SURVEY OF RIVER, FISH PLANT AT UNION CRK. PLAN

Sportsmen Meet Federal Fishery Bureau Heads to Discuss Future Aims.

Southern Oregon sportsmen, representatives of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and others interested in securing and maintaining plentiful supplies of fish in the lakes and streams of this region gained a wealth of information on past propagation efforts, present problems and future plans through meeting Friday evening at the court house with federal and state officials.

Frank DeSouza, president of the Southern Oregon Sportsmen's Assn., who presided, introduced Fred J. Foster, regional director of the U. S. bureau of fisheries in Seattle, as the first speaker. Mr. Foster declared he was present to learn the wishes of the sportsmen and pledged cooperation of the bureau in all efforts to enhance angling in this area. He said it is the intention of the government to establish a large number of new hatcheries or rearing ponds, one of which, it is expected, will be located on Union Creek or the middle fork of the Rogue. The installation will cost between $20,000 and $30,000 and will be made next year, he said.

Following considerable discussion of fishing conditions, particularly regarding the Rogue, Chairman DeSouza appointed a committee including Earl Gaddis, Wm. F. Isaacs and T. E. Daniels to draft resolutions asking a complete survey of the river from source to mouth by the government to ascertain what is needed to maintain maximum fish life, the resolutions to be presented to the Oregon congressional delegation and the U. S. bureau of fisheries.

Matt Ryckman, director of hatcheries of the Oregon state game commission, also declared his department anxious to learn the wishes of local sportsmen as to species, where, and when planting is desired.

T. E. Daniels, chairman of the fish and game committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, declared there were three major problems in the task of fish propagation on the Rogue: First, adequate patrol of the river to halt unlawful fishing and to keep screens in proper condition; second, getting the young fish downstream through power plants; and third, eradication of fungus which attacks the young fish.

Wm. F. Isaacs stressed the need of screens over ditch intakes, asserting that thousands of fish are lost annually through neglect in this respect.

Considerable discussion resulted from Mr. Isaacs' remarks, Olen Arnspiger, irrigation district manager, revealing that a new screen has been installed at Four Mile lake, and one will be installed at the outlet of Fish lake when the water has been lowered to a point where the work can be done. These screen are expected to keep the fish from descending into irrigation ditches when the water is being used in the summer. Director Foster suggested that WPA funds might be secured for screening of river ditches, the main problem now being lack of money for this purpose.

Karl L. Janouch, forest supervisor, presented figures showing extensive fish planting in his domain through co-operation with the Butte Falls and Fort Klamath state and federal hatcheries. A total of 764,000 fish have been released up to August 15 and it is planned to place a total of 944,000 in the lakes and streams this year.

The fish, including silversides, rainbows and eastern brook, have been liberated in Lake of the Woods, Four Mile, Notaska, three unnamed lakes, Island, Blue, Canyon, Donna, Dove Tail, Sky group, Badger, Long, Cliff, Fish, and a pond near Island lake, also in Beaver Dam creek.

Most of the plantings to date have been eastern brook, though 150,000 more rainbows are to be liberated before the year ends.

In addition to those officials named, the meeting was attended by Clyde Adams, in charge of the state hatchery at Butte Falls; F. B. Hawley, superintendent of the Oregon division of the bureau of fisheries; Capts. H. J. Meiring, Albert Anderson and C. G. Wallace of the CCC, and a large number of interested sportsmen.

A resolution of regret in the passing of Will Rogers and Wiley Post was read and adopted at the meeting.

CAR OWNER GIVES THIEF TROUNCING

Harold W. Hagstrom, 21-year-old native of Minnesota, will think twice before trying to steal another car. And if he does steal one, he'll think twice about chugging an elderly gentleman in the eye for putting him out of the stolen machine.

Friday night Oliver Wilson and C. T. Hamilton, 60, of Central Point parked the Wilson car and walked several blocks away. When they returned, Hagstrom was in the machine attempting to start it. The two told him he was in the wrong car and he refused to leave, so Hamilton grabbed him and hauled him out. As he emerged he hit Hamilton in the eye, turned and fled down the street.

Hamilton started in hot pursuit, caught Hagstrom at the corner of Eighth and Bartlett streets and administered a sound beating to the younger man by way of manners. They then turned him over to the police.

In justice court yesterday he was given 10 days in jail, fined $25 and assessed court costs of $4.50.

Wool Demand Better.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—(USDA)—Demand for wool was much better the last week with most grades wearing some call.

GREAT INCOHONEE OF REDMEN PAYS CITY, LAKE VISIT

Arthur J. Ruland, great incohonee, or national executive of the Improved Order of Redmen, arrived in Medford by plane from the north, Friday and was immediately whisked away to Crater lake by a group of Medford Redmen and Pocahontas lodge members, including Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Smith, Mrs. Frank Rush and Mrs. Harriet Watson, for what he described as the most interesting experience he has had on his 20,000-mile far-western trip.

Starting at Binghamton, N. Y., he has addressed members of the lodge in most of the 48 states, and even took a side trip into Hawaii, to point the way for work along the lines of true Americanism, and to help tramp out the rising seeds of communism.

In speaking later on the same question, and asked who he classed as communists, Ruland stated that he considered Huey Long and Father Coughlin communists, as both "pass out sugar-coated communistic pills in the form of promises."

Ruland is a great traveler, having visited all of the United States, and in most of the countries in Europe. In commenting on conditions in Europe, he said: "European countries differ from ours in this—there the people are primarily for the state, here the state is primarily for the people. He characterized the European peoples as having no real freedom, either of speech, action, or through the press.

A great deal of his traveling is done by air, he being a member of the Binghamton "Exchange," a club that has done much to promote aviation in the east. In commenting on the Will Rogers-Wiley Post tragedy, Ruland described the accident as the most serious blow ever dealt aviation, but admitted that it had no effect on his own attitude toward flying.

At a joint meeting of the Pocahontas lodge and the Redmen here Friday night, Ruland kept his audience enthralled with his speaking. Yesterday he made the statement that the Pocahontas lodge here was undoubtedly the best and strongest in the state.

He told the assemblage that "A fraternal order must make a strong contribution to civil life to gain the right of existence." This, he pointed out, was the purpose of all Redmen lodges.

Visitors from northern California journeyed here to hear Ruland speak. After the meeting dancing was enjoyed, with the Dickey's orchestra furnishing the music.

Ruland left by plane yesterday afternoon for Petaluma, Calif.

ROGUE NATIONAL FOREST CLOSING STILL PONDERED

The possibility of closing the Rogue River National forest, because of the alarming number of fires there so far this year, and the tinder-like conditions, has been withheld, at least for the present, it was learned yesterday at the National Forest service headquarters.

The fire loss for 1935 has been far in excess of 1934, and the matter of closure is considered directly dependent upon the further record of preventable fires. Those classed as preventable include fires started from carelessly thrown cigarettes or matches, camp fires not completely smothered, and brush burning.

The greater number of fires so far this year have been started by lightning, but the number of preventable fires has been appalling, it was learned. Emphasis was stressed by the national forest service on the acute need for caution in the forests, which are powder-dry.

WPA Funds Allotted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today allotted $15,246,882 of work relief funds for 45 donations on 55 non-federal PWA projects. Communities will borrow the remaining $18,637,789 either privately or from the PWA revolving fund.

TOMATO GROWERS SEEK ACCOUNTING MARKETING FUNDS

Extravagance and Usurping of Power Charged to Trio by Growers in Suit.

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Suit had been filed in circuit court here today by 15 melon and tomato growers of Oregon, charging that excessive sums have been paid for administration of the melon and tomato marketing agreements under the state agricultural adjustment act.

The complaint charged that Morton Tompkins, C. Wesley Williams and Roy Hewitt have taken upon themselves all the powers and duties which were to be exercised by the board of control provided for by the agreement.

The growers demand an accounting of the funds collected for administration expenses for 1934, and an injunction restraining the three men named from collecting any money for 1935 until a board of control has been elected. They also ask that they be given judgment for their pro rata share of "such founds as are found due and owing."

The complain sets out that more than $60,000 was collected for expenses in 1934 from Oregon and Washington growers, and that upwards of $77,000 has been budgeted for 1935.

The complaint sets out that more kins and Williams had paid to themselves sums of money claimed by way of traveling expenses "which were out of all proportion to reasonable, necessary and economical expenses." Large sums were paid to other persons in salaries and expenses, the plaintiffs stated.

Wrecked Auto a Pyre.

HEPPNER, Ore., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Lloyd Matteson and Joseph Carsner were burned to death today between Condon and Mayville when their automobile overturned and burst into flames. The two men were caught beneath the wreck. Both men lived at Spray.

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