

Woods, Water, Wildlife
By Mark R. Yee

The statement of purpose of the Grants Pass group favoring the Copper canyon project that appeared in this paper last Friday, and commented upon by E.A., had the appearance of being formulated by a group of children. Kindness would excuse it as being conceived out of ignorance, stupidity, or both; but this would be a mistaken kindness.

A RED HERRING

If the people originating this latest proposal for Copper Canyon are to be given credit for being other than stupid or ignorant, then we must give serious consideration to what they truly intend. Taking into account the area and economy involved, one is led to a supposition that the industrialization of the waters of the Rogue is a more reasonable threat. A bill is to be introduced to the legislature asking for industrial use of the Rogue, and it can be foreseen that this group would gladly give up the Copper Canyon project if the bill is allowed to pass without opposition. It is a sure bet that the project and the bill will be opposed by all persons of reasonable mind.

APPLGATE DAM

The office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has decided to change the name of the Copper project on the Applegate river to the Applegate project, Applegate dam and Applegate reservoir. This is being done to eliminate the confusion between the Copper Canyon project on the Rogue and the Copper project on the upper Applegate. And who can blame the engineers since they would rather appear as men of reasonable mind.

TENTATIVE REGULATIONS

According to the tentative regulations put out by the Oregon state game commission, the Applegate winter steelhead deadline will be lowered to the Murphy bridge when the new regulations go into effect shortly after Jan. 27. It is to be hoped that all sportsmen will react by immediately writing to the game commission asking that the deadline remain where it is at the present time. The best biological information available will not support this change in the deadline. This information shows that the majority of the fish and the fishing is below the Murphy bridge, and the closure will have little effect on the fishery beyond restricting those fishermen who fish above the Murphy bridge.

INSISTANT PRESSURE

If there is any curiosity as to why there is any consideration given to changing the Applegate winter steelhead regulations, one has only to look to Grants Pass and a group of self-styled experts that has plagued the commission every year for an Applegate closure. This group is convinced that it is a major spawning stream for Rogue river steelhead, and they want these fish pursued in the Rogue below the mouth of the Applegate. It's too bad the commission gives in to any public pressure that has no sound biological basis. To do so jeopardizes any hope of good resource management. It resolves itself to the question of whether we want management on the basis of the whims and fancies of any pressure group or management based on the best scientific knowledge available.

ENFORCEABLE LAW

Those of us who are interested in more and better fishing have ideas we think should be a part of the management program. The fact of our belief in our ideas will not prove them right or wrong, but yet we think they should be tried. To apply the rules of evidence is a burdensome task in that the end result may be against belief. And yet there is no better way to end up with something that is acceptable to the public and enforceable as law.

THE ANGLER'S LOG

It won't do any good to look for rain to raise the rivers, but there might be enough snow melt to have the same effect. There are fish in all the rivers and the only thing necessary to good fishing is enough color to make the fish unwarly.

Applegate River - Will be low and clear. A few fish were caught last week end to start the season off. It will take a rain to bring in the numbers of fish needed for good fishing.

Illinois River - There are plenty of fish in the river but they have been slow to take. A few are taken early in the morning after a night of rest. Clear water and lots of light will make even a stupid steelhead a bit wary.

Klamath River - Reports of fish being taken below Scotts Bar. They aren't too big but they will bite if the bait is right.

Rogue River - Has had some mud from the highway construction below Gold Hill. Chances are it will be cleared

up by the week end. Water is around 43 degrees and that means the fish are moving. Some big fish were caught below Galice during the first part of the week.

Smith River - Last Saturday was not the day to stay home. Reports are that the fishermen had a field day with the largest fish weighing in at over 23 pounds. Sunday slowed down with plenty of fish showing but few being taken.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

It isn't hard to answer those who think it foolish to believe in a man who admits to mistakes and the fact that he doesn't know all the answers. He who searches for the truth is a better man than one who is sure he has found it.

GOOD LUCK!

Wilt Points Give Team 129-127 Nod

United Press International Wilt Chamberlain, who flunked his All-Star test in the National Basketball association's East-West game, is proof that class will tell when the chips are down.

Chamberlain, held to 12 points in the All-Star game, came through with a three-point play in the last 46 seconds Thursday night to provide the Philadelphia Warriors with a 129-127 victory over the St. Louis Hawks. He tallied 39 for the game, three less than Bob Pettit of the Hawks.

Maintain Lead

The Boston Celtics maintained their three game lead over the Warriors in the Eastern division by edging the Los Angeles Lakers, 106-103, in the opener of the Philadelphia doubleheader. The New York Knickerbockers defeated the Cincinnati Royals, 129-122, in the only other action.

Philadelphia sported a seven-point margin, 107-100, over the Hawks midway in the final period before St. Louis got hot and scored 10 straight points to take the lead.

Chamberlain's basket with five minutes left made it 111-100 and the teams remained knotted as Pettit's field goal tied it at 125-all with 1:12 left.

Johnson, Arizin Score 20

Andy Johnson and Paul Arizin aided Chamberlain's efforts with 20 points each. Cliff Hagen contributed 32 for St. Louis.

Tom Heinsohn's basket with about a minute remaining made the difference for the Celtics, who had an 81-69 advantage at the end of three quarters. A Laker surge led by Baylor narrowed the gap. Baylor had a game high of 29 points. Heinsohn and Bob Cousy each scored 22 points for Boston.

Dick Garmaker and Willie Naulls staged a 13-point uprising early in the fourth quarter to beat the Royals. Cincinnati played without Oscar Robertson who is sidelined with a bruised left hip. Garmaker netted 32 for the Knicks, but Jack Twyman of the Royals topped him with 34.

Robinson Wins Contract Suit

New York—Sugar Ray Robinson, with another court victory under his belt, plans to fly west Saturday to train for his fourth title fight with co-middleweight champion Gene Fullmer at Las Vegas, Nev., March 4.

It required only 20 minutes of deliberation Thursday night for a federal court jury to "find for the defendant"—Robinson—in a \$75,000 breach-of-contract suit brought by a Philadelphia promoter.

Promoter Nick Troilo alleged that Sugar Ray had breached an agreement to fight Fullmer in a middleweight title bout at Philadelphia in October, 1955.

Robinson declared today: "I don't know where they dream up all these suits. Last month it was Abe Attell suing me for ten grand for supposedly teaching me how to box. Then this Troilo thing. And a paternity suit has been taken under advisement."

Involvements in litigation, he deplored, had forced him to postpone the Las Vegas fight with Fullmer for a week, from Feb. 25 to March 4.

He flies to Los Angeles Saturday and will do most of his training about 75 miles south of that metropolis, at San Jacinto, Calif. He plans to go to Las Vegas about a week before the fight.

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SPORTS

Ray Bluth Gains Lead In Bowling

San Bernardino, Calif.—(UPI)—The grueling finals of the 20th National All-Star Bowling tournament go into the third day today with Ray Bluth, St. Louis, and Phyllis Notaro, Brant, N.Y., the current leaders.

Bluth has hovered just behind the leaders all through the finals but made his move Thursday night as Billy Welu, St. Louis, the only former champion among the 16 finalists, sank to sixth.

Bluth, who was second in 1958, has won 22½ games while losing 9½ and has 159-27 Peterson points compared to second-place Dick Weber, also of St. Louis, with 154-14. Chicago's Earl Johnson is in third with 153-29.

In women's play, Miss Notaro, competing for the fifth time in the finals, Thursday split with Dorothy Metzger, Miami; took two games from former leader Helen Shablis, Detroit; split with Hope Riccilli, Downey, Calif.; and split with Evelyn Crowley, Scotia, N.Y.

Tom Stith Sought by Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh—(UPI)—Promoter Lenny Litman set his sights today on St. Bonaventure star Tom Stith as the first "name" player for a Pittsburgh entry in the new American Basketball league.

"We will begin drafting players in April," said Litman who has been assured playing dates in the city's new Civic Arena. "Right now I'm trying to line up Stith. He is in our territory which covers West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and all of New England."

Professional basketball will return to Pittsburgh next season for the first time in 14 years. The Pittsburgh Ironmen operated during the 1946-47 season in the old American Basketball league.

Litman said he was assured by NBA President Maurice Podoloff that he would be given consideration for a franchise.

"He left the door open for future entry into the NBA," Litman said. "But I had heard that some NBA owners oppose granting me a franchise."

Earlier this week showman John H. Harris withdrew his bid for an NBA franchise amid confusion. He announced that Boston Celtic star Bill Sharman had agreed to coach in Pittsburgh and the deal had the blessing of Celtic owner Walter Brown.

But both Brown and Sharman denied the agreement and Harris wired them his apologies. Harris then gave up his efforts for a franchise and the playing dates assigned him in the Civic Arena were transferred to Litman.

Litman had been dickering to secure playing dates for an ABL team in Houston, Texas, when he heard of Harris' withdrawal. He immediately returned to Pittsburgh and obtained a three-year agreement for playing dates in the new Sports Arena.

McAuliffe Will Get Golf Award

New York—(UPI)—John E. McAuliffe of New Brunswick, N. J., will receive the Gold Tee award for 1960 at the annual national awards dinner of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' association Jan. 24.

The Gold Tee award is given annually by the writers to the person they deem has contributed the most to the sport over a period of years.

McAuliffe has been instrumental in the promotion of two important golf tournaments—the National Mixed Fourball championship and the Triangle Round-Robin tournament for women—in recent years. He is a nephew of the famed Jack McAuliffe, former world lightweight boxing champion.

Horton Smith, one-time Ryder Cup player and president of the Professional Golfers association, will receive the Ben Hogan trophy at this year's writers' dinner. This award is given annually to a golfer who has continued in the sport despite a physical handicap or illness.

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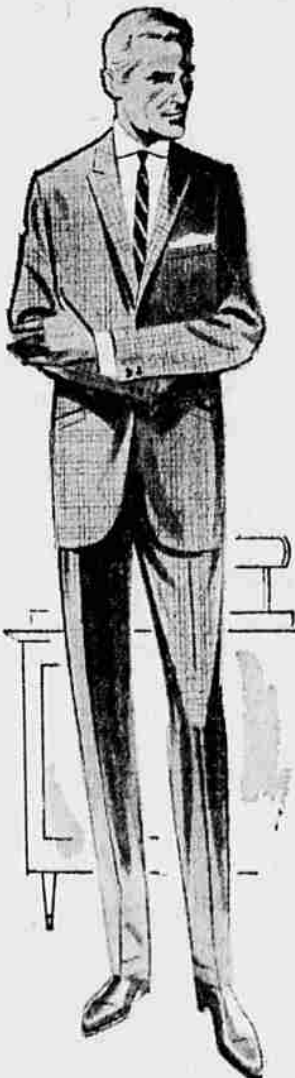
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