

FISHING SEASON OPENS Another Spring Gets Off To Good Start by Club Members

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White City - Brace yourself and hold onto the oars! Or the fish pole.

Last Tuesday, some 25 members of the White City domiciliary fishing club took off for the hills, lakes and fish.

And from here on out it's strictly up to the fish and their own protective association, thinks Manager Henry C. Herzog, the staff and other non-fishing members.

The Liars' club is not officially nor formally organized at the domiciliary, but the prospective membership list could exceed the norm. And included in it are some prize prospects for the famous Wisconsin fishermen's lying club.

Poker Face Look

For instance, with a real cool look and poker face the older fellow in the coffee shop told this one:

"I was bartering down in Louisiana along the Mississippi years ago, and as usual the shop-talk got around to fishing after a bit. My victim invited me to go down the river the next Sunday amid the glowing accounts of fabulous luck.

"I went along in a boat with my friend and another fisherman. We came to a big bend with swirling water and just below it they said 'this is it.'"

"I started to get out the gear and get ready but all of a sudden noticed they were undressing. 'Come on, they said. And with that one went over the side into the deep water and reappeared with a fine fish in his hand. The other did likewise. 'Come on, they said again. 'It's good.' I told them to bring them up and I would count them and fish my own way. They did and I did.

Fall To Appear

"But soon they failed to appear. And after too long a time I got uneasy. Still I waited and waited until I could stand it no longer, and disrobed and went over the side. At first I could not see them, but finally, searching around, I found them both in front of two large rocks forming a big hole or cave. They had cornered a huge fish but could not reach it, and there they were with a fire-roasting him out."

The season's first trip included members O. R. Kipfer, Sr., president of the group, and Dr. W. F. Hein of the medical staff. That is, the trip included Kipfer's hot wishes and intense interest. At the moment he's in the infirmary. Other members included F. DeHart, A. Jenkins, C. Neider, F. Hale, J. Morrow, W. Heppner, R. Guber, H. Turcott, H. Steger, R. Wright, W. Renfro, H. Hinkle, J. Simonson, P. Berry, C. Macocks, L. Jackson, J. Walker, C. Garvin, R. Pagan, W. Grow, W. Murray, S. Ladd and H. Sutton.

Prospect for Derby

It's hard to remember who told the next one, but whoever it was is a prospect for the annual national fish story derby.

"I haven't fished for 40 years," he began. "Just can't stand the thought of it since I was a boy. eW were out one day and the luck was good and after we got home there was one young fish very alive, and had a sort of puppy look in his fish eyes. I took that fish and put him in a tub of water, and then kid-like I

started weaning him by taking some water out of the tub every day.

"Finally, he could take it and so help me-he started to live on land, and follow me around like the pet he was. We were great pals and he sort of took the place of fishing with the other kids along the river bank.

"It went on for some time, until one day we were out on the hillside and came to a brook. We started across a foot bridge, narrow and arched a little. My fish sort of panicked and the first thing I knew he had fallen in the stream. That's right - he drowned."

Two Trips Per Month

The domiciliary fishing club has two trips a month during the season. Trips are made to the various points along the Rogue river, to Howard Prairie, Squaw lake, Fish lake and other accessible waters.

Coffee and food are packed by the domiciliary kitchen, and the outdoor coffee and sometimes fish make for memorable days for the ardent fish club members.

The people and the State of Oregon also are in on the pleasure. The law provides

that a 25 per cent disabled veteran is entitled to a fishing license, meeting resident requirements, for 50 cents and another half will get a hunting license.

Further, it has been the good fortune of the fishing members to visit and fish at resorts where owners provide boats for a nominal fee and assist in every way possible to make the trips enjoyable and productive.

Old Fishing Hole

And, so, on the way back from one of the trips, an older member of Italian descent went into reverie about a fishing hole of his youth back in his native land. He had his lunch and bottle of wine to go with it.

But the fishing was bad that day, and in desperation he finally soaked the bait in wine. He got lots of nibbles and no fish-those slow, tantalizing nibbles and lost bait.

Finally he went to sleep only to be awakened a short time later by a tugging on his ankle. He sat up and looked down, and there was a fine fish tugging at him with one widely opened eye pointing at the bottle of wine.

(Editor's note: And we don't believe it either!)



BEDFELLOWS—Lambchops and his friend, Boots, developed a strong friendship on a very cold night last month after Mrs. Tony Beebe gave them board and room in the Beebe barn at route 1, box 595, Talent. The lamb's mother had died, and the little cat was a stray. The Beebes found the pair warm and cozy when they went to the barn with feed. In addition to the two above, Mr. and Mrs. Beebe and their five children care for at least four other cats, a once-starved colt and old horse, and any other strays that happen to be around. Mrs. Beebe (Verne) is secretary of the Southern Oregon Humane society.

Deadline Noted for Taxpayers' Appeals

Local property taxpayers have been reminded by the Oregon state tax commission that May 15 is the deadline to file petitions with county boards of equalization for correction of property assessments.

All boards will convene May 8 to make the annual review of assessments. Under state law, any property owner may appear in person or be represented by his attorney before the board when it considers petitions for reductions of assessments.

Taxpayers have been reminded that they can not wait until receiving tax statements in the fall to appeal their assessment. If the assessed value is not known at this time, residents can learn it at the county assessor's office.

By dividing the assessed value by the assessor's posted ratio, residents may determine the true cash (market) value. If a taxpayer is dissatisfied with the assessor's determination, he may appeal by petition to the county equalization board; if still not satisfied, he may appeal to the state tax commission. Accordingly, the commission's decision may be appealed to the circuit court, then to the state supreme court.

GREEN LIGHT

Ronald H. Babb, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Babb, 407 Fourth st., Jacksonville, serving aboard the heavy cruiser, USS Helena, operating out of San Diego, Calif., took part recently in exercise Green Light.

IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Lyle R. Rose, senior chief aviation electronics technician, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Rose, 700 Chestnut st., Medford, is serving with the Airborne Early Warning Squadron 11 at Argentinia, Newfoundland.

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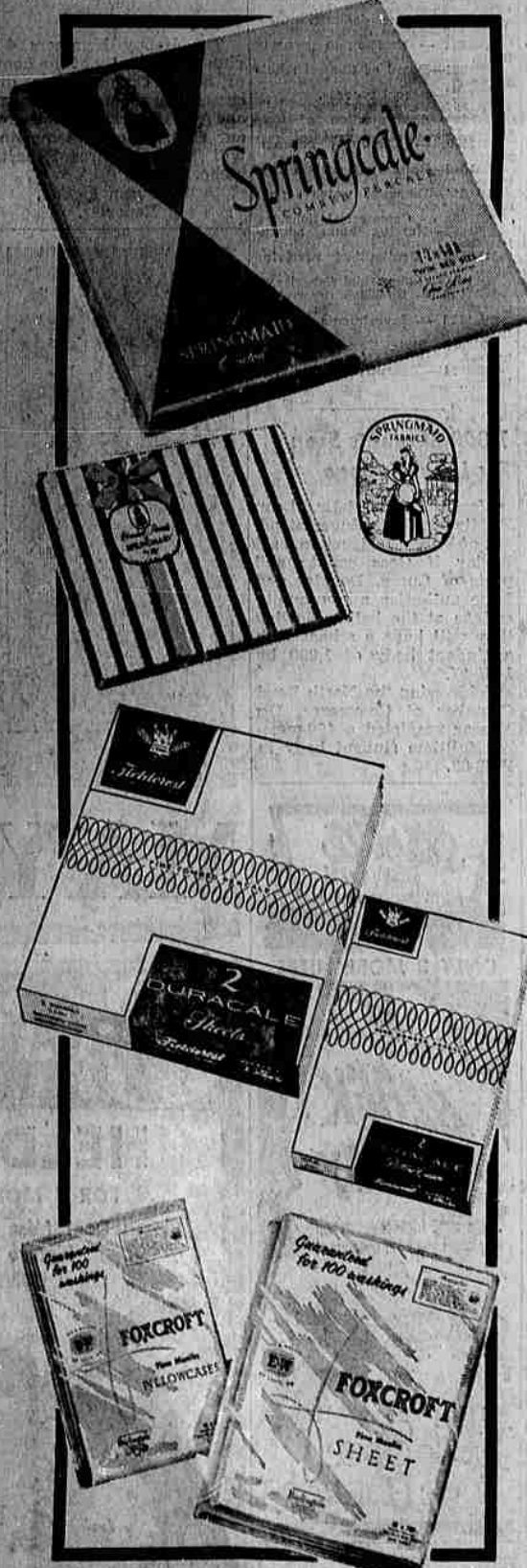
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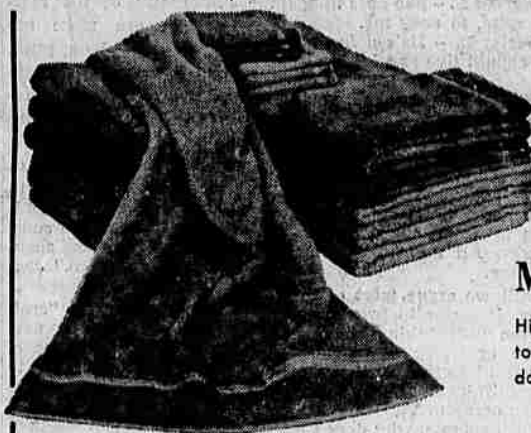
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Joseph R. Kindell, leaking load, \$7.50.
Roy E. Myers, overwidth, \$7.50.
Eldred C. Williams, failure to stop, \$10.
Gerald W. Hinkson, overload, \$27.50.
Virginia V. Grace, no vehicle license, \$5.
Leonard M. Lemmons Jr., excessive noise, \$10.
Ray E. Myers, failure to transfer title, \$5.
Robert E. Crovett, leading load, \$7.50.
Johnnie Butler, overload, \$54.
Ernest E. McCune, no vehicle license, \$5.
James R. Birdsong, no operator's license, \$5.
Arnold J. Fein, overload, \$15.
Hadley H. Garbanski, truck speeding, \$10.
Alton R. Bohannon, failure to stop, \$15.
Audrey M. Blessing, failure to stop, \$15.
Robert L. LaFouche, no horn, \$10.
Bruce G. Bray, failure to stop, \$10.
Carolyn M. Coffman, inadequate brakes, \$5.
Earl Parker, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
George C. . . . rates, following too close, \$15.
Thomas C. Tipton, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Walter W. Russell, inadequate brakes, \$10.
Donald L. Smithhiser, overwidth load, \$15.
L. Mesheaw, overload, \$24.
Roy C. Sigall, overload, \$15.
Floyd J. Hackworth, inadequate brakes, \$10.
Charles O. Strawn, no motor vehicle license, \$5.
Harry L. White, following too close, \$15.
Donald I. Penwell, no muffler, \$10.
Johnnie I. Sutton, overload, \$33.

CIRCUIT COURT
Betty Corey Sexton vs. Harold Weber Sexton, divorce complaint.

COOPER UNCHANGED

Los Angeles—UPI—Veteran actor Gary Cooper's condition was unchanged Saturday, the star's doctor reported.