

Fanfare

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About all the majority of the trout anglers had to be thankful for as they reminisced about opening of fishing season Saturday and Sunday at Diamond lake was the good weather. But, again, some of the Nimrods may be sporting sunburns which leave them none too joyful.

Much speculation has been offered for the failure of the kamloops rainbow to bite in the manner fishermen had expected.

We are inclined to go along with the theory that the large number of boats on the lake and the resulting disturbance had a lot to do with it. Some ventured that the fish were driven down deep. Whether that happened or whether the fish were just more wary of bait and lure we can't say. But we will guess that angler's luck will pick up when traffic on the lake is less.

TROUT SAID SPAWNING
One idea put forth was that it was spawning season for the big trout and for that reason they were not responding to anglers' baits and lures.

WILDEST RUMOR
Some wag — and probably unhappy fisherman — no doubt made the comment in jest that became the wildest rumor. It was being spread around that the game commission personnel had fed the trout just so they wouldn't bite. That wild report brought vigorous denial from the game men.

We heard that one Nimrod was quite put out to see several hundred trout, a mere drop in the bucket in comparison to the lake, being held at the commission's Diamond lake egg taking station.

SLY KEPT SECRET
Not all of the fishermen went limitless. One expert with flies got his quota on the west shore. Others near him weren't having the same luck. And we understand he wouldn't tell what fly he was doing the trick for him.

Smith Throws 196
Lary Smith, Crater High javelin star, and winner of the high school division spear toss in the Oregon AAU meet, didn't record his best toss of the year with the cast of 193 feet 4 1/2 inches at Portland on Saturday. His best was at the state prep meet more than a week ago and it didn't

even count. It would have taken A-1 first place if it had.

Smith slipped on his last try with the spear at the state affair. He was given another toss, but just for kicks. The lance went 196 feet 1/2 inch. The throw will be a Crater school record, nevertheless. It was possibly the best throw by an Oregon high school competitor this year with a legal javelin.

MANN HAS RECORD

Lloyd Conrad Mann, ex-Medford high golfer and ex-Rogue Valley Country club caddy is co-holder of the course record on the links at Nouse-sur Air deport in Morocco where he is an airman second class in an Air Force squadron. Mann has toured the depot course in 71, one under par. Recently he was first in a putting contest, needing only 11 for nine holes.

Connie was RVCC caddy champ back in 1952.

CREDIT TO STATE

The following comment is by Jim Vance, Roseburg News Review sports editor, in his sidebar column:

"Oregon's showing at the (PCC) meet is a credit to the state's high school track program. For the past 10-12 years, Oregon has been yearly producing one or more high school trackmen who have attained national prominence for performance.

Others have made average marks in prep togs and gone on to greater achievement in college. The University of Oregon has one of the nation's top coaches and it has paid off.

Medford in track and the Coos Bay area in football kept Oregon on the athletic map in the past few years. They have proved that teams built around the state's high school athletes can be competitive. No need to go to Southern California for help every semester.

With well-founded prep athletic programs in most of the state's big communities, the colleges can look to better home-grown products. Medford and Coos Bay have carried the load; the rest of the state should begin packing its share."

Boy Tearfully Admits Hero Role in Saving Life of Baby in Fall

Chicago — A boy, 12, who saved a baby's life by breaking the infant's fall from a second story window, won belated recognition today as a hero.

Little Jimmy Thomas had kept mum about his role in the incident last Saturday because he was ashamed that he hadn't caught the falling infant.

Doctors at Garfield Park hospital said the baby would have been killed if Jimmy had not broken his fall. The infant suffered a skull fracture, they said, but will probably live.

Jimmy tearfully owned up to his heroism Monday under questioning from his father. The boy said he felt guilty because the baby slipped through his arms and had to be taken to a hospital.

Zeke King Leads NW Batsmen

Portland — Zeke King of Eugene, clubbing an even 400 on 30 hits in 75 at bats, led the Northwest league hitters in games through Tuesday of May 21, latest league statistics showed today.

King also led in triples with five for the season. Herm Lewis, Yakima's slug-ging outfielder, also figured heavily in the statistics. He was tied with teammate Chuck Elson for hits, 39, in doubles, 13, runs batted in, 43, and total bases, 63.

Elson led in stolen bases with seven and had scored the most runs, 38. Ted Tappe of Wenatchee led in home runs with five, Dennis Peterson of Wenatchee led in sacrifice hits with six. Vince Moreci of Yakima had drawn the most walks, 31, and Mike Coppola of Yakima had fanned the most times, 20.

Ken Enright, Yakima, Chuck Lybeck, Wenatchee, and Bert Haysom of Tri-City each had posted five victories to lead the pitchers. Enright boasted a perfect 5-0 mark while Lybeck and Haysom had each dropped one. Lybeck led in innings pitched, 53, and in complete games, six.

Vern Kindsfater of Salem had the most strikeouts, 40, Pat Gosney of Wenatchee had issued the "most walks, 50, and Bill Bouley of Lewiston had lost a total of five games. Ed Kelly of Lewiston had allowed the most homers, five.

Wenatchee, with a 299 mark led in team hitting and Yakima at .973 was the top fielding team.

RV Softball Girls Play

Diamond action at new Ricker field at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, Camp White, will have a day-night doublebill status on Thursday, May 30, Memorial day.

Rogue Valley girls' softball team will make its 1957 debut at the stadium at 7:30 p.m. The RV girls will be host to Butte Falls.

At 2:30 p.m. Thursday Camp White will be host to the Medford Cheney Studs in an exhibition semi-pro baseball game.

SPORTS

Mantle Said Valuable

Kansas City, Mo. — Arnold Johnson, owner of the Kansas City Athletics, thinks Mickey Mantle is worth a million dollars "but I know I couldn't buy him for that."

Johnson was quoted as saying he would give a million for Mickey, and that the star New York Yankee outfielder would pay the purchase price back in seven years of playing.

Ernest Mehl, sports editor of the Kansas City Star, quoted Johnson Monday as saying that Mantle could raise the Athletics to third or fourth place in the American League and would add at least \$100,000 to the Athletics' gate each season.

Johnson also was quoted as saying that Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers was worth \$700,000 and that he offered Spike Briggs, then president of the Tigers, \$450,000 for Kaline last fall.

Pair To Try Raft Trip Across Atlantic

Bordeaux, France — Two men from Bordeaux said today they will try to drift across the Atlantic Ocean to the United States on a 15-foot-long pine log raft.

Rene Lescombe, 35, and Guy Goutepifre, 28, said they expected the trip to take from four to five months. During that time, they will sleep in a small wooden cabin on the raft and eat fish and greens they take from the ocean, they said.

SCHUE NAMED

Oswego — Warren Schue, 33, a 1946 graduate of the University of North Dakota, Monday was named head basketball coach at Lake Oswego high school. He replaces Bob Edwards who resigned to take a coaching position at a junior high school in Sacramento, Calif.

Camp White's Diamond Skipper Picks Tentative Club for Holiday Fracas

Tentative starting crew for the Camp White baseball nine, which hosts Medford Cheney Studs Thursday afternoon, has been announced by Manager Keith Johnson.

The skipper, who says he'll manage from the bench rather than from the field, indicated that he will choose from among Fred Herrmann, Don Sanford and Jim Jones, for the starting pitcher assignment in the 2:30 p.m. Memorial holiday mix.

Herrmann is just winding up his schooling at Crater high. Sanford is ex-Jacksonville high and Jones ex-St. Mary's.

Dick Wooton or John Niles, both ex-Medford high, may be at first base. Wooton has attended Modesto Junior college and Niles Southern Oregon. Second baseman may be Richie Price, ex-Southern Oregon col-

lege, with Bill Seymour, now finishing up at SOC, at shortstop. Ted Landers, all-Oregon Collegiate conference player at SOC and ex-Medford, or Al Kimura, from SOC, could be at third.

Dedicate VA Field

Ned Landers may be in right field and Dick Nix in center. Both are OCC all-stars from SOC. The other outfielder will be selected from among Charles Rettman, ex-Ashland high, Don W. Smith, ex-Jacksonville, Bob Smith, who has some pro experience, and Bob Serak, who was with the Cheney Colts last season.

The game will be for seven innings and will follow the dedication ceremonies for the new Ricker stadium at the Veterans Administration domiciliary. The park is named for E. K. Ricker, domiciliary manager. It will be the first official use of the new athletic game, show and concert facility.

LINEMEN SIGNED

Philadelphia — Frank D'Agostino and Sid Youngelman, two burly linemen, have signed their 1957 contracts with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. D'Agostino, who weighs 244 pounds, alternates at guard and tackle. Youngelman, 255, is a defensive tackle and end.

W. Bethea Wins Bout

New York — Heavyweight Wayne Bethea, who outlasted Paul Andrews for a split 10-round decision at St. Nicholas Arena, asked today for a 12 or 15-round fight with one of the ranking contenders.

Stocky Bethea, a rugged New York tomato packer, weighed 201 1/2 pounds to 190 1/2 for elongated Andrews, a West Side stevedore who formerly fought out of Buffalo, N.Y. Their bout was televised.

They went into the ring at "even money" in the betting because of late support for Andrews' knockout punch.

Andrews shook up Bethea several times and staggered him in the seventh round, but he could not flatten Wayne, who never was stopped in his 24 fights. Andrews tired under Bethea's relentless, bullying attack. The voting was 6-3-1 and 5-4-1 for Bethea and 5-4-1 for Andrews.

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Jimmy said he and his brother, Tommy, 10, were playing in their coaster wagon at the back of their home when a football flew out of a second story window.

Moments later, they saw Billy Wayne Taylor, 21 months old, crawling out of the window after the football.

"Go back, little boy, go back," Jimmy screamed. But Billy paid no attention and fell from the ledge.

Jimmy ran to the house, held out his arms, clenched his teeth and braced himself as hard as he could. The 35-pound baby hit Jimmy's arms, then slipped through and fell on to the sidewalk head first. Jimmy weighs only 75 pounds.

Jimmy called to his mother. "Mommy, the baby fell out of the window." Mrs. Thomas notified the fire department and the police. Jimmy was ignored in the excitement, but watched fear fully in the background.

A neighbor who had seen the baby fall later mentioned the incident and asked about the "little boy who saved the baby's life." The word spread around the district, but nobody knew who the little boy was.

Jimmy's father, Leonard, also became curious and questioned his son closely about "this little boy."

"It was me, Daddy," Jimmy said, and burst out crying. "I caught him but I couldn't hold him."

Lake Trout Plentiful Despite Lamprey

Chicago — Great Lakes fishermen are still catching plenty of lake trout, despite the sea lamprey, says Frank Wilkisson, president of the National Fisheries Institute.

"Salt water areas provided the bulk of this country's record 5.2 billion pound catch last year," said Wilkisson, but about 77 million pounds of fish were caught commercially in the Great Lakes.

Wilkisson, speaking at the institute's four-day convention in Chicago, said about eight per cent of the country's food fish are caught in the Great Lakes and Mississippi system.

He said the sea lamprey cut in half the number of trout caught last year. He said an "International Great Lakes Fisheries Committee set up last year by the United States and Canada hopes soon to devise a lamprey control program.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, other days 5:30 previous day.