

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

I haven't heard any stories about how the game commission fed the fish in Diamond lake opening day this year so I imagine there were a fair number caught. When there aren't any fish given as reason for not catching fish you can expect there was a fair percentage of satisfaction gained from last Saturday's efforts. Some day I ought to try it on opening day, but as yet I find other places more interesting. My particular brand of peoplephobia still keeps me away from crowds like that. Seven thousand people. Wow!

TIME FOR SALMON

The latest report on the spring chinook salmon run is that the peak of the run is now above Galice. It seems a lot of people got discouraged and pulled in their salmon boards and now those who still have their boards out are doing a landlady business. The word is that the run is going to peak out early and probably won't go much over 10,000 fish. Let's hope it doesn't happen. If you want to catch a salmon or just watch them at Savage Rapids or Gold Ray, the time is now.

WHAT AND HOW MANY?

Some interesting catch reports are coming from the Grants Pass area. The delayed opening of trout season in the middle Rogue was for the purpose of allowing the downstream migrating steelhead a chance to escape from the angler horde until they are more mature. (Big, that is.) Now we find that about 91 per cent of the catch around Grants Pass consisted of wild steelhead.

The Game commission planted about 8,000 legal size rainbows there just a short time ago and 3 1/2 per cent of the catch this last week end were planted fish. There was a showing of 2 per cent made up of marked summer steelhead. These were some of those fish planted as an attempt to build up the summer steelhead run.

DOES IT PAY?

When one reads of figures like these, you can't help but wonder whether or not hatchery programs are the best way to provide more fishing. In the face of these facts, it wouldn't be too risky to say that natural reproduction of fish provides more fishing than the hatchery programs. This may be true of the Rogue, in that there is little return of hatchery fish to the angler's creel, but if another page is turned there is a report of a catch in the Applegate of which 87 to 90 per cent were hatchery plants. If this seems confusing, remember that one solution isn't meant to answer all problems. We need many solutions to our many problems.

OREGON'S PROGRAM

The Oregon Game commission program plants legal size fish in streams and fingerling sized fish in the lakes. The best reason for this is that there is a 60 to 75 per cent survival of fingerlings in lakes but only a 3 to 5 per cent survival of these fish in streams. It is estimated that the legal sized fish have a survival rate of only 35 per cent in the streams. This is pretty good because in some states the figure is closer to

15 per cent. It should be easy to see that hatchery fish are costly and are used primarily because the public demands easy-to-catch fishing. It would seem that they still aren't getting it by the simple expedient of more hatcheries for more fishermen. There must be a better answer.

THE ANGLER'S LOG

In years past on Diamond lake there existed what was called "the chumming line." I hope the reports of opening day weren't the results of such an unsportsmanlike method of still fishing.

Diamond Lake

The best catches have been on eggs or worms, still fishing. On opening day Bill Coin of Camp White, and Mrs. Edna Kiburn of Central Point limited out in three hours trolling flatfish. Fish catches are averaging 19 inches and the biggest so far weighed 6 1/2 pounds and stretched 24 inches long.

Fish Lake

Trolling a fly gave the best success with still fishing coming in at second place. The 6 to 8 inch fish comprised about 67 per cent of the catches and the 8 to 10 inchers about 32 per cent. There was a brook trout caught and this means the lake still may have roach in it. So far none have been found.

Willow Creek

Lots of limits on woolly worm trolling when the water is roughed up or at certain times of the day.

Squaw Lake

Has been good all week. Lots of limit catches on FF&W and FF&flatfish. Catfishing is improving.

Lake of the Woods

Fishing has been steadily improving. Limits have been brought in on FF&W and FF&triple teaser.

Klamath Lake

Harriman's resort has had some boats comir in with 8 or 9 fish and others with none. FF&W, FF&flatfish and Andy Reekers are doing the business. H. R. Stevenson of Phoenix made the board this week with a 5 pounder caught on a freak. Biggest fish so far has been a 9 1/2 pounder.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

Unless the fish at Diamond are scared to death, the weather should help keep things going up there. I figure they'll still be there after I've caught my salmon. The way things sound, any place that's wet ought to produce fish.

GOOD LUCK!

Musial Shares Doubles Mark

Pittsburgh - (UPI) - Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals today shared a record with the immortal Honus Wagner, the all-time great shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Musial tied Wagner's National league record of 651 doubles in Thursday's 9-3 loss to the Pirates. Tonight in Philadelphia, Stan will be aiming to break that record. Wagner compiled his 651 doubles in 21 years of major league play while Musial now is in his 18th year.

About 70 per cent of Mexico's workers are farmers but they live on only about 10 per cent of the land.

Condition of Jackie Leonard Still Serious

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Promoter Jackie Leonard remained in serious condition today - suffering from a brain concussion and partial paralysis - while law officers doubled their efforts to catch his attackers.

Leonard, 39, was attacked from behind Wednesday night, slugged, beaten and kicked. A promoter for Hollywood Legion Stadium, he told the California Athletic commission two weeks before the attack the underworld was trying to gain control of welterweight champion Don Jordan.

He testified he was threatened several times when he and Jordan's manager Don Neseth refused to go through a deal with the mobsters.

Oakland, Calif. - (UPI) - Boxing promoter Lon Chargin said today he received a telephone threat "to stay out of Los Angeles - you saw what happened to your buddy."

Chargin is a close friend of Hollywood matchmaker Jackie Leonard who was beaten Wednesday night, presumably by mobsters. Chargin was to fly south to supervise the Saturday night Hollywood Legion fights.

First With Most Pays Off in PCL

By DON THACKERY
United Press International
Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest was really with it:

At least his "fustest with the mostest" quote, has intrigued the skippers of the Pacific Coast league teams.

Sacramento and Salt Lake City won their games last night in the first inning with big outbursts. San Diego got five runs in the third, the fustest - and the mostest - against Portland. And Spokane had eight before Phoenix scored.

The final results - all based on the big and early scoring were: Sacramento, with five in the first, 6, Seattle 1; Salt Lake City, with four in the first, 10, Vancouver, 4; San Diego 5, Portland 0; and Spokane 8 against a poor two run effort by Phoenix.

The best pitching of the night came from Bobby Locke

Chargin said he received the call Thursday over a pay telephone outside his office at the Oakland Auditorium. He said he could not tell whether the call was placed locally or from long distance.

of San Diego. He blanked Portland on three hits. But again it was a big frame in the early going that made it easy. The Pads treated Vic Lombardi badly in the third and got five runs to sew up the contest.

SPORTS

Pruess Top Gun In Shoot Out

Dave Pruess of the new Grants Pass club was top gun last Sunday in the shoot out of the Bounty Hunters Fast Draw club of this area.

Pruess put away his five opponents with no trouble at Coyote pass west of Phoenix.

The Bounty Hunters hold shoot outs each month. Date of the next one is yet to be announced. Persons interested in the club and its activities may contact, Marty Martolin, George Flanagan, Nick (Dude) Nixon, Jack Wells, Don Gray or Dettle Kirkendall.

Walton Division President To Be Speaker Here

Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league will combine for its meeting this month with Ashland and Grants Pass chapters.

The meeting will be Monday, June 8, at Medford Gun club and Luhr Jensen Jr., Oregon division president of the IWL, will be speaker.

Jensen is a director of the national organization and will bring information from the recent national convention.

The session here is set for 8 p.m. and the public is invited.

RVL Games This Sunday

Ashland, Butte Falls and the Veterans Administration domiciliary will be the scene of Sunday afternoon games in the Rogue Valley Baseball league this week end.

Grants Pass will make its debut in 1959 league play on the VA diamond against Camp White. Ashland will entertain Glendale on the Southern Oregon college diamond and Riddle will be at Butte Falls. A bye idles the Medford Bowling lanes team.

Rifle Club Sets Big Bore Shoot

VFW Rifle and Pistol club will hold a big bore qualification rifle shoot on Saturday, June 13, at the National Guard's Camp White range.

The indoor shooting season was closed with a potluck dinner on Wednesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall here. Shooting awards and certificates were presented with Pat Doyle, Crater Lake VFW post commander, officiating. Reviews of junior and senior club activities were given by David Schulz, junior instructor, and William Burnette, rifle club president.

About 80 persons attended and a film on big game was shown.

SWORD POWERS

Camp White, Riddle and Ashland all seek their second week end of counting play for the semi-pro clubs.

Phil Sword, Ashland, and Jack Turk, Camp White, led the hitting parade last Sunday with perfect records at the plate. Sword socked four for four with a homer, double and two singles. With a sacrifice flyout helping he had six runs batted in for the day. Turk swatted three for three, walloping one double and bringing in two runners.

Ashland hit .323 as a team in winning from Medford in the loop starter.

TRACK TUTOR NAMED

Portland - (UPI) - Washington high school's new track coach will be Walter Aldridge, who has been head wrestling coach and assistant in football. He succeeds Roger Mockford who is being transferred to Madison high next fall.

MOONSHINE OUTLAWED

Tallahassee, Fla. - (UPI) - The Florida Legislature has approved a bill making possession of more than one gallon of moonshine whiskey a felony and possession of less than one gallon a misdemeanor.

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OBJECTS TO 'THING'

High Point, N.C. - (UPI) - R. B. Watson called police after he looked out a window and saw a "great big thing" on his neighbor's lawn. The thing turned out to be a six and one-half foot plaster of paris dog taken from a Winston-Salem store.

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