

Retriever Field Trial Opens; Events in Camp White Area

Annual American Kennel club licensed field trial of Rogue Valley Retriever club got underway this morning and will continue through Sunday.

Some of the top labrador, golden and chesapeake bay retrievers on the Pacific Coast are entered in competition which brings here a number of the most prominent owners, handlers and trainers in the west.

Contention in four stakes is being conducted in the Camp White area. The meet opened at the RVRC clubhouse at Hoover lakes this morning. Other sites for trial series include the game commission management area on Rogue river and the Medford Gun club.

Public Welcome

The amateur stake this morning was the first event. Derby stake was to follow when the amateur concluded, starting later today or tomorrow morning. Third stake is

to be the qualifying which can start no sooner than 8 a.m. Saturday. Open all-age stake wraps up the trial which is on a western circuit.

The public is welcomed by the RVRC to join the gallery to watch the trial events. There is no admission charge made to the gallery of spectators.

Signs mark the way to the scene of trial activity. They start at the Highway Y at the north edge of Medford and point the way out Crater Lake highway. Special note should

be taken of the signs at Crater Lake highway Four Corners.

Series during the trial will include tests on both land and water. It is a "working" dog trial.

Entry this year is the biggest in the history of the local trial. Largest entry is in the open stake with 50 dogs listed.

SPORTS

Baseball Outlook Really Shining in Raider Camp

Ashland-Baseball prospects are really glimmering in the Southern Oregon college camp with the first two games scheduled for Tuesday in Redding, Calif., against Shasta Junior college.

The collegians have a practice scrimmage with Medford high on Saturday afternoon. SOC's Red Raiders, defending champions in the Oregon Collegiate conference, sport 11 returning lettermen including three pitchers with only regulars at shortstop and one outfield slot lost since last year.

The Raiders have plenty of proven power in the hitting department with such sluggers as Phil Sword, Jim McAbee, Larry Maurer, and LeRoy King returning to the lineup.

Pitching appears to be a strong point with last year's top winner Dave D'Olivo, 7-3, returning along with starter Kermit McLemore and reliever Dale Walters. Tom Speelman, soph from Ontario, and Don Vannice, soph from Prospect, also are being counted on for considerable action in the up coming season along with a number of other new hopefuls.

Maurer has been having trouble with his shoulder of late but it does not appear to be hampering his hitting which led him to the top of the Raider statistics last year with a .412 mark among the regulars.

Jim Dietz and Chuck Nevi will probably get starting roles in the infield Tuesday with Dietz at the keystone sack and Nevi at third. Both were starters last year and Nevi hit .391 while Dietz was

around the .350 mark.

Sword, McAbee, and Jess Munyon will be candidates for the catching chores with the alternate two playing in the outfield with King, Eldon Francis and Ray Weinhold, lettermen returnees, are also making strong bids for outfield berths. Don Jaquette, frosh from Grants Pass, has been looking well according to Schopf and his left handed hitting should give some variety to this year's batting order.

Gordie Carrigan appears to have the edge in the battle for the shortstop position although Jack Kopaz, frosh from Lakeview, has been putting up a challenging battle of his own.

The first home game on the Raiders 22-game schedule will be the inauguration of the OCC season when the men of SOC tangle with Oregon Tech here in Ashland on April 14. Tom Laurance and Pat McLaughlin are expected to handle Medford pitching in the Saturday scrimmage.

PLASTERED TREES

Columbus, Ohio - (UPI) - The Ohio House passed a bill banning political and other posters on trees along the highways after Rep. Martin Galvin argued: "I don't think any legislator would like to be seen plastered - on a tree or otherwise."

TEAM CAPTAIN DIES

Toronto - (UPI) - Lt. Col. Stuart Cameron Bate, 64, for many years captain of the Canadian army equestrian team and commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, died here Thursday.

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

Those serious steelhead fishermen who have hung up their gear and are waiting for salmon or trout season had better hang on tight and listen to a tale of fishing luck that ought to really bend their ears.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

The Klamath river is still open to steelhead fishing and a few hardy souls head down there every week end to try their luck. Last week end Gib Ellis and Cliff McLean of Ashland made a try and Cliff had a day every fisherman dreams about. He caught over 20 steelhead and got so tired fighting them that he had to do it sitting down! He turned all of them loose but two and had that once in a lifetime experience of a fisherman trying to kill himself by catching fish, and I mean steelhead.

NEAR SPAWNING TIME

They were catching these fish above Hornbrook and report that most of the fish released were in poor shape. These fish are coming close to their spawning time and probably are waiting for more water in the creeks in order to climb up them into their spawning beds. Let's hope that the rains this week accomplish this because after a report like the last one I can predict the Klamath will be fished somewhat heavily next week end. I think I'll go too, and with a bucket full of garden hackle.

WATER RIGHT FOR FISH

Senate bill 183 passed the house this week and awaits the governor's signature. When the provisions of this bill become law the sportsmen and conservationists of the state can take pride in having helped to give the fish of the Rogue river a water right. We should thank the State Water Resources board for making it possible because they recognized this right in their program for the Rogue basin. They were misled in believing that industry should share in the waters but I think we have made our point in opposing this part of the bill. The battle isn't over because we can be sure that those who want industry on the Rogue are going to try again next year and every year following until they are convinced this is not the place for industry.

PROMOTE RECREATION

Perhaps someday these people will realize that our most valuable industries are tourists and recreation. We are ideally situated for these industries and will do the people of the nation a favor by promoting them instead of trying to run a race with economic progress by building as many factories as possible. Let those who want to make a million go where too many people and too many factories have ruined the land for anything but making money. I said making money; I didn't say making a living!

HOPE FOR STEELHEAD

Our own Senator Edwin Durno has introduced the bill which will make steelhead a game fish in any waters within the jurisdiction of this state. I reported on this bill earlier in its tentative form and since then it has been changed. The present form, Senate bill 428, will amend the law to require the commercial fishermen to turn over to the fish commission, for deposit in the general fund, 75 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of steelhead.

WORTH MORE AS SPORT

This arrangement will pay the commercial fisherman for his costs in netting steelhead as an incidental catch while fishing for salmon, but will discourage him from fishing for steelhead exclusively. We believe these fish are worth more to Oregon when fished for by the sport fisherman and we know they cannot stand the pressure from nets and hooks at the same time.

BURIED BY THE TON

Somebody goofed! Bulldozers below the dam at Emigrant lake have been pushing dirt over tons of bass and catfish that were washed through the outlet pipe at the base of the dam. Water was released from September until January in order to help in the rebuilding of the dam and the fish that are dead and buried were supposed to have gone to the game commission ponds out at White City and to people who wanted fish to eat. There were bass weighing up to nine pounds and catfish up to four pounds. There are conflicting stories as to why the parties concerned didn't get together, but it's a darn shame it had to happen at all.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

One of the facts concerning spring chinook is that they move up the river only as the water temperature rises above 50 degrees. The water temperature below Savage Rapids is at 50 degrees now and salmon have been seen at Galice and at Robertson bridge. It won't be long now and we'll be fishing for the best there is.

For those who can't wait for the salmon there is the Klamath and a chance for a late run steelhead. These late fish seem to prefer worms and low water, so try to go prepared and on schedule. GOOD LUCK.

Senate Kills Bill Calling for Use of Steel in Short Session

Salem - (UPI) - With only three bills on the calendar, the Senate in a 1 1/2 hour session, Thursday passed one bill, killed one and referred a third to the Multnomah county legislative delegation.

Senate bill 324 calling on state boards and commissions to use steel in construction whenever possible was defeated by a 17-11 vote.

Principal objection to the bill, sponsored by Sen. G. D. Gleason (D-Portland) was that it was a violation of free trade.

Gleason said that both the steel industry in Oregon and labor engaged in that industry had endorsed the bill. He said passage of the bill would save a \$3,700,000 payroll.

Sen. Melvin Goode (R-Albany), one of the opponents, objected because the bill affected only one Oregon industry. He contended that lumber and other industries should be included, otherwise steel would be in a preferential position.

Eastern Oregon wheat growers are spending thousands of dollars in Japan and other far east countries. Sen. Loyd Key (D-Milton-Freewater) said, in teaching the Japanese to use wheat in place of rice. He said passage of this bill would virtually nullify the efforts of the wheat growers to develop more sale of Oregon wheat.

A bill by Sen. William A. Grenfell Jr. (D-Portland) tak-

ing a number of people out of the jurisdiction of the Multnomah County Civil Service commission, was referred to the Multnomah county delegation on a motion by Sen. Jean Lewis (D-Portland).

Nursing Home Bill

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) told the Senate that he had received letters from both members of the county employees union and Multnomah County Civil Service commission, expressing opposition to the bill. He said great caution should be displayed before persons were removed from the protection of civil service.

House bill 383 which was passed, tightened up regulations on hospitals and nursing homes. The bill was requested by the State Board of Health.

The bill would increase the Nursing Home Advisory board from five to nine members. Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) criticized the staff of the State Board of Control and called for the resignation of William Ryan, secretary of the board.

"This board is archaic and useless," Sen. Musa declared, "and should have been abolished long ago."

There was no comment on Musa's speech by other members of the Senate.

Substitutes Centers Elimination of rural school districts and substituting

byists and revelation of who they represent would be required under a bill introduced by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie).

Oregon would join a western compact for the exchange of patients from one state to an institution in another under terms of a bill reported out "do pass" by the joint ways and means committee.

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HAIRCUTS UP

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WOMAN SENTENCED

Vale - (UPI) - Mrs. Bertha Mae Pyles, 43, Thursday was sentenced to seven years in prison for the fatal stabbing of Mrs. Dorothy Hyland, 42, in Ontario last fall. She was convicted of manslaughter.

FATAL ACCIDENT

The Dalles - (UPI) - Mrs. Leah Cramer, 60, San Diego, died Thursday in a local hospital from injuries suffered in a one-car accident about 29 miles south of here on Highway 97 Wednesday. Police said a car driven by her son, Francis, 29, skidded on slick pavement and crashed into a bank.

TEACHERS RESIGN

Condon - (UPI) - The principal and five other teachers at Condon high school announced their resignation Thursday. McIntyre said the resignations were over working conditions imposed by the community.

He said disputes existed about married students attending school, over whether to allow sports and hiring of a full-time or part time teachers. McIntyre has been principal at this Gilliam county school for nine years. The school has 10 teachers in all.

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