

Fancher Auto Parts dates grand opening

Gay and Don Fancher will have a grand opening celebration for their new building Saturday, Jan. 22. There will be gifts and demonstrations of high performance engines and cutaways so people can see just how an engine operates. Fancher's Auto parts is a member of NAPA (National Automotive Parts Association) which means it has a wide choice of parts for nearly every power plant.

There are supplies for the independent mechanic as well as the do-it-yourselfer. Parts are carried for Volkswagen and other foreign cars plus parts for high performance engines. The machine shop grinds blocks and rebuilds axles, plus other exacting jobs. The new building has a floor space of 12,000 square feet. The display room is 40 by 120 feet. The old store at Main and Powell was only 20 by 50 feet,

with no parking. The new store has 20 parking spaces. Fanchers was started in 1939 and has continued to grow and now there is a branch in Sandy. The firm has 15 employees in Gresham. Don Fancher says it was the Oregon Trail Saving & Loan Association that made the expansion possible. Without this local financing it might not have been possible, he said.

Safety classes to start

"Hunter's Safety" classes will start at Mt. Hood Community College next month, where class participants will learn safe handling of fire arms in preparation for a safe hunting season. A special class for women will begin Feb. 25 and another class designed for youngsters at least 12 years of age is set to start Mar. 1. Each class will meet once a week for three weeks from 7-9 p.m.

Classes are limited to the first 50 people who sign up and will be taught by experienced outdoorsmen and certified instructors. A fee of \$1 will be charged.

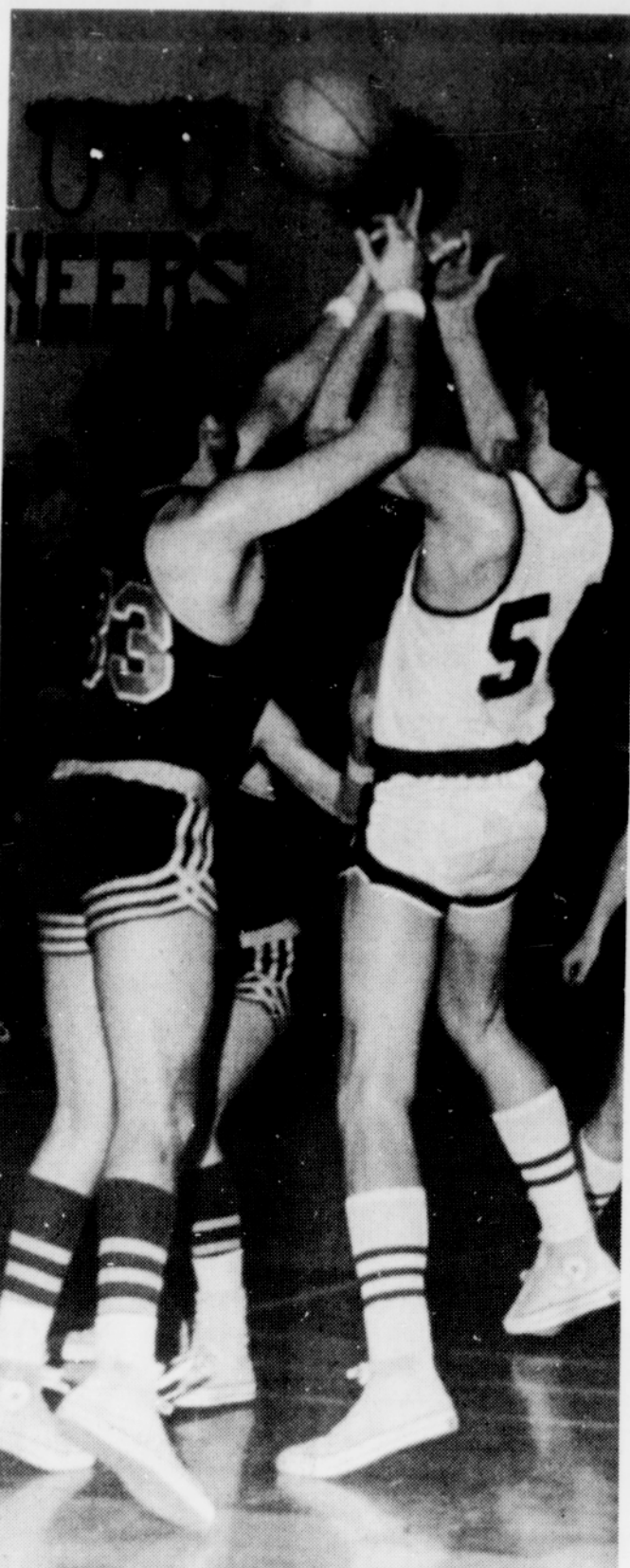
For more information, call the Community Services office at 666-1561, ext. 300.

Recreation periods begin

A Saturday open recreation period for the public has begun at Mt. Hood Community College, according to Phil Burgess, supervisor.

The main gymnasium will be open from 9 a.m.-12 noon every Saturday except Jan. 26, but showers and locker facilities will not be available. Basketballs will be furnished by the college.

The MHCC gym is also open for community use Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m.; and Thursdays, 5:30-10 p.m.



SANDY PIONEER center Rick Zimmerman is shown battling for rebound with man from Sweet Home. The Pioneers won the game and face Canby Friday night there in their next league encounter of the season. Pioneers won the game played here 70-56, and Zimmerman got the rebound.

(Post Photo)

Bowling News ...

Sandy Mixed Doubles			Sandy Men			Gateway Inn		
W	L		W	L		W	L	
J.J. Walker Rly	9	3	Cedar Plaza	42	22	Grimm's Serv.	2	6
Country Flower Shop	9	3	Clackamas Cty Bk	42	22	Sandy Shakes	2	6
SanRo Esta Lanes	7	5	McKin Enter.	41	23	Wms Thriftway	1	7
Pioneer Real Estate	6	6	Swails Plmbg	33	31	High team game and series: Brightwood Oil 859 and 2457.		
Sandy Fun. Home	6	6	Rexall Drug	32	32	High individual game and series: Leroy Anderson 215; Ed Smith 570.		
Chuck Baker Rly	4	8	Smith Mtrs	29	35	Town & Country		
M. Hood Cleaners	4	8	Meier Dairy	22	42	1-12-71		
Hoodland Pion. Mem. Cem	3	9	Thriftway	17	47	W	L	
High team game and series: J.J. Walker Realty 775 and 2192.			High individual game and series: Jim Martin 214; Gene Madison 571.			Post Elec. 8 4		
High individual game and series: Lucky Carlson 205 and 580; Deane Wesselink; 203 and Fred Carlson 542.			High individual game and series: A.J. American 6 2; Bowl off Sun. Jan. 17. Cedar Plaza - 1st half champs.			A.J. American 8 4		
Sandy Mixed Doubles 1-18-71			Town & Country 1-5-71			Brgtwood Oil 7 5		
J.J. Walker Rly	13	3	Farm Tractor	7	1	Gateway Inn 7 5		
Country Flower Shop	10	6	Brtwood Oil	6	2	Farm Tractor 7 5		
SanRoEsta Lanes	9	7	A. & J. American	6	2	Grimm's Serv 5 7		
Pioneer Real Estate	9	7	Post Elec.	5	3	Sandy Shakes 4 8		
Mt. Hood Clnrs	7	9				Wms Thriftway 2 10		
Sandy Fun. Home	7	9				High team game and series: Grimm's Service 804; Gateway Inn 2198.		
Chuck Baker Rly	6	10				High individual game and series: Harley Brown 194; Ed Smith 509.		
Hoodland Pion. Mem. Cem	3	13						
High team game and series: Mt. Hood Cleaners 759 and 2163.								
High individual game and series: Terri McManus 189 and 518; Duncan Brinkley 234 (sub) and Marc Whedon 603.								
Early Birds 1-19-71								
Dixie's Chalet	10	2						
Sandy Lmbr & Hdwe	8	4						
TJS	7	5						
Zig Zag Inn	7	5						
Swails Plmbg	5	7						
Lewis Hdwe	4	8						
Barker's Plaza	4	8						
Mt. Hood Shop Ctr	3	9						
High team game and series Dixies Chalet 691 and 1963.								
High individual game and series: Terri McManus 212 and 567.								



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FROM The RIVER'S EDGE

By George MacAlevy

Last week, we really had "Winter" Steelhead fishing! Temperatures were often below freezing. Snow was everywhere. There was no run of fresh fish in this part of the river, but a considerable number of dark fish had moved in from the lower river where they had been holding. This return to travelling had, no doubt, been triggered by the rise in the river which preceded all that snow.

I have fished many times when guides iced up and required swishing them in the river to free the line, but this is the first time I have fished in conditions where the reel spool and the level wind guide also iced up. All the fish I saw hooked or caught were dark. I was told of a bright fish or two being caught, but these were exceptions. I managed to hook six fish during these four frigid days, and all six were lost. One was quite a large fish and broke off. The rest got rid of the hook in the ensuing struggle in the rapids. It seemed every fish hooked immediately took off down river for the ocean.

It was a time of frozen fingers and iced up guides; snow flurries and occasional gusts of arctic wind; short periods of activity and long periods of cast, drift, and retrieve. Each day the river was a little lower and required a little less lead to drift the bottom without excessive snagging on the rocks. The Sandy was as greedy as usual, and much more lead now lines its bottom.

When a fish was hooked, the immediate reaction was a hard run downstream, which in many cases means into the rapids. The footing on the rocky shore was treacherous. Snow hid many of the rocks and other obstructions, or iced them slick under your feet. Where the sun didn't hit, many rocks were ice-glazed. One had to be careful. When a fish took to the rapids, and most of them did, they quickly out-ran you because of the caution exercised in running the rocks. Yes, this was real "Winter" fishing.

The river is out now, running full and stained brown from the runoff and undercut banks. The beaches are under water and in many places the river is full to its high cutbanks, allowing no access were it clear enough to fish. The preponderance of fish so far have been males, which leads me to believe we will have more good fishing for bright fish when next the river drops to fishable color and level.

This is not unusual. In the banner winter of 1966-1967, when the fishing was terrific from December 1 until Feb. 15, most of the larger females were caught after January 15th. This has been so far, the best season since then. I feel sure there is more to come, perhaps the best part of all.

During the last two seasons, the tendency has been to use smaller and smaller lures and baits. In lures, the trend was to the smaller Okie and the really tiny Corkie. In bait fishing last year, anything larger than a single egg or a very small piece of skinned cluster eggs would be ignored a good share of the time. Definitely a tiny bait or lure was best if you wanted to get fish. This season the trend has reversed. The full size Okies and Corkies, the large gob of eggs, the big bunch of yarn or salmon size wobblers get the strikes and the little lures go unnoticed. There is just no accounting for a Steelhead's taste in styles. The Mini-Midi controversy is evidently not restricted to women's styles, but to Steelhead lures as well.

Football seminar

"Philosophy and Science of Coaching Football," a 13-session seminar with coaches from 12 different schools, will start Feb. 3, Wednesday, at Mt. Hood Community College. The sessions, to be held every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. through May 5, will carry one unit of upper division or graduate credit and will be accredited by Lewis and Clark College.

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