

APPLEGATE VALLEY Steelhead Getting Fickle

By MAUDE ZIEGLER
Applegate Valley—A poll of Sunday steelhead fishermen from Little Applegate to the Riverview market revealed little luck and much disappointment, according to a roaming angler who made the rounds.

However, fish were biting some on eggs. A slight rise in the water since last week was blamed for the lack of success.

Some good reports came through last week from the lower Applegate area, where Al and Bill Bird, proprietors of the market there, are reported to have been successful. It also was learned that five steelhead were caught in one morning in that area. Among the few lucky fishermen Sunday were Jim Fletcher of Medford and his nephew, Johnny Straube.

Mrs. Robert Webb returned Sunday from Palo Alto, where she accompanied her husband on a Mercy Flights trip a week ago. Webb is suffering from a heart condition, and will remain in Palo Alto for three weeks for treatment.

The annual March of Dimes benefit basketball game between Applegate and Ruch schools will take place at the Ruch gym Wednesday, Jan. 29. PTA members will serve refreshments and a donation will be taken at the door. All proceeds will go to the MOD and the support of everyone in the community is encouraged.

Mrs. W. L. Couch was hostess at a layette shower at her home Friday afternoon honoring her daughter, Mrs. Duane Cobb, the former Miss Janice Couch. Games were played before gifts were presented. Guests were Mesdames Ernest Armistead, Rex Davis, Lester Stephenson, Sammy Sutherland, Bill Sutherland, Glenn Best, Glenn France, Margaret Naussbaum, Floyd Hawkins, Glenn Hunter, Max Butcher, Earl Best, B. J. Hunter, Donald Razor, Charles Duvall, Elmer Wood, Don McSwan, M. W. Couch, Virgil Cobb, and Miss Bonnie Couch.

Mrs. C. G. Godlove has returned to her home after undergoing surgery at the Physicians and Surgeons' hospital in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thompson and family have returned to Los Angeles after renting the Dow Lewis home here for several months. Thompson had mining interests on Carbury creek associated with Chester Kubli and Jay Williams.

Mrs. Herbert DeVoss is enrolled in office training classes this month.

Mrs. Gladys Crow of Cooper store went to Yreka recently, where she attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Kerr Jan. 18.

Mrs. Harley Hall entertained with a party Saturday evening honoring a number of people with January birthdays, including Floyd Hawkins, Delmar Hawkins, Jimmy Moore, and Judy Hall. Attending besides families of the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Heuston and Mr. and Mrs. John Hoskins of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helms and Mr. and Mrs. Dow Lewis and son, Paul, of Medford spent Sunday here at the Helm cabin on French gulch. They were accompanied here by Joe Lewis, who attended the Ruch church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colvin of Siad Valley, former residents of the Applegate, visited friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDonough entertained with a barbecue dinner recently. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBeth and daughters of Jacksonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul McBeth and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winningham of the community.

The congregation of the Ruch Community church held a pot luck dinner and annual business meeting in their new church building Sunday. A further announcement will be made regarding opening services in the new building next Sunday.

The Little Applegate sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred West Thursday. New officers for this year are Mrs. Gail Buffington, president; Mrs. Joe Farrand, vice president and Mrs. Harry Davis, secretary-treasurer.

Louis Straube was elected as representative of the Applegate district to Farm Tanks, Inc., milk producers' association, which held their annual business meeting and dinner at Gold Hill grange last week.

Other dairy people attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Romsey and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith.

Mrs. Charles Chittcock of Grants Pass visited friends here recently.

Mrs. E. E. Cox gave a cosmetic demonstration to a small group of friends gathering at the home of Mrs. Armin Richter a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fossen, who recently purchased a small acreage from the Buckley estate at Ruch, have started a two-bedroom frame house on the property, which adjoins the new Christian service station. Later they expect to build their own there.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Nellie Rose Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vance and Mr. and Mrs. Verl Walker of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wicksten of Jacksonville.

Robert Hughes, 71 year old bachelor, had an unusual birthday celebration Sunday, in that he was invited to two dinners, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Adams, the other at the Glenn Smith home. After the double repast, Hughes was expecting to be free of culinary duties next day.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fossen Sunday were District Judge and Mrs. James W. Main of Medford. Main is a primary election candidate for circuit judge.

Rural Reflections: While other folks are writing bird columns and entertaining flocks in their back yards, it is two gay little pine squirrels that have captured the attention of Dana and Curt Gearhardt. The little pests have eaten their way through three boxes of apples this winter.

The squirrels sit on the back porch and carefully peel their apples before eating them, and often take them in to the trees to have their meal. Sometimes they leave their apple setting on a limb, and by some mysterious method of balance no winds disturb them.

At the opposite end of the yard two gray squirrels (from a former herd of 17) have a playground, but they are said to scatter when the pine squirrels come visiting.

Five Elderly Men Die in Iowa Fire

Des Moines, Iowa—At least five elderly men were killed Monday when fire swept through a three-story hotel just off the downtown business district.

About 14 or 15 other men were rescued from the upstairs windows and about 20 others fled to safety, firemen said.

The fire broke out in a first floor cafe and quickly spread through the two upper stories of the brick building housing the walkup Olympia hotel.

The interior of the building was entirely burned out and firemen described it as a "total loss."

CLEAN SWEEP

Ontario, Ore.—Mrs. Hazel Puller, reportedly a state police thief taker, not only stripped cupboards from the walls of her unoccupied ranch-house south of town but also harvested her fruit crop, took all electrical wiring on the place, helped themselves to a load of lumber, stole electrical equipment from the granary and removed windows and window-frames from the house.

WISCONSIN SKIING

Eau Claire, Wis.—The tourist trade is becoming more and more a year-round Wisconsin business with the opening of new motels and resorts in the ski area. All of the ski areas in 15 northwestern Wisconsin counties have undergone additions and improvements to attract more tourists. Seventy resorts already have opened for the winter season.

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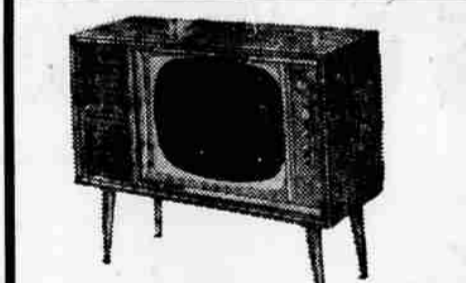
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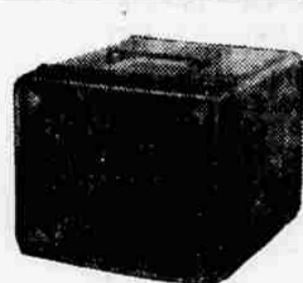
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