that you accumulate just one more treasure you hate to ever part with! I haven't looked at this 1928 log in a long time; I can see all the things I read as I turn the pages of the thick "book" bound in a 15-cent manuscript cover.

We rediscovered Spring that same April. Twice in Texas! April 8 was Easter Sunday, a bitterly cold, snowy Sunday, a day we could never forget. For we left

the roses and bluebonnets behind and climbed into sticky mud that flew from our wheels; then into snow after we left Sonora. Snow from the northwest. For miles we ran through an inch-deep, untracked whiteness that spread over the flat land stretching for miles. Long-horned cattle were in bunches, humped up like buffalo. Not even a clump of cactus to break the icy blast.

We went twenty miles before meeting another car, a California car at that! Later, on the dreary stretch, we passed a cowboy, far from anywhere, leading his horse. So would I have done, to keep warm.

At Ozona (written up in a recent S.E.P.) we stopped for Buick service. E. J. went across to the store to get some milk. No one in it. "Oh, just take what you want," said a passerby, helpfully, "and leave as near as you can tell what it's worth." E. J., perhaps because he, too, had grown up in Texas, casually helped himself to some needs for the boys, milk and so on, and left the change on the counter.

2 Methods Stop Heart Pains Of Angina Pectoris

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE, Associated Press Science Editor
BOSTON, April 20.—Two new ways of stopping the heart pains of angina pectoris were reported to the American College of Physicians.

One is a new Egyptian drug. The other is to poke your finger into your neck.

The drug is khalin. It comes from a weed common in Arabia and the eastern Mediterranean countries. Extracts are used for colic.

Doctors Harold L. Osher and Kermit H. Katz, of Boston City hospital, reported using khalin on 28 persons, all with bad cases of angina pectoris. All but three were much relieved.

Thirteen had been unable to work because muscular activity caused heart attacks. Eight returned to work. These included laborers, mechanics and housewives.

Khalin reduced the frequency of painful attacks as well as raising muscular activity. The drug dilates arteries. Angina pain comes from constriction in arteries which feed working blood to heart muscles.

Some patients were taking nitroglycerine for the heart condition. Khalin reduced the amount needed.

The drug is manufactured for doctors only by Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia. It is not for sale.

Dr. Katz told of stopping angina pain almost instantly by poking one finger against a patient's neck. This was done with patients who volunteered as guinea pigs.

They brought on attacks by taking exercises in the doctor's presence. He then would place one finger tip on the side of the neck, over the carotid sinus, a nerve center. Pressure at that point stopped the pain. This experiment is part of a study of the possibility of relieving angina pains by treating nerve reflexes. These pains are fairly widespread, in chest, neck and upper arm.

Assn. Will Open Mental Health Week Observance

The general public is invited to attend a meeting of the Douglas County Mental Health association tonight at 8 o'clock in the Veterans hospital recreation hall.

Included on the program will be the showing of a film, "Feeling of Hostility," the third in a series of four films depicting the importance of parent-child relationships for handling later problems. The film will be shown by Dr. Frampton Price.

Tonight's meeting will mark the opening of the local observance of Mental Health week, being observed nationally, according to Dr. John L. Haskins, hospital manager and president of the Mental Health association.

On Tuesday at 7:45 p.m., Dr. Haskins, Dr. Price and Walter S. Barker of the Veterans hospital staff, will present a program on the subject over KRNR. Literature and picture displays are to be placed in the windows of Penney's and Miller's stores.

Both Dr. Haskins, and Dr. Price have talked to various social and service organizations in this locality. Other members of the association are also scheduled to appear during the week. A tentative list of programs will be as follows:

Dr. Haskins, who spoke last week to the Kiwanis club, will speak this Thursday noon to the Rotary. He also spoke last week at Myrtle Point.

Dr. Price, chief psychologist at the hospital, will speak to the Roseburg Lions club Thursday night. Dr. R. Sinclair, psychologist, will speak to the Lady Elks on Thursday night. Also, Miss Ruth Bloom, chief nurse at the hospital, will speak Wednesday night at Sutherland. Julian Helleck, child guidance officer of the Douglas County Welfare association spoke at Yoncalla last Thursday.

The Mental Health association, which now has about 60 members, includes representatives from practically all service organizations, the Medical society, Nurses association, Ministerial association, veterans groups, labor organizations, social welfare workers, women's clubs, Bar association and other groups.

The officers include Haskins as president; Esther Geddes, first vice-president; Julian Helleck, second vice-president; Mrs. Laura Cummings, public health officer, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors include Dr. H. Nels Lindell; George Moss, R.N.; Carl Felker, attorney; Dr. E. J. Wainwright, public health physician; Al Neet, Myrtle Creek school principal; Mrs. Edith Pickens, R.N.; Harold Schmeer, U. S. National bank president; Rev. Kenneth Knox, pastor, First Christian church, and Mrs. Olive Doerner.

Siamese Twins May Part

TOFIELD, Alta.—(P)—This Canadian village's siamese twin girls may be separated soon by a delicate operation. It would be the first operation of its kind in Canadian medical history. Doctors are hopeful the surgery will give five-month-old Brenda and Beverly Townsend a chance for normal lives.

The parents Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Townsend, favor the operation. The twins are joined face to face. The link is from the third upper rib down to the navel.

Medical men said a preliminary examination showed that the most delicate surgery will be to separate their connected livers.

The ribs also are connected at least by cartilage and the breast bones are fused.

Dr. Eardley S. Allin, the attending physician, said there have been successful operations on similar cases.

The story of Cinderella goes back at least to the year 610 B. C., in the legend of the Egyptian Pharaoh Psammetichus. He ordered the country searched for the owner of a leather sandal dropped at his feet by an eagle. When he found her, he made her his queen.

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WASHINGTON.—(P)—The CIO has urged Congress to take immediate emergency steps to halt the spread of unemployment which it said was "menacing" the national economy. CIO President Philip Murray told a news conference that in addition to the 4,250,000 now totally unemployed another 2,500,000 persons were working less than 35 hours a week. Murray said the CIO is bringing committees of unemployed to Washington—and also to state capitals—to impress legislators and officials with the need for action.

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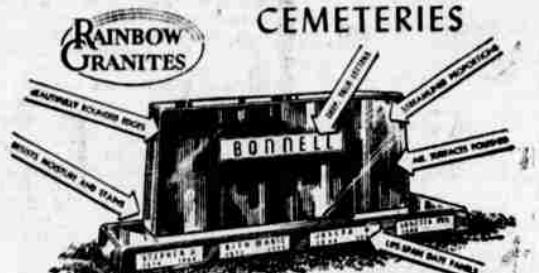
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