

OREGON MAN HEADS ISLAND FISH WORK

(By A. D. Moo)

Before leaving Honolulu we had the pleasure of visiting the government fish and game farm, the guests of H. L. Kelly, who has been the executive officer of the Fish and Game Commission since 1917. Mr. Kelly is a brother of Fielding and R. W. Kelly, of Hood River, and has spent many years with the state and government fisheries. He was appointed master fish warden of Oregon by Governor Withycombe, but resigned that position to take a government position. He was also sent to Buenos Aires to assist the Argentine government in establishing a fish commission in that country, and in 1917 was sent to Hawaii to establish a protectorate for fish and game and an experimental farm and hatchery for the islands. To aid him in the work he brought over I. H. Wilson, one of the best fish culturists in the United States. Mr. Wilson was at one time superintendent of the Bonneville hatchery.

We drove out the Nuuanu valley road to the Pali, then down the winding grade through pineapple fields and gardens of bananas and vegetables along the highway that skirts the east coast of Oahu to Kaneohe bay. A signal flag attracted the attention of Mr. Wilson three miles across the bay and he came for us in a launch. It was a clear, calm day and the ride across the bay was very pleasant. The fish and game farm is located across the bay on a peninsula, where Chinese pheasants are being raised to stock the islands. Fish ponds have also been built in the shallow waters of the bay, where experiments are being carried on by Mr. Wilson in propagating the mullet, one of the principal fish of commerce.

There are 70 private fish ponds in the shallow bays of the island, where mullet are being raised for market. Some of these ponds were built by the ancient natives so long ago that native legends say they were built by a small race of fairies, who formed a long line and passed stones from the shore to build the dikes to enclose the shallow waters of the bay into a pond. One of these ponds is still intact in Kaneohe bay and still being used by private fishermen. These ponds are carefully guarded by the owners and the fish propagated for market. In the experimental farm one of the problems is to find out how many fish can be successfully grown to marketable size in a given area of the pond.

Deep sea fishing is quite limited around the islands, as the "pasture" is limited. The fishing industry is almost entirely in the hands of the alien Japanese, and their catches are so small as to be insufficient to supply the local demand, so that the price of sea food in the market is higher than on the mainland.

Marine gardens are the basis of

all fish life," said Mr. Kelly. "The lower form of life feed on the mud and roots, vegetable fish feed on the plants, and the smaller fish are food for the larger game fish. There is very little shallow water surrounding the islands. Usually a mile from shore it is very deep, with no plant life, so 'pasture' for fish is very limited. We have been hampered in our work of protection for young fish on account of inadequate laws, but hope to get a few necessary laws passed by the present legislature. The Orientals are greedy in their catches on the reefs and in the shallow waters around the shores and are taking and wasting many of the small fish. They even dynamite the reefs and destroy not only fish but the spawn. The throw nets which they have are of such small mesh that very little escape. The Hawaiians are expert fishermen, and catch only what they need for food, but the Orientals are depleting the fish supply by their unscrupulous and untiring activities."

The Hawaiians are natural fishermen. It was their principle living before the coming of the white man, and Mr. Kelly says they are the best posted in regard to the habits of fish of any class of people he has ever met. One of the picturesque sights of the islands is the native fisherman with his throw net, standing on a reef or a rock, gazing motionless in the water, then with great skill casting his net over a school of fish and entangling them in its meshes. They would stand in the shallow waters at night with a torch, and spear the fish as they are attracted to the light.

Fishing for squid, or young octopus, is also carried on near the reefs. The fisherman is armed with a spear, a hook and line, and a box with a glass bottom. Wading around in water waist deep, he peers through the box until he locates the squid on a rock and then spears him. Almost any time of day these fishermen may be seen wading along the shore line near Waikiki beach.

Trout eggs have been brought in from the mainland for the past four or five years and hatched, then planted in a number of streams on the islands. On Kaneohe satisfactory results have been obtained, and the fish are producing naturally. Striped bass were also brought from California and planted in several streams, but they have disappeared, probably having been caught by fishermen. As there is but one fish warden to watch for illegitimate fishing, owing to lack of funds.

Attempts are also being made to introduce new varieties of clams on the islands. There are no seagulls on the islands. A scavenger bird called the gull is seen in small numbers, but the shore line seems as free from dead fish or offensive odors as our own shores that have thousands of gulls. A few years ago a few gulls were brought over and liberated on the island of Hawaii, but soon disappeared. Whether the climate was unsuitable to them or they were killed, is not known.

Back in the mountains are wild goats, turkeys, chickens, hogs and a few deer. All but the deer and turkeys have descended from domestic stock that has escaped to the jungles. There were wild turkeys on the islands before the coming of the white man. The wild goats are destroying brush and trees in the watersheds, and are being thinned out occasionally by hunting drives.

H. R. CREAMERY NOTES

The Hood River Creamery, which is taking a lead in the new cooperative organization of Oregon creameries, is holding a meeting of the board of directors Monday from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. In a letter to Leslie Butler, Mr. Plummer said: "You Hood River people ought to be mighty contented to think your creamery ranked very high among those of Oregon in the list of such an organization. You are eating butter of a higher standard than 90 per cent of the people of the United States."

It should interest the orchardists of this valley who have added dairying as a side line to know that livestock is now seriously considered as a side line to citrus ranching in southern California. Livestock interests of Portland have recently been informed by those of southern California that citrus ranchers there find profit in raising the livestock, not only from the sale of the animals but from the fertilizer obtained. It is declared that the benefits from fertilizers obtained from livestock are very high.

The cost of fertilizing an acre of property used for citrus raising is placed at \$100 annually. At the first meeting of the directors of the recently organized cooperative creameries known as the North Pacific Cooperative Creameries held in Portland Wednesday of last week, considerable progress in cream grading was reported. Chris Johnson, the instructor in charge of cream grading work, reported full cooperation on the part of buttermakers and others connected with state creameries.

Creameries represented at the meeting were: Eugene Farmers Cooperative Creamery, Hood River Creamery, Mt. Angel Creamery & Ice Co., Capital City Creamery, Salem; Lower Columbia Cooperative Dairy Association, Astoria; Raven Dairy Co., Portland, and O. A. C. Creamery, Corvallis.

The reason for the growing alarm that stirs the dairy producers everywhere to seek protective legislation is brought out in a report to the United States Department of Commerce from American Consul Dow at Rotterdam, giving a table just published by the Dutch government, showing the quantity of raw materials used in the Dutch margarine industry of 1923. The industry consumed 45,124 metric tons of animal fats, 68,108 tons of vegetable fats, 298 tons of mixture of animal and vegetable fats and only 253 tons of butter.

The total value of the output of 57 factories was 66,669,296 florins, of which only about 3,000,000 florins went for butter, milk, yolk of eggs, salt and other ingredients.

That presents an issue of growing importance and intensity that will not down. It is a lively issue, as the voters have seen, in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. To date the manufacturers of dairy substitutes have been too powerful for the dairy producers. They defeated the dairymen in Washington on a direct appeal to the voters last November and worsted the producers at Boise and Salem during the recent legislative sessions in Idaho and Oregon. The Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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LOCAL INDUSTRIES INCREASE SLOWLY

In the four-year period from 1920 to 1924 the number of business firms in Oregon increased by more than 3,000, according to reports made by E. G. Dunn & Co. In 1924 this organization listed and rated 14,150 business establishments in Oregon. In 1924 the number increased to 19,250.

Multnomah county showed a big increase, mounting from 4,694 to 5,401 in the four years. Cities outside of Portland in which an exceptional increase was noted included Klamath Falls, where the number jumped from 171 to 259; Bend, with an increase from 129 to 171; Corvallis, from 149 to 200; La Grande, from 100 to 200; Albany, from 179 to 202; Eugene, from 305 to 360.

In Hood River county the industries reported for 1920 were 178. In 1924 they were 178.

Net earnings of \$339,035.12, after all charges with the exception of federal income tax, were shown by the Ewald Box Company, of Klamath Falls, according to the report just made to the Lumbermen Trust Company, trustees of the \$200,000 mortgage bond issue of the box manufacturers.

The earnings of the company after a declaration of five per cent dividend on common stock and the payment of income tax and special amortization charges, amounted to a total of \$132,029, or more than 10 times the interest requirements on their funded debt.

The company is operating its own logging camp, logging railroad, sawmill and box factory, devoting the major portion of its operations to the manufacture of box shooks, which total approximately 75 per cent of its output. Its manufacturing plant, after depreciation, is valued in the current report at \$738,541.14 and the total value of the plant together with timber and controlled acreage amounts to \$1,106,184.15.

SCHOOL NEWS

(Miriam Grow)

Friday night, April 10, the Girls' Glee Club members will appear in a concert entitled "The Old Singing Woman," and the Boys' Glee Club an operetta entitled "Captain Van der Hagen." The Hollicking Tars. This double musical number under the direction of Mrs. Belle Henny will complete the operetta work for the school year. These plays will be put on in the high school auditorium, with a matinee at 2 o'clock, especially for the grade school children. As usual, these performances will play to packed houses, both afternoon and evening.

The O. A. C. Glee Club, under the direction of Professor Petrie, assisted by the "Agony-Driving Orchestra" and Magician Trask, gave a delightful entertainment in the high school auditorium last Friday night before a fair sized and appreciative audience. The high school share of the proceeds was divided equally between the junior class and the baseball team, who promoted the advance sale of tickets.

The regular Tuesday morning assembly was made an open forum for the discussion of the proposed union high school district. Talks were made by Principal Gibson, City Superintendent Cannon and County Superintendent Critch, and also a number of high school pupils, one from each of the seven school districts affected. This meeting resolved itself into a booster association for putting the high school proposition across. The young people will now make it a point to have the voting members of their families and their voter friends vote tomorrow afternoon. They will all urge the voters to vote also for a board of directors for the proposed union high school district.

At the special mass meeting called at the high school auditorium Tuesday night a large and representative audience assembled from all of the seven districts included in the proposed union high school district. Short talks were made by members made by many people, both for and against the proposition. The main purpose of the meeting, however, was accomplished by informing the public on many of the questions relating to the union high school district. The subject of finance, opportune time, need for another high school, restricting the pupils at the present high school building, additions to the present high school and a large number of others were brought up. In the main, however, the voters were urged to go themselves and to urge their friends and acquaintances to go to the polls Friday afternoon and vote for or against the union high school proposition and by all means to vote for a board of directors; by so doing, they help elect the directors in the event the proposition carries. It was made clear to all that the election of Friday, held in all these school districts, does not vote money, bonds or other indebtedness, and that all of the people and residents who are eligible to vote in any general election may vote at this one. Neither property qualification nor registration of voter is necessary.

Junior High News

(Ray Steubing)

Room 4 beat Rooms 1 and 2 in a return game by the score 12 to 5. Several home runs were made by many players, but no one outscored the rest.

In a preliminary speaking contest Wednesday six speakers were eliminated from the original 18 competing. It was hard to select the best orators as all did well.

Harold Patton won the contest Friday with the poem, "So Was I." Louis Jones earned second place by his recital of "The Mustang Plaster," while third place went to Ted Cuddeford, who gave "When the Minister Comes to Tea." All three were comical and as a result elicited much laughter and applause. The judges were Rev. C. E. Ramey, Rev. Hall and Mrs. H. G. Cooper. The winner delivered his selection before the high school assembly Tuesday morning.

Junior high won a practice game from a high school scrub team 8 to 6 last Friday. B. Stratton for the high school and R. Ingalls for junior high each hit home runs.

Mr. Barnett had a grader at work on the field last week. This greatly improves the condition and appearance of the field.

By all means plan to grow green feed for the Oregon poultry flock, says the college extension service. This is one of the four major classes of feeds necessary for growth and production. Kale is the one best bet. Root crops, alfalfa hay, cabbage, etc., should be provided as an emergency feed, because kale does not always live through the winter.

HAL NESBIT BUILDING NEW STATION

Hal Nesbit, a pioneer in the service work in Hood River, having established the first tire shop here, has taken a lease on a corner at the intersection of Oak and Fourth streets and is constructing a modern service station. He will continue his original tire business but will also add a tire service feature at the new station. The site selected is 192 Mr. Nesbit is one of the choicest of the town. The lot has been leveled and a structure of neat design is being built by E. R. Holbrook. The grounds will be beautified and made ready to greet the heavy volume of tourist traffic expected before May.

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Dated March 19, 1925.
James C. Simonson, Executor.

Notice Guardian's Sale of Real Estate
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Francis D. Sandman, Paul Sandman, Hazel Sandman and Margaret Sandman, Minors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as guardian of the above named minors and their estate, by virtue of an order made and entered in the above entitled court and cause on the 20th day of March, 1925, will, from and after Saturday, the 2nd day of May, 1925, sell at private sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property belonging to said minors, situate in Hood River County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

An undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest and estate in and to the North half (N1/2) of the South-west Quarter (SW1/4) and the North-west Quarter (NW1/4) of the South-east Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township Two (2) North, Range Ten (10) East of the Willamette Meridian, subject to the dower right and estate of Susan Mohr, widow of John A. Mohr, deceased.

Said sale will be made at private sale, cash in hand, and proposals for said purchase may be made to me, at my residence on said premises, Postoffice Address R. D. No. 1, Hood River, Oregon; or at the office of John Baker, Attorney-at-Law, Pythian Building, Hood River, Oregon.

P. H. Mohr, Guardian

No. 420
Notice of Administrator's Sale

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ruth E. Ray, Deceased.

I, John Baker, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of Ruth E. Ray, deceased, hereby give public notice that I, as administrator aforesaid, shall on Friday, the 10th day of April, A. D. 1925, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in Hood River City and County, State of Oregon, under authority of an order made on the 3rd day of March, 1925, by the above entitled Court, proceed to sell at public auction to the best and highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate, belonging to said estate of Ruth E.

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