

### Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

My humblest apologies are extended to the state game commission when I roasted them last week regarding the method of using the game birds that they raised, to test the hunting qualities of the bird dogs. You see I did not hear the true story till Jim Ross told me last Friday. He stated that it was a private company that raised the birds for that purpose. So that left the commission in much better light but I suppose that I should have roasted them some more for allowing such things as that kind of bird dog field tests to cruelly slaughter game birds.

I am greatly handicapped in one way because of my hearing, which is the biggest reason why I have never been able to attend many of the big happenings around here in the valley. If I had been possessed of good hearing, I would have been at the sportsmen's meeting last Thursday and really stated what I think of the club room as recommended by some men here.

To have a club room for our sportsmen's club is very fine thing to have but to me it is a bigger mistake to have one now with one of the smallest membership rolls we have had since the club's foundation. The idea of having a club room with only 25 members and sometimes at a meeting there would only be eight or ten members attending.

What I do not like is the cost of the club room. The rent is \$4.00 per month and \$1.00 for lights and wood which is plenty cheap. But when you add that up for the year, the cost is \$60 per year. Well, that \$60 might be needed a great deal for other work in the conservation of the game life or fish work.

Look at the Rogue River Sportsmen's club. They have a far larger membership than our club has, yet do they have a club room? No. They hold only such meetings as are absolutely necessary and hire halls. They do not attempt to hold a meeting every month or week. They just put all their important subjects into as few meetings as possible and

save all the money they can to use in the work of the fish conservation or game life and so far their work has been very good.

I think the club should do the same here. They should hold meetings that are really necessary for the welfare of the Rogue River valley and hire a hall and if possible the meetings should be held at someone's home. Only 25 members altogether and sometimes only 10 to 15 go to meetings. It would not be too much of a handicap to hold meetings at someone's house. And the club should really forget all about the club room proposition and stick to the important work that is going to face us this year. And if it is absolutely necessary to hold meetings in a bigger hall, hire one and pay cash so that there may be no thoughts of panhandling by some who seem to think that what the club is for.

I am not the only one who is opposed to that plan. There are half a dozen prominent members who oppose the plan. They said that they seemed to be unable to stop the plan because there are too many who favor it. It is my firm belief that if a secret vote were made, the plan would be defeated badly. But it seems that every man has to put up their hand to favor the plan. They always do in all cases. But when you use the ballot system, you are bound to see a different result.

The club may be rich in having at least 100 dollars or more in their coffers. But the money is going to be gone mighty quick because of so few members, there being 21 paid up ones. I know of five members who stated that this year will be the last year for them unless they make a better use of the club's money.

I am awful disappointed that the legislature only passed the law forbidding the fishing on the tributaries of Rogue River above Gold Hill. You see I have hoped that the legislature would include the Rogue River in that law. There's mighty little fish above Gold Ray dam and the river should be closed to give the steelhead a chance to come back by natural propagation. And also somewhat disappointed that the commission has not been given power to regulate the game season. Well, I hope for better results next year.

### Howard District

By Mrs. Edna H. Leonard

The A. E. Thomas family visited their son and brother, Ralph Thomas and family, at Junction City last week-end. Mr. Thomas and Ralph went to the mill at Springfield to contact an old friend, Miss Dorothy visited at the girls' hall at Eugene with the friend with whom she went to Mexico City this summer to study at its university. The two girls put on some specialty Mexican dances at the fireside frolics garbed in native dresses. The word was whispered around the group that Dorothy was a native of Mexico (probably because of being a dark brunette). The son Ralph has been offered a renewal of his contract at the Junction City High with a substantial increase in salary. He has also been offered a principalship in an eastern Oregon town.

Mrs. Jenney Yantiss went to Yreka Wednesday to visit her husband who is making a remarkable progress toward health since his late opera tola.

If the readers want to know just how well mature women progress in a physical ed group, they will watch for the play "Crazy to Reduce" to be put on by the Howard Extension Unit soon. Home made cakes and coffee will be served after the play.

The money is to be used to send a delegate to the Home Ec conference at Corvallis, beginning February 25, and continuing three days. The office has taken its physical toll from

A drawn out siege at a dentist's Mrs. Dow, who formerly lived in the Teyman house, but now is on Coker Butte Road. She has lost 12 pounds and isn't up to her usual gay out look.

Mrs. Ruth Stocks has her mother and father visiting her on the east.

Mrs. Frank Croucher is getting along nicely since the last surgery to a finger injured last fall while working in the fruit.

The Hack Holts took the Foncy Leonard's for a happy ride Sunday afternoon, showing Mrs. Leonard parts of the valley she had never seen. In the evening supper was served them at the Leonard home. The two men love to talk over former Lake County days and folks.

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