

Out-of-Doors Stuff

By LANS LENEVE

It will not be many years until trout fishing in Southwestern Oregon will be a thing of the past. Each year sees more anglers along the streams and, with the ending of the war, there will be not only the lads from overseas added to the present army of anglers but there will be hundreds upon hundreds of tourist fishermen from other states added to the list.

It is going to take a lot of hatchery-raised trout planted in our various streams and some good judgment shown regarding stocking and closing "feeder streams," in order to furnish any decent fishing. Artificial propagation, or rather planting, can never take the place of natural spawning and when a stream is depleted of its native trout, it is almost an impossibility to ever bring it back to normal fishing conditions again. And for that reason, the small feeder creeks—the small streams flowing into the larger trout streams—should be closed. If not closed entirely they should be closed near their head waters at least, thus giving what trout that succeed in

making their way to the spawning beds a chance to hatch their eggs.

Ten years ago when the limit was 50 on trout, this writer stood at the head of one riffle on the north fork of the Coquille river and caught the limit within a short time. All from one angle riffle. And that was just one stream that would yield the limit from one or two, or three good riffles. It was that sort of fishing in practically all the trout streams in Coos county if an angler "knew his onions." We honestly believe that if every purchaser of an angler's license was an experienced fisherman that the streams would be entirely fished out within a few days of the opening of the season. However, angling is like a lot of professions, inasmuch as the greater majority of fishermen lack a lot of being experts. Luck does not enter the picture on a trout stream. The fisherman with the full creel really knows his stuff and did not catch the limit by merely being lucky.

Just to prove this fact, how many of you have ever seen a beginner casting a fly that ever caught more trout than an expert fisherman? Sitting in a boat and trolling, the novice stands as good a chance as the next fellow if the salmon are striking. But when it comes to matching wits with native trout on a mountain stream, the beginner hasn't a look-in with the old timer. So don't let anyone kid you into believing that the expert angler is a lucky cuss. He simply has the experience behind him that enables him to match wits with the trout and go them one better, for over a long period of time the angler acquires many tricks.

It is rather galling for a man to confess that a trout is smarter than he, the man is. But this is a fact in a lot of cases. The trout outfoxes the angler, instead of the angler fooling the trout.

Hatchery trout do not possess the cunning of a native trout. The former are fed by hand up until the time that they are liberated. They will accept any old sort of lure tossed them by an angler. While on the other hand, a trout spawned in a mountain stream is endowed with that instinct of self-preservation that seems bestowed upon all fish, as well as animals, that are reared in their natural habitat. Founded upon these facts, we base our contention that if this state must resort to artificial propagation and allow the logging industry, by use of splash dams, to destroy the spawning beds of trout and block the salmon run up our streams, while at the same time allowing every small stream in the state to be left open to angling, it will not be long until our trout fishing is a thing of the past.

We contend that if timber is valuable enough to be logged in the first place, that it should be either trucked out or brought out by rail and that our beautiful trout streams should not be sacrificed in the process. When the timber is cut from the landscape, naught remains but a shambles as it is, but with the coming of a new growth and if the streams are not choked with debris, the larger streams will survive and not dry up entirely and will continue producing native trout. But if these same streams are splash damned (and we do mean "damned") it means the end of natural propagation in them.

After all, our beautiful streams are one of our greatest assets and especially so when their waters contain our native trout. They should be preserved by all means.

Arago News Items

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lillie, last Wednesday evening in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Miss Glenda Lillie, who was 17 years old, and also in honor of the birthday of Miss Maxine Willson, who was 18 years old. A very lovely time was enjoyed by all and the hostess, Mrs. Lillie, served cake and jello to the following guests: Mrs. A. B. Crawford, Misses Thelma and Nola Crawford, Evelyn Leeper, Maxine Willson, Glenda Lillie, Pamela and Maureen Evans, Messrs. Jimmy Scott, Gerald Gauer, Junior and Darwin Gulstrom.

Mrs. O. H. Aasen left Wednesday for Portland, where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Haberly; her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Little, and brother, John Haberly, of Aloha, Oregon. She plans to be away for about two weeks.

Howard and Harold Neidigh were Thursday overnight guests of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Robison.

Rev. M. G. Blickenstaff, of the Brethren church in Myrtle Point, conducted the regular Sunday morning church service. Sunday school followed with an attendance of 29. There will be services again next Sunday, preaching at 10 a. m. and Sunday School at 11 a. m.

Choir practice will be held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAllister at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barklow and Mrs. Ida Myers were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butler, on Hall's Creek.

Mesdames Wayne Woodward, Stanley Halter, Lawrence Barklow, Ida Myers and Albert Lillie were last Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, of Myrtle Point.

Gus Schroeder and his sister, Mrs. Ella Langor, of Powers, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Melden Carl accompanied her mother, Mrs. W. E. Cross, and her brother, Wallace Cross, to Roseburg last Saturday on business. Douglas Carl stayed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl, while his mother was away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl and grandson, Douglas, visited at the home of Levi Snyder and daughter, Pearl and Ruby, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sell and Mitchell were Tuesday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Widmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myers, of Myrtle Point, were Friday evening callers at the home of Mrs. Ida Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dority and Kenneth, of North Bend, spent the week-end at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kellison and Bobby came in from Sutherlin Saturday evening and spent the week-end at their home in Arago. They returned to Sutherlin again Sunday morning. Mrs. Kellison is going to help with the cooking in camp for a while until they can get other help.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller and Orvus, Jr., of the North Fork, were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Avon Wilcox were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

Mrs. Ward Evans and Mrs. Chester Willson left Monday morning for Portland where Mrs. Willson went for a medical examination at a Portland clinic. They will be gone most of this week.

The regular monthly Missionary meeting was held last Tuesday afternoon at the church with Mrs. Tyrrell Woodward and Mrs. Wayne Woodward in charge of the program for the afternoon. Opening song was "Throw Out the Life-line." Scripture reading by Mrs. Tyrrell Woodward was followed by the song, "I Love to Tell the Story." The Ladies group sang a special number, "It Is Wonderful to Me." An article, "Hell's Builder," was read from the White Ribbon Review by Mrs. S. C. McAllister. The speaker for the afternoon was Jake Moomaw, who gave a very interesting talk, after which the meeting closed with another song and prayer by Mrs. Ward Evans. There was a short business meeting. Mrs. J. D. Carl and Mrs. Chas. Griffith were hostess for the afternoon. Those attending were Mesdames Tyrrell Woodward, Wayne Woodward, Ward Evans, O. H. Aasen, Ida Myers, Stanley Halter, Lawrence Barklow, Albert Lillie, J. D. Carl, Charles Griffith and Mary, S. C. McAllister, Lizzie Lett, Emil Peterson, Chloe Willson and Jake Moomaw.

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Bare Facts From Bear Creek

"The Column that's Different" (By Lans Leneve)

Sorry we overlooked mentioning the fact that we had "Sunshine" on "The Crick" over Easter. Kathryn Devereux was down from her school at Portland.

At Yalta the "Big Three" met—Russia, Great Britain and Franklin D. Roosevelt. At that conference, while referring to the United States, ("we the people"), it was ME and I voiced by F. D. R. He stated that what was created at that conference, the words agreed upon, etc., that "I didn't go as far as I wanted to in certain areas." In other words "The Big Three" met—Russia, Great Britain and President Roosevelt—the three great powers. You and me—"we the people"—were not mentioned, coming under the heading of The United States of America. It was "me and I" as Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Figure it out for yourself. Personally, we do not like that ME and I business and in stating this, we are speaking not as an opponent of The New Deal, but as a citizen of the U.S.A. who still believes in the voice of "we the people," and that our future destiny should be guided by such a voice; that when world peace and world affairs are discussed at secret conferences that it should be the voice of America speaking as a whole and referred to as such and not just one single individual. For right or wrong, we stand together—"we the people."

We admire F.D.R. for his evident love of Fala for it shows a warm human trait. But we do not like his self-assuming attitude of being the "big me" in world affairs. We are for F.D.R. all the way in his stand for an ever-lasting peace, but in our very minor way (and there are without doubt millions more like us), we should like very much to be counted in as an American citizen. In other words let us have "we the people" at the final commerce instead of "Me and I."

Graydon Haga made his second trip to Portland for his army physical exams. He was reclassified and from now on will be pulling tests instead of triggers, as he is one of our enterprising dairymen of this district.

Willis Van Leuven's finger is back in working order after a siege of infection.

Frank Culver "hibernated" for several days with a case of the flu. The Boswell family is quartered in the Domenighini house near Bear Creek, while their house is under-

going repairs. They recently purchased the old Carey place on Lampa Creek. They are a very welcome addition to this neighborhood. The daughter, Lois Jean, is attending Coquille high school. "Don't Be Saps, Deport The Japs."

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