

Wild Life Conservationists To Stage Mass Meeting

Wild life conservationists, regardless of the color of their fur or feathers, are scheduled to stage a big mass conference at Salem, perhaps for two days, commencing at 9:30 o'clock of the morning of Tuesday, January 5, at the Salem Chamber of Commerce headquarters, to discuss a "program of legislative action."

The meeting has been called by the Oregon Wild Life federation through Ed F. Averill, its president; the Oregon Wild Life council through M. L. Kimmel, its president, and the Oregon division of the Izaak Walton League of America through Matt Corrigan, its president. Invitations have been extended to all sportsmen's organizations in the state and to every wild life conservation group.

Major Issues on Agenda

Two major issues are to head the agenda of the conference, so it is announced. One is the presentation to the legislature of a measure for statewide action against stream pollution. The second is some statutory plan to "take the game commission out of politics." The wish which is father to this thought is to have a law enacted which will make it impossible for any one governor

to fire the entire game commission at the same time and with the same stroke of his pen. Proper administration of the game laws, it is contended, depends upon the establishment and progression of a long-time conservation program, which hits the skids when game commissioners come and go with too great rapidity and because of political patronage demands.

Want Revenues Restored

Another subject on the bill of fare will be discussion of the enforcement of the game laws by the state police, one contention being that the commission should be allowed to return to the old practice of hiring its own game wardens and directing their activities.

Then there is the proposition to restore the game revenues of the commission to the game fund, giving the commission the entire custody and disbursement of all the money coming into its coffers.

The sportsmen also want the law permanently to fix the status of the steelhead as a game fish, and not as a commercial salmon, and also that old, old subject of the closure of coastal streams to commercial fishing is on the list down toward the coffee and cigars.

WINDOW-SHOPPERS INSPECTING STATE

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Display Attractive

"Visitors on our magnificent system of highways in Oregon are window shopping among us. If they like the display they may wander into our department store of scenic and industrial assets."

In this terse manner Frank Branch Riley, Portland attorney and lecturer, voiced the spirit of the program on Oregon's recreational resources at the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon.

It was a program which stressed the value of this state's outdoor resources both from a dollars and cents basis and from the standpoint of happier, healthier lives.

Those present at the luncheon learned that:

Oregon's climate produces beautifully complexioned women.

That a steelhead is a rainbow trout which became ambitious and went to sea.

Beaver Helpful Animal

That a beaver's fur is valuable, but his work in conserving moisture is far more valuable.

That there is nothing like the sunset on Mount Hood, unless it be another sunset.

Captain Alfred P. Kelley and his group of speakers took those present on a brief but illuminating tour of the state's recreational features. Oregonians, Captain Kelley declared, to be custodians of these recreational resources.

"We are obliged to develop and handle them so they may not be dissipated," he declared.

Because of the unavoidable absence of John Yeon, one of the speakers, Captain Kelley touched upon the subject of highways, urging the importance of preserving the beauties along those roadways.

Stream pollution was characterized as the greatest single menace to fish in the state by Will R. Lewis, who talked on fishing. One important run of salmon had been lost in the Willamette river because of this, he said.

William L. Finley, wild life expert and lecturer, stressed the value of the state's wild life, touching especially on what the beaver did in preserving moisture in the more arid districts east of the Cascades.

The greatest asset the state has is its heaven-tempered atmosphere, C. P. Keyser, head of the bureau of parks, declared. He said that aquatic sports were coming back into favor.

Mr. Riley summed up the program with a "personally conducted tour" which touched on some of the high lights of "Oregon the beautiful."