

LOTS OF SHARKS

In addition to herring, anchovy and sardines—all of which would go into reduction plants for processing for oil and meal markets—the gulf at Guaymas teems with tuna, swordfish and sharks. Should Monterey boats go south they would be permitted to operate in any fishery except that of catching shrimp which is now restricted to citizens of Mexico. Shrimp fishing was formerly a Japanese monopoly but the war crisis resulted in elimination of all Japanese fishermen and shrimp are now being taken only by Mexican crews.

Mexican fishermen, Enea said, are willing workers but they have a lot to learn.

PRICES NOT HIGH

By Mexican standards the prices offered for herring, sardines and sharks are very high, Enea said, but translated into American dollars the market prices aren't particularly attractive.

He was offered \$10 per ton for anchovy, sardines and herring for reduction and about 50 cents a pound for shark liver with shark carcasses worth one cent a pound. The \$10 per ton price (in U. S. currency) amounts to at least five times that much in purchasing power in Guaymas, Enea explained, and is doubtless all that a packer could afford to pay. But it falls far short of the \$17 per ton paid for sardines at Monterey last season.

Shark liver is also worth much more in this country but are much more plentiful in southern waters. Most of the shark liver landed at Guaymas is bought by the California Packing Corporation and is eventually processed at this firm's plant on cannery row in Monterey.

SMALL MESH NETS

Because gulf fish are much smaller in average size, a trip to Guaymas would mean construction of special purse seine nets.

K. Hovden plant here. They are working on small limits, however, which means it would not be economical to operate a purse seiner of the size of the Eneas here. The fishermen are doing quite well here, however, at sardine fishing and there is no certainty that the Serra and Eneas will be able to muster full crews if their skippers decide to go south.

CHECKED AT ENSENADA

Mexico's interest in signing up experienced American fishermen to replace ousted Japanese was evidenced here earlier this year when officials of the AFL fishermen's union went south to check on conditions at Ensenada.

Nothing developed, however, chiefly because the boats available at Ensenada were in such bad condition that no experimental fishing trips could be made.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARK LYNDE WHEATON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

A document purporting to be the last will and testament of Mark Lynde Wheaton, deceased, having been produced and filed in this court, together with a petition for probate thereof, and for letters testamentary to be granted and issued to George W. Eckhardt and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, said petition is hereby set for hearing by the Court on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1942 at 10 00 o'clock a.m. of that day, at the courtroom of said court, in the courthouse at Salinas, Monterey County California, at which time and place any person interested may appear and contest said will and file objections in writing to the granting of said petition.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Superior Court this 16th day of April, 1942.

C. F. JOY, Clerk.
By EDNA E. THORNE, Deputy.

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of the Eastern Pacific. These points of convergence have been the hunting ground of the steel sharks.

It is no military secret that tankers are vulnerable ships. The allied tanker fleet has been hard hit in two years of warfare. Last fall, Secretary Ickes acknowledged a U. S. tanker fleet shortage when gas rationing was briefly enforced.

This means that every tanker sunk is a blow where it hurts. With the arrival of General MacArthur and U. S. troops in Australia, the problem of oil supply is even further complicated.

Australia has no oil resources. Gas for the four-motored bombers and their fighter escorts defending Australia must be moved incredible distances by the allied tanker fleet.

The axis evidently hopes, by concentrating a huge submarine force in the Caribbean, seriously to deplete available tanker tonnage and cripple the war effort in Britain and Australia.

To counter this strategy, the U. S. has ringed the Caribbean

Marine General Proud of Men

KNOW THEIR GUNS, HE SAYS

Wake Doesn't Make Him Smile

By WENDELL WEBB

PEARL HARBOR, T.H., April 25.—Brig. Gen. Harry K. Pickett, the lean, tanned commander of all the Marines in mid-Pacific, has watched his men make glorious history on Wake, Midway, Johnston, Palmyra and the Hawaiian Islands.

"I am proud of them all. I'll tell the world that," the general said.

It was General Pickett who three years ago was assigned to map out and arrange for the defense of the smaller ocean outposts now so valuable to the American war effort. He is credited in considerable measure with having made possible the valiant stand on the newly-developed Wake Island and the stubborn retention of the other embattled islands.

He did not want to talk about that today, however. He was busy working at his office in a converted residence here. But he appeared glad to take time out for a pipe of tobacco and a few comments on his men.

PROUD OF HIS MEN

The general is 54—far from old for his work—and while his hair is getting a wee bit thin on top, he looks even younger than his age and fits well in the popular conception that there are no finer fighting men in the world than the U.S. Marines.

It was a simple answer he gave as to how a handful of men were able to hold besieged Wake Island for two weeks and to inflict heavy losses to enemy warcraft.

"They knew how to handle their guns and they did it well," he said.

The general had a ready reply as to his new recruits.

"They are a fine group of men—intelligent, earnest, and they take their jobs seriously. I am proud of the way they are handling their work."

He added that the "Marines as a whole in the mid-Pacific are as good as any I have seen anywhere in my entire service. They are doing a difficult job under difficult circumstances—but that goes for all our armed forces, of course."

His "entire service" covers a lot of ground.

It was nearly 30 years ago that General Pickett, a native of Ridgeway, S.C., gave up teaching of chemistry and mathematics at the Fishburne Military school at Waynesboro, Va., and passed the competitive examination for a second lieutenant in the Marines. He previously had graduated from Citadel College, Charleston, S.C.

OUTDOOR MAN
Since winning his commission he has served in Mexico, Guam, France, Santa Domingo, Haiti, and various places on the mainland. Prior to coming to Hawaii he was chief of staff of the fleet Marine forces at San Diego.

The general, like so many other high ranking officers, spent a great deal of his boyhood hunting wild fowl, playing baseball and fishing. He still gets out of doors "every minute I can."

He likes golf but has little time for it and confines his outside activities mostly to riding, horseback. He spends the long blackout evenings reading. His wife, evacuated since Dec. 7, now is at Palm Springs, Calif.

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