

SPORTS

VERNONIA WINS CLOSE CONTEST IN TENTH

The local baseball fans witnessed an old fashioned pitcher's battle Sunday as Vernonia defeated Carlton by a score of 4 to 3.

Sammy Reisbeck, local sinker-ball ace, and Andy Peterson, Carlton's fireballer had to work ten innings before Reisbeck gained the decision. Reisbeck allowed only 6 hits, while the locals found Peterson for 10.

The day was ideal for baseball and the local team proceeded to dish out all the thrills to make the game complete. Vernonia was first to score, with one down in the 3rd inning R. Kemper singled to right, Hawkins doubled thru short with both men scoring on Bill Kemper's double to center field. This score looked big enough until the fifth inning when Carlton pushed over one run with the aid of two hits and an error. Vernonia scored again in the sixth inning when Hawkins led off with a long double against the left-field boards, scoring when B. Kemper again came thru with a single to centerfield. This ended the scoring until the 9th inning when Carlton found Reisbeck for 3 of their 6 hits, pushing over two runs to tie the score and forcing the game into extra innings. Reisbeck set Carlton down in order in the first half of the tenth inning. Hawkins, who had been having a big day at bat, was first man up. The fans were all yelling for a hit, and as if to oblige the local fans he slapped Peterson's first pitch for a long home-run over the left field wall, winning the ball game.

Vernonia's infield again played spectacular ball. B. Kemper drew nice hands from the stands for many hard stops over 2nd base.

The fans had a chance to look over their new left handed pitcher, Helsler, who played center-field for the local team and made several nice catches as well as smacking a long double. The team is playing the best brand of ball the fans have witnessed in many seasons.

Sunday the local team meets Dayton on the local diamond in what should be a good game, since the league forced Dayton to strengthen up.

Other results: Banks 4, Ballin 0; Amity 8, Dayton 4.

Natal

Miss Nettie Alley, county health nurse, visited the Natal school last week.

Bernice Dass and James McMullen were graduates from the Natal school last week.

Reed Holding purchased a used Ford puck up from his uncle, A. R. Holmes for his son George.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Depue spent Sunday at Riverview with Mr. and Mrs. Burl Henderson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kuback and two children from St. Helens were week end visitors at Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lindsay's and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Neurer

and Clyde Johnson.

Noble Dunlap is building a new modern house for Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wandstrom near Birkenfeld.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Steers drove to Seattle last week end to visit Mr. Steer's folks.

Ira Peterson is building a new fence on his property along the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Neurer spent Tuesday in Portland on business.

Bob Lindsay was ill with a bad cold for a few days during the week end.

M. Risely has rented the Natal bungalow from J. W. Neurer and will move his family in before the first of June. Mr. Risely has several trucks and will haul for the state highway on which work begins soon.

Don Pringle was a week end guest of friends in Clatskanie.

FOREST CODE POLICY ANNOUNCED BY KYLE

A definite policy covering the general observance of the forest code by the various operators throughout the state has been adopted by the Board of Forestry, according to an announcement made recently by H. C. Kyle, district warden of the Northwest Oregon Forest Protective association. This policy places the responsibility of applying for operators' permits as well as providing the necessary equipment, upon the operator himself. Since the forest code has been effective for a number of years, and a special effort has been made in the past to inform the operators of the provisions of the code, especially the operator's permit

law, it is felt that the industry should be sufficiently familiar with all code provisions to take all action necessary without waiting for a first inspection by an official of the state forester's office.

Application for operators' permits must be made prior to May 15, the beginning of the closed season, and failure to make such application will necessitate closing of the operation until the application is received and acted upon. In the case of new operations, or where one moves to a new location during the closed season application must be made long enough in advance so as to allow the state forester's office to prepare the permit. The necessary blanks for making applications can be secured at the office of the N. W. Oregon Forest Protective association in Pittsburg or by getting in touch with Vic. Olson, inspector.

In connection with the provisions of the code covering the equipment necessary in operations as well as precautionary measures in hazard reduction, the operator will be expected to carry out all these provisions prior to May 15 without awaiting special instructions from a forest official. Inspection of all equipment will be carried out at frequent intervals throughout the fire season.

SCIENTIFIC EFFORT MADE TO ESTIMATE MULE DEER POPULATION

Probably the most scientific attempt yet made to estimate the mule deer population in the Ochoco national forest of Oregon was undertaken this year by cooperative agencies, according to announcement this week by U. S. regional forester C. J. Buck. Counts were made during the winter months by the forest service and the U. S. biological survey working in close cooperation with the state game commission. Forest rangers and biologists

centered their efforts on three important winter ranges of mule deer in the Blue Mountain area of central Oregon. In the open country on the south fork of the John Day river they counted deer on some 68 square miles of range. In the north fork of Crooked river district they actually saw 1414 deer and estimated a total of 3,100 on some 125 square miles. In the high desert country near the south fork of Crooked river a similar intensive survey was made. Investigators reported single bands running as high as 100 deer to the band, but found the animals ordinarily in groups of from 15 to 20. The deer were living on bitter brush, juniper, "mountain mahogany" and other species, and were, for the most part, in good condition, according to the report. A few had been killed by coyotes, and some were suffering from a serious lung cough. The census takers reported seeing a small number of cripples and one deer with a single freak horn from the center of his forehead like the horn of a unicorn.

Bucks were most plentiful in the high ranges where snow was in many cases three feet deep. The investigators estimated the total mule deer population of the Ochoco forest and its surrounding territory at approximately 10,000, of which about 4,900

are does and 3,850 fawns. The sex ration tallies of the deer counted indicates that about one-third of the total are males.

The recent investigation resulted from the obvious need of more accurate information on the deer population, forest officials state. Last year some five thousand hunters took approximately 1,075 buck mule deer out of this district, it is estimated. For several years hunters and others have expressed the opinion that there were fewer big bucks and too many hunters in the territory, but no definite figures or comparisons were available.

The investigation this year, according to the forest service, has demonstrated that when deer are concentrated on their winter range, fairly accurate estimates can be made, and it is believed that the counts of this year can be compared with those of subsequent seasons, making intelligent conclusions and constructive game policies possible.

"Sportsmen, state game authorities and federal agencies are all interested in working out plans that will insure the greatest possible number of deer on each area suitable for them. The plans when made, will avoid over-hunting, losses from disease, inadequate winter feed, or predatory animals," forest officers state.

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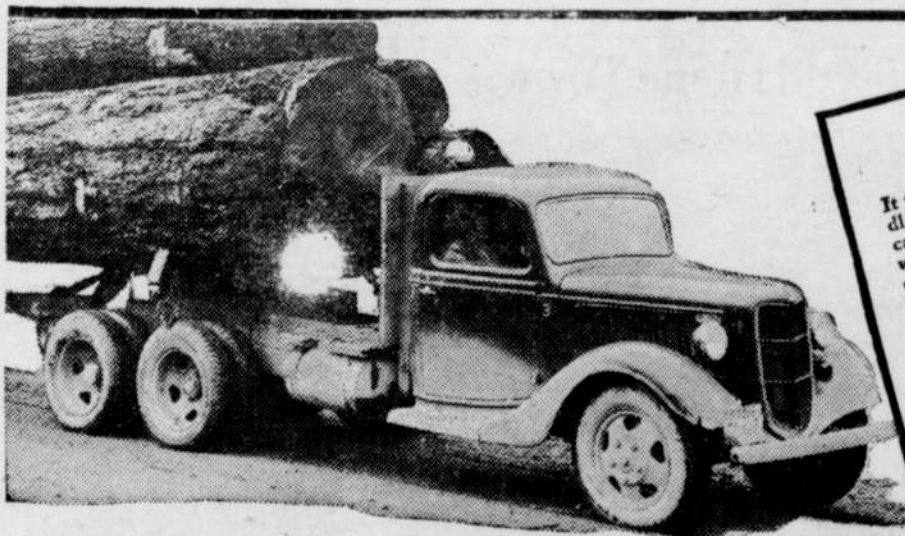
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