

Tulelake Muskrats Increase Trapper's Income by \$75,000

TULELAKE—Muskrats caught in the Tulelake sump area this year will put approximately \$75,000 in the pockets of trappers who have taken one of the finest catches ever marketed here.

With the extension of the trapping season from February 27 to April 10 granted by the U. S. department of fish and wildlife service and the California fish and game commission, trappers have had an opportunity to take pelts at the time when they are at their best.

Albert Van S. Pulling, associated with the department and here during the winter on a temporary assignment, stated this week that the total number of skins taken this season will probably reach 40,000. Half of the number are taken by the federal government in return for trapping privileges. Prime skins are bringing from \$1.90 to \$2.25.

The extension of the trapping season was granted because of the long cold winter; ice preventing trapping during the coldest part of the winter.

Top List

Muskrat skins according to Pulling, are near the top of the durability list, ranking about 80 per cent, and are at their peak just at present before the hair begins to slip for the summer coat. Only Canadian or American otter rank higher; these skins are nearly indestructible unless damaged by fire or mechanical accidents. Mole and chinchilla are the most fragile, rating only 15 per cent.

Local rats, probably a three-way cross between the rat native to this area and the Michigan and Maryland varieties are the largest and finest on the west coast. Average weight is about 4 pounds. Eastern or New York rats, while slightly smaller, have a finer undercoat and are darker in color.

Extension of the season will have little or no effect on the rat population in the sump which is to be reduced to half the water area. The law of averages keeps the population about the same regardless of the number trapped, since the population decreases when a certain point of saturation is reached.

Lower Lake Muskrats

Rats are expected to make their appearance in the new water area being created on Lower Klamath lake, which should be highly productive at some future time. Reclamation officials, however, Pulling stated, are hoping that they do not appear in appreciable numbers until the newly built dikes have settled and are protected with vegetation.

Several by-products of the business have developed this winter and while all are still in the experimental stage they are bringing recognition to the Klamath basin.

While the shipping of muskrat meat has not reached large scale proportions, pounds of it have been shipped to Portland. No first-hand information has reached local shippers as to the popularity of the meat but a number of return orders have been received from persons who have served it.

Muskrat Meat

Meat from muskrats caught here has been prepared by Mrs. Dalton Parker, Merrill, who is credited by Pulling with being one of the most adept skimmers in the basin. Mrs. Parker states that the hind legs and saddle of the animal, weighing from one-half to one pound is wrapped as for quick freeze storage. The meat is darker than rabbit meat and slightly coarser.

Although the sale of the meat may never reach more than the experimental stage, it is an interesting fact that there is an almost inexhaustible supply in the swamps and water areas that cover large portions of the Klamath basin.

Mrs. Parker, who is an unusually rapid worker, skins around 200 rats a day and receives 12 1/2 cents per pelt.

Skinning Process

When skinned the inner side of the hide is covered with a thin layer of fat and this too must be removed to make a prime pelt. Mrs. Parker scrapes

after the pelt is boarded while Clyde Fox, well known for his trapping prowess, flushes the fat as the hide is removed. To accomplish this he leaves the pelt hanging to the nose of the carcass.

There are two methods of skinning. One is to "tail cut" and work toward each hind foot. The second method is to cut from the foot to the base of the tail. Each skinner also has a pet knife. Fox recently wore out an old kitchen knife with which he had skinned more than 30,000 animals.

The animals usually drown after being trapped. Traps are placed in deep water on a floating base of boards. Trappers decrease damage by other muskrats which often chew a struggling rat by using a heavy trap that holds the animal submerged.

Real Man's Work
Caught, the animals are dried before skinning, preferably by circulating warm air in dark, clean quarters. This maintains color. Skinned, the pelt is stretched tightly on a pointed board.

Trapping is a real man's work. Seventeen or 18 hours a day on the trap line is not uncommon. Two other by-products have also been developed on a small scale here this winter. Some curious folks are trying out muskrat fat for soap. It produces a fine grained, nearly white product.

Tularemia Tests
Mrs. Parker also has a hand in the sidelines, sending samples of blood and lice to laboratories at Pacific university and Oregon State college to aid in the study of tularemia.

Interest in trapping developed here on a large scale about 1934 with Bernard C. Schultz, manager of the Tulelake Boat club and president of the Northern Trappers' association, being one of the first to see the possibility of an annual income from that source.

Pulling, who with Mrs. Pulling came here several months ago from Las Vegas, Nev., expects to return to his former duties sometime this month.

Fort Klamath

Correction—Mrs. William Page of Fort Klamath is employed in Stockton by the Southern Pacific in a position she held previous to her marriage 23 years ago. It was stated previously that Mrs. Page held the position for 23 years before her marriage.

Fort Klamath residents making a trip to Klamath Falls and return on Monday included George Denton, H. T. Williams, Harold Wimer, Henry Orth, E. D. Bliscoe and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blickestaff and daughter.

Frank Kendall is busy tearing down the old Algoma hotel property here and is being assisted in the work by Richard Hoffman of Grants Pass. The lumber will be salvaged for use in building bunkhouses, etc., on the Rightmeier ranch at Keno. Mr. Rightmeier having purchased the building from the Algoma Lumber company to wreck for salvage material.

Alfred B. Castel Sr., was a business visitor in Klamath Falls Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dyches spent Wednesday shopping and visiting in Klamath Falls.

George M. Denton reported in Klamath Falls Thursday morning for jury duty.

Among local people who attended the funeral of the late A. A. Ward in Klamath Falls Wednesday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McKeever, Mrs. Joe Taylor, Mrs. Harry Baum and Mrs. Lona Bennett. Mr. Ward was well known here, and much liked and respected by all who knew him.

The following Fort Klamath residents attended the Eastern Star card party held Wednesday evening in the Masonic hall in Chiloquin: Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hackler, Mr. and Mrs. Guss Page, Mr. and Mrs. William Zumbun, Mrs. Eldon Brattain, Mrs. Joe Taylor and Mrs. Harold

Rationing Calendar

War Price and Rationing Board, 434 Main street. Office hours daily, 10:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.; Saturday, 10:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

RATION BOOK NO. 2

April 30—Blue Stamps D, E and F (Canned, dried, or frozen fruits and vegetables) expire at midnight.

March 29 — Rationing of Meat, Butter, Cheese, Canned Fish and edible oils started. Red stamps only from Book No. 2 to be used as follows:

STAMPS, WHEN THEY MAY BE USED
A—March 29 to April 30, 1945 inc.
B—April 1 to April 30, 1945 inc.
C—April 11 to April 30, 1945 inc.
D—April 18 to April 30, 1945 inc.

MEATS AND FATS

March 28 to April 7—Institutional Users of Meats and Fats must make application to local War Price and Rationing Board for allotments of these items. Inventory of stock on hand as of March 28 to be furnished.

SUGAR

May 31—Stamp No. 12, good for five pounds, expires at midnight.

COFFEE

April 24—Stamp No. 26, war ration book No. 1 of book holders 14 years of age or over, good for 1 pound of coffee, expires at midnight.

GASOLINE

May 21—No. 5 stamps, each good for four gallons, expire at midnight.

TIRES SHOES

June 15—Stamp No. 17, war ration book 1, valid for purchase of one pair of shoes, expires at midnight. Family stamps are interchangeable.

PROCESSED FOODS

April 1-10—All retailers of processed foods register with local War Price and Rationing Board, 434 Main, office hours daily 10:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.; Saturday 10:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

FUEL OIL

October 31—Fuel oil — 5th period coupon expire.

NUTRITION COURSE FINISHED BY GIRLS

HENLEY — Fifteen Henley high school girls have completed the standard Red Cross nutrition course. Helen Dumbek, an authorized Red Cross nutrition instructor, taught this course, which was offered to the homemaking students this year for the first time.

The girls have completed 20 hours of class discussion and practice work. Outside study and practice was also required. Before completing this course the girls passed the Red Cross nutrition examination.

Those girls receiving nutrition certificates were: Bonita Smith, Jean Wheeler, Gloria Hays, Ruth Crumrine, Mildred Tip-ton, Della Cunningham, Mary Bruner, Cora Young, Patricia Avery, Frances Newell, Frances Arant, Rebecca Bridges, Betty Dolan, Dolores Sylvia and Rose Marie Dolan.

Hildebrand

Mrs. Maggie Heath returned to her home in Klamath Falls on Saturday after spending the past ten days visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emilie Eger of Hildebrand.

Henry Schmor of Bonanza was a business visitor at the Leonard Ritter home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Schanz had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmor and son Bobby of Bonanza and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoefler and children, Paul, Gertrude and Joe, of Dairy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pool, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Margaret Broadword of Bonanza, was transacting business in Klamath Falls on Monday.

Leonard Ritter and John Hartzler were business visitors in Sprague River on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vieira visited on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Emilie Eger.

Mrs. Cora Crystal and Dan Sullivan of Chiloquin were business visitors at the Emilie Eger home on Friday.

Mrs. T. P. Michael visited on Saturday with Mrs. Leonard Ritter.

Mr. Griffith of Tulelake was a business visitor at the Ritter ranch on Friday.

Carl Woelk and John Hartzler were transacting business in Sprague River Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ritter had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keller and children, Martha, Joe, Louise and Jean of Hager.

Mrs. D. Hoefler and children, Floyd, Ray, Gloria and Wanda, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. T. P. Michael, visited on Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Broadword of Bonanza.

Mrs. Annie Logue visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmo of Dairy.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hoefler and children, Floyd, Ray, Gloria and Wanda of Klamath Falls visited on Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Michael.

Jean Drew of Klamath Falls spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Drew of Hildebrand.

Ernest Ritter visited on Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Emilie Eger.

C. E. Drew of Henley district was a business visitor in Hildebrand on Thursday.

SUBURBAN CITIZENS INCREASE WAR FUND

Citizens of the Mt. Laki, Henley, Pine Grove, Olene and Poe valley areas have contributed heavily to the Red Cross war fund drive. The committee, consisting of Mrs. Tommy Jackson, Mrs. Jesse Johnson and Scott Thompson, collected a total of \$367.40 in the Mt. Laki area, more than tripling the quota; \$409.29 was raised by Mrs. Gus Hillyard, Delos Mills and Mrs. Frank Sullivan in the Pine Grove, Olene and Poe valley area. Both committees went well above their quotas.

Individuals who have not had an opportunity to contribute are invited to send contributions to the Henley high school.

Army Air Force to Give Madras Base

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Senator McNary announced today that the war department has authorized an airforce installation at Madras, Ore., to cost in excess of \$2,000,000.

He said that in connection with the installation, the federal housing administration has provided for 22 temporary dwelling units at Madras for civilian war workers.

FOR BUSINESS USE

Carbon paper and inked type-writer ribbons to a total value of \$25,000,000 are consumed annually in the United States in normal times, according to figures of the Census Bureau.

Wimer. A very enjoyable time was spent by all who attended the party, and Guss Page was given high score for pinocchio at the close of the evening's play.

Fire Razes State Employment Office

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2 (AP)—The state employment office here was destroyed Thursday in a fire that burned so fiercely it blistered the hands of firefighters 30 feet away and cracked windows across the street.

All records were burned. Four city firemen suffered minor injuries fighting the flames.

COLDS

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NOTICE

Spud Lunch

119 North 4th

WILL REOPEN FOR BUSINESS Monday, April 5

PORTIA WAS A LADY
SPOKANE (AP)—The city hall custodian asked for a tough alley cat, but the humane society sent Portia, a pet Persian, to chase pigeons from the city hall roof.

After her first night's patrol of the rooftop, the custodian found the pigeons strutting boldly as ever—and a woebegone Portia cowering in a corner.

SPRAGUE OVERFLOWS FOR SECOND TIME

CHILOQUIN—The Chiloquin mill has employed ten hour shifts to care for logs in its pond, the Southern Pacific has installed a

watchman on the Chiloquin trestle, and the Chiloquin-Sprague River road has been rendered impassable due to the second flooding this spring of the Sprague river.

The river continued to rise more than a foot since Monday night, and appears at the present time to be twice its usual size. Rise is credited to spring freshets from the hills.

ESCAPE
DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Leonard Cline, 54, pulled his wife and five children from their stalled car. A Frisco train struck seconds later, carrying the wreckage 200 feet.

"Boy, you must have been paying the preacher!" marveled an ambulance driver. Replied Cline: "I am the preacher."



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