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## Out Door STUFF...

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We have received a lot of favorable comment regarding the stand we have taken regarding the proposed erection of power and irrigation dams on our Oregon streams and especially the proposed Rogue river dams. Relative to this subject a very interesting letter was received from Aaron Smith, a resident of Butte Falls, Oregon.

Mr. Smith writes concerning his own personal observation of various dams. Speaking of Ray's dam we should like to quote a paragraph of his letter, viz: "took a look at Ray's dam and saw eleven out of about fifty make the top. If anybody would take a look below such dams and see the thousands of salmon struggling to reach their spawning grounds we wouldn't have to wonder at the shortage of fish. And the Savage Rapids dam—they won't let the public even look. Why?" (unquote).

We, too, should like to know why the public is not allowed to take a look-see at Savage Rapids dam dur-

ing the migration of salmon. However we have our suspicions regarding the matter. There is no question on earth but that the erection of dams such as the splash dams upon the streams of Coos county are directly responsible for the shortage of trout in various streams today. The fish ladders that were installed in most cases were for the purpose of getting by with the law and of little assistance in allowing the salmon to get past the obstruction.

The fish congregated in great numbers at the foot of these dams and many times the dams were opened and thousands of logs came thundering down upon the salmon. In addition to this, the fish were gilled, gaffed, speared with pitchforks and even killed with clubs as they fought to surmount the dams. Continuous splashing washed away the spawning beds as well. Yes, there is no question regarding the fact that the splash dams rate as public enemy number one so far as the destruction of fish are concerned.

Few splash dams are now operating, but the damage has already been done and regardless of artificial propagation, the erection of more and more hatcheries, the time will never come that the trout and salmon in our streams will be as plentiful as they were before the advent of the splash dam.

Outside trolling is taking a huge toll of salmon at the present time. The great schools of migrating salmon are taken by the thousands of tons each day of the season by outside trollers.

Another old timer has passed on; a good sportsman was Sam Sherwood, the man of whom we write. During our kid-days we stood shoulder to shoulder with Sam at the traps in competition shooting throughout this county. He and I were two of the team of twelve Coquille gunners that composed the team of shooters from that town. We engaged in shoots for various prizes which included cash, banquets and merchandise. In those days each town in the county had a twelve-man team and each week or so they would meet at the traps in competitive matches.

We recall a time that our team was matched against Marshfield on the old fair grounds at that town. The losing team was to supply a banquet for the winners at the Chandler Hotel. Incidentally we won the match. After the match was over each shooter of the two teams put a couple of dollars apiece into a pool, which was then shot for in a 25-bird match. The high man took the largest percentage, second high his percentage and the third high his.

Sam Sherwood had his shooting eye that day and tied for first place with three Marshfield men. They were to shoot off the tie. Sam walked over and looked the score book over. He studied the various scores carefully, took his place on the firing line with the other three shooters. The rules governing the shoot-off were that the first man to miss was out of the race for first place, and the next miss was also disqualified and so on until the shooter that remained without having missed took the first money.

To the surprise of everyone, with the exception of his own self, Sam missed the first bird and was eliminated from the competition for first money, but in doing so, and owing to the fact that the other three shooters all broke their first birds, he by his previous score that had given him an opportunity to shoot for first money, automatically dropped him into second money and tied with no one. So Sam walked away with second money by using his head, while on the other hand the other three tied shooters blasted away several dollars worth of ammunition and when two of them were finally eliminated they found themselves holding the sack, for shrewd old Sam had been the first to drop to second place and he took that part of the pool.

Ill health had kept Sam from the marshes for many years, but in his day he was an ardent duck hunter, a good wing shot and an all 'round good sportsman—good natured, likeable and noted for his wit. It was a pleasure knowing this old sportsman and whenever we happen to think of him it is always with pleasurable memories. Happy landing and good huntin', Sam.

Each season sees some old timer missing from the fields and marshes or the trout streams but like Sam Sherwood, though departed they are often recalled to memory, for old friends of the woods, the streams and the marshes are never forgotten.

## Fisherman 'Swims' In Loon Lake At Norway

By Mrs. Darrell Brodie  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Huston went to Loon Lake the week-end of Aug. 9th., and they reeked a good catch of fish.

Don Huston wanted to go swimming so he jumped in (or fell in) with his clothes on. The party fished quite a while for Don's fishing pole and finally

caught it. A good time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Porter of Coquille were Thursday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Ganser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCloskey and guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCloskey, spent Aug. 12 and 13 at Gold Beach, fishing on the Rogue river.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Goodman were callers last week of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Clay and Judy spent several days at Grants Pass and Medford camping.

Mrs. John T. Norton and son, Johnnie, of Burns, are visiting her mother and brother, Mrs. La Vina Finley and Jim Agostino, of Coquille, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Brodie, for two weeks. Mrs. Brodie and sons and Mrs. Norton spent last Tuesday in Coos Bay, Florence Hallock, Cora Mackey, Ida Oerding and her sister, Elynor, at a ham dinner Wednesday afternoon.

The annual Elks picnic was held in the Norway grove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Detlefsen of Myrtle Point were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schmidt last week.

Myrtle Point Grange held their annual picnic at the Norway park Sunday, Aug. 9, with an attendance of 120. A good time was had by all.

Jack O'Sullivan and sons John and Jerry, of Myrtle Point and Cliff Shear enjoyed a chicken dinner Sunday, Aug. 10, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hughes of Roseburg were guests of Finley Schroeder last week. They spent one night with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen of Bunker Hill and the next night with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner of Coquille before returning to Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross were Saturday, Aug. 9, evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Schroeder drove to Powers Sunday, Aug. 10, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hubbard and children. The Hubbard's came back with her parents and after shopping Monday in Coquille, they returned to Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rylander and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schroeder of Myrtle Point entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Miller and son, Danny, of Washington, Thursday.

Frank Haney has started construction on a garage back of his home.

Linda Hatcher is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Don Ross, this week, while her mother is in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Schroeder were Saturday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Claver.

Luella Smith of Portland has been visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross; also her mother, Mrs. Fanny Ross of Coquille.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson and family were Saturday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Claver.

The Norway school house is being painted inside this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Yarbrough, who were married two weeks ago at St. Monica's in Coos Bay, returned from their honeymoon in Portland and are at home in their place above the Norway school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirksey and granddaughter, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Grant, left for Klamath Falls last Tuesday after an enjoyable time at Bandon beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hamilton of Gaylord were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rylander were last Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leatherman of Fairview, who were also entertaining their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Miller and son, Danny, of Washington, D. C., and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leatherman of Coquille. Mrs. Miller was formerly Julia Merle Leatherman.

Mr. Davenport took Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gossen and family and Mrs. Larmon and daughter, Violet Gossen, to Bandon beach Sunday.

Miss Bonnie Young and Elwood Young of Redmond, Oregon, were recent Sunday guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Darst, who came to Norway from Cave Junction near Grants Pass to work for Einer Neilson have several puppies and would like to give them away.

Joselyn Norris returned home Tuesday from a visit at Reedsport and her cousin, Shirley Norris, came with her for a few days' visit.

Howard Hanceck is giving his home a beautiful coat of grey paint trimmed with white and a red roof.

Gwendolyn Simmons of Coos Bay was a Wednesday visitor at the Ed Brodie ranch to visit her great grandmother, Vesta Soper, and her grandmother, Ida Soper, and her aunt, Mrs. Ed Brodie.

Donald McLeod spent Sunday, Aug. 10, fishing over the bar at Bandon, but fishing wasn't good as no one out was catching them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCloskey returned to their home in San Francisco Sunday, Aug. 10, after spending two weeks at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCloskey, and with other relatives.

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