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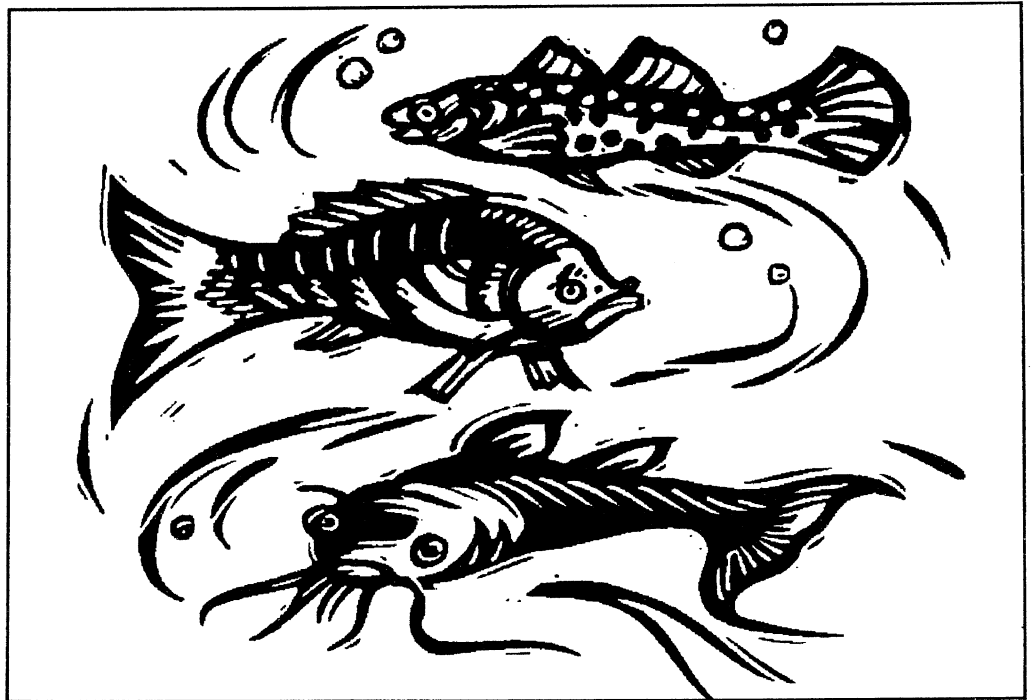
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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Lake takes another set-back

Clear Lake has taken another set-back. It seems that not only did the bullheads survive last winter's freeze out, but a good number of carp also survived. Now we have only one option left to us, the lake will have to be killed again. Not only will we lose a couple of fishing seasons, we will also lose the fish that we stocked this past spring. We were all set for the coming winter. The aeration system has been repaired and another helixar was added to the systems. We received a donation from the Lost Dog and Fox Hunter Club to purchase our own Dissolved Oxygen monitoring equipment. Now it seems we may not have to use either this winter. If the lake is to be treated this coming spring, it is very possible that we will be asked to leave the system turned off, hoping that we get a partial winter kill. This time though a fish trap will be installed to prevent carp and bullheads from entering the lake after it has been restocked.

We will be meeting with several area groups in the hopes of finding some dollars to help defray the cost of treating the lake. The cost will be substantial this time because Domeier Slough and possi-



bly School Lake will also have to be treated. It is too bad that this has come to pass. We have been through it before and survived. I think this time we will get a better kill, and with the addition of the fish trap, prevent the lake from becoming infested with rough fish again.

Home At Last

On September 25th we held our first meeting at our Club House. We had a very good meeting with about thirty members on hand for the first night in our new home. It feels good to finally have a place that we can really call our own. We have everything set up fairly decent so far. The refrigerator isn't there yet, but it will be coming shortly. What we would really like to find are some used upper kitchen cabinets so we can

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Club Calendar

October 30 th Meeting at the Club House. 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker?
November ? Date to be announced in the next Newsletter because of conflict with Thanksgiving. Meeting will be held at a different date.

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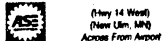
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FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

We are all saddened at the loss of our beloved member John Carruthers. He will indeed be remembered. For the somewhat short time that I got to know John, he made an unforgettable impact on me. He had in his life overcome great misfortune and barriers that would have discouraged the average person. But that was not the case with John, his positive attitude and obvious faith that things were meant to be, seemed to give him an inner peace that was visible when you spoke to him. Let me share with you a great fishing story about John that will verify my assumption about him. A group of NUASF club members were fishing this last spring on Big Cutfoot Sioux Lake with John and after a really an enjoyable day of catching many fish and other things, the guy that owned the boat, (who I won't name for fear of incrimination of the unfortunate gentlemen who is an employee of the fisheries at the regional headquarters in Grand Rapids), tried to start the boat and found out to his amazement that the battery was dead. Now we're not talking about a small motor to try to get started, 75 HP to be exact. Well, it was starting to get to the end of the day and dark was approaching pretty quick and as we waved for help and began our perilous drift towards God know where with everyone on the lake ignoring us, I looked over at John and he was calm and contented as could be. Not knowing what to expect and being a little pissed at all the other anglers, I took John's lead and sat back and thought to myself, he must know something I don't. In the meantime our friend from Grand Rapids had the cover off the motor and was trying to figure out what to do. It was then that he decided to manually start the motor. His was a feat that we all chuckled at and saw as an exercise in futility. So the first pull on the motor was about as hopeless of a sound for a motor to start as I had heard, but that didn't stop the undaunted efforts. Successive attempts were futile. Then as if after all of this was done for his entertainment and enjoyment, our friend John simply got up, went over to the motor and said, "Sometimes you just gotta hold the key right". Sure enough, one touch on the key and away we went shaking our heads in amazement and all a little changed from our perceived ordeal. Yucking it up on the shore, I could still see John smiling as if he knew all the time what was to transpire. We'll miss ya! J.C.

I will be checking in on some alternative places to stay and fish at this winter as I go through on the way to my farm to cut and bale Christmas trees. I would like the club to consider the use of portables and staying somewhere near Cutfoot Sioux where the fishing has been pretty good. Frankly I don't think the big lake will do much this winter and the access to Cutfoot is pretty good with all the species of fish being available for catching. Unfortunately I won't be at this next meeting to let you know what I found out, but I will pass along everything at the November Meeting.

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Buffer Strip Initiative Launched

Landowners have a powerful new tool to improve water quality - federal funding to create buffer strips along creeks, streams, and other sensitive areas on farms. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, hopes that the National Conservation Buffer Initiative, announced in April, will encourage farmers to convert marginal riverside lands into buffer strips. The narrow strips of trees and grasses slow water, trap sediment, and filter

pollutants from farm runoff. USDA hopes to install 2 million miles of buffer strips across the nation by 2002.

Conservation practices which serve as buffers include filter strips, streamside forest buffers, and other measures which trap fertilizers and pesticides, stabilize streambanks, and help reduce water temperature. Despite significant controls on pollution sources like factories and water treatment plants, most of our rivers and streams remain too polluted to support fishing

and swimming. Runoff from farms and city streets is now the leading source of pollution. This initiative is an effort to use grasses and trees to protect and enhance all the resources on a farm. It's an attempt to help producers not only maintain their best land in crop production but also to make good use of marginal land. Conservation buffers can be a key to maintaining a healthy, productive river.

Taken from an article in the Mississippi Monitor.

Membership Update

Our membership drive, this year, has stalled. We have only had a couple of new members signed in the last three or four months. We are in danger of dropping below 100 members for the first time since we broke that mark in 1994. It still only takes three new members signed to take over the lead in this year's drive. There are only three more months left before one of our members

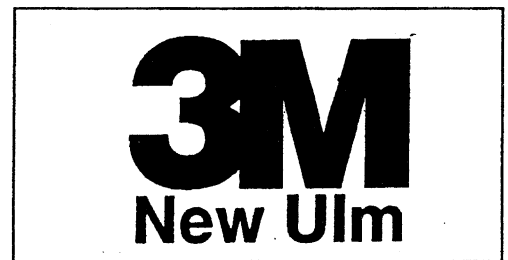
wins a club jacket for bringing in the most new members. Invite a friend to our next meeting, let's get them signed up.

On a sad note, we are losing members in a way we never like to. Earlier this year we lost Dave Cook to cancer. Just this last week we lost another in John Carruthers. It came with very little warning for John. He had only been with us for a couple of years, but John was tire-

less and forever giving when it came to our Club. He, along with Dave, will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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store some of our things out of sight. If anyone has some that they could donate or sell reasonably, get in touch with Scott or Mike. We hope to see a lot of you at the next meeting



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