

Modern Facilities for Small Boats Lure Anglers to Winchester Bay

Harbor Provides Launching Ramps

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Only a few years ago Winchester Bay was just another quiet little hamlet on the central Oregon coast. Today, it's as busy as Times Square for a good part of the year.

The reason? Salmon.

Actually the salmon have always been offshore from Winchester. The real reason for the huge invasion of sports fishermen is two fold: first, the ambitious Salmon Harbor development with its capacious small-boat mooring and launching facilities and gigantic parking lot for autos and boat trailers; second, the modernization of U. S. highway 99 which puts Portland and the Willamette valley within easy driving distance of Winchester Bay.

South from Eugene, our white Oregon State Motor association motorist car traveled pavement that was four lanes; the business near Cottage Grove Junction is brand new. If you are curious to explore Winchester Bay, you will turn on to state 38 at Drain-Medford junction. This is a two-lane road, intimately scenic.

Storm Destructive

When a storm devastated the village of Winchester Bay in 1951 the people of Douglas county, determined to rebuild and improve, created a superb harbor which makes available the rich fishing grounds that lie outside the bar.

Advertising of this place is mostly person to person. But the rumors of good fishing fly fast, and the village is crowded with busy, intent anglers. With all the activity there is little noise, except for the sounds of the wind and the waters. The small restaurants are simple and clean; there is no honky-tonk, no promenade.

Five floats stretch far out into the bay; concrete ramps for boat launching run down to the water.

Charter Boats Busy

Harry Ludwig, soft-speaking manager of Salmon Harbor (as the whole harbor area within the community of Winchester Bay is named), pointed out the large charter boats. They do a thriving business, attract parties from all over the United States. Rates are reasonable, \$7 a person for a four-hour trip, with everything in the way of tackle and bait furnished.

Most numerous are the privately owned sports fishing boats, all sizes, all kinds. With so many craft going out each day, some for the first time, the personnel of Salmon Harbor anticipate difficulties and achieve remarkable safety with sensible precautions. An eye-arresting sign warns: LIFE JACKETS



A state park surrounds the old lighthouse that guards the mouth of the Umpqua at Winchester Bay. It's a popular spot for picture taking, and motorist party passed for few shots.

MUST BE WORN. Ludwig himself is on duty at four every morning, seven days a week.

A branch of the U. S. coast guard stationed at Umpqua light-house keeps three boats at ready on the bay. At the drop of a sailor's cap they can leap into a boat and go roaring across the bar.

Colored Prisms Used

The coastguardsmen are also custodians of the unique Umpqua lighthouse.

This is a tiny building with a flat round tower which houses a beacon unlike any in the United States. In the turret a single 500-watt light globe is mounted surrounded by a great, yet singularly delicate, cylinder of glass prisms. Some are clear, some a rosy color.

These prisms magnify and multiply the rays from that single globe and beam them out across 19.5 miles.

The prism was constructed



Good roads link Portland, Eugene and southern Oregon to anglers' mecca at Salmon harbor. Coast route forms loop.

'Hinky Pinky' Game Latest Craze of Teen-Age Groups

Salt Lake City — The latest rage in the teen-age set — and with many fun-minded adults — in these parts is a word game called Hinky Pinky.

The name itself doesn't make much sense. But playing it is contagious.

It's done by forming two teams. In turn, one team challenges the other to guess what "hinky pinky" it is thinking of. The time taken to reply — or to give up — is scored to determine the winner.

The replies have to rhyme. That's part of the game. As when one team asks its opponents to guess what's a "hinky pinky" for "cover for a mental hospital." The answer is "goof roof." Or a winter carnival turns out to "be show."

Some Samples

Thyme rules are simple. The "asking" team gives only the definition. And it must, when requested, say how many syllables there are in each of the two words of the answer. Beyond that, the challenged squad is on its own.

Hinky pinky has even received "official" recognition in one of the Salt Lake City high school student newspapers.

Editor Brent Silver of the East High Leopard, in a recent column, cited these examples:

Bar in a blimp — balloon saloon; crazy mixed-up boat — daft craft; frost-bitten moron cool fool; mistaken Shakespearean character — erroneous Polonious; uncolorful crustacean — wee bee or scant ant; speedy preacher — faster pastor.

Some Longer Ones

At other recent get-togethers, game players came up with such examples as:

Tired vichyssoise — pooped soup; unmanly bare — nude; comfortable insect — snug bug; greasy pullet — slick chick; immobile cargo carrier — stuck truck; ineffective look — weak peek; sad posie — dour flower; big excuse — tall stall; raised finger — rigid digit.

Sometimes the definitions run a little longer.

"What you can get the day after Christmas" is answered by "free tree." Or "boar door" is "a device to keep male pigs," "gob knob" is "a door opener on a mariner's house" and "dappled apple" answers "results of a hailstorm in an orchard."

The "hinky pinky" that broke up one party called for an accent. The guessers had to give up when asked about "a Southerner reporting northern weather."

The answer: "mo' snow!"

Youth Said Missing From California

Patrick Little, 13-year-old Woodland, Calif. youth has been missing from his home since Aug. 10, his mother Mrs. J. V. Little, writes in a letter to Mail Tribune.

The youth is described at five feet, two inches tall and when last seen was wearing a white T shirt and brown leather jacket.

He was last seen hitchhiking north on Highway 99W near Dunning, Calif. on Aug. 11.

Those having any information to the youth's whereabouts are asked to call collect MO 2-5873 Woodland, Calif.

Yolo county sheriff's officers said the boy left home Aug. 10 after wrecking his father's pickup truck.

IN AMBULANCE

Walkerton, Ind. — The high school basketball team rode home in an ambulance with the siren wailing after winning the St. Joseph County tournament. The team rode into town on a fire truck last year after winning the tourney, but sub-normal temperatures vetoed the outdoor ride this year. And one player did break his leg in the final game.

RECEIVES LETTER

West Newbury, Mass. — Patrick Dixon, 16, said he received a letter from Mary Jane Campbell, 12, resident of the Isle of Barra off the coast of Scotland, informing him she had picked up the corked bottle containing his address which he put into the Merrimac River last summer.



HOUSE THAT BILL BUILT—Big Bill Russell, one of the fabulous five who helped make it possible, looks over the construction of the University of San Francisco's new gymnasium on the Dons' campus. Russell, now a pro with the Boston Celtics, was an All-American on USF's National Basketball Championship teams of 1955-56 which encouraged financial support for the 6000-seat gym. Basketball fans throughout the West contributed to the building fund.

Police Seek Chance To Catch Nudists

Evansdale, Iowa — A Midwest police chief today sought a chance to catch some alleged nudists without the goods.

"I wish we could catch them," Chief Clifford Schake said. "We have been patrolling by there quite a bit."

"There" is the backyard of Chester Froit, 45, who fenced off the area so he and his family, and occasionally nudist friends, can sunbathe together. Schake has been investigating the case for about a month.

A neighbor of Froit's, Kenneth Stedman, has complained both about the alleged nudism and the high board fence.

"He's got a nice home there and he says the fence cuts off his view," Schake said of Stedman, leaving unanswered exactly what view had been cut off.

Froit struck the pose of the indignant taxpayer when questioned about his right to build the fence.

"When a man owns a piece of ground and pays the high taxes we have to, it seems to me he should have a right to build a fence," he said.

Schake said he has "heard" that the Froits have held nude gatherings in their yard, and apparently believes he can make a case against them when the facts are brought into the open.

Froit has neither confirmed nor denied the reports, but left no doubt he thinks discretion the better part of valor.

"When we do get a chance to go to another nudist camp we have to sit around in the shade for fear of getting sunburned," he said. "This way we can have enough of a tan when we go to be able to enjoy the games."

PENS STOLEN

Portland, Me. — After many new ballpoint pens were stolen from the Maine Automobile Registration Bureau — chains and all — officials replaced them with the old-fashioned variety.



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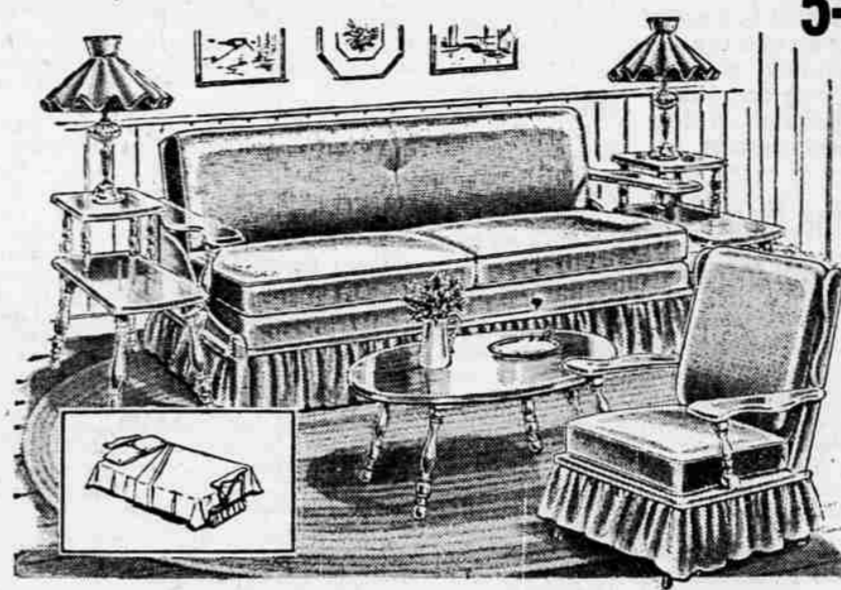
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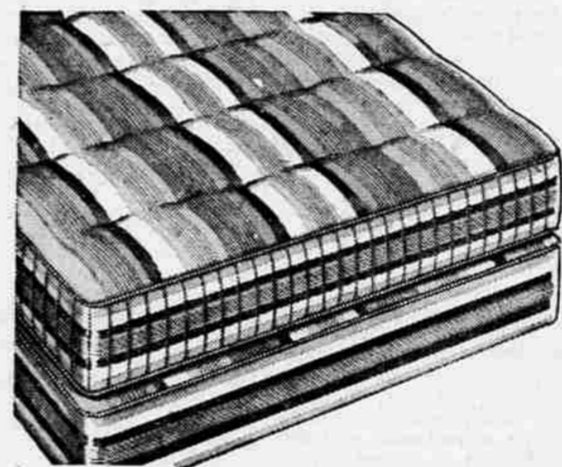
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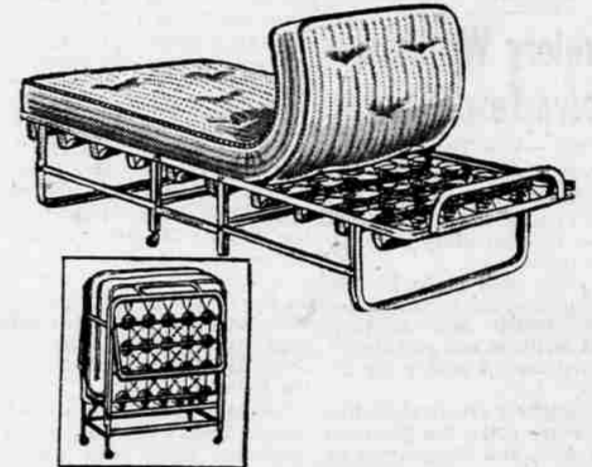
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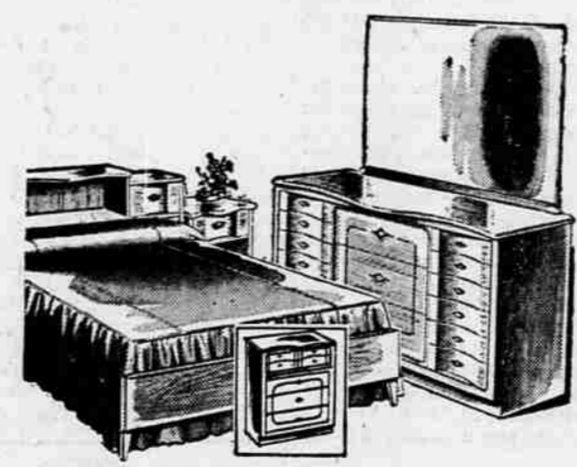


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