

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The jack salmon of the Pacific Coast, as Mojo Lampe, of Everett, Wash., pointed out in a recent letter, is probably the most mysterious of the mysterious salmon tribe.

It is a small salmon, averaging two pounds and rarely exceeding six, is a superb fighter for the angler using light tackle, and almost all of them are males.

Why the jack, more commonly known as the grise, is almost invariably a male is



that for some mysterious reason some male salmon become sexually mature far earlier than others. When that maturity arrives, the salmon heads for his native stream.

Examples of this advanced maturity occur among sockeye, king, coho or dog salmon. The king salmon, for example, spawns in its fourth to seventh years, chiefly the fourth for the female. The male, however, may not go to the spawning beds until the seventh or eighth year when he has attained a weight of 60 or 70 pounds. But some king males mature in their second or third years, and those are the jacks or grises of that species.

For years it was believed that jacks were stunted fish, but scale studies of ages show they are not. A king jack will weigh ounce for ounce with a normal king male of the same age, the only detectable difference being sexual ma-

turity or the lack of it. Not Due to Diet

So far as can be determined, the difference is not due to diet but to an unknown factor. Whatever it is, it must be a powerful one to bring a fish to maturity two or three times faster than another of the same species.

The jack's spawning run begins later in the year, but that is the only difference I can find between him and a normal salmon. Life evidently begins the same for the jack as for others. When the eggs hatch out in early spring, the tiny salmon spends the first six weeks or so living on the yolk. When that is gone and he has begun eating tiny organisms, he may start out immediately for the sea or decide to spend a year in fresh water. Unless he is a dog salmon or humpback — they leave immediately.

Those of the kings, cohoes or sockeyes that spend a year in fresh water seem to survive better when they reach the sea, but they apparently do not grow so fast. But that is no clue to the mystery of the jack. There are both big and little king jacks, and age studies show they could have spent one or two years in the sea.

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PLEDGE FRIENDSHIP
Moscow — UPI — Top Soviet and Polish leaders pledged continued friendship and solidarity Wednesday night at a formal reception given by visiting Polish Communist Party Leader Wladyslaw Gomulka.

Drivers Licenses Suspended Listed

Salem — The department of motor vehicles has released names of 522 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Oct. 27 and ending Oct. 31.

Length of suspension varies, depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving financial responsibility and court recommendations may have been reinstated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:

Driving While Suspended — (Includes any conviction for violation of traffic laws, involving operation of motor vehicle, while driving privileges were under suspension)
Garner, John Robert, 20, of 24 Macae rd., Medford, driving traffic signal, 1 year.

Student, George Moore, 57, Medford, switched license tabs, 1 year.

Driving While Under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor — (Mandatory suspension)
Kissinger, Clinton Ashvurd, 57, 205 California st., Jacksonville, 90 days.

Ruslock, Stanley A., 39, of box 85, Star Route, Ashland, 90 days.

Discretionary Action of Department
Burgess, Edward Guver, 83, of route 1, box 458A, Medford, failure to pass, 1 year.

Chambers, Sheldon Ondas, 31, of 128 Vancouver st., Medford, driving record, 1 year.

Nixon, Curtis Eldon, 22, of route 1, box 302E, Eagle Point, driving record, 60 days.

Student, Gary George, 21, of box 3677 South Pacific highway, Medford, driving record, 30 days.

Full, Terry Lee, 19, of 207 North Ivy st., Medford, driving record, 30 days.

Financial Responsibility — (Failure to show proof of financial responsibility)
Atkinson, Charles R., 506 West Sixth st., Medford.

Carroll, Ruth Stewart, 33, of 1323 Iowa st., Ashland.

Glenn, Richard Dean, 28, of 235 Dehar ave., Medford.

Mather, Richard Wallace, 35, of post office box 77, Prospect.

Hollins, Willard, Dale, 31, of route 1, box 433, Ashland.

Serry, David P., 1125 West Ninth st., Medford.

Walch, Leslie Roy, 23, of 333 East Jackson st., Medford.

CIRCUIT COURT
Ruth E. Tarbell vs. Nell William Tarbell, divorce complaint.

Maudie L. Porter vs. Henry W. Porter, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
John Thomas Augard, Cottage Grove, and Ellen Bertha Rawstern, 870 Ross lane, north Medford.

Eben Boyd Rolfe, Hillsboro, and Clara Felten Tilley, 1113 West Ninth st., Medford.

Teddy Dean Yarnell, 2348 Camp Baker rd., Medford, and Marilyn A. Paull, 313 North First st., Central Point.

Canton, Mass. — UPI — The Rev. Dr. Earle A. Baker, 74, retired president of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, died here Wednesday night of a heart attack.

Several Events Slated At YMCA in Vacation

Several events are planned by the Young Men's Christian association during the school vacation Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11.

A hula hoop contest leads the special contests and tournaments at the YMCA. The hula hoop contest will be held in the Y gym from 2 to 3 p.m. both days. Prizes will be given to those who participate.

Tournaments will be run throughout both days in pool, ping pong, chess and checkers.

Participation in all events during the two-day period will be open to anyone interested. Admission may be made by filling out guest cards. Members will be admitted by presentation of their card.

The schedule of activities for the gymnasium includes: 3 and 4 grade boys, 9 to 10 a.m.; 5 and 6 grade boys, 10 to 11 a.m.; 7 and 8 grade boys and girls, 11 a.m. to noon; 3 and 4 grade girls, 1 to 2 p.m.; and 5 and 6 grade girls, 3 to 4 p.m.

Swim periods will be: 3 and 4 grade boys and girls, 10 to 11 a.m.; 5 and 6 grade boys and girls, 11 a.m. to noon; 7 and 8 grade boys and girls, noon to 1 p.m. and a play swim for everyone at 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Special events planned for the two-day period are free movies daily from noon to 1 p.m.; hula hoop contests each day from 2 to 3 p.m.; a bicycle tour of a local lumber mill from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and a swim meet for everyone at 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the YMCA, SPing 2-6295.

Italy Protests Passages Used By Montgomery

Rome — UPI — Italy has officially protested to the British government against passages in the World War II memoirs of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery which it considered offensive to the honor of Italian soldiers.

Premier Amintore Fanfani instructed the Italian ambassador in London to convey the protest to the Foreign Office. The move followed a storm of indignation by the Italian press and patriotic organizations over Montgomery's remarks.

Text Not Announced
The text of the Italian protest was not announced immediately.

But in a simultaneous cable to the Italian Veterans Association, Fanfani lashed out bitterly at "the opposing commander who repeats insults pronounced in past years by the leaders of world Communism."

In his cable, Fanfani noted that he planned to go to Egypt shortly to inaugurate a memorial to Italian soldiers killed in the Battle of El Alamein on the North African front — the battle in which Montgomery said the Italians did not "fight hard."

Rome — UPI — Vincenzo Caputo, president of the Italian Nationalist Association, challenged British Field Marshal Montgomery to a duel, saying the Britisher had "defamed" Italian troops.

In London, Montgomery replied he would have nothing to do with it. He said he did not own a pistol and that dueling was not allowed in England.

Caputo's association has no known members and he is considered a publicity seeker here.

THINK FAST!
Monroe, Wis. — UPI — Judge Marshal Peterson knows how to mix vodka martini as well as the next man and his knowledge cost restaurant owner Paul Wilson \$100.

Wilson, who is licensed to sell only beer, told Peterson the vodka and vermouth in his kitchen was used for cooking purposes. When Peterson asked Wilson to name some recipes in which he used the strong stuff Wilson couldn't name any and Peterson lowered the boom.

Dallas, Ore. — UPI — David Michael McGee, 36, Salem, was arrested Thursday on a warrant charging manslaughter in the hunting death last Oct. 21 of Amnon S. Grice.

Grice was a former president of the Oregon Farmers Union. District Attorney Walter Foster of Polk county issued the warrant for McGee's arrest following a report from the state police crime laboratory in Salem that indicated Grice had been shot with McGee's .35 caliber rifle.

At first, police thought Grice had been killed with his own gun while hunting with seven other farmers near his Orchard Heights home.

McGee was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Darrell J. Williams. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Palestine Refugees Debated by UN
United Nations, N.Y. — UPI — The United Nations launches debate on the future of about 900,000 Palestine Arab refugees today.

Leslie J. Carver, acting director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was scheduled to report to the U.N. special political committee on his group's operations in Palestine.

Carver has pleaded for \$37,500,000 for its 1959 operations contending that work for the refugees is "essentially a matter of peace and order for the Near East and for the world."

Democrats Call For Probe of General Motors

Washington — UPI — Democrats on the Senate anti-monopoly subcommittee have called for a federal investigation to determine whether the courts should be asked to break up General Motors Corp.

But a Republican subcommittee member promptly charged the Democratic majority with "unwarranted efrontery" and "sly insinuations" against the giant car-manufacturing firm.

The Democrats led by subcommittee Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) late Thursday issued a 183-page report urging the Justice Department to conduct "a thorough examination of monopoly aspects of the automobile industry."

The report said the subcommittee's own hearings showed "little doubt that the hard core of the monopoly problem in the automobile industry is in the concentration of production and power held by GM."

Attack on Monopoly
Asserting that information from its own hearings and elsewhere might open the way to a new overall attack on monopoly, the majority said its comment was "particularly applicable to GM and may apply also to Ford and Chrysler."

The report was signed by Kefauver and Sens. Thomas C. Hennings Jr. (D-Mo.), Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and John A. Carroll (D-Colo.).

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) fired off a sharply-worded 101-page dissent charging that the majority report clearly reflected the views of staff economist John M. Blair.

Dirksen, who may be Senate GOP leader in the next Congress, said the report is "so handicapped by errors both as to facts and conclusions as to impeach its credibility and eliminate its usefulness."

Umatilla Forest Roads Said Blocked
Pendleton — UPI — Forest service officials warned hunters in eastern Oregon and southwest Washington today that roads in almost all sections of the Umatilla forest are blocked due to wind, rain and downed trees.

Officials said the condition is expected to last through Saturday in most areas, and warned elk hunters and other sportsmen in higher elevations to make preparations to leave the area in the event of a snowfall.

Walla Walla district ranger Homer Ott said trees have been blown down in the main trunk roads in the main areas of the forest in southeast Washington. Roads in an area north of Toltgate in the Blue Mountains also were reported blocked.

Television Quiz Producer Arrested
New York — UPI — District Attorney Frank Hogan announced today the arrest of Albert Freedman, producer of the TV quiz show "Twenty-One" on two charges of perjury.

In a grand jury indictment handed up today it was charged that Freedman, 36, "knowingly lied when he appeared before the grand jury to answer questions as to whether he supplied questions and answers to 21 contestants before they appeared on the program."

Hogan said the grand jury charged Freedman "in fact, revealed questions and answers to contestants prior to their appearances." Hogan did not say how many contestants were involved.

Freedman faces a possible 10 years in jail and \$10,000 fine if convicted of the charges.

MERGER PLANNED
New York — UPI — The directors of General Telephone Corp. and Sylvania Electric Products Thursday announced plans to merge into a firm to be known as General Telephone and Electronics Corp.

Tax Forms Due For Mailing

Washington — UPI — The Internal Revenue Service will start mailing out a record 60 million individual income tax returns shortly after Christmas.

Persons who did not file last year and who don't get forms in the mail may obtain them from post offices, banks and local internal revenue offices.

Officials said the service held off mailing out the returns until after Christmas so they would not swell the normally heavy Christmas-time burden on the post office.

The most important change in this year's tax filing procedure is that the short, punch card return may be used by taxpayers who earn up to \$10,000 a year. Previously the punch card could be filed only by those making up to \$5,000.

On the long return, the well known form 1040, the service has dropped the controversial expenses account line 6 A, which set off a storm of protest when it was announced last year.

Russia Stages Atomic Tests, President Says
Washington — UPI — President Eisenhower announced today that Russia has staged two atomic weapons tests since East-West test ban negotiations started Oct. 31.

He said this country and Great Britain will continue their test suspension for the time being but warned that the Soviet action "relieves the United States of any obligation to do so."

The President said that if the Russians did not stop their weapons experiments, the U.S. "will be obliged to reconsider" the test suspension which Britain and this country put into effect when the Geneva talks began.

Small Yield Weapons
The Atomic Energy Commission said the Russians staged test explosions of relatively small yield weapons Nov. 1 and Nov. 3 at its southern Russian test site. Previously the AEC had reported 14 Soviet explosions at the test site north of the Arctic Circle.

The President recalled that on Aug. 22 he proposed that the East and West suspend tests for a year from the day negotiations for a permanent ban got under way. Britain agreed.

But the Russians, while agreeing to start negotiations, claimed the right to continue testing until they had exploded as many weapons as the U.S. and United Kingdom had fired since the last Soviet test series which ended March 22.

The Russians accordingly resumed testing Sept. 30, after a suspension of six months, and have not yet stopped.

Californian Killed In Upset of Truck
Macedoel, Calif. — UPI — Louis M. Luzzi, 20, of Macedoel, was killed instantly Thursday when his flatbed truck, loaded with Christmas trees, went out of control and overturned on him.

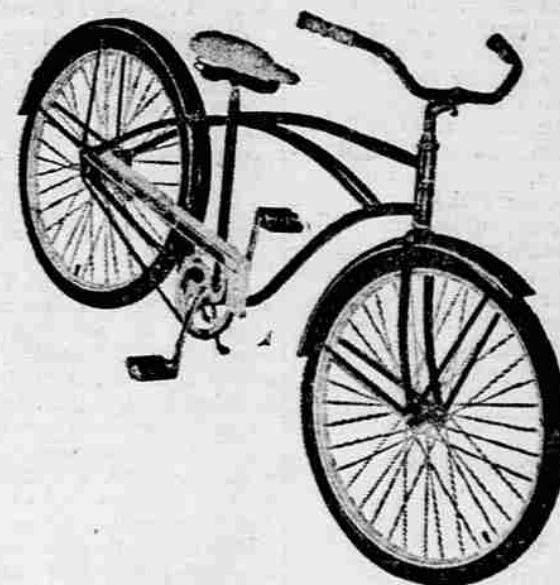
The California Highway Patrol said Luzzi was driving down Haight Mountain from Tenant, Calif., when he lost control of the truck. They said it appeared he tried to halt the vehicle by running it into a bank but it apparently flipped over and crushed him underneath it.

The youth is survived by his wife, an infant son and his parents.

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