

Port Orford Fish Co. Is "Canning"

PORT ORFORD—E. W. Fields has announced that the Port Orford Fish Co. cannery is now in full operation, canning crab for the first time this season, last Friday. Carl Fischer is the new manager with Mrs. Fischer as floor-lady and Jack Smith as the foreman.

The fishermen and cannery owners came to an agreement on prices early last week, based on the scale paid at Newport. During lulls in stormy weather several fishermen put out their pots and many more are planning to this week.

At the peak of the season the cannery will put out 100 to 150 cases each working day, according to Fields. He said that more pickers are needed. There are 30 now and the expected need is for 60.

Mr. Fischer has had 25 years experience in canneries and in custom canning. He is most recently from Cokelin, Wash.

Friday night the cannery owners invited all fishermen and their wives to a dinner party at Castaway lodge. Fields said that this was a long-time custom at their other cannery at Westport, Wash., and he hoped to make it a regular affair at the beginning of each season here.

Money Needed To Keep "Hunters" In Curry County

GOLD BEACH—Sheepmen of the county plan a meeting for Dec. 12, at the court house.

A shortage of \$1700 in the government hunter budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, was a problem of major concern to sheepmen at a meeting held here Tuesday. G. H. Hansen of the Fish and Wild Life Service gave a financial report showing the source of funds used in this work.

The shortage has been due to reduced federal appropriations and an increase in county appropriations over the state for matching by state funds. State appropriations have not been increased which makes it necessary to spread the matching money thinner. This has thrown an increasing tax responsibility on the counties, Hansen explained.

County Judge, Guy Forsythe, announced that no additional county funds could be made available to meet this deficit. R. M. Knox, treasurer of the Curry County Livestock Association, gave a report of finances, showing a paid membership of 36 for 1950. A balance of \$136 remained in the treasury after all expenses were paid. Most of this will be used for buying bait horses and paying hauling fees.

Sheepmen of Northern Curry headed by Robert McKenzie and Raymond Capps, Sixes, conferred during a recess in the meeting, and came back with a contribution of \$50 to \$100 each. The collection totaled \$575. These men were confident the remaining \$300 needed to hire their hunter for the remainder of the year, could be raised from other sheepmen in the county.

Harve Crook, president of the Curry County Livestock Association, stated that he would confer with his neighbors and arrive at a plan for southern Curry. Crook was the only sheepman present from the south end of the county.

Knox announced that sheepmen are already paying more than their share of the taxes in proportion to their income. This is due to the rough terrain of 90% of the so-called agricultural land in the county. It has no other productive use except for grazing.

Sheepmen of the county earned a gross income of about \$200,000 last year, whereas the bulb growers earned over a half million. According to the records in the county agent's office there are 121 sheepmen and 172 bulb raisers. Knox explained that it is of interest to everyone, especially those in support of school budgets, to protect the major tax-yielding industry of the county. Predators, or stray dogs are a constant threat to the small margin of profit enjoyed by the county sheepmen.

John Donaldson, Denmark, acted as chairman of the predatory animal control planning committee. He is chairman of the land use committee of the county.

The committee agreed on 16 coyote control stations: at Elk mountain, High prairie, Wild Horse, Eckley, Watches Butte, Eight Mile Prairie, Chetco Peak, Saddle Mountain, Sallal Springs, Sugar Loaf, Morrill range, Red Mountain Prairie, Signal Butte, Baker ranch, Calf ranch and the

Donaldson range.

Hansen suggested that game interests receive even more value from the control of predators than do sheepmen. He suggested that sportsmen should be approached to aid in financing the work.

Del Norte Court Denies DeMartin

CRESCENT CITY—Among the cases heard last week by Judge Samuel F. Finley, Del Norte Superior Court, here, was the case of Milton DeMartin, Winchuck stockman, versus Lawrence Johnson. DeMartin sought to restrain Johnson from ob-

structing the Winchuck River, which bounds their lands. Johnson alleged that he was not obstructing the Winchuck River.

The action centered on the point of Johnson being permitted to bulldoze slides off his road. There is a slope of several hundred feet actively engaged in anything edge of his land to the river. As Johnson cleared his road a few small rocks would roll into the river bed.

DeMartin's request for a restraining order had the effect of preventing Johnson from having a road into to his home. After hearing the case Judge Finley decided that Johnson had the right to clear his road from the slides and denied DeMartin's attempt to shut Johnson off from

his property. C. A. Degnan, local attorney, represented DeMartin. Johnson was represented by Gordon R. Weller of Gasquet and Ed F. Ackley of Brookings.

Trap Shoot Date Set For Sun., December 10

Another practice trap shoot is set for next Sunday at the club house by Chetco Rod & Gun club in preparation for the big ham and turkey shoot billed for Dec. 10, according to Merle Hanscam, in charge of arrangements.

Sportsmen of the whole are invited to come Sunday to practice that they may go away the following Sunday with either a ham or turkey for that big Christmas dinner.

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