

SPORTS

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

It is doubtful that anyone would argue the point that Howard Prairie has become one of the most favored of fishing spots in Jackson county. It would be quite a shock to most enthusiasts to return to the lake next year and find that there was only one way in or out of the water, and that it would cost money to get so much as a drink of water. The outcry from the fishermen would shock to death those deer that escaped the delivery canal death trap.

NO CHANCE
There is no chance that this will happen, but it won't be because the concessionaire hasn't tried. We will have the county parks and recreation commission to thank for having the good sense to see that our rights aren't hamstrung. The suggestion of terminating the contract and calling for long term contract bids, unless the charges were allowed sounds as though the concessionaire believes he is well within his rights. The lake was not put there to become a private money-making domain.

NEW BILL
The grapevine has it that an organization down at Gold Beach that has gone into the salmon-raising business has now persuaded the local legislator to introduce a bill allowing the taking of salmon eggs from the Rogue river. It is the fond notion of this group that they will bring the salmon runs back into the river.

WHERE TO?
The alarming part of this story is that the attempt is to be made by use of a pond, similar to the game commission's streamside rearing project, without benefit of biologists. There were some 125,000 fingerling salmon placed in the pond last March, and so far as can be determined, less than 2,000 were accountable by October. Not a very successful beginning for amateurs who haven't enough scientific training to find good, biological, scientific reasons for the failure.

NEW SPOT
The parking problem at the Illinois river falls area is expected to be solved by the first of the year. The corner of crumpled car fenders and crumbly cliff edges will no longer be a barrier to the late-arriving fishermen. Most of us who have grown used to this obstacle to good fishing may not like the easy access that will result, but it may save energy and temper that could be put to better use.

COOPERATIVE
This parking area will be the result of a cooperative plan worked out between the game commission and the forest service. The spot will be on the end of the ridge overlooking the river just above the dreaded corner. A spur will lead to the area, which will have space for at least 20 cars, and a trail will lead down to the swinging bridge. Toilets will be constructed and the spur and area graded and graveled. The commission will spend \$500 and the forest service \$750, with the forest service doing the job and also maintaining it permanently.

THE ANGLER'S LOG
It doesn't pay to try to be too accurate about predicting water conditions for winter steelhead conditions. It turned out that the Rogue was fishable by Sunday and the Klamath was fishable on Saturday but muddy on Sunday. The Smith was gin clear by Sunday and the fish scary. But let's try it again.

Illinois River - Lower and clearer. A few fish being caught in the holes and known holding spots. Single eggs and yarn may be the best bet. Hope for more rain.

Klamath River - Should be good for bigger fish. Big garden hackle seems to be the favorite bait. Hope for more rain.

Rogue River - The river really started producing by Wednesday. Good sized fish are taking cluster eggs in the holes and hot-spots at the break of the riffles. Remember the deadline is Hellgate canyon, and the best fishing is below the deadline - no fines. Hope for more rain.

Smith River - A few fish scattered along a river of clear water. The still fisherman can pick up one now and then, but if you're the nervous type—try single eggs on a

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Wilt Hits Free Shots In Clutch

United Press International
The rest of the National Basketball association had a right to yell "foul!" today because the Philadelphia Warriors are back in first place in the Eastern division on the foul shooting of Wilt Chamberlain.

The 7-foot, 1-inch Chamberlain has been criticized freely all season because of his inability to sink free throws consistently but he came through in the clutch Thursday night to lead the Warriors to a 114-111 victory over the New York Knickerbockers. The victory gave the Warriors a half-game lead over the Boston Celtics who bowed to the Cincinnati Royals, 118-115, in the first game of the doubleheader at Philadelphia.

Chamberlain, who scored 46 points, made eight of his last 10 foul shots, including three of four attempts that gave the Warriors a 112-107 bulge with 52 seconds left to play. Chamberlain also led both teams with 29 rebounds and teamed with Guy Rodgers to produce a third-period rally that enabled the Warriors to take a 90-86 lead.

Paul Arizin had 23 points and Tom Gola added 19 for the Warriors while Richie Guerin scored 30 and Willie Naulls had 21 for the Knicks. Oscar Peterson and Jack Twyman scored 36 points each to lead the Royals to their straight victory and hand the Celtics their second loss in succession. The Celtics thought they had a chance to tie when Bob Cousy drove in for a layup with 44 seconds remaining and the Royals leading, 116-113. But Referee Richie Powers disallowed an apparent Cousy layup and called an offensive foul against the Boston star. Win Wilfong sank two free throws a few seconds later to clinch the game for Cincinnati.

Bill Russell had 23 points and Bill Sharman 21 for the Celtics.

Bellino Shuns Pro Football

New York—(UPI)—There's bad news today for pro football scouts who have been drooling over the prospect of signing All-America everything Joe Bellino: He has two prior loves.

The first is the Navy—and Joe made it plain when he accepted the Heisman Trophy as the nation's No. 1 college player Thursday night—that he will serve four years in the Navy's submarine service or the U.S. Marine corps when he is graduated next June.

"By then I'll be 26 and perhaps not have the physical or mental ability to play pro football or baseball," he said. "But if I do have a chance to turn pro, I'd choose baseball, not football."

Bellino, who is captain, catcher and leading hitter of the 1960 Navy baseball team, said he "has been approached by just about every baseball club you ever heard of."

TO OPEN NET TOUR

Portland—(UPI)—Jack Kramer's professional tennis troupe will open its United States tour at the Memorial Coliseum here Jan. 12. Emery Neale, spokesman for the Portland Indoor Tennis club, said today. Neale said Pancho Gonzales, Lew Hoad, Ken Roswall, Andres Gimino and two top amateurs would appear.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

The Jackson County chapter of the Isaac Walton league will meet on Monday night in the Red Cross building at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and hear a report of the state convention and the Young Outdoor Oregonian's conference. The main program will be a progress report on the temperature - flow studies on the Rogue and a report on latest developments at the Lost creek dam site. Speakers will be Henry Stewart of the Army Engineer Corps and Travis Roberts of the bureau of sport fishery and wildlife. Refreshments will be served. Hope for rain.

St. Mary's Plays Two Coast Fives

Defense has received attention this week at St. Mary's high where cagers have been drilling to meet two teams, both A-2 schools, from the Oregon coast.

The Crusaders take on Bandon here this evening. Tomorrow night they entertain Pacific. The latter school, two or three years old represents a merger of former Port Orford and Langlois.

Defense has had work because of its porous quality against Riddle in a 73 to 64 win last Saturday. Coach Bill McKibbin termed Crusader defense extremely weak.

With the football season running so late and with the interruptions since then, offensive preparations also have suffered. The coach said that the SM attack would be again mostly free lance against the coastal opponents.

The Crusaders, however, did rather well against Riddle last week without a systemized attack—as 73 points indicates. And the SM total could have been higher.

Possible starters are Dick Evans, Andre Knutson, Jim Calhoun, Florian Shasky and Mike Austin. Just whom the starters will be for Pacific and Bandon is not known.

Pacific sent a roster showing four players with two years experience.

A 6:30 p.m. preliminary is planned with the Crusader junior varsity split into rival groups. Jayvees also will play on Saturday. Their rival has not been announced.

BEAVER WORKOUT

Corvallis—The University of Washington invitations wrestling tournament at Seattle last week end virtually turned into an Oregon State college mat workout. The Beavers swept titles in six of 10 weight divisions, and led many to believe Coach Dale Thomas has another crew going that again could win the coast crown. Oregon State has won three out of four Pacific Coast championships, and for that matter, has six winners in the 12 years the tournament has been staged.

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