

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

Other day Vintie Beal and I were out at Gold Ray dam to watch the work on the fish ladders there. After looking it over he said that the new fish ladders looked good to him but will have to hold his own opinions till the water is turned on down the ladders. But he said that one of the ladders which will run down to the tail-race of the power building, is the best one he had seen for a long time. But with a shake of his head he opined that Copco will have to go some if they expect to finish the construction before high water season rolls around. (By the way Vintie was here when Gold Ray dam was first built and took pictures of the work.)

One bad feature of the construction at the dam is use of the sand pump. They are pumping thousands of gallons of sand filling up the back of the dam to fill up all the leaks so the actual work can be done on the dam without hinderance from the leaking water.

We were glad before at the news of the actual start of the construction of the ladders and much crestfallen to see the river below the dam roll for miles down making fishing very poor. I am pretty much disappointed but not cussing like some of you fellows do. I guess I can stand that for a week or ten days until they are through with the sand pumping. Of course it may be longer than that but if they have to take longer I can stand that too because I want to see them finish the work and do it right.

Two years ago this summer I caught lots of steelhead above Bybee Bridge and all the way up to Dodge Bridge. Last summer I never caught one or even had a nibble, though there are others who have caught them up there. Well, I have not caught any yet and I don't think it will be very good up there because of the old ladder being torn up and

the construction of the new ladder under way. But next summer I think the fishing for steelhead above Bybee Bridge will be good—of course nothing to bet excited about but gradually the fishing will improve.

But the fishing will really improve rapidly if there is a law banning the use of boats from Savage Rapids all the way up to Prospect. I have seen so much of boat fishermen in the last few years that the time comes when I see one, I actually blow up and cuss them. I have seen them with three or four fellows lifting up 4 or 5 big steelhead and an awful big mess of trout and proudly showing them to me.

The boat fishermen mostly are rich tourists and my, they are certainly bleeding the river dry of the fish and that at such a time we are wondering where did the fish go?

Economic Highlights

In wars, as in horse races, the long shot occasionally upsets the dope and comes through for a win. Some of the experts are now cautiously hazarding the guess that this may prove true of the Russians.

When the German-Russian war began, the bulk of the military authorities reluctantly agreed that Hitler was probably right when he said that it would be over in six weeks. Those six weeks and more have now passed, and the Russians, instead of retreating in confusion, are said to be planning gigantic counter-attacks. The Germans have not taken any areas of major importance. The Red air force, which, according to German claims, was almost totally destroyed in the early days of the fighting, is still very much in evidence and is giving excellent support to the Soviet land forces. The Red mechanized equipment, which was supposed to be second-rate, has, according to some reporters who have seen it in action, actually proven equal and even superior to the German. Most important of all, the morale of the Russian people—military and civilian alike—seems to have proven far more staunch than anyone expected.

Germany has not lost the Russian war. It would not come as any great surprise if Hitler's forces yet succeeded in taking Moscow, Leningrad and other cities. But these would be hollow victories unless, at the same time, Hitler was able to destroy Russian military power. So long as substantial Red armies remain in existence and fighting, Hitler will not be safe no matter how much Russian

territory he succeeds in conquering. On top of that, Russian civilians have shown an almost suicidal fervor in destroying areas which have been evacuated, and in sniping at German troops. The Russians are fighting a total war in total fashion now, and they have demonstrated surprising courage.

Best of all, from the British-American point of view, is the apparent fact that Germany is suffering terrific losses. On August 2, the Russians claimed that 1,500,000 Reich troops had been killed, wounded or captured. That may represent a big exaggeration—neither the Russian nor the German propaganda ministries can be depended upon for the whole truth. But, if even a third or half many German troops have been incapacitated, it is a severe reverse to Hitler. The first divisions sent into Russia were the cream of the German crop—the tough veterans of the Polish, French and Low Countries campaigns. No nation can create soldiers of that quality overnight. That may explain reports to the effect that the reserves Germany has lately sent into Russia have proven inferior in quality to the men who preceded them.

It also seems unquestioned that Germany has lost vast quantities of aircraft and mechanized equipment—and has consumed immense amounts of oil, that most precious of war materials. Russian bombers have been invading the Rumanian oil fields, and may have done considerable damage. And in the meantime, Britain has been carrying on determined, big-scale air raids against the Continent.

At the beginning, British spokesmen had little to say of Russian chances. They were frankly skeptical. Now they are saying that the Russians have actually stopped the Germans, and that there is no possibility of the campaign ending before the winter rains set in. If that is true, Germany will be in for a war of position—and that is precisely what Hitler cannot afford. In addition, Britain gets stronger as Germany gets weaker, this war isn't over yet—but not since it started has the outlook been so good for the Allies.

In time, news of the German reverses and losses is bound to seep through to the German people, no matter how much baloney Dr. Goebbels puts out through press and radio. Then, think some, German morale

will start to crack. It is a fact that in the last World War, Germany went to pieces in a matter of a few months, and the main reason for that was the collapse of morale at home. Will it happen again?

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Then each night when nine o'clock rolls around Just sit tight and wait for that awful sound

You will find your heart will soon get back in place And your nerves relax, along with your face.

We have a bell that hangs in the old town hall That used to be tapped when we were small

But our city now is modern and want to do it right

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In the Matter of the Estate of Chas. P. Johnson, deceased.

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Dated this 31st day of July, 1941.
NELLIE J. JOHNSON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Chas. P. Johnson, deceased.
24—July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

In the Matter of the Estate of Ida Sturgis, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an order made and entered in the above entitled Court and matter on the 7th day of August, 1941, the undersigned, on and after the 8th day of September, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the office of Kenneth G. Denman in the Jackson County Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, shall proceed to sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash or for credit as follows: At least one-third of the purchase price as downpayment with a mortgage back from the purchaser for the balance payable in not over ten years; the real

property belonging to the said decedent at the time of her death, described as follows, to-wit:

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