

EDITORIALS

Guest Editorial . . .

SHALL WE LOSE OUR OFF-SHORE FISHING?

(Editor's Note: Due to the highly controversial river closure measure on the November 2nd ballot, we have asked Francis E. Sell, noted out-of-doors writer of Coos county, to present his side, and that of the commercial fishing interests on the measure. We will welcome an editorial from the proponents of the bill to be run in this column.)

Oregon voters have a momentous decision to make on the River Closure Measure in November. The decision, stripped of its legal phraseology is simply this: Shall we deliver over to California our offshore salmon fishery, or shall we retain this stable industry as part of our own economy?

Here are the sections of the River Closure measure which provides for just such disruption of our offshore salmon fishery:

SECTION 1. "No person, except as provided in section 2 and 3 of this Act, shall take or attempt to take any salmon or trout from the waters of any stream which empties into the Pacific Ocean south of the mouth of the Columbia River, or from the tributaries of any such stream or from waters within a radius of three miles from the center of the mouth of such stream, by any manner other than hook or line, commonly called angling.

Is there any three mile section of Oregon coast without a stream of some kind emptying into the ocean? No!

That provision effectively closes all inshore water to commercial trolling within the three mile limit. No troller can come within this limit without violating this act, if he has commercial fishing gear aboard. This is specifically forbidden by Section 4 of this Act—"No person shall have in his possession on any waters subject to Section 1 of this Act, any commercial fishing device capable of taking salmon or trout, except such as may be lawfully used during any lawful open season for the commercial catching of shad or striped bass in Coos Bay or on the Coquille, Umpqua and Siuslaw rivers . . ."

This unwholesome provision would make it utterly impossible for any troller to lawfully make port in such harbors as Bandon, Coos Bay, or Winchester Bay, because all

such waters are specifically closed under Section 1 of this so-called conservation measure. Southwestern Oregon's offshore salmon catches would have to be landed at Crescent City, California; North shore catches at Astoria.

Suppose a troller ran into Bandon to harbor before a storm, when a southwester was on the make. Under Section 7 of this Act, this would be a direct violation. For all law enforcement officers are authorized to "Seize and take into his possession any fishing device, including boats, automobiles and such, used or possessed in violation of this Act."

One marvels at the intemperance of this measure. It is not even remotely connected with true conservation. Is it possible that it was written with the deliberate intention of delivering our coastal fishery to California? After all, one of its chief sponsors is a recent arrival from California.

This measure deserves an emphatic No in November.

Have Fun, But Take It Easy (Contributed)

Several persons have died and others have been wounded in this year's still young hunting seasons.

There have been two major sources of suffering and death this year, and they are the same villains that appeared last year and in many former years. They are heart attacks and gunshot wounds.

This year more persons have died from heart attacks while hunting than in any previous year. The cause seems to be much the same, however, as in previous years. Persons who are not used to the exertion involved in hunting do not realize their own limitations. Long, hard hikes coupled with the excitement of bagging a deer can spell doom. Only the hunter himself can prevent such occurrences.

Our other group of accidents involved with the hunting seasons is traceable to the hunter for prevention.

Gunshot woundings started early in Oregon this year, in fact the first accident of the year took place in January of 1954. If past records are any indication, the last one may take place in December of 1954.

Many persons believe that because the deer season is over, the danger of being wounded while hunting is also over. Again referring to the past records, we find this belief is not true. Each year, many persons are wounded while hunting game with a shotgun.

The fact that many policing agencies use shotguns for guard work testifies as to their destructiveness. The shotgun must be treated with respect.

There is only one person who goes hunting who can prevent hunting accidents. That person is the individual hunter. By knowing his own limitations and handling his weapon with the respect it is due, every hunter can keep the accidents at a minimum and perhaps have a life, maybe his own.

Broadway Comes To Coquille

Coos county is singularly fortunate in having a fine Concert association series and such club presentations as the Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers. The latter, a famed group of Old Russian dancers and singers, will be in Coquille on Sunday afternoon, November 14th, at three o'clock.

The Don Cossacks have thrilled millions in their long history of sterling performances and are being brought to Coquille under the auspices of the Coquille Rotary Club.

We predict that Coos-Curry residents will pack the community building to take advantage of the fact that Broadway is coming to Coquille.

WILL HE LOSE THE BALL?



Douglas Court Backs New Road To Oregon Coast

Roseburg (Special)—The Douglas county court has put its support behind a highway route following the Umpqua river from Roseburg to the ocean.

County Judge Carl C. Hill and Commissioner L. V. Beckley told the Roseburg chamber of commerce that they and Commissioner

George Burr told The Sentinel today that he was waiting for more information before making any statements concerning the latest development on the road-to-the-sea question. "It looks like everyone has an idea of where the road should go," he said, "and it will probably be up to the highway commission in the end."

E. R. Metzger will back a water-grade highway roughly following highway 225 between Sutherlin and Elkton and highway 38 from Elkton to Reedsport.

Their choice is in preference to three other paths between Roseburg and the southern Oregon coast port area advanced here and in Coos county during the past few weeks. Those three plans would either call for improvement of highway 42 between Winston and Coquille; for development of a new freeway on the line of the old Coos Bay wagon road; or for building of a highway past Melrose and Lander Lookout, west of here, and following the Coos river to the bay area.

Beckley said the water-grade improvement would cost about \$2,500,000 compared to between \$12,000,000 and \$14,000,000 for development of any of the other three routes. The work, as proposed, would be done with state highway department money. Highways 225 and 38 both are state highways.

The county court's decision follows writing of a petition to the state highway commission by the chambers of commerce in Roseburg and Coos county. That petition requests construction of a freeway on the "most feasible route" between the coast port area and Diamond Lake.

The court's stand on completion of the North Umpqua highway be-

tween Roseburg and Diamond Lake remains unchanged. The road there is paved to Rock Creek, 10 miles east of Glide, and construction is nearing completion to Steamboat, 40 miles east of Roseburg.

Lutheran Church Starts New Class

Another of the informative and inspirational Adult Instruction classes at the Faith Lutheran Church will start Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p. m. It was announced today by Pastor Norman Orth.

Question and answer time is allowed during the classes which

are designed for a systematic study of the Christian Faith.

The classes are offered at no cost to those attending. A commitment to membership in Faith Church is not expected from those who attend. Following the first class this Thursday evening, the members of Faith church are planning a short get-acquainted time, at which time refreshments will also be served. The classes will be held on successive Thursday evenings at 7:30. Faith Church is located at 10th and N. Central Blvd., in Coquille.

SHERRIL HATCHER GIVEN COLLEGE POST Sherril Hatcher, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hatcher of Coquille, has been selected as a copywriter for "The Sphinx", the yearbook at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, where she is a second-year student.

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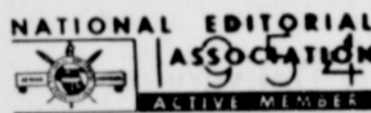
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Builders Must Give Year's Warranty On GI Loan Houses

Builders who desire to sell a house on a GI loan now are required to give veteran-purchasers a one-year warranty that their homes have been constructed in "substantial conformity" with Veterans Administration approved plans and specifications.

The one-year warranty is required on all houses on which VA issued a certificate of reasonable value on or after October 1, 1954, and is made mandatory under the Housing Act of 1954, adopted by the 83rd Congress. This law stipulates that all new housing purchased with the aid of VA or Federal Housing Administration guaranteed or insured loans must carry the warranty.

The warranty does not apply to existing homes which have been occupied for more than a year.

Builders or sellers of new housing will be required to give each veteran-purchaser a warranty, and a copy of the warranty on which the veteran has acknowledged receipt, must be forwarded to VA

by the lender before VA will guarantee or insure the loan. Notice of any "substantial non-conformance with plans and specifications" must be given by the purchaser of the house to the warrantor within one year from the date the veteran takes title, or the house is initially occupied, whichever is earlier.

VA said the terms of the warranty will run to successors or transferees in event the property changes hands prior to the expiration of the warranty.

VA emphasized that the one-year warranty is in addition to

any other rights and privileges a purchaser or owner may have under any other law or instrument. It will be up to the purchaser, VA said, to enforce his rights under the Warranty.

Question of the Week

Q. Is it possible to get a loan on a GI term insurance policy?
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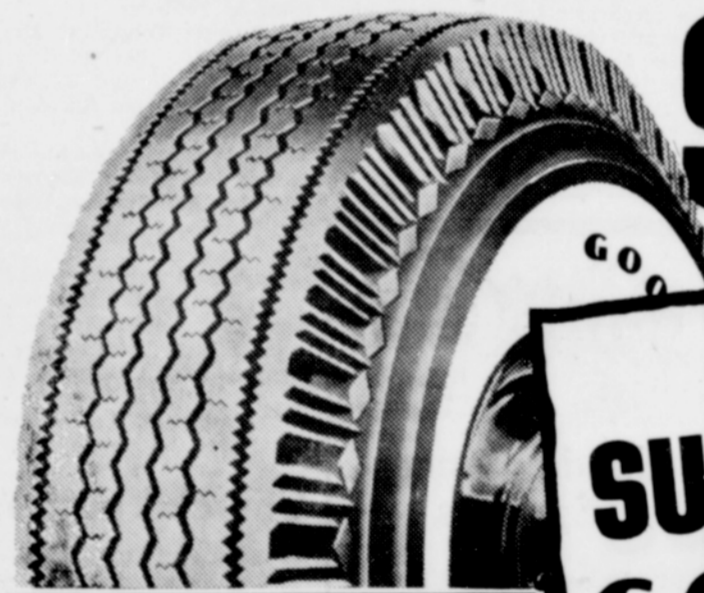


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