

Meyers Creek Second In Razor Clam Production

Statistics recently compiled by the Oregon Fish Commission indicate that Meyers Creek Beach, in the southwest corner of the state, has the distinction of being the second heaviest producer of razor clams in Oregon. According to Darrell Demory, Commission shell biologist, in 1965 over 83,000 razor clams were taken by ap-

proximately 4,500 amateur diggers from the stretch of sand located near Meyers Creek some 13 miles south of Gold Beach. Clatsop Beach at the extreme north end of Oregon's coastal strip remains first in razor clam production.

Demory states that the age

composition of Meyers Creek razor clams this year was very similar to that of the Clatsop Beaches, in that the catch consisted of mostly one-year-old clams. Though this is the first year Demory has gathered enough data in the Meyers Creek area to estimate the magnitude of the harvest, scattered reports indicate that the clams dug this year were generally smaller than in 1964. Local diggers are concerned that over-digging may have been respon-

sible for this year's preponderance of young, smaller sized clams. Demory indicated this is most unlikely however, and feels instead that habitat conditions on the beaches themselves are responsible for the lack of carry-over of clams from the previous year. A good population of clams on a beach one year does not necessarily mean ample large clams the next, Demory warns. The depth of the sand and the amount of beach erosion seem

to be major factors involved in the ability of clams to sustain themselves in the changing beaches during stormy winter months. If beach conditions for survival are favorable, relatively few clams are needed to perpetuate the stocks, the shellfish expert claims. Since each female clam in her second year will produce 6 to 10 million eggs, Oregon's offshore currents are literally alive with clam larvae when the ocean waters warm during the sum-

mer months. The past history of Meyers Creek Beach reveals a marked fluctuation in razor clam populations from one year to the next, Demory says. This phenomenon is shared with Oregon's other less known razor clam producing strands, such as Cannon and Short Sands Beaches near the town of Cannon Beach, Beaver Creek Beach south of Newport, Bastendorff Beach near Coos Bay, and the beach at the mouth of the Sixes

River near Langlois. By contrast, up to 95% of the state's annual harvest consistently originates from the Clatsop Beaches near Seaside, obviously because the depth and stability of the sands and other survival conditions there are more ideal for the bivalves. The Seaside sands experience a consistent "set" of young clams and the holdover rate of large clams generally is high in spite of the

heaviest concentration of diggers in Oregon. Over 1.3 million clams were harvested from Clatsop Beaches in 1965. The physical characteristics of productive and nonproductive beaches make up an important segment of the shellfish studies now being conducted by the Oregon Fish Commission. Additional work will be carried on in the Meyers Creek Beach area this coming year.

COOS COUNTY SALON HOLDS DECEMBER MEET

The Coos County Salon No. 509, Eight and Forty, met at the home of Chapeau Mrs. Bert Walberg on Dec. 10, for a Christmas dinner party. Secret partners were revealed and each partner received a gift.

A letter was read from a child who is at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Members were reminded to bring pictures for the scrapbook for children in the hospital at the next meeting in Bandon.

Members attending from Port Orford were Mrs. B. B. Stratton, Mrs. Robert Meyer, Mrs. E. L. Montgomery and Mrs. W. D. Spencer.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Below is a list of patients admitted to and discharged from Southern Coos General Hospital during the past week.

Paula Colgrove, in Dec. 26, out Dec. 29.

Clara Brown, in Dec. 27, out Dec. 30.

Robert Campbell, in Dec. 27, out Dec. 30.

June Kay, Langlois, in Dec. 27, out Dec. 30.

Robert Rose, out Dec. 27.

Evelyn Frechette, Port Orford, out Dec. 27.

Lucy Kay, out Dec. 27.

Fred Zielarth, out Dec. 27.

Phyllis Bagwell, Gold Beach, in Dec. 28.

John Sypher, in Dec. 28, out Dec. 31.

Steve P. Tolley, Mt. View, Calif., in Dec. 28, out Dec. 29.

Michael Gentry, Port Orford, in Dec. 29, out Dec. 31.

Lester Loch, in Dec. 29, out Dec. 31.

Elder Matthews, in Dec. 29, out Dec. 30.

Debra Belmer, in Dec. 29.

Georgia Shultz, in Dec. 29.

Martha Stoll, Port Orford, in Dec. 29.

Hilda Potter, Harbor, in Dec. 29.

Marlene Cox, out Dec. 30.

Joyce Arnold and baby girl, in Dec. 30.

Mark Douglas, Wedderburn, in Dec. 30.

Edward Turk, Eugene, in Dec. 30.

A. J. Albertson, Coquille, in Dec. 30.

William Mai, Langlois, in and out Dec. 31.

Lillie Metcal, Port Orford, in Dec. 31.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Arnold are parents of a 6 pound, 14 ounce daughter, Lesa Kay, born Dec. 30 in Southern Coos General Hospital.

IT'S YOUR LAW...

Your Legal Name

Most probably you are never quite sure whether your wife should use your first name, or her own, when signing an important paper.

Perhaps you also wonder whether to put a "Mr." or a "Mrs." in front of a signature, and you can get all mixed up about a "Jr." or a "Sr." after it. Then what about your middle name or initial?

For centuries, under common law a legal name consisted of one Christian or given name and one surname or family name. The law presumes that every person has a given name and a surname which must be stated in full on any legal document.

The law may pay little attention to a middle name or initial, but it is wise to use either one or the other for exact identification. You must be consistent, too. For example, one real estate buyer by his full name, "William Alton Smith, Jr.," to make it clear which of the Bill Smiths was buying the property.

If you are a "Jr." or a "Sr.," such description should be used to help distinguish you from namesakes.

As for "Mr." in front of your name, that's not important at all. The same is true for "Mrs.," because it's your wife's own name that counts.

When a woman marries, she takes her husband's family name. Her maiden surname is absolutely lost. Many women incorrectly use their husband's full name, and sign "Mrs. William A. Smith," for example. The correct way is for her to sign her own given name and her husband's surname, such as "Joan Marie Smith."

A divorced woman who wants to resume the use of her maiden name may, under some circumstances, have it returned to her by a court order.

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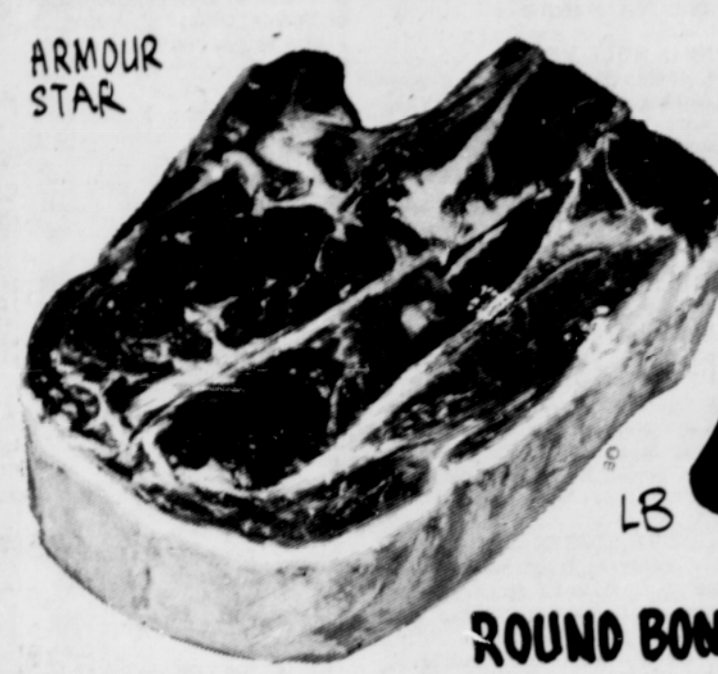
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