



Sophomore Kim Pearson gets loose on a breakaway late in the game and scores on a layin. Pearson helped the Sandy High girls junior varsity to a wild, 38-36 come-from-behind win over Silverton Monday night.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Christmas floods kill hatchery fish

High water and flood-carried debris caused fish losses at two hatcheries operated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in late December. At Bonneville Hatchery on the Columbia River, nearly two million fall chinook fry were killed Christmas Day from among some 26.5 million fry and eggs being

rearing program will be changed by reducing an experimental program at Wahkeena Ponds, and the salmon rearing program at Stayton Ponds in the Santiam River system will be reduced by 1.5 million fry.

The following night, at Cedar Creek Hatchery near Hebo in the Nestucca River system, shifting gravel plugged an intake pipe to holding ponds where adult winter steelhead were being held. Loss of flow and debris in the water killed 237, or about half of the fish in the ponds. Hatchery personnel went to work immediately when the problem was discovered to restore flow and remove the gravel and

dead fish. The count was 136 dead female winter steelhead and 101 males. Most of the fish were in poor condition due to having been mixed with the debris and gravel for several hours, and all were buried.

Jeffries says there is a good run of steelhead in Three Rivers, the Nestucca tributary on which the hatchery is located, and the loss will be made up with new fish so the rearing program can continue without reduction.

Flooding caused extra work and serious problems at many other western Oregon hatcheries, but no other fish losses occurred. The Department operates 33

fish hatcheries and rearing pond networks throughout the state.

Sportsmen are reminded by the Fish and Wildlife Department that hunting and fishing licenses and salmon-steelhead tags expired on New Year's Eve, and now's a good time to buy replacements for those who have not already done so.

Although the Legislature will be considering a request for a general increase in license and tag fees for 1982, the fees for 1981 remain the same as last year.

Hunters and fishermen who have reached the autumn of their sporting lives should be aware of

special licenses available to them. There are two types of "old timer" licenses and the Department gets lots of calls from the elderly who are confused about the differences between them.

The "Pioneer License" is available for Oregon residents who are 65 years of age or older and who have lived in the state for at least 50 years. This license costs \$1 for the hunting and \$1 for the fishing license per year for the years between age 65 and 70. At age 70 the pioneer can get a free, permanent pioneer license. Pioneer license holders are eligible for a \$2.50 elk tag although they pay full price for other tags and permits.



by Ken Durbin

held in indoor incubation trays. A secondary screen in the water intake system became plugged with flood-water debris causing a reduction in flow through the trays. Newly-hatched fry died because of reduced oxygen before the problem was discovered. Water levels apparently did not drop enough to set off automatic alarm systems at the hatchery.

Five hatchery personnel on duty Christmas Day were kept furiously busy trying to keep two water intake pipes on Tanner Creek clear of debris carried by the unusually high and dirty waters. The intakes are located half a mile apart and required attention every half-hour during the peak of the flooding.

In addition, an electrical problem at the hatchery, also caused by the flooding, took nearly half the day to correct. Although the major intake screens that filter the hatchery water supply from Tanner Creek were kept operable, a secondary set of screens where the water enters the incubation facility became temporarily clogged, reducing the flow.

The losses cannot be replaced at this date and Fish Culture Supervisor Ernie Jeffries said the

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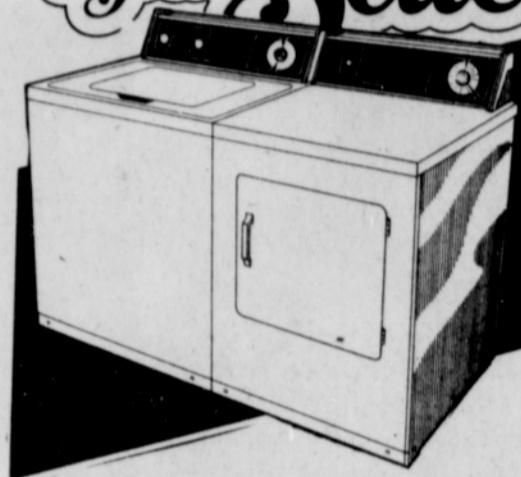
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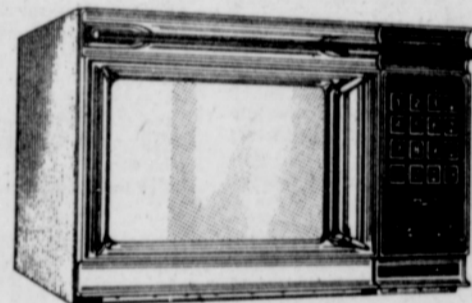
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