

SHORT SPORT SHOTS

OLD HOLES NO GOOD—

A strange situation seemed to exist the past weekend as anglers received their first real thrill during the current steelhead season. Practically all of the old-established fishing holes proved no good to the large number of anglers who ventured forth. The reports following the fishing clearly indicated that by far the majority of fish caught were taken in new water. The flood and its changes in several spots along the streams was attributed as the cause.

"BEEFERS" IS RIGHT—

"They'll crab at the drop of a hat . . . to say nothing of a basketball," writes our informant from Corvallis who has followed the perambulations of the Oregon State "Beefers," colorful basketball squad coming here next Wednesday to play the Vernonia Pedagogues. Holly Holcomb writes Wallace McCrae sets this week with a lot of the dope and anticipates. This bunch of ex-college stars . . . and present college stars . . . plays for fun and makes a lot of fun for the spectators, so the advance dope has it. Better be there to see this battle. Beefers as they are, the Corvallis boys travel light . . . six men . . . and take the consequences.

SCAPPOOSE NEXT—

Scappoose, a little-known of league basketball outfit, but a scrappy one, arrives in Vernonia . . . say about 6:30 p. m. tonight to meet the Loggers here on the local floor. The lads here are still vowing to win a league game, despite apparent sinister conditions against them. Scappoose has played several games, and according to all that we have on them, have come out about even—Steven on the win and lose column. It's the Loggers' time tonight, we feel certain, and fans should see Vernonia in a double-header win tonight, those netted hoops willing.

HERE'S A THOUGHT—

The Loggers have been having their share of tough luck on the maple court since the season started. Why doesn't Coach MacDonald advocate a "whiskeree" for his proteges. We recall some of our earlier days in school and remember one in particular. Losing game after game . . . not by large scores . . . it became terrifically nauseating, not alone to the players, but to the other students and the coach as well. One evening, after a stiff workout, the dressing room was quiet save for the swish of the shower through the door into the bathhouse. One player, sick and tired of the losing, especially by close scores, busted out: "By gosh! I was going to shave tonight. (He had a fair beard for his age.) I'm not going to shave until we've won a game." It was a couple of weeks before the threat caught on and his beard had gotten away past the downy stage. The other players caught on and they went with him. Three days later the team was in a winning streak that was not thwarted until the finals in the

CLATSKANIE WINS GAMES HERE FRIDAY

DOUBLE-HEADER WON BY VISITORS 31-22, 21-20 ON LOCAL FLOOR

After suffering a terrific whipping at the hands of Astoria the week before, Clatskanie came back strong Friday evening to take a double header here.

The first game of the evening, between the subs of both schools, ended 21-20 for Clatskanie, and was fast from start to finish. The second stringers gave the fans more for their money than the varsity lads. The score at half time was 11-8, Clatskanie.

In the feature event, the Vernonia boys could not find the basket despite innumerable tries. Score at half time in the varsity battle was 15-10, Clatskanie.

The lineups:

Vernonia (22)	Ptn.	Clatskanie (31)
Walker, 8	F	Sulinka, 2
Thompson, J. 2	F	Martell, 12
Thompson, B.	C	Brown, 11
Schalock, 6	G	McPherson, 4
Rundell, 3	G	Kroessin
Nicar, 3	S	Raade, 2
Smith,	S	

BOTTLERS WILL PLAY PEDAGOGUES

GAME BILLED SAT. EVE AT GYM; VISITORS ARE CHAMPS

The Astoria Bottlers, for the past two years champs of the Astoria city-league play, are coming here Saturday evening to play the Vernonia Teachers, the fame of which is reaching into the far corners of the state.

The Bottlers, representing a large bottling house in Astoria, is a city-league outfit but is not content with local play and spends many evenings during the season navigating hither and thither seeking 'ough competition.

The game starts at 8 p. m. Manager Red Raney states that a preliminary would probably be arranged but due to the fact that the Saturday game was not set until yesterday, he had not had a chance to make the connections for publicity.

RAINIER WINS—

Rainier won a double-head basketball encounter at the Washington grade school gym Tuesday afternoon by defeating the local grade school players. The Rainier grade schoolers got off to a good start in the second string game, the first battle, and took it 17-15. The first strings from both schools battled it out, Rainier winning 21-19.

The entire enrollment of the Washington school, from fourth to eighth, inclusive, attended the games. Robert Slawson refereed the first game and Coach MacDonald officiated for the second game.

league tournament were being played. But boys, if you raise whiskers, don't intimate to the girl friend we had any part to do with it. After all, discretion is the better part of valor.

League Game Is Billed Tonight

ADOLPH NELSON HAS A FISH STORY FOR THE BOOKS

Adolph Nelson, well known local angler, fished in the Cedar Log hole near Keasey the past week end. He hooked a steelhead with a No. 6 leader and a No. 8 hook. The steelhead managed to wriggle away. Putting on a No. 8 leader, the last he had, and another No. 8 hook, he set out angling once again. Still a mite muddled for his having gotten the first steelhead to shore and ready to gaff, he hardly expected another bite so soon . . . but he had it, and he eventually landed the second fish. But the second fish was the first fish with the leader and hook he lost the first time still clinging to the steelhead's mouth.

LOGGERS LOSE GROVE GAME TUES.

POINT MARGIN DIVIDES LOCALS, NEIGHBORS IN GAME

In what local boosters said was one of the best games of the season, thus far, the Vernonia Loggers lost to the Forest Grove high school outfit Tuesday evening on the neighbors' floor, 24-23.

The game was hard-fought throughout and not until the final whistle blew did the game go into definite hands. The score at half-time stood 13-11 for Vernonia. This was the first game of the 2-game series with Forest Grove billed for the current season, the second game to be played here.

The lineups:

Vernonia, 23	Ptn.	G. Grove, 24
Nicar, 9	F	Culver, 12
J. Thompson, 7	F	Smith
B. Thompson, .	C	Wineland, 4
Rundell, 2	G	Lindstrom, 1
Turkington, .	S	Taylor, 3
Byers, .	S	Sager, 2
Smith	S	

Referee: Bailey, Forest Grove.

FORMER MID-WESTERN RESIDENT TAKES HONORS

Earl J. Preston, former resident of the middle west, and who knew more about bass fishing than he did about steelhead angling, has completely changed his mind about the relative fighting qualities of his bass and has gone in for steelhead fishing in a big way. This is his second season as steelhead fisherman and he loves it. Sunday, at exactly 4 p. m., in the Malmssten hole, near the Riverview district, along the Nehalem, Preston hooked and landed the largest steelhead caught thus far during the season. The fish weighed 16 1/2 pounds. Fresh eggs were used as a lure. Preston caught a 6-pounder the week before.

GUN CLUB NAMES OFFICIALS

CULBERTSON IS PREXY OF SHOOTING GROUP MESSING VICE-PRES.

Harry Culbertson, Vernonia machinist, was named president of the Vernonia Gun club Friday evening, January 14. He will be assisted by Emil Messing, local postmaster, as vice-president.

Other officers named were Art Tousley, treasurer; J. W. Nichols, secretary; and Harold Kellmer, executive officer.

All of the 1938 officials were named by unanimous vote of the members present at the American Legion hall during the evening.

A letter was ordered written to National Rifle Association concerning the renewal of the local club's charter. Shoots on Tuesday evening at the indoor range at the Legion hall were favorably passed.

Two new instructors for the junior rifle group were named Friday evening. They were Harold Kellmer and Harry Johnson.

An allotment of rifles and ammunition from the NRA is expected soon, the officials reported.

ROD TEST BY LOCAL MEN IS MADE

INTERESTING INFORMATION REVEALED BY HOFFMAN, McENTIRE

An interesting test was made the past week at Hoffman's Hardware by C. S. Hoffman and Harold McEntire. Both men are rabid fishermen and had heard much about the strength of various types of fishing poles.

They wanted to find out, for themselves, just how much dead weight an ordinary fly pole and a light steelhead rod could bear.

Taking weights, placing them on the store scales, and then tying them to the end of the poles the two men found that an average fly rod would safely lift but 13 ounces of dead weight. The 8-ounce steelhead rod lifted 1 1/4 pounds.

Both poles were believed taxed to capacity in the test. The test was an interesting bit of conversation for many sportsmen who have debated long, in this community, concerning the relative strength of rods . . . and why they sometimes crack under the strain of a heavy fish in local streams.

HEY, FELLERS!

SALMON EGGS
10c—15c—20c
HOFFMAN HARDWARE
Sportsmen's Headquarters

LOEL ROBERTS HAS FISHING SPOT, BUT IT COSTS MONEY

Loel Roberts, city recorder, likes to angle for steelhead along the Nehalem . . . and he likes to have his fishing holes for himself. He and two or three friends were quietly located in a favorite spot Sunday when a country lad came along and liked the hole too. The country lad cast, once . . . twice . . . three times. Loel said: "It's a little crowded here, isn't it?" The lad cast again. When Loel's two angling companions went up over the bank to put a few more sticks of wood on the fire, they glanced back just in time to see Loel put his wallet back in his pocket, the lad put a dollar bill into his overall pocket and at the same time reel in his outfit and start upstream.

FACULTY WINS—

In a slaughter, the Vernonia Pedagogues, faculty basketball five, took the Timber CCC outfit January 12 to the tune of 65-22. The last half constituted but two 4-minute quarters which cut down the teachers' gross score considerably.

The V. H. S. second string took the Townies into camp in the latter's first skirmish of the season, 24-20. The games were played on the high school gym maples.

HEATH GETS 'EM—

Bill Heath, Riverview service station owner, hooked and landed two steelhead Sunday, angling in holes between Riverview and Mist. One was a 11 1/2 pound female and the other a 6-pound male.

Mayor Is Ill—

Mayor Ben S. Owens was unable to be present at the city council meeting Monday evening due to illness. His condition is reported as improved, however, as of yesterday evening.

SCAPPOOSE LIMITED TO STEAM UP

COUNTY FIVE DUE TO GIVE LOCAL FLOOR THIRD LEAGUE GAME

The Scappoose high school five arrives here this evening to engage the Loggers in the third county league game on the local floor in a row.

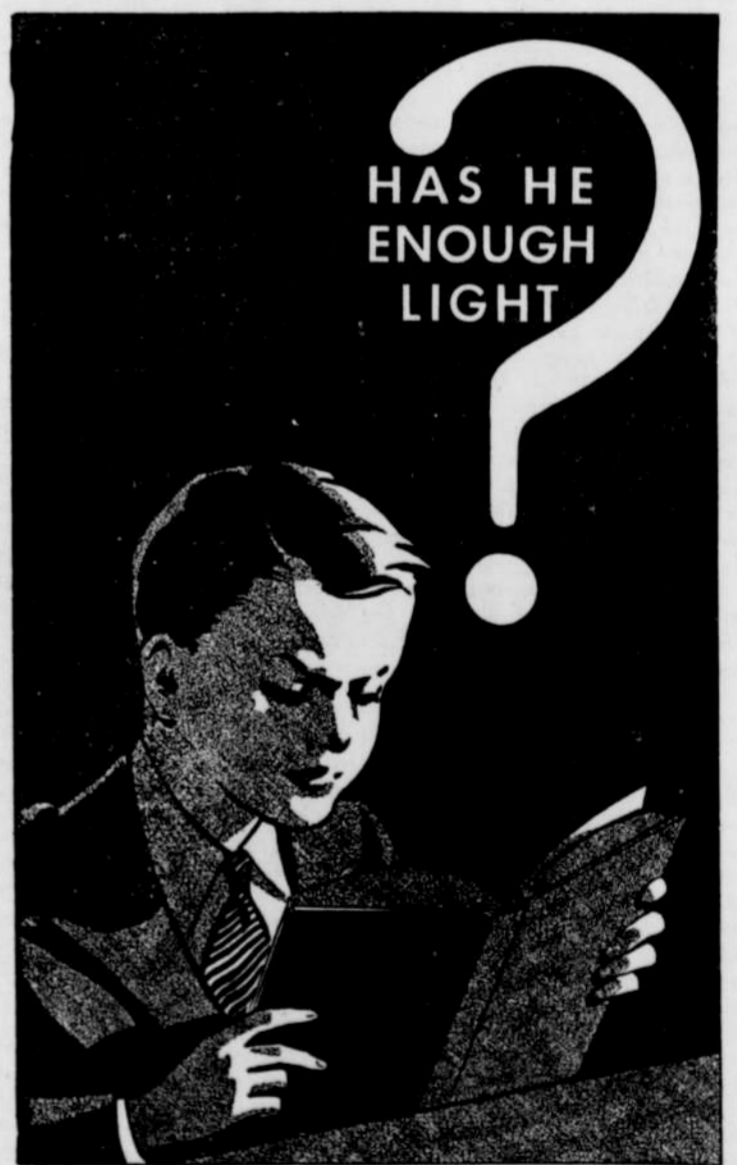
Slated for local fans this evening are two games, a second string affair due at 7:30 and a follow-up main event with the first string boys at around 8:30.

Little is known here concerning Scappoose but regardless of what the river boys might, or might not, have, the Loggers are bidding for a place on the cripple shelf. Walker has been out of school all week, presumably with mumps, and Coach MacDonald feared he would not be in the lineup tonight. He did not make the trip to Forest Grove Wednesday night.

Working on defense weakness discovered in the Clatskanie game, the coach feels his boys should be in good shape to take the Scappoose limited this evening. Regular admission prices will prevail.

Builds Kitchen—

Constructing and renovating the large kitchen at the American Legion hall occupied the bulk of Sunday when several Legionnaires and Auxiliary workers gathered to do the work. Included in the improvements is the construction of a 10-foot drain board, installation of a 3-foot sink, installation of coils in a large cook stove and construction of a new chimney. Those assisting Sunday were Harry Culbertson (in charge), J. W. Nichols, E. S. Thompson, J. C. Lincoln, Mr. Wiederman, Lee Hall, Henry King, Mrs. Bessie Cummings and Mrs. E. S. Thompson.



HAS HE ENOUGH LIGHT

SIGHT IS PRICELESS—LIGHT IS CHEAP

THOSE CHILDREN OF YOURS MAY BE HANDICAPING THEMSELVES FOR LIFE . . . With poor vision. You can help protect them by giving them diffused light, free from glare, sharp shadows or strong contrasts, and PLENTY OF IT. CATS CAN SEE IN THE DARK . . . BUT CHILDREN CAN'T . . . Do your part, see that they have plenty of the right kind of light.

OREGON GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

Basketball

Vernonia Teachers

vs.

Astoria Bottlers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

High School Gym

8 p. m.

Admission, 10c, 25c

ANNOUNCEMENT

As of January 1, the Vernonia Trading Co. will be owned and operated by Cass Bergerson.

J. E. Tapp has purchased the fuel department and will operate it independently as of the above date.

Thank you for your patronage during the past 12 years . . . each of us hoping that you will continue your loyalty to both, the Vernonia Trading Co. and J. E. Tapp's Fuel Co.

Cass Bergerson

Vernonia Trading Co.