

For What It's Worth

By K. D. P.

Fishing is still pretty rotten. Last week's rain certainly raised heck with the river as it went up a couple of feet and is very dirty. The only way to catch trout is to use eggs or worms. I do not care if any one uses eggs as long as they do not use the method of fresh feed eggs. I think more highly of those who use worms than I do of egg fishermen, especially ones who use fresh eggs to feed the fish. And there is a law now in effect forbidding the use of feed eggs, corn or any other methods to attract the fish.

This spring I have used single eggs and only could get a couple of nips. Then I knew right away that somebody, who easily catch the limit every time they went out, had been using feed eggs. (And they were getting away from the law too.) Way back when Brownie Ross was here I used to buy jars of fresh feed eggs and caught many trout without any trouble. But when I forgot to take a jar of feed eggs with me, I would not have any luck at all. But that sort of thing soon palled on me and I switched back to fly or spinner fishing. The only time I use eggs extensively is in the fall when the salmon are spawning and the steelhead will not rise to the fly because their stomachs are full of eggs.

So that is why I knew somebody had been using feed eggs and getting away with it and thinking they are patriotic.

Ted Goin made me laugh the other day when he said that salmon eggs are the natural food of trout. Well, I would like to know how the trout family live during at least 9 months of the year when the salmon are not spawning. There's no salmon eggs floating down the river at all during that period till the salmon start to spawn. All tribes of fish would die if the salmon eggs are the only natural food of the fish.

It is my hope that I will live to see the day when salmon egg fishing is barred from Rogue River.

PRESENTS OLD SADDLE—

Mr. W. J. Freeman presented his granddaughter Jean with a saddle that had been used by her great grandfather, Major William A. Owen in the Mohawk Indian war here in the valley. Jean is justly proud of this gift.

Ask Support To Secure U. S. Aid For Fire Protection

Forest protective organizations and timberland owners in the Pacific Northwest face the prospect of the most dangerous and hazardous forest fire year in history without benefit of federal emergency funds such as were used to such good advantage last year. A \$6,500,000 emergency fund has been cut from the special deficiency appropriation budget. This would have been divided among the states for use against enemy sabotage and for preventative purposes.

Leaders in both Oregon and Washington forest industries circles, state officials and fire protective association wardens are bringing terrific pressure on western congressmen to get the emergency forest fire fighting funds reinstated and are asking the general public's support.

"Our need is greater than ever and the possibility of sabotage of our forests puts the Pacific Coast in the Combat zone of this war," said Coast Lumbermen's association. "The Orville Miller, president of the West extra help must come from Congress to increase the effectiveness of our forest fire fighting organizations by adding extra men to meet enemy attacks against our forests."

In citing the need for the emergency funds Oregon State Forester Nelson S. Rogers said, "This money is designed to care for emergency expenses occasioned by war hazards to our forests and would supplement the already extremely large contribution of industry, timber owners and the state. It is identical in amount with the emergency funds received last year and which we used so effectively. Oregon's share of this fund would be \$488,820."

"It is unthinkable that Congress should fail to at least provide the appropriations necessary to protect the forests of the United States during this combination of emergency conditions," said Colonel W. B. Greeley, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. "This war is a hazard that affects the Pacific Coast more than any other area of the United States. We are extremely vulnerable to attack from the sea—twice last year abortive attempts were made to set fire to our forests by enemy planes from submarines. We have the largest areas of inflammable coniferous forests running right down to the water's edge. The possibilities are frightful unless we get this money for adequate prevention and protection of our critically needed forests."

More than 1500 high school boys 16 and 17 years of age have been under intensive training this winter by state forestry officials preparing them to take over the jobs of emergency fire crews in all forest areas in this state. Their wages and support would be met from these emergency

funds. The importance of maintaining these crews of young men in 5-, 10- and 20-man combat teams scattered through the forest area where they can rush to a fire and get at it while it is small was stressed by Forester Rogers.

"We must have this money," Rogers went on. "These young boys we are training for emergency stand-by fire combat teams may mean the difference between saving our forests and losing them. They will be subject to call. That means we will not have to shut down logging camps to get men to fight forest fires, except in extreme emergency."

Forest leaders urge that citizens of the Northwest write their representatives and tell them of the great need for the protection of the forest lands of the Northwest from which more than one-third of all the government's needs for lumber for war is coming.

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Somewhere in the South Pacific
Cpl. Wm. B. Keizer
20934605
Hqs. G.P.O. No. 25
4-13-43

Dearest Ruth:

This probably won't be much of a letter on account of "Watch It" is trying to tear the paper up. He is a pesky little devil when he wants to be. Also he's beginning to fly again. We had his wings clipped and now they have grown back in again. And now he's really proud.

You've probably received Vern's answers to your letters by now. I don't get to see him very much any more, my work sort of keeps me busy. Before while up on the front lines in combat we were in the same fox-holes together each night. It had to be that way to prevent a Jap from sneaking up while you were asleep and knifing, or tossing a grenade in your fox-hole. So one man would awake and the other sleep. Boy, there were some long nights when you knew the Japs weren't over 250 yards away. We were on the top of a hill and they in a jungle below. But it all over now and the U.S. the victor in this neck of the woods. And most of the Japs stayed here—Dead.

I'll try and send a flag home if I can get another one. I gave four of them away. But there will be more of them. Every Jap seems to have one so they are pretty easy to procure.

Getting close to dinner so bye for now. Will write again soon.

Love from Bill.

Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Eddie Cleveland a baby daughter weighing 6½ lbs. at a Medford hospital April 23. Mrs. Cleveland and daughter returned home last week. Mrs. Ella Minnick is caring for them.

Franklin Gebhard Now in Radio School

MADISON, WIS., April 27—Franklin Gebhard, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gebhard, Central Point, Oregon, is preparing to serve as the "ears" of one of Uncle Sam's warships at the Naval Training School for radiomen on the campus of the University of Wisconsin here.

He will be stationed here for 16 weeks during which he will receive instruction in the transmission and reception of radio code and study the basic operating principles of all Navy radio and electrical equipment. Upon completing the course he will be eligible for promotion to the petty officer rating of radioman, third class, and be assigned to duty with the fleet or at a shore station.

The Bluejackets earned selection to the school upon making high scores in a series of aptitude tests and having an interview with a trained personnel advisor during recruit training.

Local Boy Graduates As Airplane Mechanic

Sheppard Field, Texas.—James G. Howell, son of Mrs. Nancy Howell, of Sta and Maple Street, Central Point, Oregon, has graduated from an intensive course in airplane mechanics and now is prepared to blast the Axis as one of America's "commandos in coveralls." Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the many schools of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians to maintain our mighty air armada. He is now qualified to play a vital role in the Army Air Forces groundcrew teams that "Keep 'Em Flying."

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command and learned to fight the Axis with other things besides the tools of his trade.

Ernest Pinkham Now in Air Force Camp

KEARNS, UTAH—Pre-aviation cadet Ernest James Pinkham of Box 223, Central Point, Oregon is now stationed at this Army Air Forces Basic Training Center. It is announced by Col. Converse R. Lewis, Commander.

Private Pinkham is the son of Mrs. Alice M. Pinkham of the same address.

Under a recent war department ruling the thousands of aviation cadets, who were awaiting their orders to report for cadet training, were called from the Enlisted Reserve and were ordered to report to the many basic training centers operated by the Air Forces. While at Kearns these pre-aviation cadets will receive their regular air crops

basic training. They will learn how to march, use small arms and machine guns, chemical warfare and other kindred subjects.

Upon completion of their basic training most of the pre-aviation cadets will be sent to one of the many colleges operating under the supervision of the Army Corps. At colleges they will receive specialized training before entering the aviation cadet training centers.

FOOTPRINTERS MEET—

The regular monthly meeting of the International Footprint Association was held at Kyle's Wednesday evening. Dinner was served at seven.

Memories

I've wandered to the old Ranch, Jim Where we worked so long ago. I wonder where the boys are now. The boys we used to know. There was Tom and Dan and Buck, And Charley Bud and Joe. They have wandered from the range, Jim

Where to, I do not know. There is nothing left to see, Of the ranch we loved so well. No spurs, no ropes, no saddles, No bunk house, no corral. The big flat down below, Jim Is now a modern farm. No cattle on the hills, No horses in the barn. Our race is nearly run, Jim. And when we're called to go, I hope we'll meet with all the pals, we worked with long ago.

—C. H. Mosher

Locals

Mrs. Holland received a letter from her son Ernel Shaver saying he had figured out where he thought Richard Jewett was. He thought he was a long way from where he (Ernel) was stationed. Mrs. Holland thinks Ernel is not in the combat zone.

Mrs. J. B. Thompson received a telegram from her son Grey saying "all well, all happy".

The Central Point school will close Friday, June 11.

An old schoolmate, Mrs. Rose Adsit of Winton, Calif., was an overnight guest of Mrs. Lettie Gregory last Thursday.

A letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell saying that Mrs. Powell and girls were planning to visit in Central Point, when school was out and that if it was possible for Mr. Powell to get leave, he would visit here also.

Jack Lees Jr. has just gone into the Navy. Jack has been in the Navy before.

Mrs. Lettie Gregory just received word from her sister Mrs. Mary Coker that her son Wayne Coker, has just come out of the hospital after being there for eight months. He will still be wearing a brace.

More than 200 Girl Scouts from Medford, Phoenix, Central Point and Jacksonville made the annual May Day visit to the Jackson county hospital on the South Pacific highway Thursday afternoon. The girls presented May baskets, made by themselves, to the patients and also gave each patient a personal gift, such as fruit, candy, pipes or stationery.

The Misses Arleta Van Blicom and Doreen Munn drove down from Grants Pass Sunday for a visit at the Munn home returning the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crabb's daughter-in-law and baby son arrived from Washington last Wednesday morning for a visit. They expect their daughter from California to arrive to make her home here soon, as her husband has left for overseas duty.

Mrs. Frank Moore and small son accompanied Mrs. Phyllis Booth to San Francisco Tuesday. From there Mrs. Moore will travel to Texas to visit her mother. Her husband, Top Sergeant Frank Moore, expects to be moved to Camp Adairs soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and sons Dickie, Donald and Craig of Montague visited Mrs. Yost's parents Sunday. Dickie stayed for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones.

Mrs. Opal Hoagland and small daughter Barbara left last week by plane for Seattle, on receiving word that her father was seriously ill with pneumonia.

The Pastime Roller rink has been reserved for tonight for Jacksonville school party.

Frank J. Van Dyke was named as a member of the interim committee created by the last legislature to examine into procedures followed by state administrative boards and commissions. Mr. Van Dyke was one of nine to be appointed. Governor Snell announced their names the last of April.

Purchase of the John E. Houston property, on Oregon Terrace, by Attorney and Mrs. O. H. Bengtson was announced recently. The Bengtsons have taken possession of the property. The property is known as the old Reddy place.

Lt. and Mrs. Cash, who live in the Mayor Pearl Bonny house, called at the Flaherty home. Lt. Cash had discovered that the Flaherty's son James, who is in Hawaii, was an old friend of his over there.

Fluhrer's Organization Goes Over Top in War Loan Drive



Bettering by an average of 20 per cent their self-announced goal of \$100 each in extra war bond purchases last month, the 71 employees of Fluhrer Bakeries, Medford plant, purchased in April a total of \$8,500 of war bonds over and above their 100 per cent pledge of 10 per cent in the company's payroll deduction plan. The total bought this month will be more than sufficient to purchase for the United States army a \$10,000 barrage balloon, and it has been turned in to war bond headquarters for that purpose.

Nearly 30 former employees of the plant, including Capt. Wm. H. Fluhrer, army air force, are now serving in the armed forces of the country, their places having been taken in large part by young women.

Pictured above are, from right:

Jayne Swanson, Virginia Shanahan, Dorothy Decker, Mildred Davidson, Betty Trueblood, Helen McDonnell, store manager; Gladys Lawrentz, Eugene Ferrell, chief accountant; Ray Harrison, sales manager; Bob Bromley, Leonard

Shreeve, Rella Pierson, Willard Mace, Ralph Smith, James Dorsey, Chet Lengele, Sam Miller, Hazel Dean, Mary Behrnis, Alma Grow, Olive Austin, Eleanor Johnson, Lena Zimmerman, Annette Konop, Wilma House, Norman Stram, Hazel Popp, Twyla Newby, Bernice Berman, Betty Ludwig, Sylvia Ball, Jean Millard, Maxine Carter, M. A. McCoy, production superintendent; Elroy Anderson, Wm. Houston, Frank Lukens, A. L. Pierce, cake foreman; James Vincent, bread foreman; W. E. Longbotham, Marvin Williams, Dean Saltmarsh, Claire Sherman, Floyd Hilton, W. S. Scholte, Stewart Cannon, A. L. Braun, James Allen, John Adamczyk, Bill McCall, E. E. Furman, George Payant, A. M. Cannon, Van Gilbert, Ray E. Doty, engineer; Paul Andrews.

Not pictured: Wm. Walden, Odval Benkosky, Ray Andrews, Chas. Moldovan, night foreman; Douglas Kirby, Perry Andre, M. T. Larkin, S. T. Schultz, Hilda Welch, Oletha Schuler, Eloise Smith, J. V. Wheeler, Jacqueline Lauer, Evelyn Wood, Bonnie Foresee.

Rialto

ENDS SAT. NITE!

Andrews Sisters in
"How's About It"

—Plus—

William Boyd—Andy Clyde in
"Undercover Man"

SUN—MON—TUE

Ellen Drew—Richard Denning
"Ice-capades"

—Plus—

Jane Frazee and Ritz Brothers
"Hi'Ya Chum"

STARTS WED—4 DAYS

Richard Dix—Leo Carrillo
"American Empire"

—Plus—

Bert Gordon and
Margaret Lindsay in
"Let's Have Fun"

HOLLY

Ends Saturday Nite!

Three Mesquiteres in
"Code of Outlaw"

—Plus—

Billy DeBeck's in
"Private Snuffy Smith"

SUN—MON

Fay Bainter—Carolyn Lee
"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"

—Plus—

Lloyd Nolan—Carole Landis
"Manila Calling"

TUE—WED—THURS

Bing Crosby—Fred Astaire
"Holiday Inn"

—Plus—

Otto Kruger—Tina Thayer
"Secrets of A Co-Ed"