

SPORTSMEN TOLD ROGUE FISHING GOES DOWN, DOWN

Rogue River has been affected by civilization more than any other stream in the state, and from one of the finest fishing streams in Oregon it has gradually gone "down, down, down." Frank Wire, state game commission supervisor, told some 50 persons attending the annual banquet sponsored by the Rogue River Sportsmen's club and the Central Hotel Sportsmen's club in Hotel Medford Friday night.

The construction of dams and irrigation ditches, and mining activities, has caused serious depletion of fish in the river, Wire said, and added that he was "scared of what the army cantonment, if and when it is built, will further do to the river."

The strain on the river is heavy enough now, Wire stated. "If the cantonment is built," he said, "the river is certain to be forced to bear a much heavier burden."

Switching to a discussion of the big game situation in Oregon, Wire said the state was third in the nation in elk population, third in antelope population, fourth in mule deer population and second in black-tail population. He said that more big game was killed this year than ever before.

Wire pleaded with all sportsmen to cooperate with the game commission and with law enforcement officers, and said that 95 percent of the hunters

and fishermen were honest and didn't need officers to enforce the laws.

E. E. Wilson, chairman of the state game commission, predicted that fishing seasons would be shortened and bag limits decreased in Oregon in the future, and expressed the belief that sportsmen would accept the reductions gracefully.

Wilson stated the government hatchery near Butte Falls would be turned over to the game commission, probably by the first of the year. Plans are being made by the commission to make improvements at the hatchery, such as building raceways to raise better cutthroat trout, he said.

It was emphasized by Wilson that hatcheries were not the main solution for conservation of fish stock in streams and lakes, that natural propagation was much more important.

Charles Lockwood, assistant supervisor of the game commission, gave a review of the scientific survey being made by the commission in Rogue river, and its tributaries, as well as in other parts of the state, explaining that much data was being gathered concerning the food and habits of the fish.

Lockwood said that as a result of this survey, the commission felt it had enough evidence to win any future court cases similar to the Kubli litigation, which the commission lost.

The planting of fish was being done according to findings of the surveys, Lockwood explained. He said that trout were not being planted until they became from six to eight inches long, thus insuring a 90 percent survival instead of about 10 percent for trout two inches long.

Kenneth G. Denman, presi-



BAUBLE AT STAKE—Across the front of burly Gus Lesnevich, the pride of Cliffside, N.J., hangs a gaudy bauble—the light heavyweight championship belt of N.Y. state boxing commission—which Gus put on the line in his match with Tami Mauriello. In 65 pro fights, Gus won 53, lost 7, was held at 5 draws. Mauriello had two losses in 34 bouts.

dent of the Rogue River Sportsmen's club and toastmaster for the banquet, declared the valley faces two threats to its fishing: namely, the cantonment, if and when it comes, and the proposed government dam at Debenberg's Gap. The dam, he stated, will be a threat to migratory fish and will destroy approximately 15 miles of excellent spawning ground. He said his organization, along with the Oregon Wildlife Federation, was opposed to its construction.

Working in close cooperation with the commission, the Rogue River Sportsmen's club has screened all ditches in the county except some in the Applegate, Denman said. Despite this screening program, he said there was a continuous loss of fish, but that "we feel we are accomplishing a whole lot."

Denman said Copco had built one new fishway at Gold Ray dam and was building another, to be completed by next spring.

"We will never get any place in the field of conservation until we sportsmen see that the laws are carried out," Denman observed. He added that the majority of sportsmen were cooperating, saying that most of

FOOTPRINTERS TO MEET MONDAY EVE

The Medford chapter of the International Footprinter association, composed of law enforcement officers and private citizens having a sympathetic attitude toward all phases of law enforcement, will gather for a meeting, election of officers and banquet in the Medford hotel at 7 p. m. Monday.

All members of the chapter are urged to attend. Besides the election of officers for the coming year, a tentative program for future functions of the club will be discussed.

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ASHLAND NORMAL BEATS RUBES 48-31

Ashland, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Paced by Forward Wes Peters, Southern Oregon College of Education won its basketball opener from Rubenstein's Oregonians, 48 to 31, last night. Peters scored 18 points.

Lineups:
Sons Peters, 18; F. 7, Sandness; Spayde, 12; C. 11, Butterworth; Hoefs, 6; G. 5, Solomon; **Substitutions:** For Sons, DeBarry, Copeland (4); for Rubes, Autremont (8); Scheldereiter, Hamer (2); Allenball, Gregor, Trunnell, Plath (2).

WIN ON GRIDIRON, LOSE TO BURGLAR

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Most of the players on the Texas A. & M. football team were robbed of valuables left behind in their hotel rooms today while they were playing Washington State college.

Sums of money from \$5 to \$35 each were taken from the boys' trousers along with watches, wallets and other personal objects. A team spokesman said about \$200 was stolen altogether.

The thief or thieves made a systematic prowling of the players' rooms in the city's leading hotel. The police department started an immediate investigation.

Young Republican Head

Eugene, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Adam Lefor, Eugene, was elected chairman of the Oregon Federation of Young Republicans Saturday night at their annual session.

SHELVE TIME BILL

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's request for authority to establish daylight saving time to conserve electrical energy for defense has been shelved, at least temporarily, because of lack of interest.

NO DECISION ON TOURNAMENT SITE

Portland, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Oregon High School Athletic association directors discussed possible sites for the state basketball tournaments here tonight. Secretary Troy Walker said a decision might not be reached until Sunday.

The class A high school tournament has been held at Salem for years, but Willamette university did not renew its invitation to the tournament this year. Several cities, including Baker and The Dalles, have bid for the event.

The class B tournament was held at Ashland last year.

NEW STARS ADDED EAST-WEST GAME

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Washington State's ace halfback Bill Sewell, and Dale Gentry, giant end, were named today to play for the western team in the annual East-West charity football game here New Year's day.

The selection committee previously announced four other acceptances, from All-America stars Frank Albert, Stanford, quarterback, and Bob Reinhard, California, tackle, and University of Texas luminaries, Milt Kutner, end, and Chad Daniels, guard.

Proceeds of the annual classic go to the Shriners' crippled children's hospital.

NORWEGIANS SAY NAZI TOLL HIGH

Toronto, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Norwegians who arrived here recently for training in the free Norwegian armed forces said today that as many as 35 carloads of German wounded have arrived in Norway daily from the Russian front.

AMERICAN PLANES WIN LIBYA FRAY

Cairo, Dec. 6.—(AP)—American-built Tomahawk fighter planes were responsible for the RAF's biggest victory over the German airforce in the Libyan desert yesterday when two squadrons shot down 17 Nazi dive-bombers, RAF officials said tonight.

The flaming wrecks fell near British troops in the battle area which the Germans had been attempting to bomb. One Messerschmitt fighter and two Italian planes were also destroyed in the battle while at least 20 other enemy aircraft were damaged, officials said.

ACTORS IN ARMY

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Two more young actors, Lawrence Tibbett Jr., of the New York stage, and Douglas Young of radio, have been inducted into the army. Tibbett hoped to get into the signal corps.

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Mississippi	22.11	Nebraska	21.30	New Hampshire	21.30	New Mexico	21.30
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