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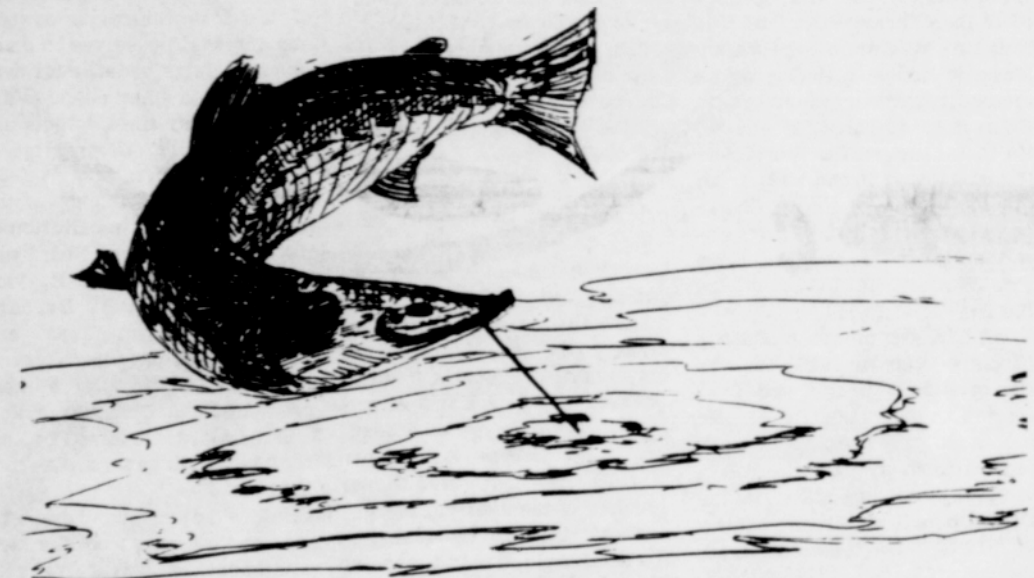
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THREE SCHOOL MATES, these 1967 Sandy High graduates, buddies throughout grade school at Cottrell as well as high school, recently enlisted together in the Navy and left for boot camp last week. Shown at a party given in their honor last month they are, from left, Jim Ennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ennis, Boring; John Burrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Burrell, Boring; and Ralph Ceccacci, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ceccacci, Boring.

Ironhead (Continued from page 1)



His lower jaw curved up evilly.

ing pressure slowed his run, the jagged rock of the stream wall worked on the line until as he was just about ready to turn up his side, the pressure was relieved. Except for a trailing length of monofilament he was free. It would be several days before the hook dissolved and he would be free of that. But once more he would have to rest and recoup his strength before resuming his trip to the spawning beds.

During the next day, unknowingly, he passed out of the reach of anglers as he crossed the deadline. No more would humans seek him in these upper reaches in the winter wilderness. Mink, Otter, and Heron would still attack him. Of these he knew nought, except for some deeply imbedded inheritance which told him to beware of all things in the water. Almost daily he would witness one of his fellow Steelhead fall prey to Mink or Otter.

The water was colder and the stream was now a creek. Snow lay along the banks and the course that Ironhead followed was twisted and curved. When he lay at rest, he could never find more than two feet of water over his head. Through the small window of his clear vision he saw occasional Chickadees and Kinglets flit, or he would lay in the translucent light under a snow bridge.

Stretches of quiet water were scarce and small. His energy was depleted daily by the many small falls and shallow riffles he was called on to negotiate. He fed not at all, nor was there much to feed on had he been so inclined. Slowly the fat oils of his flesh were absorbed to become energy. Wasted to but a thin gaunt caricature of his former self, but in the company of many of his kind he finally arrived at the long gravelly riffles that had been his goal.

Quickly he associated himself with a ripe henfish and guarding a site, patrolled the riffle while

she fanned the gravel and dug the bottom to form a redd. Butting her in the side and pressing her against the gravel a stream of red eggs was emitted which he engulfed with the white cloud of his milt. Dig, cover, spawn, dig, cover, spawn; this process was repeated until both were spent and a six foot long redd of clean gravel marked the spot where the eyed eggs 5 inches down were beginning to form new life.

Slowly, the spent buckdrifted downstream with the current, his life at low ebb. When he reached the first deepwater hole, he sought the depths to be away from the light. Now, resting, his shrivelled stomach began to annoy him. Hunger, an emotion foreign for these last three months, had returned. But the fresh water stream yielded little and an urgency to reach the saltwater larder of the sea overcame him. Drifting with the current at night and coursing rapidly by day he sped down the creek into the fork and on into the main river. He found enough food to keep him going and no more. It had become a race against time for Ironhead. A fish of his size has to make the ocean and its bounty of food or perish. He had started the long journey back with his reserves all gone, completely used in the spawning process. He had no realization that only three of each hundred bucks who started the spawning run for the first time ever reached the sea to start a second cycle. It was a little better for the hen fish. About seventeen of each hundred who had come in as maiden fish would survive to come in again after another sojourn in the sea.

Finally, the day came, as he swam through the estuary, when he felt again the tidal forces of the ocean pressing in through the brackish water. New drive and a sense of where he was

came to him and he made for the bar and once over it he was safe. He knew where to find shrimp, and sea worms and larval fish in quantity now. No more would his hunger lie unappeased.

Ironhead's gaunt form would not fill out overnight and if he chose to run the river the next winter he would be no larger than when he first ran it. But if he stayed two years before his next run, his could be the legend that tells of the giant buck steelhead that no tackle could hold.

Water Board Hears Insurance Speaker

The public missed a most interesting meeting at the Hood Loop Water District Board meeting last week when Dick Wagner of the Fire Insurance Rating Bureau was the guest speaker. The attendance, could be said, to consist of one. The other two people present, were there at special invitation of the Board because of their interest in fire and water. Dick Buscher, the District Ranger, and Jim Reick, representing the Brightwood Volunteer Fire Department, as Ed Cook was unable to attend.

With an adequate Volunteer Fire Department, Wagner said, the rates of the area could, conceivably, be reduced from a 10 to a 9B, and with good cooperation, a 9A. This would enable fire insurance rates to be lowered by somewhere in the area of 7 per cent. With an adequate Fire District and Water District, with adequate hydrants, we would be able to get in Class 8, which could lower fire insurance rates as much as 50%.

Wagner pointed out that if you are paying large premiums

Rook Sees End of Bad Check Criminal Prosecution Cases

Prediction that checks will be removed from the area of criminal prosecution soon was voiced Tuesday by the Clackamas County District Attorney, Roger Rook.

Rook, addressing the credit bureaus of the Oregon City area, said "Within ten years the state legislature will probably limit the type of prosecution in bad check cases to a civil suit to recover the money. Checks will be treated as having no more privilege than promissory note."

The District Attorney said he foresees the end, within a short time, of all criminal prosecution in cases of non-sufficient funds and perhaps even forgery.

"The volume of these cases now is tremendous," Rook said. "Almost all of our local police agencies have a man or team of men devoting practically full time to investigating check cases."

..... **Letters**

(The following letter was received from Zamo attorney, William Grant, and is a copy of one sent by him to the County Commissioners, ed.)

Jan. 15
Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County Courthouse
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Gentlemen:
On December 14, 1967, the Board of County Commissioners, by Order No. 15690, permanently zoned the rural areas known as the Sandy, Clackamas, Clairmont and Molalla Corridors. As you are aware, ORS 215.110 (4) provides that any zoning ordinance passed by the governing body may be referred to the legal voters for their approval or rejection, and that "if only a part of the county is affected, the ordinance or amendment may be referred to that part only."

Since the legal voters of rural Clackamas County have never had the opportunity to vote on whether or not they want their land zoned by the commissioners, and since large numbers of rural residents have voiced their disapproval of rural zoning, to no avail, the members of Zoning Adjustment Modification Organization, Inc. (ZAMO) respectfully request the Board

to refer the above River Corridor Ordinance to the legal voters in the four corridor areas for their approval or rejection.

The members of ZAMO further request the Board to refer to the legal voters of the part of the county affected, that ordinance, Order No. 13596, passed March 10, 1966, wherein the rural areas of the county, not previously zoned, were placed under interim zoning. This ordinance expected the river corridors, which were interim zoned in September, 1964.

ZAMO is not opposed to zoning in areas where a majority of the people favor it, such as in the incorporated cities, and in the areas around the cities. But the members of ZAMO do oppose the imposition of zoning laws on rural areas without a vote of the people who live there. We believe a vote in this situation to be a minimum requirement of the democratic process. Your referral of the above zoning ordinances, to the people would change a controversy into an orderly, majority decision.

Very truly yours,
William C. Grant
Attorney for ZAMO

Rook explained that often now police agencies are finding themselves in the position of bill collectors, asked by a businessman to make good a check that bounced. "If, in the course of the investigation, a bad check is made good, frequently the case stops there. The complainant withdraws his complaint and our law enforcement agencies step back, having performed no more service to the community than a bill collector," Rook asserted.

Rook predicted that such legislation would not result in an outbreak of bad checks. On the contrary, he saw less bad checks. "With the almost instantaneous credit checks that can be run now, it's safe to assume that checks will become more reliable. The businessman will know his check writer -- and if he doesn't know him or doesn't like what he knows, the check won't get cashed."

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EGGS-otically sized egg on left was laid by a supposedly normal pullet belonging to Ken Walker of Brightwood. Over eight inches in diameter, the egg is shown next to an egg of ordinary size.

(Post photo)

in Fire Insurance, the saving to your billfold, would cover the tax cost of both the fire district and the water district. He said this item alone should convince homeowners of the great advantage of having an adequate water system in the area.

There were many more interesting points brought out at the meeting. The secretary has a transcript of the entire meeting if anyone would be interested in having some of their questions answered.

At the next Water Board meeting it is hoped to have insurance representatives present to tie their operations in with the Rating Bureau's. The Fire Department reported that they are enlarging with the rating bureau's standards in mind. The Fire District is of prime concern, and with water it becomes a major factor in lowering your fire insurance.

The tomato is classified as a vegetable in commerce although it actually is a fruit, horticulturally speaking.