

Needed: More 'Fisherman's Fever'

If you are a fishing enthusiast and made up your mind to be out fishing on opening day Saturday before last you know what we mean by "Fisherman's Fever." Even if you just went somewhere to observe the fishermen in action on some lake, stream or reservoir you saw enough to realize what we mean by Fisherman's Fever.

In numerous fishing spots the fishermen were standing shoulder to shoulder casting fish lines, with baited hooks, into the water. Likely as not reeling in a nice pan-size trout within a few short minutes of time.

The desire to fish has become widespread in past years as more and more people purchase fishing licenses, poles, reels, hooks, lures, etc. Folks enter into the fishing sport with more and more added enthusiasm. But what we need is more Fisherman's Fever in other avenues.

People do the things that they want to and shun those things which they do not particularly care, or want, to do. It is for sure that a lot of people want to fish. The evidence was obvious as cars, boats, and trailers buzzed through our town and as favorite fishing holes were invaded.

We wonder what would happen to this community of ours if there were:

1. More "Fisherman's Fever" (enthusiasm) by the merchant in his

business and community affairs.

2. More "Fisherman's Fever" on the part of clerks and employees, in general, towards their jobs and civic-minded potentialities.

3. More "Fisherman's Fever" in our churches—by pastors, priests, and members through word, action and deed.

4. More "Fisherman's Fever" by city and county officials in pursuing the tasks of their office.

5. More "Fisherman's Fever" by residents . . . instead of complaining about the way things are, get in and do something yourself about bettering them.

Perhaps this is idle thinking and a lot of wasted words. We would hope not, rather we would hope it will encourage us to take stock of ourselves.

It was Charles M. Simons of Los Angeles who wrote: "If you want to accomplish a lot, at least double your production, if you want to have more friends, have people want to be around you, admire you—then be enthusiastic all of the time. Why? Because enthusiasm is an irresistible force."

That little ingredient attracts—down deep, at least, everyone wants enthusiasm.

Needed: MORE "FISHERMAN'S FEVER" on the part of all.—J.C.

Certain Principles Are Still Basic

The editor of the Honover, Kansas, News has performed a public service by recalling certain principles of government laid down by Abraham Lincoln a century ago. He commends them to every legislator in this country pointing out that they were basic then and are still basic.

Here are some of them: You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and

independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

In this pseudosophisticated age, numbers of people apparently look on beliefs such as these as outmoded corn. A welfare state, they argue, can take care of just about all human problems and relieve the individual of the responsibility of taking care of himself. What they forget is that the result of this philosophy can only be a nation populated by faceless statistics, totally lacking in backbone, purpose and ambition. History tells us what happens to nations that follow this doomed curse. The end is oblivion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

The Kennedy assassination initiated a rash of anti-gun legislation, the latest of which are Senate Bills S1591 and S1592. These bills are unreasonably restrictive to the law abiding cit-

izen and, if passed, can virtually eliminate many phases of shooting and gun collecting.

Some of the features of these bills are as follows:

1. Cost of dealers licenses would be raised from one dollar to one hundred dollars per year, and could be cancelled at any time without judicial review. This license is required in order for any service station or grocery store to sell you a box of cartridges for your .22 rifle. How many of these small businesses do you think will be willing to pay one hundred dollars for the amount of business they do in one year?

2. Ammunition manufacturers would be required to pay one thousand dollars per year for a license. This would include the

local gun club where you can buy reloaded shotshells for practice on clay-pigeons prior to hunting season. It is not difficult to predict just how many clubs will be willing to pay this amount.

3. Any firearm with a bore diameter greater than one half inch, excepting shotguns, would have to be registered at a cost of four hundred dollars per year. This would mean the fine Revolutionary War and Civil War muzzle loading rifles which are prized by collectors and museums, and which are a part of our history.

4. Gun sales across state lines would be prohibited except between two gun dealers. This would mean that legally you could not sell a hunting rifle, a shotgun, or even an antique gun to a friend who lived in Washington state.

These laws would be unreasonably prohibitive to the honest citizen who enjoys hunting, target shooting, gun collecting, or just plinking, or who depends on gun and ammunition sales for his living. They can not have any measurable effect on keeping guys away from criminals, which is supposedly the reason behind the proposed laws.

History has shown that restrictive anti-gun laws do not accomplish their purpose. Some of the states with the most prohibitive anti-gun laws also have the highest crime rates. Honest people are hurt by these laws, but the criminal can always get a gun by illegal methods if he wants one.

Now is the time to write your representatives, Senators Neuberger and Morse, and President Johnson, and express your feelings on this matter. The situation is urgent, as the President himself is backing these bills.

My belief is that laws should not prohibit or hinder the honest use of firearms, but instead should punish their illegal use. Please do wait. Write your letters now.

Philip H. Fisher
Zig Zag, Oregon

First In a Series on Swimming Pool



Looking towards the Sandy Elementary School building from the direction of the proposed site of a municipal swimming pool indicates the close proximity and accessibility of the pool for use by the youngsters as part of the systems physical education program. When using the facility for school purposes, necessity for crossing streets, additional transportation needs, etc. for the grade schoolers is virtually eliminated. This presents one of the many factors for choosing the suggested location. (Post Photo)

The MOUSETRAP

Now that man has learned to move faster than sound, women are at a distinct disadvantage. I thought I'd throw that one in at the start this week and give you something to think on.

Ever wonder why editors get gray so young? I've heard a dozen and a half reasons . . . don't know if any of them are true . . . but my wife insists that I keep mine cut short so people won't think she's married to a white-haired little old man.

Attempting to get pictures for this publication can prove to be somewhat rushing and frustrating, like last Saturday night. For instance, a quick rush to deposit three children at a baby-sitters and then up the mountain for the Pow-Wows banquet where the speaker didn't come on until 9:20 p.m. A picture or two snapped and then a race to the high school prom, only to find out the coronation had just finished minutes before. I was able to run down the queen and her escort, etc. for a picture but a fine photo from Bruno Studio in Portland offered to send his picture so I'll use his since he knows what he is doing when he snaps the shutter.

From the high school it was a dash to the Sandy Baptist chapel to observe a group of church young people who prefer not to take in the prom. Again I just missed the activity for a picture where the young people were attempting to break a pinata filled with candy Mexican style. (That's using sticks while blindfolded while some character has moved the pinata allowing you to feather the air violently, unknown to yourself naturally.)

That was enough for one night of attempted picture taking. People come in three classes: the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have little or no idea what happened. Noticed Policeman Harry Byde with an air of suspicion Sunday afternoon as he pulled over a car load of fishermen to check their loot. Guess they were legit for everyone went their separate ways in smiles.

Since Bill and Eileen Anderson, proprietors of the Rhody Washing Well, have ten free loads of washing to get rid of (per Snooper last week) I might be the first to volunteer to use them . . . those diapers will be coming here this summer and I could have them wash while rounding up news on the mountain each Thursday. On second thought maybe the fumes from wet diapers would overcome me on the way so I better cancel out that last transmission.

Had a pleasant surprise this week when a phone call produced a familiar voice from Idaho way . . . it turned out to be a Nazarene Evangelist friend of ours who is holding revival services at the Gresham church throughout this week. First thing he told the folks at that church when we attended Monday night was that "he couldn't understand how anybody would want to leave Idaho and come to Oregon . . . he hadn't seen the sun out yet."

Took my little boy fishing Saturday and after paying a dollar for a one day license, since I haven't been here six months yet, I have decided to propose a bill for the next legislature regarding fishing license. I propose that a fellow who resides here over three months and buys his sixth one day license be given a permit to fish the rest of the year like any other resident. He's already paid more than the regular residence pays to fish the year round, and like myself, I'm like a man without a country—can't even claim residency in Idaho although I have property there.

This brings us to our closing remark: Asked why he was late for Sunday school, the small boy replied, "I was going fishing, but Daddy wouldn't let me." "And I suppose he explained to you why you shouldn't go on Sunday," inquired the teacher. "Yes ma'am," the boy admitted, "he said there wasn't enough bait for both of us."

Men Work On Drive

In last week's issue listing the workers in the Hoodland Cancer Crusade Drive, The Post did not receive the names of several men who actively participated in the program.

Local men who helped in the drive, in addition to those previously listed, were: Ned Dyal, Charles Shaw, Dewey Barber, Garlen McCulloch, George McClaren and Don Deming.

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Youth Named To Council

Two Sandy high students have been named to the Clackamas County Youth Council as part of an expanded organization of the State Youth Council. The local representatives are Hilde Olds and Larry Verdoorn. Miss Olds is a junior this year and Verdoorn is a sophomore.

Faculty advisor to the group from Sandy is Lyle Jarvis. A meeting was attended on Tuesday night at Oregon City by the trio in connection with this program.

Ambulance Runs

Letters to Editor

To The Editor:
In the last issue of the Sandy Post, there is in big bold letters, the possibility of a Municipal swimming pool, for the City of Sandy, at the outlandish cost, of from \$330,000 to \$353,000. Just stop and give this a thought for one moment and see if you can see just how a swimming pool could cost this, outlandish amount, unless there is a large amount of gold plate used in its construction.

The article also states that the Sandy Elementary School district is the only one, that is in a position to issue bonds of this capacity. I ask you, who is supposed to pay off these bonds, it is up to all of the people who live in this area. Now a lot of us have bought small places in this area, to retire on, as, at the time we bought, the taxes were low and we found living up here, was real good and we could get by on our fixed income very well, but, now in the last four years, my taxes have been raised to over triple of what they were.

Now, this district has emerged with the Dover district, who's bonding capacity is \$53,548 and this makes it necessary to build ten more classrooms, plus other special rooms at a cost of at least \$400,000 so, who wins and who loses, us home owners are the ones, who are going to pay for all of this, through higher taxes, it is now, that altho you have paid for your home, you do not own it, you are paying high rent, through taxes, just to live in your own home, plus the upkeep on it.

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