

Preparedness For Disaster Emphasized

Phil Harth, in Club Talk, Recalls Temblor That Ravaged San Francisco

The importance of organizing and maintaining a disaster committee, such as that being set up by the Red Cross, was emphasized by Phil Harth who related a vivid description of the San Francisco earthquake of April 18, 1906, at the weekly Toastmasters Club meeting Tuesday night in the Umpqua Hotel.

Though only a small child, "I can remember it as though it happened only yesterday," Harth stated in reference to the disaster which destroyed most of San Francisco's metropolitan center and many homes.

He said that from the hill at the south end of famed Market Street he could see the city burning for three days. "Seemed, he related, that fires just started everywhere, and the cause for this, he learned, was that chimneys in homes and other buildings were damaged by the earthquake so that if fires were burning in stoves the homes quickly caught fire.

Although his father's age of business burned, their home was spared, the fire being stopped within three blocks from their place. His family was forced to leave their home and live for three weeks in the shelter of a tent made from a carpet.

He said he remembered how scared he was as he watched the city burn, yet the scene was spectacular. He recalled humorous incidents of people saving their canary birds or parrots, while more valuable things were lost; he recalled gruesome accounts of hanging pillagers cut off fingers of the dead in the streets to get rings. He said people were not allowed to bend over as they walked down the streets, nor to start fires in their homes. He remembered work of the militia in patrolling the city, breadlines and many other incidents.

"I shall never forget these things," he said, and added that "such a disaster could happen here." He cited the Bandon fire as an example and emphasized the importance of an active disaster committee for such an emergency.

Simple Life Best, As Demonstrated In Reverse Style

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK, (AP)—Ah, the simple life, the good old healthy simple life.

Everybody agrees it's best—but you can live it in an awfully complicated way.

There was Marie Antoinette, a pretty French queen who never lost her head but once.

Marie's idea of simplicity was to erect a number of rustic villas around the Petit Trianon, her toy castle at Versailles. There she and her court pals played at milkmaid in silk and satin. They milked the cows in a marble barn.

La Belle Antoinette was convinced it was a wonderfully simple life. Or simply wonderful. If anybody got callouses it was the cows.

This same kind of hocus-pocus goes on today, but here in the home of the Bronx jeer it usually is rewarded with a noisy razz-berry.

In New York a millionaire is expected to live like a millionaire. A man with money who makes a show of living simply is suspected of either being stingy or just simple in the head. It's something to get and enjoy out loud. You spend it with a bang.

"It's so good to get back to New York where everything is real," cry actors returning from the west coast. "Hollywood is so phony."

And that brings us to the tale of the Hollywood film executive sentenced to serve a term in durance ville here on the stone canyons of Broadway, whence cometh much movie dough.

In keeping with the spirit of poverty that has recently shadowed the celluloid empire, the executive and his wife decided they would avoid display and lead a life of rugged simplicity.

So for their summer stay they rented a fourth-floor walkup flat at \$175 a month. It was a charming squalor to them—a small kitchen, a tiny dining balcony, a bath, a living room, and a bedroom and a half.

Well, shades of Marie Antoinette!

The wife hired a secretary and

brought along a personal maid, an upstairs maid, and a downstairs maid. She also brought along a French chef to cook for her husband who is on his third ulcer—and can eat only broiled chicken and broiled lamb chops.

Because there was no room for the servants, they had to be put up at an expensive hotel nearby at a cost in excess of the apartment itself.

A writer who relayed me this Hollywood version of roughing-it-in-the-big-city said dazedly: "When the wife gets home she'll tell all her friends: 'We had the cutest little studio apartment in Manhattan. We lived just like a couple of struggling young artists.'"

Well, you can't beat the simple life at its best. Caviar is no higher than hen's eggs—if you buy it by the egg.

PAPPY HAS NEW JOB

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Col. Gregg (Pappy) Boyington, noted Marine Corps fighter pilot has a new job.

Pappy has been appointed manager of a downtown clothing store for men and women. The wartime leader of the "Black Sheep" squadron recently joined the staff of the store.

HAIFA — (AP) — The Jewish population of Haifa, Palestine, quadrupled between 1931 and 1946.

The 28 dams on the Tennessee river and its tributaries make it one of the most controlled rivers in the world.

State Game Heads Will Attend Meet At Salt Lake City

Several members of the staff of the Oregon State Game Commission will attend the convention of Western States' Game Supervisors the first week in June at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Headed by C. A. Lockwood, Oregon state game supervisor, a group consisting of Phil Schneider, director of game; Dr. Paul Needham, director of fisheries; Robert C. Holloway, of the fisheries department; A. V. Meyers, John McKean and C. E. Kebbe, of the game department, and Clark Walsh, director of public relations, will leave this weekend for a three-day meeting of fish and game men from the eleven Western states.

Several members of the delegation from Oregon will deliver papers and direct discussions. Mr. Holloway is programmed to read a paper on "Lake Management in Oregon"; Mr. McKean will offer a paper on "Pheasant Management problems in Oregon"; Mr. Schneider will lead a discussion on "Wildlife Management Problems." Dr. Needham will conduct a discussion on "Trout Survival in Streams."

Spring Trout Planted
The spring stocking of Clear Lake, the source of the McKenzie River, has just been completed. It is announced today by C. A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game Supervisor. Coming from the Roaring River trout hatchery near Scio, Oregon, 25,000 rainbow

averaging 7 1/2 inches in length were released in the lake.

Two of the State Game Commission's trout liberation trucks are now engaged in transporting legal sized trout from the Enterprize hatchery to the waters of Wallawa, Baker and Union Counties. One other truck is busy stocking streams in Umatilla County with legal sized rainbow trout held at the Oak Springs hatchery in Maupin.

New Duty Assigned
Frank Stanton, former district game agent in the Bend area, has been called into the Portland office of the Oregon State Game Commission to take charge of the new habitat development program being inaugurated by the commission. The program that Mr. Stanton will be placing into operation will be statewide and will include land cover and water developments for all species of game, including upland game, big game, waterfowl and fur bearers.

Children Born In War Misery Tell Of Their Dreams

VATICAN CITY, May 27.—(AP)—What are the dreams of children in a generation whose legacy is war-born misery? Pope Pius XII yesterday received four of 12,000 children who made their dreams known in response to an open letter from a group of Italy's poets.

Nine-year-old Rudiger Kircher, born in Germany in the year the world aurst into flames, knows what hunger means. But his dearest wish was to visit the grave of an uncle near Cassino. He has done so.

Ruth Thomas, 13-year-old British girl whose childhood was filled with the terror of the blitz, asked to see the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican before, "in this

atomic age," she or the Chapel should be destroyed. She has seen it.

Eight-year-old Robert Giraud, of Algeria, wanted nothing so much as a little donkey "to tell fables to." Now he has one.

Universalia, a cultural organization of poets in Rome, conceived the idea of asking the world's children to tell their dreams. These four, visiting the Pope yesterday in the company of close relatives, were among some 40 children whose answers most touched the judges.

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Housewife Wins \$25,000 As Radio Contest Prize

CHICAGO, May 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Florence Leasinghouse, a Chicago housewife whose only previous contest winnings was \$2 for

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