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FARMERS MAY RAISE TROUT
FINLEY'S ADVICE WELL RECEIVED
Every Orchardist With Spring Branch on His Place Should Have a Fish Pond, Says Biologist

As a result of the great war one of the natural resources of Oregon may be developed, and instead of wasteland, as at present considered, the swales and swamps and springy bottoms of hundreds of Oregon farms may become valuable assets and return to their owners next annual revenues.

The great European war has threatened to bring about a famine of red meats, and already we have experienced meatless days. Already we have heard the advice and warning of the food administration, "Eat more fish."

And it is through the proposed propagation of trout that these spring branches of Oregon farms, and there are hundreds on hundreds of them on both sides of the Cascades, may assist in solving the food problems. At least State Biologist Finley's serious suggestions for home fish ponds in lectures given in rural communities here last week will result in trout propagation by a score of Hood River orchardists the coming year.

"We are urged by the government to raise some chickens. Why not also, if we have places that are adapted to such purposes, raise more fish?" is the way Mr. Finley puts it. "And I assure you that it is just as easy, and the cost, after you have prepared your pond, is less than that of producing poultry. I think ever Oregonian, with a spring branch on his place should have a trout pond. And he will, when he sees how profitable and successful are those that have been established. The time should come, and I believe it will, when the ranch trout pond will be as ordinary, in those well watered districts, as the chickenyard, and of the two, the trout pond may become the more profitable."

The purchase of stock to start a poultry farm presents a problem to many, for the outlay is heavy. When one has prepared his trout pond he may secure the fry for stocking it for nothing. The Oregon Fish and Game Commission, which operates a hatchery at Bonneville, will furnish free of charge, to any county in the state penetrated by a railway, a supply of young trout, not only for restocking streams, but for raising in private ponds. Throughout the summer season the car, "The Rainbow," especially equipped for the transportation of little fishes, is moving like a shuttle, backward and forward, up and down, through the state of Oregon. The fishes will be delivered to convenient railway stations of the state, and all the farmer, wishing to develop a trout pond, has to do is to provide himself with buckets or milk cans, aboard his wagon or automobile, and meet the car. The Rainbow has brought as many as a dozen cartloads of trout fry to Hood River for the restocking of streams, and a fair proportion of the little fishes have been delivered here to orchardists and ranchers who have established successful ponds on their places.

J. C. Porter, owner of one of the largest East Side orchard places, is an exponent of the home trout pond. Mr. Porter utilized a bog on his ranch. Now he has fresh trout for breakfast whenever he desires them. Some of the residents of the city, across whose home lots flow spring branches, have provided themselves with fish ponds, and despite their limited confines they report their efforts successful.

And there is another side to trout raising, the commercial aspect. Fresh mountain trout are always in demand by city restaurateurs. H. C. Elliott, of Wyeth, derives a fair sized income from a private trout pond. If you happen to be in Portland, dining at a restaurant or cafe and notice on the menu, "mountain trout," think of Mr. Elliott. He probably raised the fish. And, if you order trout you will pay a handsome price for them—Mr. Elliott gets from 75 cents to \$1 per pound for his fish, live weight.

Mr. Finley says that any orchardist can do just what the Wyeth man is doing. The supply will have to be increased by great leaps and bounds before the price is reduced, and even though it should be cut in half the industry will continue a profitable one.

The propagation of trout is said to be without great difficulties. If anyone fears to undertake a pond because of his limited experience or because of his lack of knowledge of fishes as the United States government will be glad to assist him. The Bureau of Fisheries has published numerous pamphlets on home fish propagation, and these books will be supplied to all who write to that department at Washington asking for them.

"It is to the interest of the State Game and Fish Commission to stimulate home trout propagation from a selfish motive, if for no other," says Mr. Finley. "For we find ourselves unable to secure enough eggs for our hatchery each year. It takes millions of eggs for restocking our streams, one of our great assets from the standpoint of drawing tourists. Our available supply of eggs becomes greater as the home fish ponds increase. We are willing to give the rancher his trout fry and then we are further willing to pay him a good price for all the eggs he has to spare. If at anytime he wishes to give up his pond we will buy back his adult fish, for breeding purposes, at a good figure."

Mr. Finley furthermore advances the argument that private trout raising should be developed to the extent that any tourist visiting Oregon would be able to order fresh trout at any restaurant in the state.

"I read just the other day," he said, "where visitors to Hood River call for fresh apples and baked apples and are unable to get them. Perhaps they have come to your town for just that purpose. And I wonder just what they think when the restaurant man denies them and when they visit the grocery store and are offered cull apple stock."

"But do you know that many tourists come to the Northwest because they have heard of the wonderful fishing? Perhaps they come to catch their own fish. Others, not having the time for the sport, would like a taste of Oregon mountain trout. He is unable to get them. As a fishing country the

JUDGE WILSON EXORATES MR. LEAVITT

In rendering a decree for the plaintiff in the Davis divorce case Judge Wilson last Friday took occasion to exonerate Rev. L. G. Leavitt, whose name had been connected with the case by the defendant husband, Elmer N. Davis, who charged his wife with infatuation for the minister.

"This case has been given publicity, not only in local papers, but in Portland dailies," said Judge Wilson, "and would request that correspondents give prominence to what I have to say about Mr. Leavitt. I want to give Mr. Leavitt a clean bill of health. Nothing has transpired, no testimony has been produced that reflects in the least on the character of the young minister as a man, as a minister or as a citizen. In fact, it has not been shown that he has been guilty of anything bordering on misconduct. It is my sincere hope that his influence for good will not be affected in this community by this case."

Judge Wilson administered a serious rebuke to the defendant. He asserted that the cross bill, in which the wife was charged with being an improper person, because of alleged free love ideas and lack of respect for the sanctity of the marriage vow, to take custody of the couple's small son, should never have been filed. In testimony it was shown that the husband had told that he had conceived the idea of drawing in the name of the young minister to visit to his boy, stating that he could not stand to give up the child and he knew of nothing else whereby he might secure custody of the child. Judge Wilson in delivering his decree declared that he could not conceive why such charges should have been made against Mrs. Davis or why the minister should have been implicated except for some such reason.

Judge Wilson stated that he would in all probability, if only a denial had been introduced by the defendant following the full testimony of the plaintiff, have granted a decree to neither party. But, as he stated, since the defendant in his crossbill charged his wife with faithlessness in thought, if not in action, charges, which if substantiated, would have ruined her character in the community, his actions had so established a cruel and inhuman treatment as to warrant a decree for the plaintiff.

The defendant alleged that he had discovered a note which had evidenced Mrs. Davis' infatuation for Mr. Leavitt. Judge Wilson accepted the denial of the plaintiff that she had ever written any such note. The court went further and read letters, which had been introduced as evidence, which he declared, established the wife's innocence in his mind. Judge Wilson said that no evidence had been produced to show that Mrs. Davis had ever been guilty of any misconduct.

While the court granted the custody of the child to Mrs. Davis, the husband is granted the privilege of seeing the baby at reasonable and convenient times. Judge Wilson recalled testimony to the effect that the plaintiff's father, S. A. Veach, was guilty of swearing to frequently occasions.

"Mr. Veach may go out behind the woodpile and relieve himself of all the cursing he pleases," said Judge Wilson, "but he must cease such a practice in the presence of this child."

COUNCIL DISCUSSES AUTOMOBILE PARK

The city council contemplates cooperation with the Commercial club in the purchase of a three acre tract, owned by A. A. Schenck, of Omaha, Neb., in the Heights residence district for a park for motoring tourists. The council members and a committee will investigate the property Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Schenck, provided the property be put to no other use, offers the tract for \$1,000, payable at any time within 20 years, interest at six per cent.

The council has authorized Water Superintendent Price to remove the old W. C. T. U. fountain, recently broken down, struck by a runaway team, to the city park. A new watering fountain will be placed on the streets.

City authorities have declared an old house on June street, owned by the county and occasionally occupied by county charges, as a nuisance. It was reported to the city council Monday night that the premises were in a very unsanitary condition, and county authorities were asked to engage in a clean up.

WAR STAMP CAMPAIGN NOW ON

Every county section was represented at a meeting of 60 district chairmen and committeemen, who are waging a War Savings Stamp drive this week. The enthusiastic war workers were addressed by A. G. Clark, of Portland.

"While our campaign may not result in large net sales," says C. H. Vaughan, "our canvasser will visit every home in the county on an educational campaign."

SPELLING BEE NEXT EVENT
RED CROSS PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT
Following Basket Supper at Hood River High School Judge Wilson Will Appoint Captains

Preparation is being made for a good old fashioned time for the residents of the valley, and reports indicate that delegations will be present from every community for the spelling bee at the auditorium of the high school Saturday night.

The program will begin with an old fashioned basket luncheon, old fashioned except that it will be properly Hooverized, and every woman is requested to prepare luncheon for two, placing her name in the basket. Each basket will be sold for 50 cents, and the purchaser will take supper with the owner of the basket. All are asked to assemble at the high school by 6:30 o'clock. Each basket, according to instructions, must contain two spoons and cups. The committee will serve coffee.

Immediately following the supper, the meeting will be called to order by Judge Wilson, of The Dalles. He will appoint two captains, and these will choose their teams of good spellers. No one will be asked to spell against his or her wishes. The spelling match alone will be worth the 25 cents admission to be charged. But in addition to this, the committee has promised some surprise stunts, which, it is declared, will eclipse anything ever seen in Hood River. In a word, the citizen who misses the Red Cross spelling bee is going to be very regretful.

And then, consider what the fund is going to be used for. The Red Cross Chapter is in need of much money for the purchase of supplies. Unless a sufficient amount is raised at the entertainment of Saturday night a canvass for subscriptions will be in order. To accommodate residents of way stations, the Mount Hood R. R. Co. will operate special rail autos Saturday night.

An informal dance will follow the spelling bee.

SCOUTS AND MEN IN SERVICE HONORED

The morning service of the Riverside Congregational church Sunday was devoted to a dedication of the roll of the young men of the church now in their country's service and to the presentation of honor medals to 13 members of the Boy Scouts for signal service rendered in sales of Liberty Bonds last October.

Short but stirring addresses were delivered by the following: A. C. Staten, who has a son in the service; Dr. V. R. Abraham home on a furlough from Fort Riley, Kas.; Mrs. A. G. Lewis, president of the Woman's club; Rev. M. L. Hutton, pastor of the church, and Mayor Dumble. The latter presented the medals to the Boy Scouts, whose names follow: Floyd Lender, Maurice Kinsey, Kenneth Deitz, Myron and Wilbur Hoyt, Boyd Jenkins, Steven Roberts, Paul Sletton, Kent Marshall, Kenneth McClain, Rufus Sumner, Paul Huelat and Clarence Barnett.

MORTON PLEAS IN SUPREME COURT

A message from Salem to District Attorney Derby announcing a supreme court decision, confirming that of circuit court, in the Morton Columbia River Highway right of way case, brought general rejoicing here Tuesday. J. W. Morton, owner of Ruthton hill property over which the Ruthton hill section of the Highway passes, alleging errors in posting of formal notices of the opening of the road, lost the suit brought in circuit court.

Great blasts on the Ruthton hill section of the road have blocked traffic between here and Cascade Locks, and it was feared the blockade might be drawn out at length if Mr. Morton's case gained a favorable decision in supreme court.

HIGHWAY WORK IN EMERGENCY CLASS

All work on the Columbia Highway in Hood River county, including the Cascade Locks, Viento and Ruthton hill sections, has been declared by the State Highway Commission as coming under emergency work and A. D. Kern, in charge of the improvement, is authorized to extend the ten-hour working provision to the men employed and pay them double time for the two extra hours of work each day.

That places the standard of pay at \$4.50 a day on those jobs, the extra pay as double time about covering the cost of bond, which it is believed will hold the men to the work.

PIG, SHEEP CLUBS ARE CONSIDERED

R. A. Blanchard, agriculturist for the North Portland Livestock Bank, was here Monday conferring with officials of the First National Bank relative to a campaign for pig or sheep clubs. In addition to the incentive such clubs will give the schoolchildren of the valley, the proposed plans are appealing because they stimulate diversification of farming and production of foods necessary to win the war.

No definite moves will be made by the bank, however, until the matter has been discussed by orchardists. The situation here, it is stated, is different from that in general agricultural communities, and it is feared that pigs or sheep might be placed on only a limited number of orchard places. The bank will ask an expression from fruit growers, and its ultimate decision will be in accordance with their opinions.

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