

SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

The "battle of the century" is being waged in the Pacific northwest between the fish conservation interests and the hydroelectric producers. This engagement is taking place in the legislatures of Oregon and Washington and its ramifications are many and varied.

The struggle is attracting nationwide attention. The New York Times of Sunday, March 6, carried a quarter page write up concerning the activities of both sides of the question. Oft-times, we who live right on the scene, so to speak, do not take cognizance of the importance of these movements and what the ensuing legislation means to us as individuals and to our state and local community.

The fishery champions are doing their utmost to keep dams from being built on tributaries of the lower Columbia river and other streams that offer so much to so many people. Gov. Langlie of Washington signed a bill to set aside as fish sanctuaries all streams on the Washington side emptying into the Columbia below the McNary dam which is under construction 200 miles up from Portland.

In Oregon the fish conservationists lost round 1 of the skirmish in the house when the representatives voted 41 to 19 to adopt the PUC report which, in effect, supports the dam construction move. This particular bill would authorize construction of a dam, 150 feet high to be located on the Deschutes river below the mouth of one of its tribu-

utaries, the Metolius. Fishery experts have concluded that the runs of salmon and steelhead spawning in the Deschutes watershed has a potential value, yearly, of \$2,200,000. Further, this river system might be expected to produce one-fifth of the entire Columbia river catch. The Deschutes dam would produce only 75,000 kilowatts which would amount to less than one per cent of the total produced in the Columbia basin.

The commercial fishery in Oregon is valued at \$17,000,000 annually and the sports fishing is well nigh immeasurable. These would be sacrificed if the power interests are allowed to carry out their complete program of dam construction.

We who are fortunate indeed to be living in one of the few remaining "garden spots" of the west should not be complacent about these vital questions but we should do what we can to save the last vestige of our wild life.

John Molino, fishing from the rocks in the ocean Sunday, landed a peculiar specimen of deep sea fish. It was fully four feet long and resembled, somewhat, a miniature dragon. Its large mouth held long, razor-sharp teeth and its dorsal fin was not unlike that of a sailfish. Its elongated body reminded one of a giant eel. Its identity was anyone's guess until someone produced a book of marine fishes and by examination the fish was determined to be a hand-saw fish. Its range is from southern California to Alaska and is usu-

ally found in at least 100 fathoms of water.

The fish has been frozen and may be served, along with cougar steaks, to the Grants Pass Cavemen, when these hardy souls pay a visit to Brookings soon.

Adventists Plan Missions Overseas

A medical center for Hiroshima and a mission headquarters for Guam will be financed by an offering in which members of the Brookings Seventh-Day Adventist church will participate, on Saturday, March 26.

About \$250,000 is sought in the one-day offering to be received in Adventists churches all over the world.

F. R. Millard, superintendent of the Japan Union Mission, in a message to the church, said that "the officials of the city are laying plans to make the new Hiroshima a model for Japan. They have encouraged us in plans for a center made up of a church, school and medical unit."

"Japan's great need is for a number of good hospitals," Millard continued. "Authorities are asking us to establish as many as possible, and we must definitely plan to build five more soon." The headquarters on Guam will organize work started by a Seventh-Day Adventist sailor who acted as an "impromptu" missionary for the church while stationed on the island in 1944.

"Japan is like a person trying to regain consciousness after a severe accident," declared Pastor Leo VanDolson. "Her needs are spiritual, mental and physical, and the Christian church must ministered to them all. It is alto-

gether fitting that Christian institutions of mercy should rise from the ruins and destruction of Guam."

Brookings church will also begin on March 26, its annual In-gathering drive for world-wide missionary work in an attempt to build ever more medical centers in Japan and to sustain and rebuild all their other missionary projects here in the United States and throughout the world.

"BAZAAR"

American Legion Auxiliary announces its forthcoming bazaar, March 19, 2 to 5 p. m. at Greyhound bus depot. There will be offered for your pleasure, home-made pies, cakes and candy, as well as hand-made items that'll delight you, either for yourself or for shower or birthday gifts. Prices reasonable. Come in and make a selection. adv

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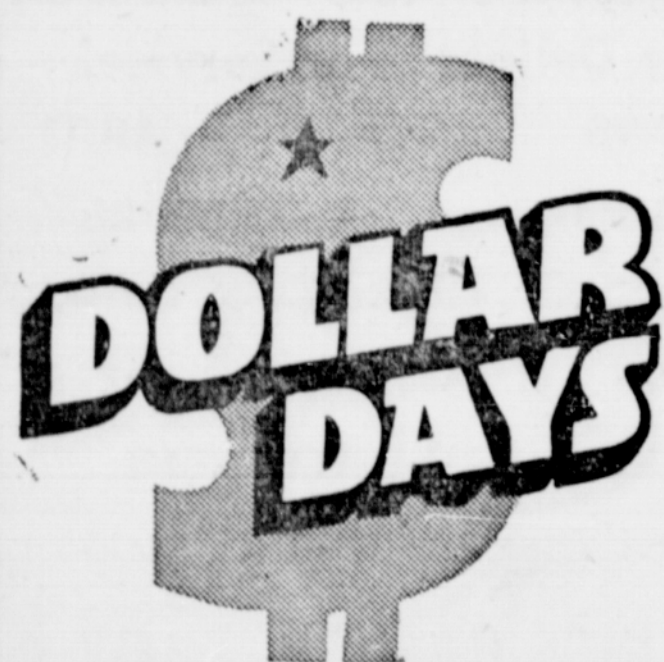
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