

Fisheries Director Caller, Gold Beach

GOLD BEACH—Dr. H. J. Rayner, chief of operations director of fisheries for the game commission, Portland, was principal speaker to a group of interested sportsmen and citizens Friday, here. The purpose of the meeting was to find out what the people want in way of improving regulations and to inform them of the progress and study being made of the Rogue River. The lower river is under H. E. Mastin, resident biologist, and the upper river is in the Grants Pass and Medford area, and is headed by Cole Rivers.

Dr. Rayner pointed out that the spring run of chinook in the Rogue is declining alarmingly, from 1942 to the present time. He listed as contributing causes, change in water conditions in the upper reaches of the river, irrigation, disease, off-shore trolling and mortality rate in the ocean. It will take time to correct these conditions and it is believed that if the spring run is to survive on the Rogue, limits will have to be reduced on the spring run as well as other immediate steps. The only rivers in the United States having the spring run of chinook are the Rogue, Umpqua, and Columbia.

It seemed to be the consensus of the meeting that the daily limit of two fish and maintaining the 20-fish for the season was fair but to eliminate the weekly limit. Very few realized the vast change in the water in the

TIME TO REDUCE THE WASTE LINE!



Rogue river during the past several years. With many of the tributaries being settled as well as along the main river, the pollution is a heavy contributor, the irrigation water running over the hot ground carries a great deal of bacteria as well as bringing water temperature up alarmingly. As to the dam, congress has not acted on any legislation and the earliest date would be 1953.

It was pointed out that the dams in the Sacramento river have revived the salmon run in that river. Letting the water out from the bottom of the dam lowered the temperature of the stream and also assures a more steady flow of water.

On a chart compiled by the game commission covering a period from 1942 to 1949 of spring salmon counts over the Gold Ray dam dropped from 43,429 to 20,000. The protegy from each year's run has shown a third decrease each year.

Some system of tagging with the license date punching may be included next year, according to resident biologist Masten. Data being compiled at the local station will be released as soon as completed. Studies are also being carried on as to the advisability of planting spring salmon in the Illinois river.

Dr. Rayner spent Saturday inspecting in this district before returning to Portland.

Swinneys Grow Potatoes Despite Dry Weather

People who doubt the ability of this area to produce potatoes should have seen the samples of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Swinney, of near Harris Park.

While digging a week ago, they kept account of a few hills, producing 36 potatoes weighing a few ounces more than 30 pounds. These potatoes were planted quite late and had practically no rain during their entire growing season. They were of an early variety, similar to early Rose except in color.

Skeet And Rifle Club Builds House

GOLD BEACH—The club house on the north side of the river is being completed according to Tom Ayers and Bill Sheppard, builders.

The building, 14x28, with a porch on ground leased from the Lloyd's Corporation, will serve as a club house. There is a skeet

range and at present a small range for rifles, with a regulation range soon to be constructed.

Every Sunday afternoon at 2, skeet shooters are busy. They are getting a team together for the purpose of challenging all comers.

A meeting will be called soon for purpose of organizing a local club, Mr. Ayers said. "Holiday" shoots are being planned.

Gold Beach Lays Sidewalks In Town

GOLD BEACH—Work on the paving and sidewalks around the court house and the next block south commenced this week by Baker Paving Co., Coos Bay.

This is a \$23,000 project, during which the streets will be graded, graveled and cement sidewalks and curbs will be poured this fall, according to James L. Baker, of the company.

Blacktopping of the streets will be completed in the spring. Storm sewers will also be constructed, eliminating the wet and slippery conditions prevailing every winter about this section.

Along Azalea Row

The slanting rays of the sun ripen the squash, but most of the fruits of our garden have been gathered and put aside for winter. It seems to me that Thanksgiving comes much too late. A golden brown day of mid-October is the right time. How much we all have to be thankful for here in this Brookings-Harbor area! God has surely been good to us!

It seems to me each one of us has something in our spiritual make-up, disposition, gifts of intellect or body which set us apart. It would be fun to name names, but you may just guess! We have a friend whom the years have treated so kindly. She will forever retain the air and grace of a true lady. Many a queen is not nearly so regal. Alas, so often ladies look like washer-women! And this dear soul is further blessed with talent which enables her to find in nature's most insignificant moss, tiny seed, or bit of brown grass, a beauty which she takes and fashions into so artistic a corsage or flower arrangement a city florist would envy.

For many years the Christian Science services have had her arrangements. Then there is another woman with a pleasant

singing voice and a way with young people. She works hard at home and holds down a job as well, many would say that's just enough for anyone to do. But she finds time to sing in the Baptist choir as well.

Nearly every household, too, has some treasured bit of silver, some fine old linen or piece of embroidery, a painting or an antique chair which has been removed here, so many miles from a railroad;

I've mused long enough about my neighbors, but I've been thinking that we shall all be called upon very soon to help put the All-Year Events Association across to a good start! The association met last week, and as you know, elected officers and directors and will meet again on Oct. 4 to plan the Hallowe'en parade and entertainment.

Having lived at one time, in Ardmore, Pa., a community which celebrated Hallowe'en in this manner, we are all for it! If we have children who will take part in the evening's pleasure, we shall certainly contribute. If we are adults interested in the Festival of Parade, here is our opportunity! If we are businessmen who find such activities profitable, of course we shall be solidly behind such an organization.

Recently for the 34th year, Santa Fe, New Mexico, celebrated *fiesta time*. Santa Fe,

like Brookings-Harbor, is miles from a railroad. A picturesque place of tourist interest, it has used the fiesta with great success. Scarcely a magazine of national interest but carried an accounts and pictures of the fiesta.

We've made a start now and we want to go on from here carefully but enthusiastically and really make something of our festival and parade.

Each of us has some talent to draw upon for our community—besides a dollar membership, you know!

Lewis County Picnic Set For Sunday, October 9

Former residents of Lewis Co., Wash., are invited to a Lewis Co. Picnic, set for Sunday, Oct. 9, at Bandon City park. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowman, former residents of that section, are in charge of arrangements.

A pot luck affair, all former residents of Lewis County are asked and urged to attend. Come early for a full day of visiting.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lehman and son, Sherman, of Dayton, visited briefly here Saturday en route to Palo Alto, Calif., where Sherman will enroll as a junior at Stanford University. They visited a daughter, Eileen, at Corvallis while on the trip.

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