

MEDFORD TRIBUNE
SPORTS

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

There are those fisherman who have built up such a habit of fishing through the winter they find it hard to quit anytime. It could be that they would rather fish than do anything else. Anyway, there were a few such hard-heads out this last week end and the busiest time was had by those fishing the Klamath river above Hornbrook.

LUCKY GUYS

The ones who were there with the right answers limited out with nice bright fish running 20 to 28 inches. Limits were reported by Wes Henderson and Jack Thomas of Medford, with the Okie drifter as the right weapon and an assist from night crawlers. The word is that they are from a fresh run and are very active if the water gets low.

WHAT DID IT?

There are many people wondering where and how the poisons got into Bear creek to the extent that many fish are being killed. Some people already know of several possibilities which have existed for many years and the present low water in the creek makes these polluting poisons very apparent now.

CAN BE OBSERVED

Every year the poison spray tanks of some local orchardists are observed being cleaned out with Bear creek water. There are homes which run their sewage directly into the creek. Businesses along Bear creek contribute to the pollution and can be observed by anyone interested enough to walk along the creek within the city limits. There are meat processing plants along the creek which run their untreated wastes directly into the stream.

PUBLIC OPINION ALLOWS

Until the people of the valley realize that these things continue to exist only because public opinion allows them to, nothing will be done even though we have laws to protect us from this type of pollution. When public opinion raises a bigger stink than the present one on Bear creek, something more will be done than just a filing of complaints.

ARE THERE SAFEGUARDS?

A petition is being considered by the local Chamber of Commerce which will attempt to change Senate bill 183 back to its original wording and allow industrial use of water from the main stem of the Rogue river. The petition states that safeguards exist which would make it impossible for industry to pollute the air or water of the Rogue river valley. If this is so, perhaps the chamber might consider why pollution still exists on Bear creek and wonder how easily laws against pollution are ignored. The pollution laws which apply to Bear creek are the same laws which would apply to the Rogue river.

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CATFISHMEN WANTED

Ponds on the Game Commission property are loaded with catfish and need some hard work with a worm covered hook. Some of the ponds have bass and there are bluegill available also. These are species of warm water game fish and require a lot of fishing to keep their numbers down. If they are allowed to over-produce beyond the available food supply they become stunted and provide poor fishing.

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has seven ponds located off to the right. They are easily found by driving down Gregory road to the Game Commission buildings where some of the ponds can be seen.

BIG FISHING HOLE

A big catfish hole is the big gravel pit just off to the left of Agate road where it crosses the MedCo railroad tracks. The pit is about one hundred yards from the road. It has steep sides and is not recommended for small children or anyone who cannot swim. The water is eight to ten feet deep and has a few bass in with the catfish.

About two miles further down Agate road are six ponds on military slough. These are to the left of where the slough crosses the road. There are catfish in all the ponds with bluegill in the lowest two.

ON NORTH SIDE

On the north side of the river where the old river channel cuts across the old military road there are bluegill and some of the biggest bass in the county. They run up to four pounds in weight and I would like to see someone catch the granddaddy of the lot by still fishing with a black eel. This old river channel crosses the road by the county gravel piles and continues for a mile or so down toward Touvelle park where it cut back into the present channel.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

Even though we can't do everything we want to about existing pollution there are still a few fish left in the country. Those who haven't given up might try the Klamath river above Hornbrook. Try to hit when the water is low. Maybe COPCO will give you a schedule. GOOD LUCK!

Watsons Purchase Bear Creek Motel

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson, Medford, have purchased the Bear Creek motel from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart, Watson announced today.

Watson, who has been manager of the Medford hotel since 1951, will terminate his hotel position March 15, he said. He has been in the hotel business since 1928.

Watson said he plans only to complete two unfinished units at the motel at present. The motel, which has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart for about 14 years, is located south of Medford on Highway 99.

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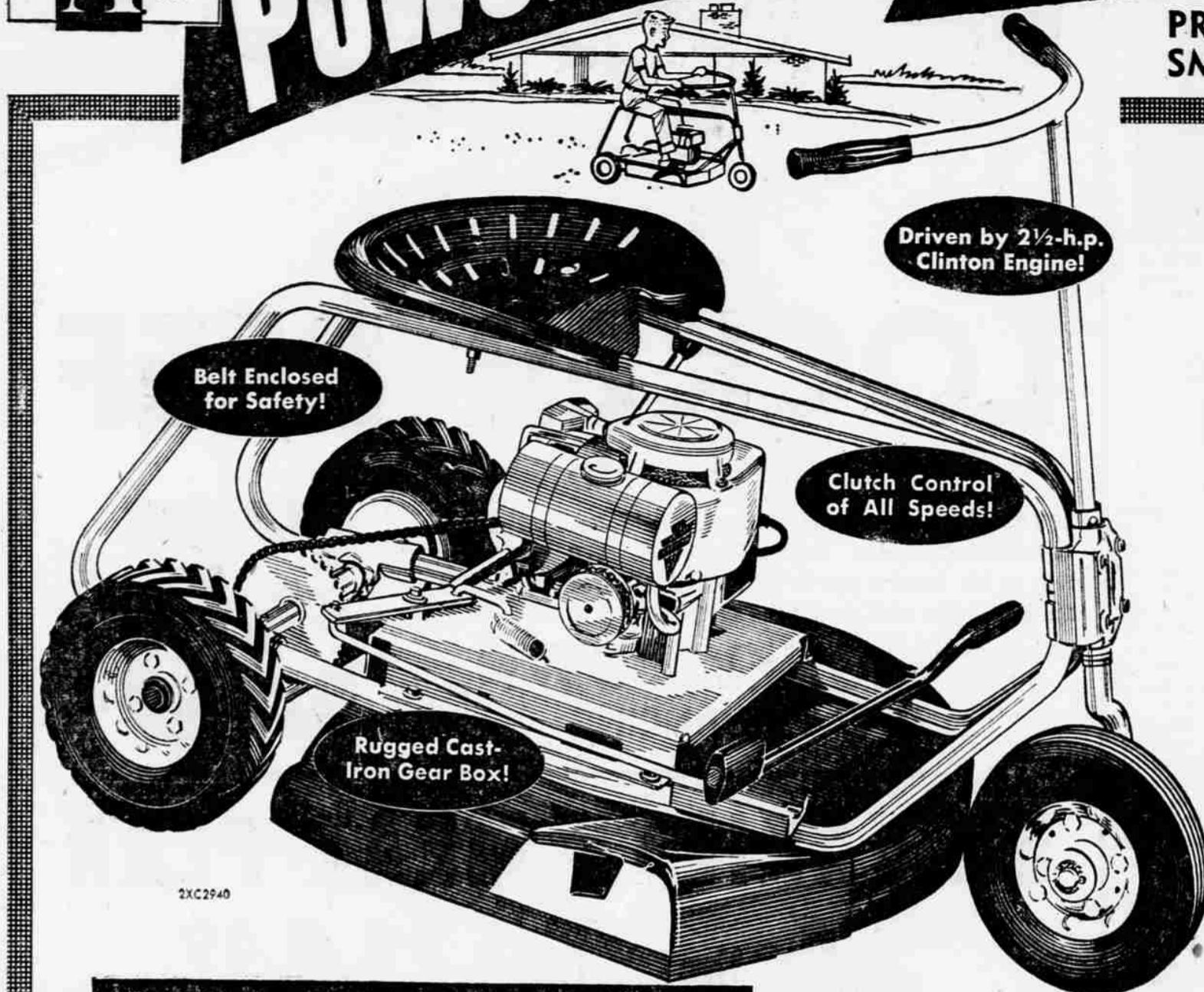
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