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Ib. fish were excellent scrappers on a fly rod.

Bass Ganged Up

Four of us had finished our morning on the lake and were discussing a big bass that ruled over a small inlet in the cat-tails at the head end of the lake. We were seated on the slope of the old dam near a small bay at one wing. The water at this point was not over four feet deep and was clear and free of weeds. Suddenly we noticed a pair of fish chasing each other around the small inlet at terrific speed. As they came into a portion that was lighted from the rays of the sun we could distinguish the markings of a crappie and also those of a good sized bass. Soon two more bass appeared in the picture. It was something that is witnessed perhaps only once in a lifetime.

Crappie Battled 'Em

The three bass converged on the crappie from as many sides. The crappie raised the needle sharp dorsal fin on his back and swooped in a sudden maneuver under one of the bass. The bass was ripped as cleanly as if by a saw. He thrashed the water for a few seconds and then drifted to the top in feeble tail swishes.

By this time the other two bass were really after Mr. Crappie. One of the bass made a sudden underneath pass at the crappie but missed. The crappie in turn swerved and his deadly dorsal fin again slashed and ripped a second bass. For a second he was off guard and the remaining bass dove sharply down and under and ripped the crappie from the median line on down across the belly. He turned and came in again with another ripping dive. The water was reddening by this time and it was difficult to observe the finish. In a matter of seconds the crappie and bass No. 2 bobbed to the surface to join the first victim.

Mr. Crappie Respected

It was all over in two or three minutes. One of nature's dramatic episodes that few are fortunate enough ever to witness. We have, all four of us, respected the crappie for his fighting ability ever since that stirring under water battle. Sidelights such as this make up most of the thrills of fishing. It happens often in the wilderness but often we are too busy to notice. When we do notice and observe the battles for survival, we learn a lot that can never be gained from reading books.

Valley Briefs

Aumsville — The Aumsville home extension unit will hold a benefit card party at the city hall Friday evening, April 1. Proceeds will go to the Oregon state Azalea house fund. Refreshments will be served.

Clear Lake — The Community club program scheduled for Friday night here has been postponed to 8 p. m., Friday, April 8. Club leaders said the postponement was necessary because of a death in the family of a member of the cast of a play to be presented.

Macleay — The Macleay grange business meeting will be Friday, April 1, at 8 p. m., and the social night will be Saturday at 8 o'clock, for grangers and friends.

Pratum — Dr. Roy Fedje, Salem district superintendent, will conduct the fourth quarterly conference at Pratum Methodist church Friday evening, April 1. A covered dish supper will be served at 7 p. m.

Four Corners — The April 1 meeting of Rickey Mothers club has been postponed to April 22. There will be no school Thursday and Friday of this week, as teachers will attend Oregon Education association meetings.

Turner — Mabel Messer, who has spent the past two months in Doernbecker hospital, returned home Sunday.

Gates — Gates Women's club will hold a cooked food sale Saturday at the Heath store. Members are asked to bring their food to the store before 10 a. m.

Union Hill — Mrs. W. H. Burrell will entertain the members of the Woman's club at her home near Stayton on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The program "Movie Travelogues" will be in charge of Mrs. Burrell and Mrs. Rollin Heater.

Pratum — Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brunkow of Manzanita spent the week end with relatives here. On Sunday, members of the Brunkow and DeVries families had a picnic dinner in the new recreation room at the Harold DeVries home.

club will sponsor a free color movie of Glacier park and the Canadian Rockies at 2 p. m. Saturday, April 2 at the KP hall, followed by the annual spring sale of shrubs, bulbs, plants and a gift and candy bazaar. The movie is provided by Western Air lines.

Lincoln — Mrs. R. V. Carlson will be hostess for the Lincoln-Zena home extension meeting Friday. Mrs. Theima Miller, home demonstration agent from Dallas, will give commercial short cuts in making a blouse in a day. The session will begin at 10 a. m., with sack lunch at noon.

Turner — The Saddle club is giving a dance Saturday, April 2, in the Aumsville dance hall.

Gates Schools Add Volumes

GATES — F. R. Burton, school principal, has announced that 150 new books have been added to grade and high school libraries. Red Cross drive closed this week, with Mrs. Elmer Stewart, Gates chairman, reporting a total of \$90 collected out of a quota of \$150.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carey, who have spent the winter in San Francisco, returned this week to Gates. Carey will re-enter Oregon State college for the spring term and graduate in June.

Valley Obituaries

Mrs. Ethel Leota Miller — WOODBURN — Mrs. Ethel Leota Miller, 52, resident of Woodburn since 1912, died Tuesday at her home, 543 Doud st. Funeral services will be Friday, April 1, at 2 p. m. at Ringo chapel, with the Apostolic Faith church in charge. Burial will be in Belle Passi cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born June 16, 1896, at Lebanon, Neb., and came to Woodburn from Nebraska. She was a member of the Apostolic Faith church of Portland.

Survivors are the widow, George V. Miller; daughters, Margaret Pickens of Brooks, Vivian Thompson of Portland, Florence Ethel at home; son, Leo G. Miller of Woodburn; mother, Mrs. Gertrude Adams of Hubbard; brothers, Earl S. Adams of Bandon and Floyd J. Adams of San Pedro, Calif.; sister, Hazel Cary of Gaston; two grandchildren.

Arthur F. Hobart

SILVERTON — Funeral services for Arthur Fletcher Hobart, 77, who died Sunday at Sedro Woolley, Wash., will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. from the Memorial chapel of Ekman Funeral home. Burial will be in Valley View cemetery. The Rev. Ben F. Browning will officiate, and at

Minstrel at Amity Will Benefit Band

AMITY — The Amity high school music department will present a minstrel show Friday, April 1, at 8 p. m. in the high school gymnasium. Proceeds will go to the band uniform fund.

It will be a complete show styled after the old minstrels, with eight end men and special numbers including a novelty trombone solo, piano boogie-woogie, tap dance, banjo solo and simulation of a German "hungry six" band.

NEW MATTING FOR BRIDGE

PORTLAND, March 30 — (AP) — A new webbed steel deck is to be installed on this city's Broadway bridge starting this week. The bridge will be closed for about three weeks. Portland Traction company buses will be rerouted over the steel bridge.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Remember How We Talked?

It went like this at the Hooper's the other night. Hap's eighteen-year-old daughter is talking about "a real gone guy—solid—out of this world, but def."

"Now what kind of language is that?" Hap barks. "Can't she speak English?"

"I'll translate it for you," Ma Hooper says, "in the language of the twenties, when you were about twenty years old. She simply means this fellow is the 'cat's whiskers.' Remember how we used to talk sometimes?" Hap went back to reading his newspaper.

Joe Marsh

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