

Followers of Izaak Walton Get Dope On Trout Fishing for Year 1945

On the basis of trends of the past few years, some 440,000 persons will purchase angling licenses in California in 1945. Around 250,000 of these will wish for trout, and they will be joined by members of the armed forces and a host of boys and girls under 18, of whom a license is not required. Where will these followers of Izaak Walton go and what will they catch? Catches of individual anglers will vary with their skill and equipment and "fisherman's luck." Especially early in the season, catches will depend upon climatic conditions—high or low water, muddy water or clear water, warm weather or cold weather. However, the first few weeks of the season may be expected to produce the following box score.

Except for the areas noted below and certain other waters closed by order of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, the trout season opened one hour before sunrise on Tuesday, May 1. A host of anglers headed for the coastal streams in Del Norte County and from Sonoma County south, where many number limits will be taken, mostly on salmon eggs and worms. The great majority of the fish caught will be small, being the young of sea-run steelhead. In the upper portions of some of the coastal streams some non-migratory rainbows will be taken.

In the heavily-fished reservoirs near the San Francisco Bay metropolitan area, like Stevens Creek Reservoir in Santa Clara County, most of the fish caught will be planted rainbows and will be of larger average size than the steelhead in the coastal streams. San Francisco's own Lake Merced is still a question mark. Last autumn 43,870 rainbow fingerlings averaging three inches in length were stocked there by the California State Division of Fish and Game, but only when the season opens will it be known how these fish have fared.

Other northern and central California anglers will head for a favorite early-season haunt, the Pitt River. Some large rainbows will be taken from Pitt Power House No. 1, just below Fall River Mills, to Lake Britton, and also in the vicinity of Bend. Still others will fish in Lake Almanor, where rainbows will predominate.

Southern California anglers will catch many of the aged rainbows which have been distributed to nearly every distributable stream throughout the winter and spring by the Bureau of Fish Conservation of the Division of Fish and Game.

On the east slope of the Sierra, a number of anglers will exercise their piscatorial prowess on the Truckee River, Boca Reservoir, Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake. In the Truckee they will catch some large rainbows and brown trout, along with a number of tasty Rocky Mountain whitefish. Rainbows will predominate in the catches from Boca Reservoir and Lake Tahoe. Some mackinaws will be taken from both Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake. Until later in the season, bait will be the order of the day in all of these waters. Some large rainbows and browns will also be taken out of famed Hot Creek and the upper Owens River, in Mono County.

In the streams and lakes tributary to the Pacific in San Mateo County, trout season will open on Sunday, May 27. Although most of the fish will be young steelhead, some rainbows will be taken in the upper portions. The principal fishing streams of the county are Alpine, Butano, El Corte de Madera, Gazos, La Honda, Pescadero, Purisima and San Gregorio creeks.

For streams and lakes tributary to the Pacific in Humboldt County, the magic day will come on May 29 (with the exception of Big and Stone lagoons and Lake Pillsbury and its tributaries, which will open on May 1). The waters which open on this date lie principally in the drainages of the following coastal streams, proceeding from south to north: Mattole River, Bear River, Eel River, Elk River, Mad River, Little River, Redwood Creek and Prarie Creek. Those portions of Mad River which are situated in Trinity County and those portions of the Eel River which lie in Trinity, Glenn, Mendocino and Lake Counties (except Lake Pillsbury and its tributaries), are included in the May 29 opening. Nearly all of the trout which will be caught in these waters will be young steelhead and rainbows, although a few cutthroat trout may be hooked in the Bear River and coastal streams to the north.

District 2½, which comprises the western portion of Mendocino County, opens to trout fishing on Memorial Day, May 30.

Again proceeding from south to north, the Garcia, Albion, Big Noyo and Ten Mile rivers, as well as a number of smaller streams, comprise the trout waters in this district. The trout present are nearly all steelhead and rainbows.

Also opening on May 30 will be District 1½ (except Mariposa and Tuolumne counties) and Districts 23 (except Lake Tahoe, Donner Lake, Boca Reservoir and Truckee River) and 25 (except Lake Almanor). Rainbows will predominate in some sections and eastern brook trout in others, but there will also be a sprinkling of cut-throats and brown trout.

A list of the waters closed by order of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources will be issued separately.

Most of the streams of Tuolumne County will be high on opening day of the trout season, and fishing will not be at its best, according to reports of the Division of Fish and Game from wardens in that district. Most fish will be taken with bait, with baited spinners being a very good lure. A few fly specialists always take some very nice creels if the water is clear. The common worm is usually the favorite bait on opening day, and this is how most of the fish will be caught.

Snow is now laying heavy above the 5,000-foot elevation, the report continues, and all trails and roads above that elevation are closed. No pack stock is available at any of the pack stations yet, and probably won't be until the first of June.

GMC Plant in South Gate to Be Renovated

Paving the way for production of automobiles on the West Coast as soon as reconversion of the motor industry is authorized, a \$1,284,000 project for restoration of the General Motors plant at South Gate has been given War Production Board approval.

Louis M. Dreyfus, WPB chief for Southern California, said permission has been given to ready the plant for operation without delay when motor car production is resumed nationally.

No new cars will be made now, he emphasized.

The South Gate plant was converted into a tank factory at the outset of the war, but later was transformed into an assembly plant for Douglas Aircraft Corporation. For a number of months, however, it has stood idle.

The new project calls for restoration of the buildings and moving of equipment back into place, for such additions to and modifications of the building structure as will permit use of improved processing methods when production lines can start turning out new cars for civilians.

"The move means that the West will be given an even break with the East in reconversion," the WPB chief pointed out. "This is part of extensive plans whereby Southern industry will make ready to absorb war workers as they are released when hostilities end."

An estimated 4,000 workers would be required for full scale production, it was indicated by the corporation's application although the pace at first will depend on the supply of materials and manpower when reconversion is authorized.

Before the war the South Gate plant was engaged in assembly and finishing of Buick, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac cars.

At least 120 days will be required for the work of renovation, which will start as soon as arrangements can be made.

Service Center Is Established in Wilmington

Congratulations are being extended by the Torrance Area Welfare Council to the people of Wilmington who are opening a service center similar to that at 1400 Cravens ave. The new Wilmington Service Center will be located at 813 Neptune ave.

Although Wilmington has been participating in the Los Angeles Area War Chest, its citizens have received social service from the San Pedro office. This new center will be the fourth to be established since May, 1944.

The Torrance Service Center will soon celebrate its first birthday and plans have begun for some recognition of that event.

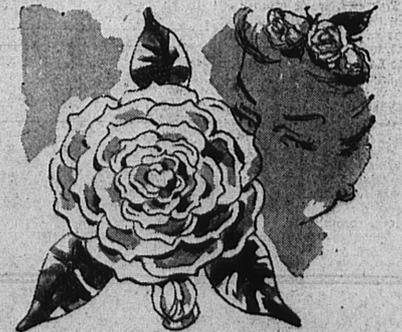
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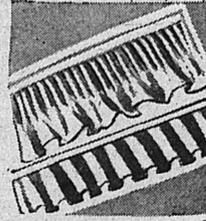
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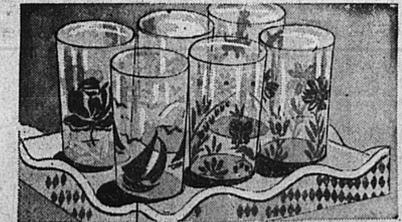
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