

Hunting and Fishing Southern Oregon

By MEL REES

Hunting and fishing in the three Pacific coast states has been so fabulous in former years that it is extremely difficult for Mr. Average Sportsman to realize that this great heritage of the west is slowly becoming a thing of the past.

No doubt there will be some who will say that this is just a cry of "wool" but we only have to look around us in order to see how far we have slipped in the last few years. I vividly recall hearing sportsmen back in the early thirties bemoaning the decline in fishing and hunting and now we look back to those days as "the good times" and wish we had them back.

While I am a native Oregonian, I have spent considerable time fishing and hunting in both Washington and California. Recently I did a little investigating concerning some streams and lakes in California which were excellent fishing only eight years ago. Most of the natives just laughed when I asked about such former hot-spots as Convict creek, Twin lakes, Grant lake, Walker lake, and the upper reaches of the Kings river.

Standing Room Only

The reasons? Great influx of population and short work weeks along with fine highways to all these places puts them in a standing-room basis every week end. In spite of extensive planting program by the California fish and game commission and pressure is too great and it does come to the place where one man put it, "They just follow the plant trucks around now."

In the northern portion of the state this pressure isn't quite so great but here too it is being felt. Shasta lake bids fair to become one of the greatest bass lakes in the country and of course this will help for many of our new citizens who have come from the middle and southern states would rather have a bass than a trout.

Planning Needed

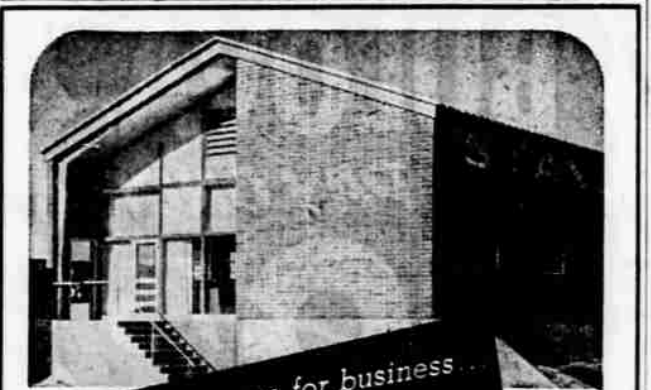
The thought behind this report is that we sportsmen of Oregon have taken our fishing and hunting for granted for so long that we are in danger of losing it before we realize it. Most of the natives can still get their limits of trout and steelhead and therefore do not realize that the overall picture isn't good.

O'Connor Says PCL Will Be Dead On Day SF, LA Go Into National

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco — The Pacific Coast League, as such, will be dead the day San Francisco and Los Angeles go into the National league, President Leslie O'Connor said today.

"I'm very dubious about the future of this league if we lose those two cities," said O'Connor, "because that means we will be losing five teams—San Francisco, Sacramento (only 100 miles away), Los Angeles, Hollywood and San Diego (120 miles away)."

O'Connor, former assistant to the late K. M. Landis, first czar of baseball, said he could see no salvation for the circuit with the two big cities lost.



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FLORIST CATCHER SATURDAY—Bev Wadsworth, above, an All-American catcher is one of numerous standout players who'll be playing for the Evr Lind Florists of Portland Saturday night when they meet the Rogue Valley Dairy Maids at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary Memorial field, Camp White. The game will be at 7:30 p.m. and the Maids will face Orland, Calif., in the second game of a doubleheader. Bev is said to be the sparkplug of the Florists. Her ability to call pitches and direct play on the field has been a great asset to the team. She has a fine throwing arm which is evidenced by her excellent record in nipping runners on bases. Bev bats in the clean-up spot which testifies to her hitting prowess. The Florists vie in the Women's Northwest Major Softball league and are currently on a trip taking them to Eureka, Calif., then back to Eugene. The Maids play in the Jackson County association against men's teams and are popular with fans at Camp White. One of the Florist pitchers is Pearl Pinion who has a number of no-hitters on record in four years of major league ball. Another player is Margaret Dobson, third baseman, five times All-American. She has one of the best throwing arms in girls' softball and at one time played on the Portland State college men's baseball team.

Drain Whacks Studs; Outlaws Here Sunday

Drain Black Sox bounced the Medford Studs 10 to 2 at Drain last night to even the summer baseball action between the two semi pro clubs at two wins each. The teams meet here on Aug. 14 for the final time this season.

Medford turns its attention back to the Rogue Valley league for Sunday when it entertains Cave Junction in the key contest of the regular schedule. A verdict for the Outlaws in the afternoon affair will put them strong in the running and just a game back of Medford. The Studs will be out to maintain their unbeaten lead, stretching it to three games and assuring of at least a tie in the final standings.

There's strong "beat Medford" talk in Cave Junction and the Outlaws figure to be gunning for a mighty upset.

Juggled Line-up
The Studs were a bit crippled for their trip to Drain but apparently will be back a full strength for last year's loop winners.

Catcher Frank Roelandt sat out last night because of the finger injury suffered last Sunday against Glendale. Eldon Francis did not play because of a hand ailment from work. That meant a bit of revamping for the Studs. Red Owings moved in from shortstop to catcher, Frank Rector from third base to short.

DOUBLE NO-HITTER PITCHED IN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
Central Point, spurred by the stellar twirling of Bill Anhorn, nipped Talent 1 to 0 last night in double no-hitter intermediate league baseball game at Memorial field, Camp White, last night.

Fans of Dodgers Asked To Wait Until August 5

New York — Brooklyn Dodgers fans, and would-be Los Angeles Dodgers fans, both were advised by a New York city official today to "wait until August 5th" for the next word on whether the team is leaving Brooklyn.

On or about that date, the official said, the report of the committee investigating whether a new Dodgers stadium can be built in Brooklyn will be submitted to the city's ruling body, the board of estimate.

Despite persistent whispers that the report will turn thumbs down on the stadium, the Dodgers have promised Mayor Robert F. Wagner to make no decision until the report has been completed.

The Dodgers' policy of silence was apparently broken Wednesday with club Vice President E. J. Buzzy Bavasi quoted in Jacksonville, Fla., as saying that the team definitely will go to Los Angeles because "we can't get land for a new stadium."

Pro Golfers Battle For Ryder Cup Spots

Baltimore — A six-man battle for the last two or three remaining berths on the U.S. Ryder Cup team drew as much attention as the struggle for first place in the Eastern Open golf tournament which started today at the Mt. Pleasant course.

A field of 161, including 11 of the top 12 money winners on the pro tourney trail, was scheduled to tee off in the first round of the 72-hole tournament.

The Eastern Open is the last competition which counts in the point scoring for the 10 places on the Ryder Cup team that meets Britain's pro team in England this fall.

Hebert Earns Berth
Lionel Hebert, winner of the PGA championship last Sunday, automatically earned a team berth by that victory, and about six more pros are too far ahead in the point standings to be caught, leaving about the last three spots still up for grabs.

Fairly sure of making the team are Doug Ford with 827 points, Cary Middlecoff, 558, Ed Furgol 531, Ted Krull 512, and Jack Burke 470. After them come Jimmy Demaret 452, Dick Mayer 446, Tommy Bolt 388, Dow Finsterwald 377, Art Wall 353, Fred Hawkins 336, Mike Felchick 329, Sam Snead 327, and Jay Hebert 326.

Observers believe that the struggle for the last places lies among Wall, Felchick, Jay Hebert, Hawkins, Finsterwald and Bolt. Snead has not entered here, wiping out his chances of making the team.

Ed Machen Bout Victor; Bob To Quit
Chicago — Bob Baker, a retired prize fighter, today gave an analysis of the No. 2 heavyweight, Eddie Machen.

"He's got to learn to body-punch," Baker said. "If he don't, a lot of guys are going to beat him. They'll slip those punches of his at the head and get inside and somebody'll finish him."

Baker retired today, after he took a 10-round whipping from Machen for the latter's 22nd consecutive victory, preserving his unbeaten record.

Red Grange Praises Pro Grid System
Washington — Harold (Red) Grange, one of football's all-time greats, praised the current set-up in professional football today as "the best system that's been worked out yet."

Grange and four other grid-iron giants were called by a House anti-trust subcommittee to testify on workings of the National Football League.

Two present-day players — Chuck Bednarik of the Philadelphia Eagles and Jack Jennings of the Chicago Cardinals — were to testify first. Then the subcommittee planned to hear from Grange, ex-Chicago Bears quarterback Sid Luckman and former Bear lineman George Conner.

Grange told reporters he finds nothing to criticize about the operations of the NFL nowadays. He said the players, as a whole, get a better salary deal than in his day.

No Complaint Heard
Grange was asked what he thought about football's reserve clause. A player signs a one-year contract with a team which then has an option to sign him up a second year.

"In all my years in professional football I've never heard a player complain about it," Grange said.

The subcommittee is studying bills which would ease the effects of a Supreme Court decision last Feb. 25 placing pro football under the anti-trust laws.

Wednesday, NFL Commissioner Bert Bell gave figures which showed that of the 12 NFL teams only the Chicago Cardinals have suffered an overall net loss over the past five seasons. The Cards dropped \$798,524.

The NFL's richest team was the Detroit Lions who had a net profit after taxes of \$622,055 from 1952 through 1956.

Nebraska's famous Sand Hills cover about 35,000 square miles. They are not sand dunes but are mostly covered with grass, with the valley's producing luxurious hay.

Hunter's Choice Protested; Dove Controversy Intense

Oregon Sportsmen club of Jackson County has protested against a hunter's choice deer season in the state this year and, on the controversial issue of whether dove hunting should be open in Jackson county, it has recommended to the Oregon state game commission that dove and pheasant seasons be held concurrently. President Bill Pelser has reported.

He said that a petition on the either sex deer hunting matter, with 3,000 signatures, and a resolution on dove hunting from the Jackson county club were put before the commission for its July 12 meeting. Dave DeArmond, Medford, has been named to go before the commission at its Friday, July 26, session and reiterate the stand of the club. Final hunting regulations are to be set on Friday.

While the game commission in its tentative plans has set up three days of hunter's choice this season, compared to nine days in some localities last year, the Oregon Sportsmen club is protesting against either sex season at all on the grounds that should there be a heavy storm and a resulting heavy migration, the kill will still be too heavy.

On the dove issue the club has taken a "moderate" stand. The game commission tentatively has set the dove season for Sept. 1-22 in the state but with no hunting to be permitted in Jackson county. This plan to keep Jackson county closed while dove hunting is allowed in the rest of the state, up for final decision at the final game hearing in Portland Friday, is based on former complaints of trespass and damage and on charges that pheasants are being killed out of season by dove hunters.

Dove Hunters Protest
Nimrods of the county who like to hunt doves are vigorously protesting closure of the season here. They have had petitions out for signatures and for presentation to the commission. These hunters maintain that there is good hunting away from crop land. They minimize damage in the overall picture with the contention that such a problem is no worse here than in other counties and they feel that dove closures in this county is "discrimination."

Doves appear plentiful in the county and those who like that particular sport take the stand that no game management matter is involved and that trespass is a law enforcement problem.

Crops Still Out
Backers of closure, which include at least two Granges and a good number of hunters, point to specialty crops in the county which are not in other areas of the state and to the killing of pheasants ahead of season. A number of varieties of pears are still to be harvested in September as are some seed crops.

There seems to be good evidence that pheasants are killed out of season (which may be Oct. 26-Nov. 11 this year) and that such killing is more critical in the separate dove season. Some hunters also bring out that pheasants are flushed from their habitat in dove season making them scattered and harder to find later on.

Other sources indicate the following opinions: That if dove season is placed later in this county there are not so many doves since birds are migratory and having the season later hampers the continuity of seasons; that zoning to permit hunting in some area of the county and not in others is difficult to enforce; that former complaints seem more intense from this county than in others and that the controversy rages stronger here; that there are "oodles of doves"; that dove hunters feel closure will make appear to be "thugs."

Challenge On Hardtop Race Slate

The Challenge Race between Elmer Sisemore and Wayne Lemley, issued by Sisemore, will be the extra attraction Saturday night in the hardtop auto racing program at Valley View speedway.

It will be a 10-lap event. Lemley has been setting the pace in the point standings and has beaten Crock Hunter and Ray Asher in challenges. Sisemore was the winner of the recent main event and has the fastest speed in this season's time trials.

Regular racing program will include the main and semi-main, trophy dashes and heat races. Time trials are set for 7 p.m. with first race at 8 p.m.

Auto Thrill Show Billed

A two-in-one auto show will be provided next Tuesday evening, July 30, at Valley View track.

The Joie Chitwood auto thrill show is on the docket for that night and a stock car racing competition will follow.

Harry Woolman, veteran daredevil stuntman operates the Chitwood west coast show and has worked out some very rugged stunts for both driver and car.

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