

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

The comments regarding otter in last week's column had an error insofar as it was said that beaver and otter would take the same bait. Since beaver are vegetarians they will not take a bait, but the otter isn't at all particular and will eat a variety of foods. Most otter are trapped by setting traps at the ends of slides or runs which they frequent and an occasional beaver is caught in this fashion.

WRITE A LETTER

There seems to be a consensus among the guides, fishermen, and biologists to the effect that otter are killing some fish and the number of otter is definitely on the increase. The next move would be to write to Phil Schneider of the Oregon State game commission and request an immediate study of the otter in the lower canyons of the Illinois and the Rogue. If there is enough concerted interest shown by groups and individuals it would be a safe bet to figure on some action from the commission.

NEW FACTS?

Next week's issue of Sports Illustrated has some interesting things to say to the nation's trout fishermen. In an article written by Robert deRoos there are some ideas broached which should keep the local sidewalk biologists talking until trout season opens. The article reports on experiments conducted by the University of California's Dr. Paul Robert Needham and according to the article:

1. Basic theories of fish management are wrong.
2. Hatchery trout aren't worth the money.
3. There is no such thing as a fished-out stream.
4. Bag limits don't make sense.
5. Size limits should be abolished.
6. Most fishermen can't fish.

THE MAN WHO KNOWS

Dr. Needham believes that since most hatchery fish die before they can adjust to conditions in the wild, three-quarters of the money spent on improving fishing is wasted. The money would be better spent on improving the conditions of the stream. (Amen!) Wild fish are better able to propagate and could replace those caught by the fishermen. Dr. Needham feels that since the wild fish make up the bulk of the angler catch it would seem much more reasonable to spend money on them. Stream improvements are simple and inexpensive: loads of gravel of the proper size will make excellent spawning beds, beaver will create natural holding pools in the right places, rock or log dams can deepen shallow riffles, and insect life and other bottom fauna can be introduced easily.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

The good Doctor feels that bag limits only serve to penalize the good fishermen and size limits are for the birds. A six-inch limit wastes hatchery fish in that it does little more than provide food for the wild fish. An expensive menu paid for by the sportsman.

The high-blood-pressure argument of Dr. Needham is the one which has to do with his observation that most fishermen are duds. He claims that 10 per cent of the fishermen catch over half the fish. These expert fishermen are rarely those who scream for more hatchery plants because they can catch fish in water the dud claims is fished out.

RIGHT IS RIGHT

Although Dr. Needham is speaking of small streams in the California Sierras, some of what he is saying could be quite apropos of many Oregon streams. Much of it could be applied to the Rogue river and its problems. Some of it is being applied by the game commission in the guise of stream-side rearing ponds which will provide wild fish in abundance. The Rogue is one of the first to benefit from this development and a full report regarding this will be available soon.

COULD BENEFIT

The game commission could benefit by some of Dr. Needham's ideas in their present push to simplify the fishing regulations. The problems of the Rogue are complex due to its harboring several species of fish and each species requiring a different habitat as

RVL Title Club Serves 1960 Notice

Ashland-Lou Maurer, manager of the Ashland baseball club in the Rogue Valley league, served notice on the rest of the loop last night when he said his team would be stronger in the coming season than in 1959 when it won the league championship.

Maurer spoke at a dinner at the Elks club here, honoring last year's team and kicking off the coming season. He touched on highlights of the National Baseball congress district tournament at Drain last August in which the Ashland team participated and said he expects his team to win the tournament this year. The Rogue Valley league is an affiliate of the National Baseball congress.

Merchants Praised

Ted Schopf, baseball coach at Southern Oregon college, praised the city's sponsoring merchants and said that without them Ashland would not have its summer baseball program and the players would have to leave the area to have a chance to play. Schopf said he hoped the players would remember their sponsors and that they in turn would become sponsors when they are businessmen.

Harry Chipman, league president, presented the championship trophy to Maurer and league all-star awards to LeRoy King, Larry Maurer, Phil Sword and Dave O'Liver. He outlined plans for the coming season and said the league

BOWLING

ROGUE RANGLERS

| Standings: | W. | L. |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| The Bankettes | 14 | 6 |
| Lucky Strikes | 12 | 8 |
| Rolling Three | 12 | 8 |
| The Pinheads | 11 | 9 |
| S.N.C. | 11 | 9 |
| The Gang | 9 1/2 | 10 1/2 |
| Bobby Pins | 9 | 11 |
| Three Squares | 8 | 12 |
| Merry Misses | 7 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Three Cheers | 6 | 14 |

Results:
3 Squares 1 (M. Doty 368) 1432;
S.N.C. 3 (C. Rector 386) 1432.

The Gang 1/2 (K. Byrne 442) 1513; Merry Misses 3 1/2 (B. Cove 432) 1574.

Bobby Pins 1 (T. Wehren 337) 1479; Rolling Three 3 (G. Johnson 345) 1525.

Pinheads 4 (K. Smith 527) 1574; Three Cheers 0 (L. Fisher 378) 1483.

Lucky Strikes 1 (M. Langley 413) 1503; Bankettes 3 (H. Dow 415) 1584.

ELKS LEAGUE

| Standings: | W. | L. |
|--------------|----|----|
| Sea Dogs | 29 | 11 |
| Miss Fitts | 26 | 14 |
| Sports | 24 | 16 |
| Gypos | 24 | 16 |
| Lively Five | 24 | 16 |
| Reddys | 20 | 20 |
| Adairs | 18 | 22 |
| Cubs | 18 | 24 |
| Go Boys | 18 | 24 |
| Channel Cats | 18 | 24 |
| Cementers | 14 | 28 |
| Alley Gators | 13 | 27 |

Results:
Channel Cats 2 (D. Edwards 579) 2612; Sports 2 (Dixon & Knox 538) 2579.

Miss Fitts 4 (E. Kessler 573) 2448; Alley Gators 0 (K. Phipps 538) 2282.

Lively Five 0 (C. Rector 526) 2333; Sea Dogs 4 (C. Ouellette 519) 2456.

Reddys 2 (C. Norris 577) 2297; Cubs 2 (H. Butler 491) 2289.

Gypos 3 (W. Chase 590) 2541; Adairs 1 (L. Coate 479) 2374.

Go Boys 1 (K. Brown 531) 2281; Cementers 3 (P. Petreah 492) 2273.

is instantly attempting to improve itself at a minimum cost to sponsors.

Al Atkins, SOC football coach who acted as master of ceremonies, lauded Maurer for his job as manager and told some amusing stories involving baseball umpires.

EMPIRE LEAGUE

| Standings: | W. | L. |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Big Y Cleaners | 22 | 10 |
| Safeway | 21 | 11 |
| Western Thrift | 19 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Century Sporting | 18 | 14 |
| Nu-Way Cleaners | 17 | 15 |
| Ekerson's | 16 | 16 |
| Mill Cafe | 15 | 17 |
| The Clock | 14 | 18 |
| Broaster House | 13 1/2 | 18 1/2 |
| Winnie's | 13 | 19 |
| Food Basket | 11 1/2 | 20 1/2 |
| Viking | 11 1/2 | 20 1/2 |

Results:
Big Y Cleaners 3 (Lee Neeley 473) 1362; Winnie's 1 (Jackie Wilson 433) 1254.

Safeway 3 (Thelma Shelton 446) 1272; Nu-Way 1 (Melba Jerden 411) 1183.

Western Thrift 3 (Evelyn Reed 515) 1347; Food Basket 1 (Peggy Melested 434) 1186.

Century 3 (W. Corby 459) 1308; Mill Cafe 1 (Vivian Bateman 432) 1224.

Ekerson's 4 (Virginia Lusk 559) 1412; The Clock 0 (Eva Sessions 440) 1312.

Broaster House 4 (Twyla Maggenti 445) 1322; Viking 0 (Shirley Krouse 393) 1172.

High game—Virginia Lusk 211. Evelyn Reed 200.

MORNING GLORY LEAGUE

| Standings: | W. | L. |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Alley Cats | 19 | 5 |
| Snap Dragons | 15 1/2 | 8 1/2 |
| Doobies | 14 | 10 |
| Short Pins | 14 | 10 |
| Cream Puffs | 12 1/2 | 11 1/2 |
| Missing Links | 12 | 12 |
| Pea Pods | 10 | 14 |
| Eight Balls | 9 1/2 | 14 1/2 |
| 2 Hits and a Miss | 4 | 20 |

Results:
Eight Balls (Rosie Short 450) 1271; Pea Pods (Edna Blew 457) 1436.

Short Pins (Flo Sowers 403) 1519; Snap Dragons (Rosie Pruitt 426) 1436.

Cream Puffs (Mary Aeschliman 441) 1566; Kool Kats (Tamasha Irien 439) 1464.

High games—Merlin Lawless 174, Mary Aeschliman 170.

EVERGREEN LEAGUE

| Standings: | W. | L. |
|--|--------|--------|
| Kogap Lmbr. Industries | 16 | 4 |
| Medford Steel Co. | 13 1/2 | 6 1/2 |
| R. O. Stephenson Lbr. | 12 | 8 |
| Medford Blowpipe Co. | 12 | 8 |
| Medford Corporation | 11 | 9 |
| H & E Cafe 2 (Jim Hennebeck M & M Motors | 10 | 10 |
| Barco Supply Co. | 9 | 11 |
| Team Nine | 9 | 11 |
| Patterson's Plumbing | 8 1/2 | 11 1/2 |
| First Christian Church | 8 | 12 |

Villanova, Providence Win in NIT

New York — (AP) — Villanova and Providence, a couple of spendthrifts, were safely berthed in the quarter-finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament and their coaches were of the same opinion — "It shouldn't have been so close."

Villanova almost blew an 18-point lead before nipping Detroit, 88-86, and Providence tossed away a 14-point margin before downing Memphis State, 71-70, in the twin bill that opened the carnival at Madison Square Garden Thursday night.

That sets up Villanova for a clash with second-seeded Utah in a quarter-final game Saturday afternoon, and Providence for a rematch with third-seeded St. Louis. Also Saturday, St. Bonaventure will face Holy Cross in the afternoon and Dayton

meets Temple at night in first-rounders.

Top-seeded Bradley and St. John's, fourth-seeded defending champion, don't begin action until next Tuesday night.

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (AP) — Slugger Mickey Mantle and the New York Yankees are expected today to end baseball's most celebrated salary war of the spring by splitting the difference down the middle. What it boils down to is that Mantle will have his \$70,000 and General Manager George Weiss will have his pride.

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Ore.
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First Baptist Senior Champ

First Baptist won the men's church league basketball championship last night by defeating First Christian 35 to 27 in playoff finals at McLoughlin Junior high gym.

The Baptists led 19 to 10 at the half and were paced by Gordon Gilmore's 19 points. George Lindemann totaled eight for Christian. First Christian took second place in the circuit. Presbyterian No. 1 was third and Presbyterian No. 2 was fourth.

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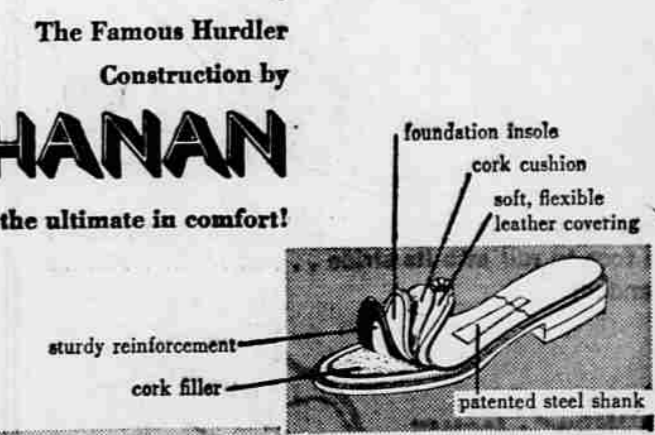
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