

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

For the first time in the past few years there are not so many salmon snappers this year. For some reason they must have got scared. Well, I am glad anyway but I have another bone to pick and that is poor fish screens in all of the irrigation dams in the county. A month ago, I went up on the Big Applegate for a fishing trip, on which trip I have very good luck in catching the limit. Well, there was a dam on the Carberry creek and the ditch runs along Big Applegate creek for perhaps a mile or two. Out of curiosity I fished in that ditch and was really much surprised to get some strikes. So using a little more care in fishing, I caught half a dozen averaging from 5 to 7 inches. I would have caught 50 in one hour of fishing if I had wanted to, out of that irrigation ditch.

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And to think that a prominent rancher, (I believe his name is Kubli), claims that there are no fish in the Applegate and the dams are not hurting the trout in any way. But gee, millions of fish are wasted by going down that one irrigation ditch to end up somewhere on the farm land to die. And it is our money with which we buy the fishing licenses that is being used to raise trout at the hatcheries to restock all creeks of the state, and which is being wasted too. I wish a game commission member could come down and force Mr. Kubli to close that dam up for one day and then go down along the irrigation ditch where he will see thousands of trout in the ditches and I would not be surprised that there are not only thousands, but millions. There is another case of no fish screens on one of the best fishing creeks of the county, South Fork of Little Butte Creek, that fine fishing creek is practically ruined by the lack of the screen. And I can prove it easy too.

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Last Sunday Stanley Jones and I were on our way to my sister and

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her husband's place to help them do some work on their ranch. This side of Lake Creek postoffice, I noticed that there was more water in the creek than usual and I figured that the dam must have been broken or something. So as you know there is a big irrigation flume above the road. We stopped there to see if there was any water in the flume. There must have been at least one inch of water running down. Well, in about 10 yard distance I found perhaps from 50 to 100 little trout that were not over 2 inches long and about 25 to 50 over 6 inches. When I go up to the next ten yard, I found about the same number of trout in that space. Then you figure it out as to how many trout there are. I believe from that point of the road where the big flume crosses over the road to the dam is about a mile and a half or two miles in distance. Figure it out, there must have been thousands of trout between those two points and they are all going down that ditch to end up somewhere on the farm lands. So at last I realized that it was not the case of so many fishermen in that little creek, it was just the lack of the fish screens in all of those irrigation dams that are ruining one of the best fishing streams in the state.

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So, come on sportsmen, we got to do something about that, to force the game commission to get into action and to see that all farmers must put in the screen and see that they keep them in good working order. It is a little hard for me to realize but they told me that the fish screens at the Little Butte Creek dam are just a farce to cover whatever the law demands. Gosh, it makes me sick.

WRESTLING NEWS

Otis Clingman, the stocky and popular gladiator from Amarillo, Texas, almost broke Sailor Dick Trout's neck in the armory last Monday night to win the main event before another screaming, excited mob of ladies' nighters who jammed the place from stem to stern.

It was the lone fall of the match, and so stunned was Trout by the terrific pile-driver that he was unable to leave the ring for fully 10 minutes. In fact, he was out cold for five minutes and it took the combined efforts of both seconds, the referee and Clingman, using cold water in large quantities, to bring him back to life.

Toots Estes spoiled the homecoming of Sgt. Bob Kenaston in the middle event by taking a one-fall verdict in the third round on a foul.

In the opener Bobby Wagner took a two out of three fall verdict from Bulldog Jackson.

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SOFTBALL NEWS

Last week, facing the toughest schedule of the season Faber's came through with flying colors when they won three games of the week, the first time they have successfully won three in a row.

In the first game played Tuesday they amply revenged a 10-9 defeat by Older Men in the earlier season when they crushed Older Men 12-5. As a whole Faber's played brilliantly in fielding and at batting.

Wednesday night for the first time this year Faber's players went wild on their hitting and scored at will to crush Copco, leader of the league, 11 to 1. Bill Askwith lead the hitting parade with 4 hits in 4 trips and A. Pinkham came next with 4 hits in 5 trips. Bill Landers, pitching the finest game of the season, held Copco to 3 hits—one of them proved to be a homerun.

Friday night Faber's crushed Huson's 11 to 5 with the entire team playing brilliantly at fielding and playing their first game of the season without any error. Pink O'Connor made some sensational catches back of the second base when he was forced to go out after the ball and caught it over his head. The strain of pitching 3 games in a week told on Landers as he eased up in the last inning after his team has produced 11 to 2 lead. But Bill retired the side after Huson's made three more runs.

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teams in the league, but Faber's is expected to come through with flying colors.

Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday they will play their final schedule of the season when they tangle with Catholic Men and Eagles. To all of the Central Point residents, it is requested that they all come enmasse to the high school stadium to root for Faber's team as it may be the last chance they will have in seeing this fine bunch of players.

Climax News

Frank Hurst had the misfortune to fall from his barn Monday and is suffering from severe shoulder bruises.

Floyd Charley of Brownsboro has been gathering cattle here which are to be taken further into the mountains to pasture.

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Gene Winningham has helped L. H. Wertz hay the past week.

Floyd Jones of Medford is visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Hurst.

Robert Hill of Ashland is a guest of Charles Kinney this week.

Mr. Ted Kinney left Monday to resume his work at a Medford mill after spending the past week putting up hay on his ranch here.

Mrs. Charles Jantzer and son Carl were guests at the Lester Wertz home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst motored to Medford Saturday.

L. H. Wertz and daughter Norma Jean salted cattle on Grizzly mountain Sunday afternoon.

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