

For What It's Worth

By K. D. P.

A few of the fishermen have told me that it was a dirty trick that the game commission played on them when it decided that the Rogue fishing will open on the 5th of May. They said that we lost the best part of the fishing season, especially along in April when the blueback trout start their run back to the ocean. It somewhat made me grin to hear those so-called sportsmen say that we lost the best fly fishing period of the year. They may have used flies years ago to catch the blue back trout but now the fly fishing seem to be a lost art with them because they nowadays use eggs to catch them.

The biggest question is: What are Blueback trout? I have always thought that they are young salmon going back to the ocean and I still think so. But Ray Watkins strenuously claims that they are young steelhead trout. Yet the other sportsmen have sided with me though one of them do not agree with me.

Well, here is the reason I favor the late opening of the season on the river:

The first: If Blueback trout are young steelhead, it's far better to save the run of the blueback because steelhead fishing has declined so rapidly in the last few years. Therefore this young fish should be conserved and allowed to go to the sea and when they do come back there will be plenty of them.

The second: If the blueback are salmon trout, not a steelhead, then it's terribly important to conserve the blueback because the salmon fishing has been terribly rotten in the last ten years. Of course some of those fishermen like Ray and Sid will not agree with me. But the trouble is that they have not really caught real fresh salmon early in the spring. Most of the salmon are caught late in the summer and unfit for good eating.

There will be another meeting by the game commission in Portland and the commission may receive some awful squawks from those so-called sportsmen and it is my hope that the commission will not back up for them. And Kenneth Denman, a member of the game commission may have a lot to do with the opening date, and boy, I stand back of him 100%. He is the first real fisherman I have ever known to be a member of the commission and he knows Rogue river conditions very well.

Pointers Leading In "B" Basketball

Central Point's hoopsters continued their unbeaten season Friday night when they defeated Eagle Point high, 28 to 18, in a "B" league game at Eagle Point. The Pointers led at halftime, 21 to 15. Twelve fouls were called on Central Point with Eagle Point committing ten violations.

Shrier, Pointer center, led the winners with nine points while J. Chamberlain, Eagle Point center, was high for the losers with seven.

Central Point reserves won the preliminary from Eagle Point reserves, 37 to 20.

Locals

Pic. Tracy Muse is now in the South Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Gladys Muse, works at the telephone office.

Mrs. John Townsend of Everett, Washington is editor of the Cascade Terrace News. Noted, a mimeograph newspaper put out by a group of the wives of men who are in the C.C.A. and work at the Paine Airfield. Mrs. Townsend is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell, who recently received a copy of the paper.

Dayton Genn, who left Wednesday for induction into the Navy, was honor guest at the Lloyd Giles home Tuesday evening at a farewell dinner.

Mr. G. R. Moore of Medford was a caller in Central Point Wednesday. Mr. Moore bought property in Gold Beach which he has planted to lilacs. He also reports that he still owns property in Central Point and could find a place to live here if wishing to. This in spite of the shortage of houses.

Mr. B. C. Jolley arrived Thursday from Hood River and will visit friends in the valley a short time. He is a house guest of his father and mother-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell.

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Mrs. Tillie Maple received the sad news of the death of her oldest brother, John Miller, 84 years old in Portland last Saturday, Jan. 12. She was unable to attend his funeral on account of illness. Sympathy of the community is extended to her.

The Wednesday sewing club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ethel McCoy. All enjoyed a fine time. Mrs. Zelma Hazen of Jacksonville attended.

Mrs. E. G. Randolph and daughter Miss Barbara entertained at their home in Medford with a shower honoring Miss Francis Parker last Thursday. Miss Parker, who became the bride of Mr. William Oatman Sunday, received many lovely gifts.

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Donald Edwin Dixon, 17 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dixon, who recently enlisted in the combat air crewman program, is a grandson of Mrs. Claude Blankenship of Central Point.

Mr. Harry Copinger, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Mrs. Ethel Hosington arrived Saturday from Portland to visit her sister, Mrs. Viola Lampman.

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