



HUNTING & FISHING Around

By Fred Goetz and Kay Parsons



While the steelhead are in most of Oregon's and Washington's coastal streams, its getting to be quite a problem to get down to the stream bank. The Wilson and Trask which were reported "hot" last Thursday were made practically inaccessible for last week-end anglers by heavy nightly snowfall.

Nestucca, Nehalem and other Oregon streams were equally hard to get to. Likewise close-by Washington coastal streams.

When the melting snow runs off, the streams will be knocked out for a while due to high and swift water but the after-snow rise usually brings in new runs of the anadromous rainbow and steelie angling should be excellent again.

Now if you fisherman are having any trouble with your reels freezing up, leader snapping in half at the slightest kink, lines froze solid in the guides and you are thoroughly disgusted with winter steelhead angling may we suggest a simple substitution that will give you many hours of pleasure. "Stay home and polish your spinners."

Never taking more than the limit is obeying the law. Taking only a half limit or less is truly conserving.

Bill the Biologist sez: "Some fish produce only a few hundred eggs in their normal life span. Others may deposit many thousands or even millions. Records show that in spite of the many eggs spawned the mortality rate of these eggs and the young fish is so great that two of a single batch ever reach maturity. Fewer yet reach the spawning age." "That's one of the many reasons why we must continue to conserve our fish resources."

Early one morning, before sun-up, two Portland duck hunters, P. Moss and L. Pearcey gingerly stepped from their parked car and started across the field adjoining the shooting area and noticed what appeared to be a medium size cocker spaniel blocking the path to the duck blind.

As they approached within 20 ft. of the would-be cocker they discovered it was not a canine baring their way but the evil-scented member of the weasel family, a skunk, a monster about 3 ft. long, his tail about six inches wide and footprints (which were later checked) measuring 2 inches in diameter.

"The stinker wouldn't give us any leeway," declared Moss and Percy, "and lunged at us. We shined our flashlight on the critter and it scared him off but when the light was put out he charged again. We had to retreat." "Come on now fellows, didn't

you have a couple?" he kidded. "It's the gospel truth," Moss and Percy reiterated, "and we didn't even have a chill breaker that morning."

Reminds us about the big one that got away but that's another story.

The public is cordially invited to attend the "Social Night" meeting of the Beaverton Rod and Gun club tonight, Jan. 20th. (Follow the path under the club's archway — opposite the Canyon Rd. Lumber Co.)

There will be a guest speaker from the Oregon State Game Commission to present some interesting facts on the Commission's 1950 aims.

The evenings highlight will be the showing of sports and wildlife pictures.

Bring your youngsters and enjoy the doings.

The Oregon Wildlife Federation will hold its annual meeting in Corvallis January 20 and 21. All members of sportsmen's clubs and their wives are invited.

At least three delegates from each club are expected to attend and a special invitation is extended to the Tualatin Valley groups for this two-day conference.

Can you make it? Readers are invited to send in their hunting and fishing experiences for inclusion in this column.

And if you have a good, clear picture showing the results of your sports venture, send it along to see if we can use it.

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J. E. Carpenter

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Born in Baker county November 2, 1880, he is a native of the state and has lived over 36 years in Washington county.

He moved to Forest Grove in 1913, after a three year stint in Yamhill county, where he picked up his valuable knowledge of mathematics. He started in Washington county as a field deputy in that year and continued in such capacity until 1932, when he ran for and was elected to the position of county assessor.

Still living in Forest Grove, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic lodge.

Yes, girls, he's still unmarried!

ASS'N OF COUNTIES APPOINTS KERKMAN

County Judge Herman D. Kerkman has been named to a joint committee of commissioners, judges and county engineers set-up to study organization and standardization of county roads, budgets

and cost accounting, according to notification from the Association of Oregon Counties.

Counties represented on the committee, by commissioners and judges, include Douglas, Washington, Umatilla and Grant, while engineers are from Coos, Jackson and Klamath counties.

Kerkman and county engineer Ross Hartrampf will attend the February 23-24 conference on roads to be held at Oregon State College, a second annual affair.

NEW LAW UPS RATE OF PUBLIC LIABILITY

Recent legislative amendments stepping up public liability in traffic deaths from \$10 thousand and \$20 thousand to \$15 thousand and \$30 thousand, required the county this week to make an amendment of its call for bids on insurance of county vehicles.

All bids to be submitted must be on a basis of \$15,000 and \$30,000.

MAN MAKES CHANGE IN STORY OF WRECK

Immediately after the wreck, Emmot Alexander, of Gales creek, said it was all his fault. But later he completely changed his mind about the whole thing.

Pat Roseland, 234 Angel street, Beaverton, was driving her 1947 Oldsmobile coach on highway 6 near Reedville, headed for Beaverton, when Alexander's 1938 Buick sedan headed in her direction. She reportedly tried to escape by pulling off the road to the right. But the Buick kept coming and plowed into the left front and fender of the Oldsmobile, continuing on for some distance.

In his second version of the collision, Alexander claimed the other car was making a left hand turn into the Shack and was driving on the wrong side of the road. Whether the second version was a very acute observation was not flatly determined.

However, Alexander and his passenger, Elmer F. McCullen of Cornelius, were both booked by the

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