

# SPORTS—Through The Eagle's Eyes

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## SHORT SPORT SHOTS

### JUST PLAIN HARD LUCK—

Sometimes the luck is good and sometimes bad for the sportsman when fishing but its just plain hard luck when you have a big one caught, landed and practically ready to carry home and then lose it. That was the situation for Loel Roberts last Sunday at Astoria. Loel had his fish, a 45 pound salmon, in the bag so it was thought and then lost it. The story we got was the fish was in the boat at the landing and was just about to be handed ashore when it slipped and sank straight to the bottom at the pier. And Loel had several to vouch for the fact too. Just catching the fish and not being able to show it doesn't satisfy Loel though.

That doesn't quite cover the entire story either for in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Tod Bowerman, Mrs. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hieber and Mr. and Mrs. Red Ranes. Six more fish were caught during the day but guess who got them? Not the gentlemen of the party for other than the 45 pounder landed by Roberts the fish just didn't bite for the men.

### AN OUTFIT WAS LOST—

Only recently did it come to light that Red Ranes figured quite heavily in a fishing trip also at Astoria. It seems that Red was forward in the boat, catching a short nap but at the same time keeping his line in the water in anticipation of a bite. The line drifted back along the side of the boat and was noticed by another member of the party. A sharp tug on the line brought the needed effect of a "bite" alright but it brought more than that for the "bite" was so sharp that line, pole, reel, the whole outfit dropped overboard and sank.

Chances are the next salmon fishing outfit Red has will be better anchored in the boat in expectation of chance bites.

### JUST A HINT TO BOATMEN—

This seems to be the week for salmon fishermen so we'll tell another incident happening on the river at Astoria. It seems that a party including R. M. Aldrich, C. S. Hoffman and J. A. Bush were on the river in pursuit of fish and Mr. Aldrich was lucky (or unlucky) enough to have one "on" at the moment when a passing boat came close to the boat engaged by the local men. Those on the passing boat were either indifferent or too hilarious to care what may have been happening in their neighbor's vessel.

Anyway, Mr. Aldrich's line was cut by the other boat's propeller costing him the fish and all of the tackle up to that portion of the line.

It would seem that boat owners offering their vessels for fishing parties would be more responsible for other fishermen on the river. After all, its for love of the sport and the less friction the better. Too, the livelihood of owners of boats for rent depends to some

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## Elk Hunters Make Kills But Puff Getting Meat

### STRANGER THAN FICTION IS TRUTH OF THIS STORY

Howard Reeher, Emil Messing, Harold McEntire and Larry Marshall say it's true. The four of them were trolling for salmon near Astoria this week and Howard, trying to hess in a big boy, broke his outfit. He tied a piece of line to that which had broken and set out to fish again. He eventually got his strike and he was playing his fish when his friends noticed his outfit coming in with no fish, yet he was playing something, somewhere. Emil finally got his chance to gaff the salmon. When the fish and tackle were pulled in, the small knot made by Howard in splicing his line was found barely hanging to a brass eyelet, another angler's outfit, which had been taken by the salmon taken by Howard. The men believed it was a fish lost by Tod Bowerman had not checked as yet with Tod.

## SOFTBALL HEAD SENDS ANSWER

### CONSIDERATION GIVEN REQUEST FOR DISTRICT MEET HERE

Answering the recent invitation of local softball officials to hold the 1939 district softball tournament in Vernonia, Dwight Adams, Dallas, state head, writes:

Dallas, Oregon August 31, 1938

Mr. Marion Sexton, Pres. Vernonia Softball League Vernonia, Oregon Dear Mr. Sexton:

This letter is in answer to your formal request to have the 1939 district tournament for your district held in Vernonia. I can assure you that the State Association will give every consideration to your proposal when the time comes to select the site for the 1939 district tournament.

Plans are already under way to make the 1939 season the most successful yet experienced in Oregon. If I can be of any further aid to you, kindly let me know.

Sincerely,  
Dwight Adams  
State Softball Director

### In Seaside Sunday—

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Bond and daughter, Lucille, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Salomonsen and daughter, Margaret, Bill Byers, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Kaphammer and sons, and Marie Andrews spent Sunday at Seaside.

extent upon the service they can offer.

### IT GETS IN THE BLOOD—

It takes the sight of a fish to bring out the fishing urge once-in-awhile so it seems. At least Roy Raymond, genial city councilman, seems to be effected that way for he joined a party going to Astoria recently to try his luck.

Then, too, Merle Ruhl caught a 33 1/2 pounder last Monday. Ask him sometime what tackle to use to be fairly certain of a catch. He can give it to you pretty straight.

Good results in bagging elk has been the word for most Vernonia area sportsmen who have tried their luck in the Clatsop county region opened this year but the labor involved in getting the kill out of the forest region to some means of transportation makes the hunt somewhat of a hardship.

No definite results have been made available yet as to the number of elk bagged within the open season but as near as The Eagle could determine Morris Graves, Knute, (?) Henry Parker, Lode McDonald, Doc Jones, George Crawford and Elmer Bergerson have made kills.

All cooperation within their means has been offered by forest officials in making it less difficult in getting the animals to a position where they can be transported.

## ONE MATCH DUE YET IN TENNIS

### SMITH AND CULBERTSON TIED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

Final results in the tennis tourney were offered in all divisions except one by Robert Slawson, manager of the tournament. Results for the one play-off will be available as soon as time and suitable weather will permit.

Dale Hall is singles champion in the 16 and under division. The men's division was dropped from the tourney due to lack of entrants making suitable competition.

Other results not available last week reveal James Smith and Harry Culbertson double champions resulting from a play-off of the Smith-Culbertson combination vs. the winners of a contest between Bill Byers-Martin Turkington and Byron Bennett-Lawrence Bennett. These are results in the 16-21 doubles division.

The 16-21 singles division reveals James Smith and Harry Culbertson tied for championship with the play-off to come within a few days.

### BILL DUNCAN IS PRIZE STEELHEADER, MAGAZINE SAYS

In the current issue of the Pacific Sportsman, well known sport magazine, Charles C. Hoffman Jr. writes the following in his page feature—"Ripples from the Eddy"—"It seems that all the big steelhead come from the northwestern corner of Oregon. The biggest fighter for this season, weighing 16 3/4 pounds, came from that section. Word has come of a larger fish from Rock creek in the same part of the country. Billy Duncan, 13 year old son of Ross Duncan (who also fishes), caught and landed a 17 pound steelhead. The tackle he used wasn't mentioned, but we'd like to order a duplicate outfit for our own use."

### "DOC" JONES GAINS NOTORIETY AS FINE "MOUNTAIN GUIDE"

A. E. (Doc) Jones, well known Vernonia logger, is the object of much "fun poking" this week as his hunting associates—Emil Messing, Orvel Edwards, Jess Heard, Dr. H. M. Bigelow and Grant Layer—say: "If it hadn't been for Doc knowing the Nicolai Mountain country so well, we'd have been lost all the time."

The truth, of course, is that "Doc" thought he knew the country but that the party was lost most of the time. The men discovered that they had walked many, many, miles farther than needed. "There's one thing to say for 'Doc', " said his hunting associates, "he never admitted we were lost until we got back."

### Wallowa Teacher—

Leon Brock, a graduate of Monmouth Normal last Wednesday has secured a teaching position at Wallowa for the coming school term.

## SCRIMMAGE BEGINS FOR GRIDDERS

### MATERIAL SHAPING UP FOR FIRST GAME OF SEPTEMBER 17

Opening day for Vernonia schools also saw the first official practice session for high school gridgers staged with Paul Gordon, coach, in charge. About 16 prospective pigskin massagers appeared for the afternoon's workout with the likelihood of several more being out before many days pass.

Little time is being lost in getting the boys in shape for the first contest scheduled with Beaverton here on the 17th.

Last week's trip to Cannon beach and the resulting practice there gives the boys a break for this early season contest which they would not have, had the beach trip not been scheduled. As it is practice time has been lengthened.

If previous years' experience is any indication of results, Vernonia is due for a successful gridiron season. In the years of 1934 and 1936 the squads were given pre-school workouts on ocean beaches and both years were able to turn in satisfactory showings of wins for games played. Such will be the case this season if previous experience is any indication.

## Sportsmen to Name Prexy September 16

### Resignation of Sexton Brings Vacancy; Will Set Cleanup Date

Members of the Nehalem Hunters & Anglers club will gather Friday evening, September 16, at The Eagle office at 7:30 to name a president.

Due to the resignation of Marion Sexton, who has served in the presidential capacity for the past several months, and who is leaving Vernonia to reside in Vancouver, the opening has been created. The club does not name a vice-president.

In addition to the election of a head man, the club members will probably set a date for the projected cleanup of the cabin site at Keasey.

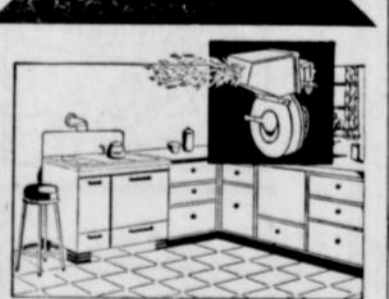
All interested sportsmen, whether they be members or not, are invited to attend the meeting.

### Travel New Highway—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills and son, Bert and daughter, Ada and Cleon Woodruff motored through the Wolf Creek highway and down the coast returning by way of McMinnville last week.

### Seeks Teaching Position—

Bert Mills left Tuesday morning for Ledmon, Oregon, where he expects to get the position teaching.



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### Take Trip—

Mrs. Alice Estey and daughter, Doris Rae, Mrs. Dave Marshall and sister-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Short of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. A. J. Hughes Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Welch and left last Thursday on a trip through central Oregon and as far south as Crescent City, California and return via the Oregon coast high-way. Points of interest during the journey were Crater Lake, the Oregon Caves, and the House of Mystery near Grants Pass. The turn journey was completed Sunday.

### Visit Here—

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Welch and daughter of Shreveport, Louisiana, left Wednesday following a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Grunden. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Grunden are sisters and the visit is the first meeting of the two for fifteen years.

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