

Operations Chief Reports on Fishery

Terming the steelhead "probably the most important fish" and calling the rainbow trout the "workhorse," Dr. H. J. Rayner, Portland, discussed "how the wind is blowing" in the Oregon game commission fish program in a talk Monday night to members of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league.

Dr. Rayner, chief of operations of the game commission's fishery division, told the group that the department likes to put its major stocking efforts in lakes and reservoirs "because that is the cheapest way we can spend your money." Mentioning accusations that the commission is not in favor of warm water fish, he declared that this is "not true."

Addressing the regular monthly session of the Waltonians at Medford Gun club, the fishery chief said that his division is still hoping it can get at the answer on the propagation of steelhead and salmon. He pointed out that the steelhead, as of now, is not adapted to hatchery conditions and there is not the return that is wanted but that the idea is not being thrown "out the window." The division is doing some artificial propagation, he reported, and the first rearing pond in the anadromous fish rearing program will be set aside for steelhead.

Experimental Stocking
Rayner stated that the summer steelhead is "probably the best we have" and that those which pass over Gold Ray dam are probably the best in the Rogue since they are the biggest and have been in the river the longest time. No one knows what makes a summer steelhead, he said.

The fishery man said that the winter steelhead are in better shape. It was found only last year where the steelhead were in the ocean, he reported. He added that they don't come back to us as they should.

The game commission is stocking salmon just for experimental purposes, Dr. Rayner informed the Waltonians. He said that salmon hatchery operations are being found to be a tremendous burden and with silvers actually detrimental. Salmon stocking in the Rogue amounts to 50,000 a year, he reported.

Nature does a better job in propagating salmon, the fishery chief maintained. This is not saying, he stated, that hatcheries are not the answer, it's only saying that fishery men do not yet know how to use them. "I think that the rearing pond idea is the nearest we've come to the answer," Rayner answered.

Budget Slash Hurts
Then, the game commission man pointed out that this pond program has been hit by the \$2,237,739 cut that the state department of finance and administration has made

from the game commission's budget. The commission has budgeted \$350,000 for impoundment, construction and rearing of an anadromous fish. Rayner stressed to the sportsmen that "you are the ones to suffer" from the budget slash unless the amount is restored. "We would be testing the rearing pond idea which would provide you some fish you need."

Rayner indicated the role of the rainbow trout as a fish for the average angler. Asked why no eastern brook trout had been planted in Fish Lake after the 1951 rehabilitation operation, the fishery chief turned the question over to Cole Rivers, fish biologist and department field man in this area.

Rivers answered that the rainbow policy was because of the much higher return to the angler. He spoke of the brookie, however as a desirable fish. The biologist said that the comeback of that trout, from those which escaped poisoning, shows that it can fill a gap. Combining rainbow and eastern brook in the lake is being considered, Rivers reported.

Browns are Caggy
It was further reported that eastern brook in high lakes have a tendency to become overstocked and limits were raised as a measure of cutting down the population.

If this section of river was right for brown trout, they would be here by now from a planting long ago up the river, Rayner brought out. They are not in this part of the stream because of the warmer water temperature, he said. He stated that browns lack the diversification of rainbow.

Browns are wonderful fish "if you can catch them" but a tremendous population is needed before they can be caught in numbers, Rayner told the Waltonians. He mentioned their "caggy ability to withstand the hook" and listed them mostly as a fly fisherman's trout.

Key Stream Planting
Concerning the commission's desire to put the major stocking efforts in lakes and reservoirs, Rayner reported that rivers just do not return percentage of fish that lakes do. He spoke of the program of planting trout in key stream areas where anglers can get at the fish. He said that there have to be a good number of fish in the stream before angling gets good and that a great many more fish than are going to be caught must be stocked.

Kamloops trout were stocked at Diamond lake because "a wild creature" was wanted and fishery men were convinced that it had a bit more moxie on the end of a rod than the regular rainbow, according to Rayner.

Cutthroat trout are unique in that they can "fill so many

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Sacramento, Calif. (UPI)—Orlando Zulueta, 136, Cuba, defeated Josey Lopes, 136, Sacramento (10).

Honolulu (UPI)—Tomstone Smith, 90, Los Angeles, outpointed Stan Harrington, 149, Honolulu (10).

holes" in the Oregon fishery but their environment is first to be hurt by disturbances of industry, such as logging, the fishery chief pointed out. Cutthroat must spawn in small streams. Loggers are good people, Rayner asserted. He told of the need to get next to them and explain that there are two resources and there is no reason why the two can't get along.

Discover Salmon
Rayner emphasized that his department is not trying to eliminate warm water fish but is trying to keep their population in check and to increase their size. There is a great demand from new people in the state for the type of warm water fishing like that where they came from, then these people suddenly discover the salmon, Rayner said. He mentioned that Oregonians generally are for the salmon and trout and forget the warm water fish.

The speaker remarked that the warm water species have a very high reproductive potential and that there are not enough anglers to catch these fish and keep their population at a desirable level.

Rayner reported that the channel catfish promises to be one of the most successful animals brought into Oregon streams. It was introduced in the Snake. Bullhead catfish are doing too well and are "our big problem," the fishery man said, telling of their small size because of being overcrowded.

Waltonians Want Guarantees Before Rogue River Waters Used for Industry Purposes

Resolutions asking that statutory restrictions preventing industrial use of Rogue river waters be kept in force and seeking restoration of funds in the Oregon game commission budget were approved at a Monday meeting by members of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league.

The Oregon state water resources board has recommended that the limitations

against Rogue water use for industry be repealed or amended but Waltonians took the stand through their resolution that they want the legislation on the books until guarantees of sufficient stream flow and against pollution of the Rogue are assured.

Waltonian members passed the resolution by a wide margin after thoroughly discussing the measure and bringing out the importance of industry in the basin. They expressed their desire of proof that stream flow will be maintained by industries and that the river will not be polluted. It was stated that the game commission is not in favor of repeal.

On the game commission budget matter, members approved a motion that a resolution be drawn up opposing the cut of \$2,237,739 made in the biennial budget made by the state department of finance and administration.

It was stressed that the game commission money is not out of the general fund but is "dedicated revenue" mainly from license fees. It is "silly" to call it a savings to cut the game budget, one member remarked, declaring that such action is not a savings of taxpayers money.

Items which have been removed by the finance department include \$350,000 for impoundment construction for rearing anadromous fish, \$40,000 for stream clearance, \$96,000 for a warm water fish impoundment program and \$84,000 for fishway and screening activity.

Tom Rickard, Henry DeVoss and Paul Weiland were named to draw up the resolution which will be forwarded to Jackson county legislators and to the proper legislative committees.

PACKERS NAME AUSTIN
Green Bay, Wis. (UPI)—Bill Austin, former Oregon State college football star, has been named as offensive line coach of the Green Bay Packers of the National Pro League. Austin now is an assistant coach at Wichita university. He graduated from Oregon State in 1949.

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SPORTS

Nut Buster Team Wins Trap Tiff

John Deaver's Nut Busters tallied 18½ points Sunday and wound up as champions with 102 points in the trapshoot tournament at Medford Gun club.

Lloyd Langston's Meat Balls were second with 95. Jack Porter's Knot Hole Pluggers had 68½. Ray Coleman's Nail Drivers 22. Ed Kliever's Iron Men 16½ and Joe Jorgensen's Cream Puffs 6.

Henry Niedermeyer of the Cream Puffs won the shoot-off 24 to 23 against Ray Coleman of the Nail Drivers for individual honors. Each had a 292 score for 300 targets in the six Sunday shoots.

Deaver Tractor's Busters were tops in attendance last Sunday with 14 men and had top total score of 600. The Chrystal Meat Balls had 240 for high five and were second in the day's scoring with 17 markers. Pluggers had 9½ for the day, Iron Men 11, Nail Drivers 3 and Cream Puffs 1.

Meat Balls were second in attendance with 13 and in total bird count with 556. The Busters and Pluggers tied for high five runner-up with 237 each, and the Iron Men were close with 236. Drivers had 234 and the Puffs 230.

A dinner and dance will be held the last week of this month as a wrap up to the tourney activity.

McLoughlin Prep Basketball Defeats EP

McLoughlin Junior high ninth grade hoopers downed Eagle Point high freshmen 36 to 31 yesterday.

The Bulldogs were on top 10 to 3, 21 to 15 and 30 to 10 at the quarters. Steve Geren had 12 points for EP and Larry Plankenhorn seven for the Medford team.

LINE-UPS:
16 McLoughlin Eagle Point 31
4 Elmgren Meyers
5 Schroeder Skeeters 4
5 Renner Hawkins 5
C 7 Plankenhorn Greb 2
4 Clause Palm 6
Substitutions—For McLoughlin, Ackley 2, White 3, Ray 1, Lowery 2, Heyerman 2, Gardner, Darby-Griffin; for Eagle Point, Geren.

FRIDAY GAMES

United Press International
Springfield 38, North Salem 34
Grant 47, Franklin 39
Jefferson 56, Washington 35
Madison 48, Roosevelt 47
Wilson 64, Benson 48
Cleveland 42, Lincoln 30
St. Helens 70, Dallas 58
McMinnville 61, West Linn 45
Tillamook 68, Tigard 62
Forest Grove 54, Newberg 36
Covego 59, Oregon City 36
Albany 47, Molalla 34
Sandy 48, Gresham 45
South Salem 67, Beaverton 61
Lebanon 40, Silverton 33
Mac-HI 56, Hermiston 31
Enterprise 55, Joseph 48
Oakridge 55, Creswell 43
Willamette 67, Central 30
Junction City 68, Drain 56
Elmira 53, Pleasant Hill 42
Willamina 52, Yamhill 36
Yoncalla 76, Canyonville Bible 26
Philomath 69, Sherwood 38
Sheridan 42, Astoria 27
Douglas 62, Reynolds 50
Corbett 53, Concordia 45
Monroe 57, Alsea 29
Knappa 45, Vernonia 42
Parkrose 65, Jesuit 31
Mapleton 64, Triangle Lake 50
Westfir 47, Lowell 40

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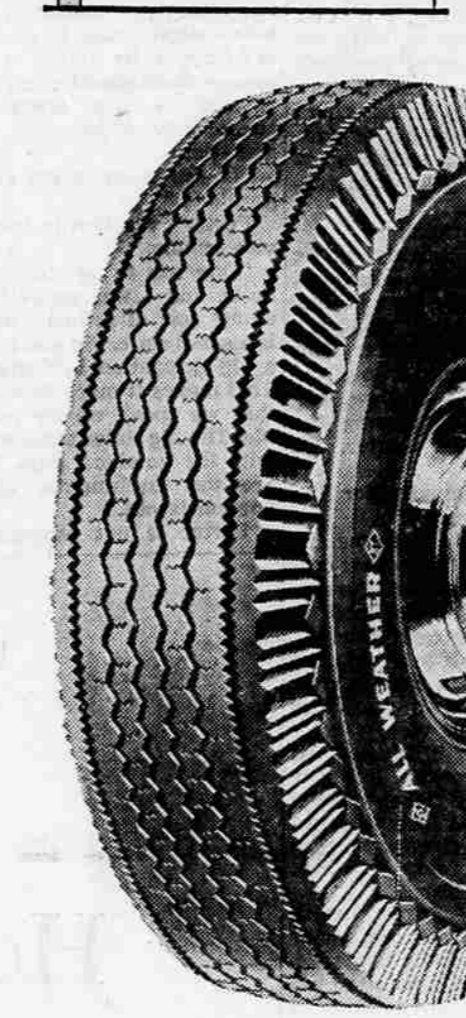
Gael Team Ahead by 2

United Press International. The St. Mary's Gaels took a commanding lead in the West Coast Athletic Conference today after dispelling any doubt as to their superiority over second-place College of Pacific.

The Morgans out-rebounded and out-shot the Bengals Tuesday night to move into a two-game lead in WCAC play with a 6-0 record. COP had a chance, slim it is now evident, to grab a tie for first place by defeating the Gaels, but now trail the latter with a 4-2 mark.

HORNET JV WINNER
Hedrick seventh grade varsity defeated Lone Pine grade basketball team 19 to 6 yesterday. Lone Pine got all its points in the third quarter and the Hornets had period leads of 7 to 0, 12 to 0 and 15 to 6.

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4:56 P.M. Lv. Pendleton	Ar. 4:10 A.M.
7:06 P.M. Lv. La Grande	Ar. 2:06 A.M.
8:05 P.M. Lv. Baker	Ar. 1:00 A.M.
3:30 P.M. Ar. Denver	Ar. 7:30 A.M.
1:00 A.M. Ar. Omaha	Ar. 11:35 P.M.
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