

Nehalem Due New Hatchery



AIRMAN ROBERT D. ANDRUS



AIRMAN RAYMOND HARTZELL

Airmen Sent to Lowry AFB, Colo.

Two Vernonia men are being assigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado, to attend the U. S. Air Force technical training course for munitions specialists.

The men, both of whom have completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, are: Airman Raymond R. Hartzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar R. Hartzell and Airman Robert D. Andrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Andrus of Vernonia.

Both men are 1965 graduates of Vernonia high school.

A 28 pound wolverine has been observed attacking a 1200 pound moose—and winning.

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The Oregon Fish Commission has called for bids for construction of a salmon hatchery on the North Fork of the Nehalem river in Clatsop county, Edward K. Neubauer, the agency's director of engineering announced recently. Neubauer said sealed bids will be received by the agency's director of engineering announced recently. Neubauer said sealed bids will be received by the Fish Commission at its Portland office, 307 State Office Building, 1400 S.W. Fifth Ave., Portland, Oregon 97201, until 2 p.m. PST, April 15, 1966. Job specifications call for completion of construction within 160 days after the successful bidder has received official notification that he has been awarded the contract.

The proposed hatchery has been under discussion for some time but it was not until the last legislative session that money was made available to finance the project.

The old Nehalem hatchery, actually located on Foley creek, a Nehalem river tributary, was built in 1925. Its usefulness has been outlived, fish culture director Ernest R. Jeffries points out.

Plans call for fish cultural operations to be closed-out at the Foley creek site in November 1966 when young coho being reared at the station will be transferred to the new hatchery.

Not yet officially named, the new station will be located on the south bank of the North Fork of the Nehalem river approximately eight miles south of Necanicum junction on Oregon Highway 53 in Clatsop county. Initial plans call for annual production of one million yearling coho and one million 90-day reared fall chinook. The old hatchery on Foley creek had a capacity of about 350,000 yearling coho.

It is planned to supplement the egg take on the North Fork with surpluses from Trask hatchery spawning operations. This will continue until such time that a sufficiently large hatchery is built up on the North Fork to assure hatchery capacity operation on a self-sustaining basis.

The new North Fork installation will include a fishway, holding pond, and spawning shed to accommodate adults returning from the ocean on the spawning run, 14 concrete rearing ponds, a large service building containing an incubation room, food preparation and refrigerated food storage rooms, shop, garage, office, rest rooms and store rooms, and three residences to accommodate hatcherymen and their families.

Recent successes of the Fish Commission's hatchery program have stirred well-founded hopes that the Nehalem is about to regain its place as a major producer of salmon. Another large successful salmon hatchery is good news for Oregon's sport and commercial fishermen.

Bride-Elect Honored At Thursday Shower

BIRKENFELD—A large group attended the bridal shower for Miss Cathy DuPuis last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Howard Jones for which Mrs. Jones and her daughter Margie were hostesses. Several games were enjoyed by the group after which Cathy opened her many useful gifts. Later nice refreshments were served by the hostesses. On departure all wished Cathy many years of happy married life.

Mrs. Everett Johnston of Eugene spent last week here visiting with relatives. She also visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Benson at Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Larson and Al Berg were Wednesday evening dinner guests of the Gene Larsons.

Mrs. Lloyd Beach and Mrs. Bob Mathews were in Chehalis last Wednesday to visit with Mrs. Don Hall.

Mrs. Edna Johnson took her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carl, to Seaside last Friday. They will stay in an apartment until the first of next week.

Garry Murray and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Bobby Murray and two children of Portland were recent visitors at the Fred Larsons.

Mrs. Fred Larson Monday afternoon were Mrs. Walter Floeter and Laura, Darlene Welch, and Mrs. Pat Cline and two children. Barbara Place of Clatskanie visited with them Sunday.

Boone Johnston took Allen, Jan and Steve for a plane ride Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson, Dennis, Randy, Terry and Laura Floeter were clamming Saturday.

Miss Shirley Berg and Mrs. Arby Mills were in Longview recently.



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Tank Operator Warning Given

A warning was issued to residents of Vernonia this week after activity of an apparently fraudulent septic tank treatment operator in this area was brought to the attention of the police department. Method of operation has been to cite a supposed state requirement in septic tank waste disposal systems and the quotation of a high price for the service. The operator then is willing to settle for almost any cash payment. Residents are warned not to be misled by such representations and to report similar activities to police before making any payment. Legitimate septic tank services are required to have a license for their operations.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK -

Mr. Marvin Kamholz, Editor, Vernonia Eagle, Vernonia, Oregon
Dear Sir:
On page 1 of the Thursday, March 17, 1966 issue of your paper appears an article entitled "Letter Scores Curve Hazard" and among other things states that the local Chamber of Commerce transmitted a letter to Representative Wyatt protesting the passage of House Bill No. 10518 which provides for a minimum wage for farm workers. I have talked with many laboring people and loggers and they are practically unanimous in favor of this legislation as it would guarantee a minimum wage for farm workers who are now practically unprotected.

I am unable to understand the reasoning, if any there be, that would deprive farm workers the same protection that is now guaranteed to other classes of workers. In so far as the strawberry and bean pickers are concerned, the only result of giving them an adequate wage which would be uniform throughout the United States would be to raise the price of strawberries and beans that the consumer would purchase and if it is only a cent or two a pound. I am yet opposed to any move that would deprive a worker of an adequate wage for his work in order that the packers should profit from his slave labor. I would venture that this is a move on the part of the growers and packers to get local Chambers of Commerce to oppose this legislation so that they can further exploit the worker. In closing I wish to cite an instance that occurred when Ford

Motor company raised the minimum wages to \$5.00 per day before the first world war, when I was working in a logging camp for \$2.75 per day. You would have thought that the world was coming to an end the way the operators cried that they would be ruined; but as always happens in such instances, the operators met the \$5.00 wages and better, the logging industry prospered as never before, the logger had more money to spend, therefore had more to purchase a home and furnishings. The same old howl is heard every time the workers make a few more dollars for his work, and I have also written to our senators and representatives stating that they are very much opposed to the action taken by the local Chamber of Commerce. Respectfully submitted, Lester Sheeley

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