

For What It's Worth

By K. D. P.

Well, the fishing on Rogue river will open April 28 instead of May 5th. Those so-called sportsmen won the argument when they sent in the petition, strongly demanding that the fishing season be opened the same as last year. Last year the fishing opened on the 14th of April. This year the season will open the 28th of April. I am pretty disappointed in the action of the commission for I had hoped to see them stick to their intention that the fishing will open on the 5th of May.

Prior to the last meeting those sportsmen got out a petition with quite a list of names on it. When I read that long list of names, I was pretty much surprised at the fact that so many of those signing could be willing to sign such a petition without a thought of conservation of the fish life.

Well, Ray Watkins, who happened to be there, asked me to sign my name on the petition. I refused of course. Ray flared up and called me a poor sportsman. Well, am I puzzled?

What is a sportsman? In my opinion I have always believed that a sportsman was one who liked to fish and hunt, who would not be a river hog or kill game out of season, and would think much of the conservation of the wildlife.

Having noticed the rapid decline of good fishing in the last few years, I refused to sign my name to the petition because I believe sincerely that it is now the time to preserve the fish for several years to come if we hope to enjoy good fishing five years from now. Yet I am called a poor sportsman.

If those so-called sportsmen, who could not bear to wait for the late opening of the fishing, who think more of catching them during the best part of the season (during the

blueback run), yet still call themselves good sportsmen, then I had rather be called a poor sportsman than a good sportsman.

If the Central Point Sportsmen's Club really supports those so-called sportsmen, it makes me feel pretty rotten. When the club was first formed, there were high class words thrown around about the conservation of the fish and game life. A couple of years ago a man was caught killing deer out of season. Being a poor man, the judge thought he would be lenient with him. It brought a strong protest from nearly all the sportsmen's clubs of southern Oregon. That was a proper way to do because the real work of the club is to conserve the wildlife, not wantonly waste it.

But it looks more as though the real work of the club has been forgotten in the greediness of a few so-called sportsmen.

Pfc. Robert Kyle Recovering from Injury

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D.C.

January 13, 1945

Mr. Robert F. Kyle, Sr.,
609 South Oakdale Avenue,
Medford, Oregon

Dear Mr. Kyle:

I am pleased to inform you that the latest reports state that your son, Robert, was making normal improvement on 24 December. You will be notified immediately when additional information is received.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

The above is a copy of the letter sent to Robert F. Kyle, Sr. in regard to their son. We thought it might be of interest to our readers to see the copy. The Kyle had received a letter from their son before receiving the official notification.

Pfc. Kyle is recovering nicely from all reports. The wound in his neck required a number of stitches. It must have been of a ragged and torn. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle are very much pleased with efforts put forth for their son, feeling that no stone was left unturned that might have added to his recovery or comfort.

Mr. Kyle also stated that if he never cashed a war bond, he would feel that he had received his money's worth. Pfc. Kyle writes that his wound is healing nicely and it looks like there might not even be a scar. He expects to be back in service with the 7th army before long.

Mrs. John Paudols accompanied her husband to Tiller Monday and took the Greyhound home in the evening after having supper at Canyonville.

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Pfc. Joseph L. Delaney operates a BD 71 telephone switchboard for Headquarters Company, 169th Infantry, in the Pacific theater of operations. War Bonds pay for these instruments so vital to efficient communication at the front.

U. S. Treasury Department

TO ATTEND CONVENTION—

A number of Central Point members of the Pentecostal church are leaving Monday to attend a convention in Portland. Among those going from here are Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Close and Mr. H. H. Trautman. They plan to return Friday.

Among The Poets

UNPREPARED

The Army's very careful to let the soldier know just how to mind his P's and Q's wherever he may go. "Don't slap the Moslems on the back—they hate it," he is told; "Show deference to all Chinese—especially the old." Some things that seem so innocent may rouse a country's hate. So soldiers get their warning notes.



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before it is too late. Why is it no one seems to give the slightest thought at all To warn enlisted men about the use of alcohol? We're not afraid of German guns, or bayonets of Japs! Can it be true the army fears the liquor crowd, perhaps. Who make a handsome profit at their countrymen's expense And try to crowd the soft drinks out, to get the preference? If drink can steal a general's stars and forfeit his command It's obviously dangerous and may get "out of hand." In other things, we take such pains that warnings are made clear! Why is it we are blind and dumb to the effects of beer? We're not afraid to tackle Japs; we put the hun to route.

Yet men set "alcoholic traps" our boys aren't warned about. We have the best of modern tanks, the best of modern planes Then what's to hinder us from use of common sense and brains? Why give the men who sell their booze such unrestricted sway When these 18-year-olds of ours may have to pay and PAY— It's bad enough to send lads home with bruised and useless limbs But need they come with beery brains to suit the brewers whims? It's hard to see pathetic wrecks

come home to town and prairie But the distiller-casualties are, SO UNNECESSARY!! The Army spends time teaching boys far less important things Yet sounds no warning note to show what drug indulgence brings They take such pains to teach our boys to fight the tyrant's sway. But of the tyrant ALCOHOL they have no word to say. To fight and win from Hun and Jap we are so well prepared But when it comes to fighting booze, our army's mighty scared!

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