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In the meantime, any volunteers for Police Judge at a regular salary of \$30 a month?

Gate Opened For Fall Flock Of Candidates

Filings for political offices opened Tuesday morning and the first man to file for county office was Joel Gillette, Republican candidate for re-election as county assessor. Second in line was Joy Busha, incumbent Democratic county commissioner.

The commissioner's races in the first and second district seem to be set for hot competition. Paul Lavera, Republican, has filed for the first commissioner district race and John Ball of Fredonia has tossed his name in the ring for the Republican candidacy for the second commissioner district post.

Filings will close July 15th for the Sept. 13 primaries.

This also brings the reminder that registration books will close for the primary on Saturday, August 12th. Mrs. Alice Leonard is registration clerk for the Concrete area precincts. She is at City Hall on Thursday afternoons, or can be reached at her home for special appointment for registering a group at other times.

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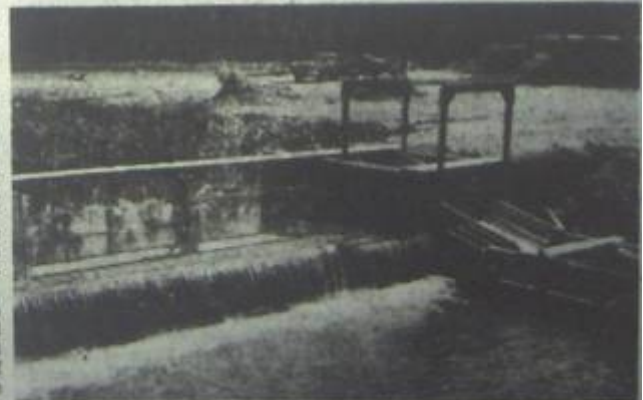
If everything goes according to plan, the Skagit river will become the best steelhead stream in the world. The plan belongs to the State Game Department, who are now starting the process of raising steelhead in their 27-acre rearing pond across the river at Rockport in what is known as "Barnaby's Slough." The slough is stream fed with good water and has been cleared, diked and equipped with a releasing trap for permitting the mature fish to migrate naturally into the Skagit river.

July 23rd the department, with State Game Protector Don Gibson as overseer, completed planting of 254,000 steelhead fry in the ponds at Barnaby. This amount of fish took four truck loads from the South Tacoma hatchery over a two day period. All fish seemed to

survive the trip well under a tranquilizing drug and were lively and sound when released into the open waters.

A caretaker watches the rearing ponds on a 24-hour basis, keeping the predatory birds at a minimum and periodically feeding the small fish. They will be fed up until time for their release into the river. On their return from their cycle of migration, they will return to the ponds, where they will be trapped and the eggs taken for other hatcheries to be planted in the future.

In addition to the Barnaby fish plant, a summer run will be started from Lake Shannon. The first plant of summer run steelhead was of 60,000 fry. Another 100,000 will be planted in hopes of assuring a continuing steelhead run from this spawning area.



Fish trap will be used to release steelhead to river and take eggs on return from migration