

Diamond Lake a Top Rainbow Fishing Spot

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of stories on some of the better or more popular fishing spots within reach of Klamath anglers.)

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Nestled in a pocket of the Cascade Range just a two hour drive from Klamath Falls lies one of the West Coast's most popular Rainbow Trout fishing lakes—Diamond Lake.

Fate of Truce Talk Awaited

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The Communists are expected to call for an armistice meeting in the next few days which may make or break Korean truce talks.

The outcome will depend on Communist reaction to a secret United Nations package offer.

Dispatches from Washington quoted Allied diplomats as saying the proposal handed Communist negotiators Sunday is "about the last offer we can make."

Washington dispatches indicated the U.N. principle for prisoner exchange and (3) drop their nomination of Russia as a "neutral nation" to help police an armistice.

Portland Time Snarl Grows

SALEM (AP)—State offices in Portland will have to continue on standard time, despite the Portland City Council's action putting the city on daylight time, Attorney General George Neuner said Tuesday.

Gov. Douglas McKay, who refused last week to order daylight time for the state, was unavailable for comment, as he was out of the city.

State Democratic Secretary Named

PORTLAND (AP)—Appointment of William E. Sanborn as Oregon secretary of the Democratic party was announced Tuesday by Howard Morgan Monmouth, state chairman.

Sanborn, 32, has been executive secretary of the Institute of International Relations at the University of Washington.

bow Trout fishing lakes—Diamond Lake.

Its 3,000 acres of mile high mountain water is not too deep as mountain lakes go—averaging about 34 feet. From Klamath Falls it's paved all the way to the lake, which has a resort, improved campgrounds, motor and rowboat rentals.

At one time Diamond Lake was one of the finest fishing spots of the Pacific Northwest. However, a trashfish—roach—has infested the lake until today it outnumbers the game trout. The State Game Commission is to take steps in the near future to eliminate the trash and restock the waters with the "pure old stuff" again . . . Rainbows.

Milk Control Change Asked

SALEM (AP)—A move to amend the Oregon Milk Control law got under way here Tuesday. A Portland consumer group filed application for a ballot title.

The group, the Affiliated Milk Committee, plans to circulate petitions to get the proposal before voters.

The measure would eliminate producers' quotas and remove controls over wholesale and retail prices.

The present system of fixed prices to producers would be retained but the administrator's authority to limit market competition would be taken away.

The measure also would transfer administration of milk control from the State Board of Agriculture to an administrator appointed by the governor.

Ingrid Expects Twins in June

ROME (AP)—X-rays have disclosed that Ingrid Bergman is expecting twins in June.

This was disclosed Wednesday by Roberto Rossellini, husband of the film star.

Rossellini said he hopes at least one will be a girl and if so he will name her Idabella. The couple have a son, Roberto, born in February, 1950.

BOY FOR SHIRLEY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shirley Temple, onetime child star of the movies who now is Mrs. Charles Black, became the mother of a six pound 12 ounce son Monday.

Still today Diamond Lake offers tops in Rainbows.

Last year the largest reported catch was a 13½-pounder. Ten or 15 years ago a 26½-pounder was pulled in, and that stands today as the record for big fish caught in Diamond Lake.

State Game Biologist Ken Cochran reports the roach became a problem in the lake in 1947, possibly introduced from upper Klamath Lake by fishermen using them as live bait—an illegal act. The game commission has been working since 1948 in an attempt to find a way to eliminate the trash fish. An engineering company has been investigating some possibilities.

Idaho sportsmen earlier this year suggested that underwater blasting tests slated for Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho be transferred to Diamond Lake to kill off trash fish. The idea was never accepted in Oregon.

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Crater Lake lies but 18 miles away, and fishing isn't bad there. Fishing licenses aren't necessary there, either, since it's a national park.

Madue and Lucile Lakes are pack-lakes on the Skyline Trail both about eight miles from Diamond Lake. Other nearby fishing spots include the North Umpqua, Fish Creek, Upper Rogue, Union Creek . . . they all spring from the Diamond Lake area.

Storm Warnings Out on Coast

SEATTLE (AP)—The Weather Bureau issued the following advisory at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday:

"Change southeast storm warnings to southwest from Tatoosh, Wash., to Cape Blanco, Ore., for gusty southwest winds 25-40 miles Wednesday night.

"Continue smallcraft warnings Straits of Juan de Fuca and inland waters of Washington for southwest winds 20-30 miles an hour with gusts up to 40 MPH."

Corporal Loses Life in War

Cpl. Frank S. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley Hilt, Calif., has been killed in action in Korea, according to Defense Department notification to his parents.

He has been reported missing in action since July 27, 1950, until this week. He served with the 5th regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Russell was a 1946 graduate of Yreka High School.

There they are caught in trap nets and the eggs are taken. Last year the number taken was about 2,000,000 (M) from Diamond Lake.

The largest fish spawned then was a 20-inch, Cochran reported.

Four to eight pound Rainbows are still not uncommon in Diamond Lake, says Cochran. Best time of the year (in season) to catch them is in late August or September. The surface water begins to cool and the big ones start to come up.

Besides roach and Rainbow, the only other fish in the lake is Geyner Brown, (dock loven), Cochran says. A couple of these are caught every year. The same man figures they may have been introduced from Lake Creek (below the falls) or from the North Umpqua River.

There's some argument as to whether Rainbow were in Diamond Lake when white men came or whether civilization introduced them. Today eggs taken from the lake are hatched at the Klamath Hatchery on Crooked Creek, near Fort Klamath.

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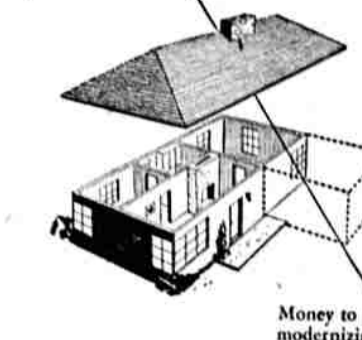
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