

## Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

Opening day of the deer season saw the usual happenings which accompany our annual hunt for the elusive deer, especially the one with antlers. Some hunters had immediate luck, some took a day or two, and there are some of us who are still looking. A few people got shot for looking like a deer, others shot themselves, there were those who just got shot, and a few dropped dead from the excitement and the exertion which comes but once a year. Sometimes think that there must be a few of those last who prefer going out that way, doing the thing which gives them great enjoyment and satisfaction, and rightfully hoping they can continue doing it until the day they die.

### LOTS OF DEER

If you haven't made your score yet, don't think it's because there aren't enough deer around. Those bucks are hard to find. Wildlife Review reports on a Michigan experiment in which 49 deer were fenced into a square mile area of hardwood forest, conifer swamp and open pine barrens. On a clear day after a light snow had made the ground ideal for tracking, six hunters entered the area. It took them four days (15 1/2 man days of hunting) to even see a buck.

### IT TAKES TIME

Although most of the animals had never been fired at, and hunters over a three year period were allowed to stalk, trail, stand or organize drives, it required an average of 14 hours to shoot a deer in an any-sex season and 51 hours to take the wily buck. So don't give up already, those deer are out there and the rain this week ought to give us a better chance than we had last week end.

### GOOD HUNTING

This is the time of the year that brings the best things in life to the sportsmen who live in the Rogue river valley. The duck season opened Wednesday and pheasant season begins on Saturday morning. Deer season is in full swing and, Dad, now is the time to plan an outing with your son. If good sportsmanship is to be learned, he has a better chance of learning it well if you teach it to him. And the good sports in our society aren't the ones who have the time for trouble-making. You'd do well to catch him early because at the rate we live he'll be too soon gone. This is probably the best alternative if he's not interested in fishing.

### WHAT ILLINOIS

There should be reports coming in any time now telling of fabulous catches of silvers from the Illinois river. In case you've forgotten, I reported on the big plant of silvers made two years ago by the game commission in expectation of having the by-pass around the falls completed by this year. Now those silvers should be entering the river to complete their spawning cycle and unless there is a lot of rain soon they will be held up until enough water over the falls allows them to pass.

### A WILD, WILD RIVER

Cole Rivers, our local fish biologist, and two conservation aides recently made a trip down the Illinois in three rubber boats. They were in the water all the time and wore insulated underwear under levis. They found the river to have quite a steep fall with many virtually impassable barriers to their boats. Cole's description of some of the trials they went through help to give some understanding of why those Illinois fish are such hard fighters. If they can make it up the first 30 miles they can handle just about anything put in front of them.

### ANOTHER DAM

The trip was made for the purpose of building a more complete fisheries inventory and to make a spawning area survey. The reason for the spawning area survey was with regard to the proposed Bald Mountain dam on the Illinois and that part of the river which would be flooded by the lake formed behind the dam. Cole said that the lower river tributaries indicate quite a lot of use by silvers and steelhead. So much so that the loss of these areas by flooding will do so much damage to the fishery that the economic loss could not be justified by the power potential of the dam. We're going to have to keep an eye on the plans for this dam and fight it if it ever comes to the building stage.

### DAM PLANS

The Pacific Northwest is going to have to face the fact that the rivers cannot be dammed here and there at the whim and will of any power company that has money enough to build them. The time has come to

zone certain streams for power and other streams for recreation and fisheries. The Rogue and its tributaries is a natural choice for the latter classification for very obvious reasons and unless we see to it soon we may lose some of our major fishing streams in their entirety. We must organize!

### THE ANGLER'S LOG

The first fall run of steelhead up the Rogue is pretty well scattered and fishing has slowed considerably in parts of the river. The water has been released from behind Savage Rapids dam and unless we get enough wind to louse up the river with leaves it should be in good fishing shape this coming week end. The predictions are that there are going to be plenty of fish and more of them will be bigger. Over five pounds I hope.

### THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

There are some stories a person would just as soon not hear. I didn't go too far looking for deer, just up on the Dead Indian ridge, but my neighbor walked five minutes away from his house and downed a nice forked-horn. This is the story which greeted me when I returned from my all-day hunt. And I was empty handed. My hunting prowess is now under some what of a cloud but I'm sure my luck will improve this coming week end.

### GOOD LUCK!

## SPORTS

### SPORTS PARADE

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Chicago - (UPI) - There were a lot of Dodger heroes.

Most of them were of the old crowd, the gang who knew the cheers and jeers back in the long-gone days at Brooklyn before they went West and started dressing like the Hollywood stars with whom they romp.

Like Duke Snider, the handsome guy with the ugly knee, whose homer started the victory march in Thursday's 9 to 3 World Series finale against the White Sox.

Like Carl Furillo, the hard coal customer from the Pennsylvania mountains who got them there in the first place via the playoffs and did it again to win a series game as they hit the big jackpot.

Like Gil Hodges, the quiet man whose big blow took another of the four games they needed.

And like Charlie Neal, whose two blows out of the park were the payoff shots in the other one.

### Old Flatbush Gang

They're all part of the old gang from Flatbush and so, in a way, as the Dodgers came all the way from seventh place 1958 finish to the championship of the baseball world and cleaned it up with a wild, weird and wacky inning which produced six runs, it was fitting after only two years in the Golden West that they play solos in the winning band.

Yet it was one of the new ones, a kid who wouldn't know Ebbets Field if he saw it, who walked out of critical Comiskey Park as the number one, dyed-in-the-flannel, gilded, uncontested hero of the 1959 World Series.

That would be 24-year-old Larry Sherry, a native of Pueblo, Colo., who makes that fast ball really hum when he unwinds his six feet, two inches and puts his 192 pounds behind it. Sherry The Difference.

What he did was the difference.

Young Larry pitched in four games for the Dodgers in this annual go-round. He saved two of them for his pitching mates - and won two others. It took him only 12 2/3 innings, but when it was over he had yielded a mere eight hits, two walks and, more important, only one run.

He had pitched in four vital, nerve-ripping games in the space of seven days and it was his rugged right arm which was the balance of power.

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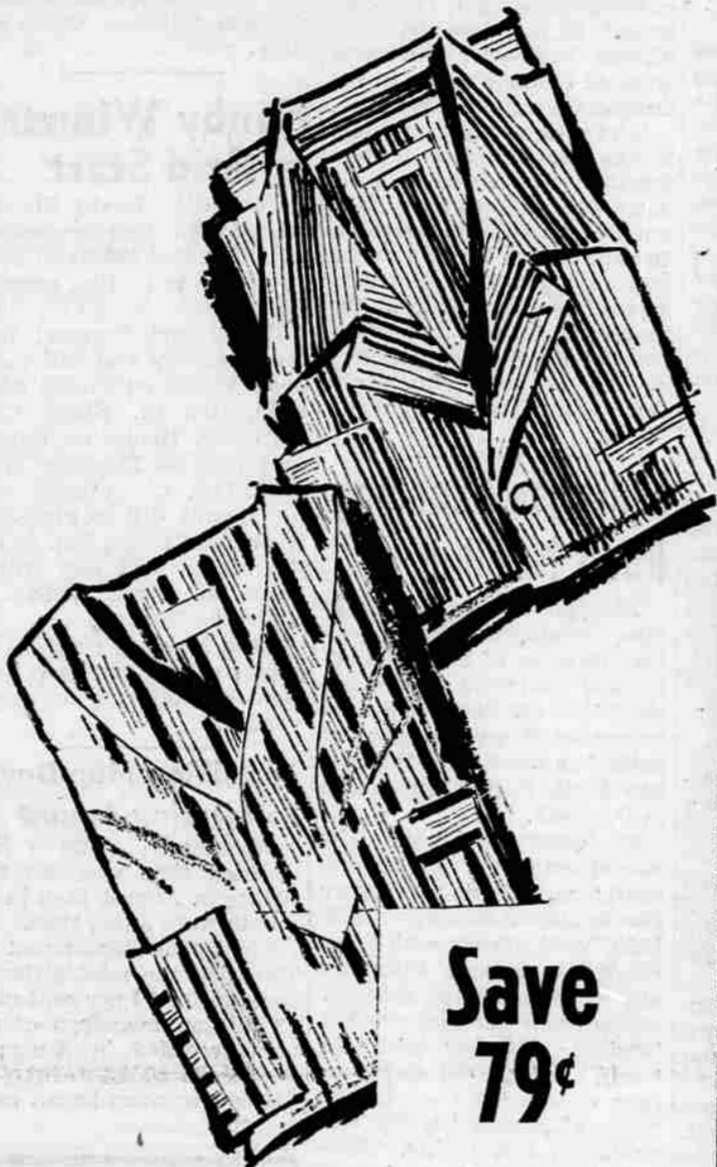
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