

No Deer? -- Try Fishing



KLAMATH RIVER 'HEAVIES' — Mrs. Alfred Stone, McCloud, hefts a pair of Klamath River beauties she landed last week. One weighed nine pounds and was 30 inches long, the other tipped the beam at seven. She said that the fish were hitting furiously. On nearly every cast the Stones caught fish — most of which they released.

Ex-Ranger Major Stayed Alive To Become 'General' Of Yankees

NEW YORK (UPI)—The husky, square-shouldered man appeared to be bantering but there was a grim note in the underlines of his voice.

"In my outfit," said Ralph Houk, "all you had to do was stay alive and you might become a general."

He was talking about the bloody World War II days when he rose from private to major in the Rangers.

Ralph Houk stayed alive through such storied spots as Omaha Beach, the defense of the Remagen Bridge and the Battle of the

Bulge. Wounded by shrapnel, he received the Purple Heart and the Silver and Bronze Stars.

Yet, in a way, he might have been speaking about how he became manager of the Yankees at 41, succeeding the fired Casey Stengel. In the Yankee outfit he had "stayed alive" and had gone on to become the field general.

Aimed For Past

"Managing the Yankees has been a goal of mine for a long time," he admitted openly as his appointment was announced. "I've had opportunities to manage oth-

er big league clubs but I know that some day Casey would have to retire and I kept hoping I'd get this job."

The son of a Kansas farmer, Houk is a quiet man with a bulldog look and he did his share of behind the lines work in the war. But there was no infiltration here. Sure, he proved his worth as manager of the Yankees' Denver farm club and as a full time coach since 1958. But he never sold his boss short.

This past season, when Stengel was ill, Houk managed the club

for 10 days and compiled a 6-6 record. There were those who breathed a sigh of relief when Stengel returned and the club went on a big winning streak to finally clinch the pennant. But those close to the club feel it was changes which Houk instituted which prepared the way for the winning drive. Yet he takes no credit.

"Everything I did I cleared with Casey," he said, punctuating his remarks with jabs of a big cigar. "It was his ball club."

Had Previous Offers

Still it is only human that Houk wanted to run a club of his own, preferably the Yankees.

"There was a possibility two years ago and I could have had a manager's job last year," he explained. "But I waited. Still, I don't think any urgency to keep in the organization was the reason why Stengel was forced out."

Stengel inferred, after being fired, that he had refused even a remote possibility of remaining because the Yankees intended to run the ball club from the front

office.

"Take it from me," Houk hit him of that ability.

"I'm no 'yes man.' I'm going to run this ball club on the field. Nobody else."

You can believe it. And also that the players will be solidly behind the "Major." They have a tremendous respect for him and as one said, "he's not the kind of a guy you fool with."

Houk knows the game and he has a reputation for acting with lightning rapidity. He is, after all, a man who made quick decisions under fire and there is no reason

to believe that baseball could strip him of that ability.

Briefs

RACING

NEW YORK — Nautilus (86) romped to a 20 length victory in the \$10,825 New York Turf Write Hurdle Handicap at Belmont Park, SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Boston Again (85.20) led from wire to under fire and there is no reason at Tanforan.

Klamath Basin Waterfowl Population Shows No Change Since Last Census

There has been little change in the waterfowl population on Klamath Basin refuges since the census of October 9 when the number of ducks and geese was estimated at 3 1/2 million. Snow and cackling geese have continued to build up in numbers and a few whistling swan put in their appearance.

Bag checks by refuge personnel on refuge public hunting areas indicate hunting success averaging two ducks and 3 geese per hunter-day October 11 and 12, the opening half-day and first full day of hunting, on Tule Lake and slightly better on Lower Klamath with 2 1/2 ducks and 3 geese per hunter-day.

Hunting success has dropped off since the opening. Bluebird weather has prevailed the last

several days and many of the birds are sticking close to the closed portion of the refuge. Hunter success from the season opening to date has averaged 1.7 ducks and 6 geese per hunter-day on Tule Lake; 1.5 ducks and 6 geese per hunter-day on Lower Klamath. However, hunters with decoys and the "know-how" who are getting back in the marsh are still bringing out limits of ducks.

Goose hunting has also fallen off. Best luck has been had by nimrods who set up spreads of goose decoys back from the firing lines away from the disturbance of other hunters.

Hunters report good access to hunting sites in the Tule Lake Marsh public hunting area. The modified rules and regulations

governing the operation of the Tule Lake sump provide that, beginning September 1, the sump be permitted to rise to elevation 4034.60', at which time the Fish and Wildlife Service shall determine by investigation if that level is high enough for satisfactory hunter access to the marsh. If after investigation the service considers the 4034.60' level unsatisfactory for waterfowl hunting from the standpoint of hunter access, the irrigation district shall cease pumping until the level determined satisfactory for hunter access is attained, such level not to exceed 4034.75'.

Inspection by service representatives in September prior to and while the sump was at elevation 4034.60' indicated that this level would not permit satisfactory

hunter access. The service consequently requested that the sump be permitted to rise to 4034.75'. This level was attained September 30. Since the waterfowl season opening October 11, the sump has fluctuated about one to two inches above the 4034.75' objective level, approximately eight to 10 inches higher than at the first of the hunting season last year.

The rules and regulations provide that the service continue observations and study of hunter access on the marsh and prior to November 1 of this year determine the minimum fall objective level satisfactory for waterfowl hunting for subsequent years. The inspection of the marsh and access continues. The comments of nimrods who have hunted the marsh this year are welcomed.

Seniors Meet In Semifinals

PINEHURST, N. C. (AP)—Tom Robbins of Pinehurst meets Eugene Pittman of Washington, D.C., and James McAlvin of Lake Forest, Ill., plays J. Walcott Brown of Sea Girt, N.J., today in the semifinals of the North and South Senior Golf Tournament.

Robbins, 67, won his quarter-final match Thursday from Col. Martin Lindgrove of Morristown, N.J., 4 and 2.

The 62-year-old Pittman won 1-up from Frank Ross of West Hartford, Conn., while McAlvin, 59, downed L.W. Ramsey of New Castle, Ind., 1-up on the 20th hole and Brown, 57, ousted Frank Stevens of New Rochelle, N.Y., 4 and 3.

Brown was the 1958 winner. Robbins won in 1956.

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Upland Bird Season Opens On Saturday

Pheasants, quail, and partridge will be high on the priority list of shotgun devotees this Saturday, October 22, with that date marking the opening of the general upland bird season scheduled to run through November 20.

Gunners can begin blasting at 8 a.m. on the opening morning, and from then on through the season, shooting hours are scheduled from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The season will be open for pheasants and quail throughout the entire state, but only east of the Cascade Mountains for chukar and Hungarian partridge. The closure west of the Cascades is to protect experimental plants of chukars and gray partridge in

sections of the Willamette Valley and southwestern Oregon.

Bag limit on pheasants is set at three cocks per day, 12 in possession. Hunters may take 10 quail per day and have 20 in possession. The bag limit includes all species of quail either singly or in the aggregate. The same holds for Hungarian and chukar partridge with the bag limit set at 10 birds per day singly or in the aggregate, 20 in possession.

Besides the wild populations which will carry the brunt of the

hunting, gunners will have an additional 8,000 game farm roosters to test their shooting eye. Most of these birds have already been released in various upland game bird sections throughout eastern and western Oregon. Supplemental plants of adult birds will be released in heavily hunted areas during the season. In addition, 24,000 young birds were released throughout the summer months.

Hunters are reminded that the game commission released birds only on properties where hunting by permission is allowed. All nimrods are urged to request permission before entering any private property to hunt.

A complete synopsis of the 1960 upland game bird regulations may be obtained at all license agencies.

Coast River Angling Fine

PORTLAND (AP)—Two streams on the Southern Oregon coast offer the best salmon fishing in the state, the Oregon Game Commission said today.

Fishermen have found some of the Coquille River tidewater areas near Bandon, the commission said in its weekly report.

"Steelhead fishing in the Rogue River is excellent," the report said, and added: "Good water conditions should prevail as long as gravel washing operations remain under control."

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OGC Warns Deer Season Near Close

Oregon deer hunters have but one more weekend to bag a deer during the 1960 general deer season scheduled to close on October 23. From all reports so far, the season has been a good one in most sections of the state with only a few areas reporting mediocre success.

Dry weather at the beginning of the season hampered hunters, but the tempo of the hunt picked up from then on with rains and generally stormy conditions increasing the chance for success. Only in the Klamath country have conditions been dry throughout the season, and hunter success appears to be lower than in previous years.

After this weekend, unsuccessful hunters still have a limited chance of taking deer in several extended deer areas. Five areas will be available for unused deer tag holders in portions of the Rogue Valley, Umpqua Valley, Willamette Valley, McKenzie Unit and portions of the Hood River and Wasco areas. A late season hunt will also be held along the White River, but this hunt is available for hunters holding Wasco Unit permits and unused deer tags.

Hunters are urged to check the big game synopsis for the dates of these late season hunts and the open area boundaries. Most of these extended hunts will be held on several weekends in November, with two areas extending into December.

Ochoco Creek Closure Lifted

Oregon anglers are advised that the emergency closure on that part of the Ochoco Creek from the base of the Ochoco Dam to a point 450 feet below which was set in April by the game commission has now been rescinded.

Paul Schneider, state game director, said the emergency has ceased to exist and that as of October 17, 1960, angling in that portion of the stream will be legal during the remainder of the angling season.

Anglers are advised that access to this area is controlled by the Ochoco irrigation district.

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