Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

Well, folks, a week from Saturday the trout fishermen begin their annual trek to the creeks to catch those wary finny tribes. What kind of luck they will have cannot be told until the fishing season ends on October 15.

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The state game commission is asking for your cooperation in filling out the record of the catch on the postal cards that they are furnishing free in this state. Every time you go out fishing in some certain creek be sure to state the catch you make on the card so that the game commission may have the knowledge as to what amount of trout is needed for release in that particular creek.

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To me this is a sensible thing to do after all efforts on the work of preserving the trout life in all creeks has failed. But the only trouble is that how much good can the record of the catches on the cards do in the long run. Because in the first place what about those who failed to catch any fish, shall they report on the catch record cards as to their kind of luck? There are many of those who really know their stuff about fly fishing and have caught plenty in some other creeks.

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Suppose the game commission receives so many good reports of the catches made on one particular creek and never a report made on some other creek. Then how can they be so sure as to the liberation of the fingerlings in that creek that never boasts of good fishing, is what puzzles me a lot.

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Both forks of Evans Creek (providing a good fish ladder can be built on that dam about five miles from the mouth), Big Butte and Little Butte and Big Applegate above the mouth of Little Applegate creek (I won't include Little Applegate in the lot because the mining work has just about ruined the creek as an ideal fishing creek) are badly in need of restocking and it is not necessary to attempt to record all catches made this year for the study of restocking the creeks. What I really think is that every creek that I named above is badly in need of stocking and it's a mighty poor excuse to state that more study must be made before the work of liberation of fingerlings begins. After fishing in all of those creeks the last five years I know for a certainty that these creeks should be stocked at once instead of wasting time on the study of the record cards

Surprise Dinner At Winfrey Home

Sunday, March 30th a group of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winfrey with a bountiful basket dinner in honor of their wedding anniversary and Mr. Winfrey's birthday.

Those enjoying the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Cam C. Brown and Grandma Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mathes and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Colterman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cordum, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Short and family, Delta Winfrey, Dick Winfrey, Idlene Winfrey and the honorees Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winfrey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sheldon and Mrs. Moore called in the afternoon.

All the above lived 25 years ago as neighbors at Hardestz, Okla.

Mrs. Lacy is staying in Medford with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lacy, while Mrs. John Lacy is recovering from the flu.

Fishermen Asked to Cooperate With Game Commission

Mr. Fisherman, do you want better fishing in your favorite lake or stream?

If you do, you can furnish valuable aid to the game commission's program of stream survey and fish liberation if you acquire the habit of reporting your catch after each fishing trip.

Catch report cards, needing neither signature nor postage, can be obtained at your sporting goods store, and game commission officials urge every angler to obtain a supply of these cards and send them in after each fishing expedition during the coming season.

The commission is using four crews to survey lakes and streams in the state, and the information sent in by the fishermen will be of tremendous importance in making the final determination of the amount and species to release in the waters of the state.

So to every fisherman goes the earnest request that regular use of the catch report cards be made during the entire fishing season of 1941.

Local Boy Makes Honor Roll at Uni. of Oregon

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 31—Lolita Pierson, Ashland, and Roy Hensley, Central Point, were among the 161 students at the University of Oregon to make the winter term honor roll with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Grade point averages are computed on the basis of 4 points for an A, 3 for a B, and 2 for a C.

Miss Pierson, a graduate of Ashland high school, is a junior majoring in music. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Pierson.

Hensley ,a graduate of Medford high school, is a junior majoring in business administration at the University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hensley.

Fire Prevention Slogan Contest Now Under Way

CORVALLIS, April 2—High school students throughout the state are invited to take part in a forest fire prevention slogan contest now being sponsored by the state board of forestry, the school of forestry at O.S.C., and the Oregon Forest Fire association.

The state has been divided into eight districts, with a $5 cash prize offered in each and a $10 grand prize. Each slogan is to carry a message about protecting forests from their worst enemy, fire. Each student may submit one slogan, which is to be submitted in his or her handwriting, together with name, date, address, county, high school and class numerals. Slogans are to be mailed to the School of Forestry, Corvallis, Oregon, not later than April 28.

Mrs. Clem Finley has returned from the hospital and is improving.

New Lumber Co. Started at Medford

R. O. Stephenson Lumber company, located at the corner of Court street and McAndrews road, has opened for business Monday.

The new concern will handle all types of building materials and will offer building information, Mr. Ralph Stephenson said.

Mr. Stephenson has been associated in the lumber business in Medford a number of years and is well known here.

Bond Indebtedness of State Cut Down To $33,366,385

Bond payments made by the state of Oregon on April 1st of this year cut the state's outstanding bonded indebtedness to $33,366,385, it was disclosed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state. On April 1st, payments totaling $1,775,000 became due.

The state's outstanding bonded indebtedness as of December 31, 1940, amounted to 35$,175,385. The April 1st payments cut this figure to the $33,366,385 marked and put the state in the position of having reduced its bonded indebtedness by slightly over 40 percent since 1930 when, at the end of the year, the outstanding bonds totaled $60,339,510.

The bonded indebtedness at the end of 1940 was divided as follows: highway bonds, $14,766,750; world war veterans' state aid bonds, $18,275,000; irrigation districts interest bonds, $2,081,635; rural credits farm loan bonds, $52,000. In addition to the April 1 payments this year, the state paid off $34,000 of irrigation districts interest bonds in January of this year.

Miss Janice Nealon Gains Honor Roll at Ore. State College

vallis, March 31—Janice Nealon, freshman in secretarial science from Central Point, made the honor roll at Oregon State college for winter term with a 4.0 average, Registrar E. B. Lemon has reported. The roll includes only those students who make grade point averages of 3.50 or better while carrying 12 or more credits.

An "A" counts 4, a "B", 3 points, and so on. A 3.5 average is, therefore, midway between an "A" and "B".

Only 39 students were on the straight A grade list, making a 4.00 average. Those making 3.5 or better numbered 272.

Howard District

By Mrs. Ella H. Leonard

Joe Johnson made a business trip to the Tucker Flounce Rock Ranch Sunday. This ranch is well known for its breed of horses. Accompanying Mr. Johnson was his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Burney Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Puhl entertained two tables at pinochle Monday evening. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Art Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Conger, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coy. Mr. Benson got low score and Mr. Puhl high (but his wife refused him the prize for it). Mrs. Benson assisted the hostess in serving dainty refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Foncy Leonard were surprised and delighted by a visit Sunday of the youngest son and daughter of a former Lakeview friend, Mrs. Ogle. Both are married. Amy lives in Crescent City, Cal. Jimmy (or is it Clarence?) is bookkeeper for the Associated Plant in Medford. His charming wife teaches in the Jackson school in Medford.

The youngest grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thomas was taken to her home in Bend last Friday. The tot is the child of Ralph Thomas, deceased. She had been visiting here.

The Howard Extension Unit will repeat its play "Crazy to Reduce" at the school gym Saturday night for the entertainment of the Business & Professional Women's convention. Next Wednesday night they will give it at Griffin Creek on a percentage basis by invitation of that unit which wishes to raise funds to send their 4-H representatives to Oregon State College.

The new home on Howard Avenue being built by Mr. and Mrs. McKay is nearing completion. Mr. and Mrs. Peyton are building one on the road leading east of the Big Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Hack Holt have traded their home on Howard Avenue on a large acreage near Butte Falls, and will be moving soon. The district regrets losing them.

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