

SPORTSMEN'S COLUMN

Fishing news this week is like the rain, almost a minus quantity. Even the ocean is holding out on us like a home run artist in baseball trying for a bigger contract. The heavy run of silvers that called out so many boats last week (later count from a better vantage point put the figure at 62 rather than 47 reported last week) has moved on up the ocean leaving the "pickings" rather slim just at present.

Let's hope it's the lull before the big activity. There are lots of empty cans ready and waiting and willing hands to do the canning job against some nice eating come winter time.

A couple of youth from Medford in an effort to show their prowess as to fishermen to their respective girls, were really able to make good, for on finding that they could muster up enough jack to hire a boat for a couple hours, they set off up the Chetco and in the allotted time returned to Parker's dock with a 24-inch trout and a fine small salmon.

Or perhaps we could be content to practice the patience and economy practiced by the gentlemen from up the Chetco who daily at high tide comes put-putting down the river, always with a line to starboard, stopping at the beach near the mouth of the river and filling his boat with selected firewood, returning up the river with his finest lure flashing a trusty come hither to any lunking but gullible big boy of fishville. Strike or no strike the gentleman never returns home empty-handed.

Do you know Sandy White? Well, Sandy seems to be lost. Sandy is a dog living just above the Chetco bridge and since dogs can generally find their way home, if given their freedom, it is just possible that someone has him tied up. If someone wants to be a real good sport and make the dog and his mistress happy, he might some way give Sandy a lift toward home. Maybe Santa would reward such an act of kindness with a Christmas goose or something.

And speaking of, being good sports, and maybe good businessmen as well, for it may be for one of us that the life-saving respirator will be needed, but we

all should bend every effort to the procurement of this device which can be used in so many ways and may be needed on such short notice. Let's find out how we can help to get one to have available, for any emergency.

What is presumed to be the last meeting of the Rod and Gun club away from home was held Tuesday night at the Grange. All going well and unless some of the facilities continue unavailable the October meeting should be held in the new (or rather remodeled) clubhouse, overlooking the mouth of the Chetco. At the meeting some fine reports were made of the result of some of the active members at the two recent fairs. Good reports were also made by the building committees. Chief chef Goetz and his trusty lieutenants had a fine lunch for the boys. Those who were unable to attend the meeting really missed something.

A Feller Sez—

"One of the hard parts of the return from a vacation is the unpacking of that trunkful of stuff that had been crammed into a suitcase."

SMITH RIVER

Smith River Union School got off with a good start Monday for the opening of the fall term. On the teaching staff are: Mrs. Helen Tracy, principal and teacher of seventh and eighth grades; Mrs. Dorothy Hollingsworth, teacher of fourth, fifth and sixth grades; Mrs. B. L. Slater, teacher of the second and third grades. Mrs. Mary Ostrom will teach primary, when 24 beginners entered their first year. There is a total registration of 115, with several more to enroll later. Joe Reichlin is bus driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooley of North Hollywood, have returned home following a week's vacation spent here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hight, while renewing acquaintances with relatives and friends. Mr. Cooley visited the home ranch of his grandmother at Harbor. He is the son of the late William Cooley, pioneer Curry County rancher. The farm is now owned by Almo Newton, who operates a lily bulb farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hight and

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley spent a day going up Rogue River by boat to Agness, where Roy visited his cousins, Mrs. Sadie Pettinger and son, and other places of his childhood days.

Mrs. Jack VanZee was hostess for the teachers and officer of Gushchu and Smith River Sunday schools, held at her home on Wednesday afternoon, honoring Mrs. R. D. Rowley at a miscellaneous baby shower. A social time was enjoyed, with a pink and white crepe paper crib filled with dainty gifts, presented to Mrs. Rowley. Refreshments were served to conclude the afternoon. Guests included: Agnes Maris, Ida Hall, Ethel Goodlin, Elsie Rooney, Isabel Buckner, Kay Shafer, Betty McClish, Billie, and Barbara Hall, Lois Haight, Barbara Buckner, Bernice Coughlin, Louise Whipple and Etta Richards.

Miss Billie Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall, and a June, 1949, graduate of Del Norte High school, left Monday for Arcata where she will enroll as a freshman at Humboldt State College.

Supervisor Fred Haight accompanied his granddaughter, Becky Sue Thatcher, to her home at Palo Alto where he visited his daughter and family, and attend the state fair at Sacramento. He returned home Friday by Southwest airways.

Smith River Womens Club will hold its annual fall flower show and tea on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21 at the Community hall, with Mabel Maris as chairman. Various committees are working to make this flower show a success, many beautiful flower arrangements will be on display from gardens of members. There will be choice plants and bulbs offered for sale.

Post 712, American Legion, is sponsoring an Italian dinner to be served at the community hall Sunday evening, Sept. 18, from 5:30 to 9:30. Committee chairman, John Barnum is making arrangements. The dinner will be home-cooked and the price will be \$1.50 per plate. Proceeds from this dinner will go toward the Smith River Boy Scouts, in raising their quota for the Redwood district council for the year. All are urged to come.

Smith River P-T. A. will hold a social meeting Monday evening, Sept. 19, at the community hall at 8 p. m., with President, Warren Engdahl in charge. This will be a get-together meeting of all members, parents and friends to honor the teachers of the school. All are invited to attend to get acquainted.

Mrs. Lucy Martin of Eugene is enjoying a visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and Miss Evelyn. Mrs. Martin is a sister of Bill Wridge, of Brookings.

Gold Beach Council Had Busy Evening

GOLD BEACH—City council, at its meeting, Monday evening, passed on a number of rules and regulations along with considerable business affecting citizens of the town.

S. O. Newhouse advised the council that they could purchase a site at the mouth of Riley Cr. for a sewage disposal plant and this is now under investigation.

The Gold Beach-Wedderburn fire district was taken over by the city and city attorney, David Shaw, with councilmen Averill Walker and C. H. Young, are going to work out satisfactory arrangement and agreement with the people residing outside the district.

City marshal, H. Herron and city judge Hedderly were instructed to submit a parking system and loading zone time limit along the highway in the business district.

Harry Bruner resigned as building inspector and his resignation was accepted. No one has been appointed to his place at this time.

A deed from Bill Leith was presented, granting certain land for a street, but was not accepted because of the narrow width as all streets in the city are 40 feet or wider. Erection of light poles has commenced, along the main highway; 12 gas-electric lights will be installed and 24 more will be placed at intervals along side streets.

Councilman Hames brought up the telephone service as it appears there are many complaints about quality of service, particularly long distance, and inability to obtain phones, even of the older types. The advisability of re-opening public hearings with the public utilities was discussed but no definite action was taken.

Along Azalea Row

Azalea Garden Club members and guests and friends who journeyed down Smith River way on the garden tour list Thursday, found something of interest to everyone in Mrs. Mabel Maris' beautiful garden. Pencils in hand, notes were taken as members wound an admiring way through the dahlia beds, the lathe house and perennial garden. Of particular interest to this writer was the use and surprising variety of colors in Michaelmas daisies which blended so well with other autumn flowers. The tones of orchid, lavender and purple were carried through the smaller plants as well. Members mentioned the graceful espariered trees on the stucco house, and the flower box made from a hollowed log will no doubt serve as a model for many a garden club husband.

Mrs. Forest Dunham's home was next visited. Mrs. Dunham will soon be leaving Smith River community for Bandon, a loss deplored by the local ladies. Here was an old Australian weeping birch tree, with a history woven into Smith River early days. Mrs. Dunham is selling her planting

stock, acacia, grown from seed, fuchsias, tuberous begonias and camellias. She has a beautiful rose garden. Many members were well pleased to make purchases here and will probably return for more.

Mrs. Maris, Senior, a charming English woman, opened her 90-year-old home to garden club members who enjoyed a brief tour through the quaint old rooms and regretted that the swift passage of time prevented lingering to see and hear more of earlier days and garden history.

Mrs. Robert Maris, a collector of unusual plants, pointed out Arabian primroses in her garden, and with gracious hospitality served tea to garden club members and friends. The tour was enjoyed by all who participated. Guests included Mrs. Ernest E. Jones and Miss Lola Jones of Chicago, Mrs. Patton of Iowa and Mrs. Elton Smith of Denver.

Azalea Garden Club will meet at the usual place in October. Please come early for flower arrangement practice. All of you who read Dewey Akers' editorial in last week's Pilot will see the need for this and want to take advantage of the opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, recent letters from my daughters, busy mothers, as well as leaders and troop committee members in teh Girl Scout organization recall what fun it is to be a leader. Work and play with girls of that age is a great youth renewer, keeps the heart young and gay, and it's a natural for garden club members who enjoy outdoor activities. If you like to play games, want to stay young, and enjoy girls, try this sometime. I'm selfish, of course, the leader always gains much more than the girls. If you haven't a daughter and always longed for one, here is your opportunity, and if you are lucky enough to have a daughter scout age, it is a grand way to know well the other children in community and their parents. Are you feeling old and tired, Garden club member? Step forward and try this way of renewing your youth.

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