

Hazelwood Ball Club Start Daily Practices

Some Tips From Expert Trout Fishermen Given

By GENE WIKE

FISH FAIR OR BEWARE — Whether it was the whispering pines or the babbling brook that told them is purely a fictional guess, but some how or other the protectors got the word about fish and game violations during the past month. The Division of Game and Inland Fisheries registered two hundred and twenty-six convictions during March to beat the previous record of two hundred during January. They're really beating the bushes these days.

Total fines amounted to \$1,022.20 while \$1,401.34 was expended by the violators for the cost of court.

Seventy-six were prosecuted for fishing without license, to lead the list of violations which also included twenty-nine prosecutions for taking undersized fish, eighteen for hunting out of season, sixteen for setting traps, thirteen for violating shad laws, and eight for setting hooks illegally. Other prosecutions listed in respective orders were: fishing out of season, non-resident fishing without license, shooting fish, and fishing in restricted waters. One was prosecuted for attempting to take deer with night light.

TAKE A TIP FROM SOME SPORTSMEN—With the trout season opening last Monday and extending through August 31, perhaps a word from the wise will make you a little more adept at trussing the trout line. Take the comment of George Harvey. He's a widely known Pennsylvania sportsman who says the secret of a full creel is the ability to distinguish between limestone and freestone streams—the principal sources of trout.

Trout feed under the limestone run and on top in the freestone waters, according to Harvey. "If it is a limestone stream fish with underwater lures, and if it is a freestone fish with a dry fly on surface lure," he confides. He claims a few small trout can be induced to take a dry fly on a limestone run particularly in the shallow swift waters or riffles, but those same trout could be taken more easily with nymphs or wet flies. Harvey admits high water and muddy water nullify his plan, and further agrees that when there are specialized hatches of insects on limestone streams the dry fly may be the best bet for a short period. However, he contends his advice will stand the test 75 per cent of the time, and hopes you have a lot of luck trying it.

Jack Bell, sportsman-writer for the Washington Post, says most trout anglers using wet flies, streamers, and spinners will probably do best on opening day, but due to an early spring he thinks the dry fly addicts will have their innings, dry fly fishing usually improves during May and June. In any case, he cautions, trout fishing calls for slow, quiet fishing and plenty of patience.

Raymond Camp, New York Times Rod and Reel Editor, debunks the robin or the willow leaf as the sign of spring. He says it's trout fishing that heralds in the season. Quite so, perhaps, but what's more important is his conservationist viewpoint on the whole situation.

Speaking of planted fish, he says that trout fishing has ceased to be "natural" fishing, for most all of them are hatchery reared and "planted" by state conservation agencies. Some are stocked with fingerlings but many are adult legal sized trout placed in the streams for opening day enthusiasts. Throughout the spring stocking is carried on periodically, he explains.

Many trout fishermen care little for their catch as food and many a fish is returned as soon as it is brought into the net, and he warns that this practice must become more popular in the future if trout fishing is to continue. No one state can provide "limit" catches for all its anglers, on the present income, according to Camp.

The healthy sign for the average fly fisherman is that he is not interested in proving his skill to kill but instead in the art of casting and presenting his fly. The dry fly fishermen, he concludes, will take a few fish despite all the forces of nature that oppose them, the wet fly anglers will do a little better and the streamer or buck-tailed fishermen will find their quarry more interested. At least that's the way he sees it.

CASTING BY THE STARS—If you don't get a good catch this season you can blame it on the stars or the condition of the moon. In Williamston, Ira T. Coltrain, a close observer of nature, has predicted that fish catches this season would be small because he noted very few stars in the heaven on Old Christmas Night. Could be, said the commercial fishermen operating in the Roanoke from the plant at Jamesville, they've been running in large numbers but the catches have been unusually small. The next few days will tell.

USE THE CLASSIFIED ADS

Softball Season Scheduled To Open May 15th

Ten Teams Are Now Listed To Play; Two Games A Night

Announcement was made this week by President L. N. Davis and Secretary E. C. Wagenfeld that the softball season would open here May 15th and continue through August 23, playing four nights a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The diamond at the high school being the place of play.

There are ten teams entered this year, namely, Pet Dairy Products Company, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dayton Rubber Co., Welles Shoe Corporation, Unagusta Manufacturing Company, High School, Youth Center and A. C. Lawrence Leather Co., Boosters.

Softball was discontinued during the war but is to be revived this year on a similar set-up as before playing ceased.

The games are scheduled for 7:15 o'clock with two games an evening.

It was announced by Secretary Wagenfeld that a list of players on each team will have to be filed with the league not later than May 1st. Each team will place \$7.50 forfeit money with the league, and if no game is forfeited the money will be refunded at the end of the season.

Many of the teams have already started practicing for the season, and the others are soliciting players for their respective teams.

Not all of the details as to admission and the schedule were worked out in the meeting Monday night, but at the next meeting these details will be taken care of.

The lighting of the field is expected to be completed by opening game night, as the lights have been used for football, and are to be changed within the next two weeks.

Agricultural World

It is estimated that approximately 75 per cent of the world's 2 billion population gets its living in close association with the soil. China and India, each with a population of about 400 millions, are largely agricultural nations. Vast areas in Europe, Africa and South America are almost completely rural.

SENATORS' HOPE

By Jack Sords



Elementary School Cage Tournament Starts Mon.

The annual elementary basketball tournament will get under way Monday at one o'clock at the Waynesville Armory, with the Waynesville High school as sponsor, according to C. E. Weatherby, director of athletics.

The first game of the tournament will be between the girls of Rock Hill and Maggie. This game will be followed at 1:45 by a game between the boys' teams of the same schools.

On Tuesday the Central Elementary girls will meet the Hazelwood girls at one o'clock, and at 1:45 the boys' teams from Lake Junaluska and East Waynesville will play.

On Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock the Central Elementary girls will meet the winners of the Rock Hill-Maggie contest, and at 1:45 Hazelwood boys will meet the winners of the Junaluska-East Waynesville game.

Many Stars Are Seeking Places On Local Team

Several Pre-Schedule Games Planned Before League Season Opens On May Fourth

Ten players have reported for practice for places on the Hazelwood Industrial League team, and at least six others are expected to begin daily work-outs soon. The team is one of the eight teams in the W. N. C. Industrial Baseball League, and George A. Bischoff is acting manager.

A new and enlarged backstop has been erected 25 feet back of the old one. Considerable work has been put on the field, and it is in good condition.

Practice got under way last Thursday, and will continue every day at five and on Saturdays at two o'clock.

An invitation is extended all ball players to attend practices and try for a berth on the team, which will play every Saturday. Mr. Bischoff said that several pre-schedule games will likely be played before the league season opens on May 4th. The schedule has not been announced.

Among the players attending practices include Bud Blalock, Deacon Woodard, Jack Smith, Sam Lane, Gordon Wyatt, Snooks Dudley, Glenn Wyatt, Gene Wyatt, Rose Owens and "Bug" Kuykendall.

Former star players expected to report soon include Clyde Fisher, J. C. Burrell, Joe Scruggs and Bob Putnam. Two players who expect to get their military discharges soon and join the team are Troutman and Oliver Yount.

The team manager and team captain will be named in the next few days.

The directors of the team include E. C. Wagenfeld, of A. C. Lawrence Co., chairman; George A. Bischoff,

secretary-treasurer; Whitener Prevost, of Unagusta, Ned Tucker, of Dayton, and R. L. Hendricks, of Welles Shoe Corporation.

Calls For Players



GEORGE BISCHOFF, acting manager of the Hazelwood Baseball team, which is a member of the W. N. C. Industrial League, is issuing a call for additional players to attend daily practices of the team at the high school.

of Royle & Pilkington Co., secretary-treasurer; Whitener Prevost, of Unagusta, Ned Tucker, of Dayton, and R. L. Hendricks, of Welles Shoe Corporation.

Cold Honey

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MORE POWER To The Veterans

My dear boys,

I have just read in The Mountaineer of the political principles and purposes of the Haywood Veterans Association.

Being a Haywood man myself and interested in all men and all things Haywood, I feel encouraged to write you this letter of encouragement and to make a small contribution to your campaign fund, although I'm not a voter there, only a tax payer for past 30 years.

Now I'm not critical of any of the present office holders of Haywood County. Most of them are my friends, whom I consider honest and efficient. But if I had a vote, I'd prefer to vote for a service man, on the general principle that they have never had a fair or a square deal and I don't believe they ever will until they organize and get into politics for themselves and the country they love enough to fight for, and die, if necessary in its defense.

I do not think we civilians can ever adequately reward or repay the service men for what they have done for us, or for their indescribable hardship and suffering and sacrifices. They risk their lives in battle that we may continue to live in peace and comfort and freedom. They make incalculable financial losses while we at home enjoy life as usual, sleep in comfort and prosper on the flesh pots of war.

Yes, you service men, all of you, are heroes in my book. I have seen you march away from the things and people you love, to do the things you hate --- to fight and kill and destroy your fellow men. I've seen you win two world wars, which you did not cause or declare. You have always had to save our Republic in times of grave peril and you will have to continue to do so if it is to be saved in the future. The professional politicians and the flabby muscled, ancient office holder won't and can't do it. That's dead certain. So why shouldn't the men who have to do the fighting and dying to save their country and civilization in times of war, have a voice and a hand in the destinies of peace and in the determination of government policies which so vitally affect, avoid and create war.

No intelligent and patriotic person will question either your right or your duty to take an active part in local, State, and National affairs. You owe to yourselves, your children and your fallen buddies to clean out the termites from your home government and to cut the cancer from the body politics. Through unity and organization you, and only you, can do it. No other organization has the intelligence, the know how and the guts to do it.

Hoping you every success—

FRANK SMATHERS.

Political Rally Tonight At Saunook School at 8 o'clock

Music By Soco Gap String Band

HAYWOOD VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION