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SPORTSMEN OPPOSE INCREASE IN LICENSES

Present Fishing Regulations Wasting Food Supply

The new law becoming effective May 21st, increasing the cost of hunting and fishing licenses from \$1 to \$1.50 each, is meeting strong opposition in this section.

It would be different if the sportsmen were getting more for their money than formerly, but in reality they are getting much less each year, for not only have the open seasons been shortened but the bag limits have been reduced.

The public realizes that the prime intent of the game and fish laws is to conserve the supply, but the present regulations are resulting in a hardship on the resident sportsmen and resulting in a big waste of valuable food, which in these days of high cost of living is an important matter.

In Oregon and in this rural section especially, the term sportsman, means the average resident, the majority of whom fish and hunt for both recreation and food supply.

As to the hunting locally, few sportsmen can get \$1.50 worth of pleasure or profit today, with only pheasants and deer to be hunted and both of these so protected by regulations that few hunters meet with success.

The open season on deer in this locality has always been too early in the year and now this has been shortened by two weeks and those two weeks taken from the best part of the season.

But the big complaint is against the laws regulating fishing. The laws today seem to favor the commercial fishing interests primarily, with the actions of the hatcheries doing more harm than good.

If the people of this district alone were allowed to catch, can and eat all of the salmon and steel-heads that each season go to waste in the streams of this section, it would materially reduce the high cost of living.

As it is now, the hatchery people so blockade the streams, in order to obtain a small supply of fish eggs for propagation, that few fish get up stream, where the angler might get his share, while thousands of salmon beat themselves to pieces and are wasted on the abutments or

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ALL CLEARED LAND SHOULD BE CULTIVATED

National Crisis Demands Increased Food Production

No phase of preparedness for the National crisis which we now are facing is of greater importance than that of the food supply. The present food shortage, with its attendant high prices, will be greatly intensified by the withdrawal of many producers who are being called into the military service.

With our entrance into the war, our obligations to furnish food to the allied nations will be greatly increased and we, the rural people of Oregon, must aid in meeting this situation and it can only be done by increasing the production and by more economical use of food.

In every state in the Union, united efforts are being made to utilize every available piece of ground, including the thousands of vacant city lots, the neglected acres on abandoned farms, the rights-of-way along railroads and even the street terraces and parkings.

This community has plenty of vacant land, especially within the limits of the City of Estacada, every inch of which should be made to produce this year, whether planted to potatoes or other vegetables or sowed to grasses or clovers.

A compliance with this demand is just as surely an indication of patriotism, as the more direct martial work in the military service. Aside from such added profit as is sure to come to the farmer for the next year or two, it is his duty as a true American citizen to do his share in helping the Nation, for the production of the food supply is the basis of all success and victories.

The several granges, clubs, women's organizations, church societies and schools in this community, should undertake this work now, obtaining permission to use vacant land and aiding in the planting and care of the produce.

Governor Withycombe recently stated "Each one should become a volunteer patriotic farmer this year and we believe that the most patriotic service that may be rendered by a large percentage of our population is to produce the maximum quantity from the soil the present year".

The Oregon Agricultural College has prepared a special series of pamphlets on poultry keeping, vegetable gardening, the economical use of food and canning foods, which may be had on application, or the News will obtain copies for any parties desiring same.

FOREST SERVICE REFUSES TO SELL TIMBER

Estacada Shingle Industry Handicapped By Ultimatum

The following letter, received by Messrs. Willis Cox and John Park of Estacada, relative to their application for a supply of cedar timber to be purchased from the Forest Reserve on the upper Clackamas, is a disappointing one and one which may result in a death blow to the proposed shingle mill in Estacada:-

United States
Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Oregon National Forest
Portland, Oregon, April 5, 1917.

Messrs. John Parks and Willis Cox,
Estacada, Oregon.

Gentlemen:-

The District Forester has disapproved your application for cedar timber on the Clackamas River on the grounds that cedar bolts should not be removed from a stand of merchantable saw timber, where the removal of the cedar will depreciate the other timber, and where an early sale of cedar has no extraordinary advantages. Moreover, since the cedar is not decadent, it can be most economically logged in conjunction with the fir and other surrounding timber. The district Forester also feels that a sale of this nature where only a small percent of the timber on the area involved is removed, materially increases the fire hazard on the timber which remains.

Very truly yours,
T. H. Sherrard
Forest Supervisor.

While it may be improper to question the decision of the Department of Agriculture, it looks as though the opening up of the valuable timber resources adjacent to Estacada will be held up for many years, unless the small lumber interests are allowed to buy on a scale, such as their finances will permit.

If the millions of dollars worth of fir, cedar and other trees in the nearby reserve are to be held until purchased in large blocks, it may be years before development comes and no incentive to build up an industry is given.

Experienced lumbermen have stated that much of the timber in the Reserve is decadent, dotey and past its prime, and if the above policy is adhered to much longer, it will result in a waste.

A systematic cutting of the ripe timber should begin now, but if it takes a million dollar lumber company to start the industry, Estacada and its limited means might as well look elsewhere.

Messrs. Cox and Park, who recently purchased the Bittner shingle mill on Clear Creek are still hoping to be able to locate in Estacada and obtain a supply of cedar from private lands adjoining the Reserve.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FILED

Nominations For Board Of Directors Submitted

Estacada's new industry will be called The Estacada Cooperative Cheese Association, this name having been decided upon at Monday's night's meeting of the subscribers of stock.

About sixty farmers and business men attended the gathering and took part in the many legal discussions and regulations governing the formation of such an association.

The final election of the Board of Directors, which had been advertised to take place at this meeting, had to be postponed until certain legal requirements had been fulfilled, as owing to the confusion and stress of soliciting stock subscriptions, certain legal formalities had been overlooked, but the delay will amount to little.

On Tuesday the Articles of Association were duly drawn up and signed by five of the business men, who have submitted same to the proper authorities and it is expected that within a day or two the proper credentials will be received from the Secretary of State to allow of further procedure.

The following nominations were made, seven of whom are to be elected at the next meeting as the permanent Board of Directors, the nominations having been made to allow the stockholders to decide on their selection prior to voting:-

Frank Ewing and J. A. Randolph of Viola; G. E. Lawrence, Ed Ficken, John Schenk and Barney Schonburg of Springwater; E. E. Saling, C. R. Lovell and R. H. Currin of Currinsville; J. C. Dues, Edward Shearer and R. E. Davis of Garfield.

This list is representative and the permanent Board of seven should comprise representatives from all sections.

Notice will be given within a few days of the stockholders meeting, when the election will take place and contracts will be let for the building, machinery etc. Detailed plans have been prepared for the building, which are being figured on by local contractors now.

As the law makes it necessary that 60% of the stock be subscribed and 25% paid in and in as much as about \$1600. has already been subscribed to be paid in on call, it was voted to reduce the total \$4,000. capitalization to \$2500.

If present plans carry, the cheese factory here should become a working reality within from four to six weeks.