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## OUTDOOR GENTLEMEN

By Charles V. Stanton

Several years ago the red hat became identified with the hunter. Someone came up with the idea that a red hat worn by a hunter would reduce accidents. It has since been proven that other colors are more visible and would provide better protection. There is little evidence that red hats have in any way discouraged trigger-happy hunters. You'll also observe that about as many hunters are killed out of season as in season. Just how successful the red hat has been as a safety device is a matter of conjecture.

But the red hat now is taking on new significance. In its new phase it is more apt to save lives than before. Previously it was worn simply to attract attention of other hunters and warn that the wearer was a human being. But now the red hat is being worn as a part of a pledge to be cautious.

In one respect the use of a red hat by hunters could be considered to have a bad side effect. Too many hunters, expecting to find all other hunters wearing red hats or red shirts, might shoot at any target not wearing red. The large number of horses, cattle, doe deer, etc., slaughtered and left to rot in the woods each year might be taken to indicate that carelessness has followed the custom of clothing hunters in red. If, however, the red hat can be made a new symbol, a symbol of caution and true sportsmanship, it will find a great welcome.

### Hunting Area Lost

Sportsmen's organizations have long been concerned with the decreasing hunting area brought about through increased population, improvement of properties, and posting of land. Hunters were barred from many logging areas and from private forests. Despite the fact that more and more hunting and angling licenses are sold each year, the acres of hunting area and miles of stream open for recreational use have decreased steadily.

Sportsmen are aware that the conduct of many hunters and anglers has furnished ample justification for private land owners to post their property. The real sportsman recognizes that the vandal and hoodlum have brought about an intolerable condition.

The real sportsman, however, feels that he is getting a raw deal. He is a respecter of property rights. He does not violate "No Trespass" signs. But the poacher and the hoodlum will sneak into posted land, or will spotlight deer at night, disregarding laws and signs. Consequently much of the posted land throughout the state simply helps to create a preserve for the poacher and the type of hunter who makes posting necessary.

### Idea Spreads Rapidly

Sportsmen's organizations have tried for years to find some way to improve relations with land owners. They have worked with farm groups and logging concerns.

At a meeting of the Izaak Walton League Chapter in Portland last year, someone came up with the idea of getting the state's real sportsmen to declare:

"I give my pledge to be law abiding;

To respect the rights and property of others;

To be careful with fires and firearms."

Each sportsman who signed the pledge received a badge. His red hat then became a symbol of his intention to qualify as a true sportsman to the best of his ability.

Not all wearers of red hats, however, took the pledge. There were many incidents of vandalism during the last hunting season. But—and here's the best part—law violations, accidents, acts of vandalism, etc., declined remarkably percentage-wise. The Red Hat program last year showed excellent results. Additional gains are anticipated this year.

The idea at first didn't generate much enthusiasm. The longer sportsmen looked at it, however, the greater became its appeal. By the time Red Hat Day rolled around last year the campaign was taking hold.

Today is Red Hat Day for 1956. Thousands of pledge cards have been signed. Reams of educational literature have been distributed. Appeals have been made through the newspaper, radio and television to all hunters and anglers to be real sportsmen.

Red Hat Day, originated in Oregon, will be observed this year in many states. It has been adopted on a national scale by the Izaak Walton League of America.

It is sincerely to be hoped that in the years to come the wearer of the Red Hat can be accepted as a true gentleman of the Outdoors.

## Hal Boyle

By JAMES WILDE

JAKARTA (AP)—The Indonesian rhinoceros is becoming extinct says the chief of the veterinary service. This is bad news for the local romeros. The much prized rhino-horn is reputed to be a powerful love potion in these parts.

Indonesia and Africa are the only two countries in the world which can boast these animals roaming about in a wild state.

The Indonesian rhino differs from its African counterpart by having only one horn instead of two. But it still packs a two and a half ton punch when fully grown.

At the turn of the century in Tjibadak (Rhino River), western Java you couldn't see the trees for rhinos; they were strictly protected by the Dutch but even they couldn't stop lovelick poachers from raiding the reserves to get the potent horn ground up and used as an elixir.

Since the Dutch left in 1949 and with the wholesale use of firearms the rhinos ranks have been steadily depleted. It is estimated that only 15 of these cumbersome beasts are left.

These are not the only animals which are in danger of disappearing completely from Indonesian forests. Other slow breeding species such as orangutan ape are nearly extinct. This animal, closely related to the African gorilla, is only found in Borneo and Sumatra. These animals are becoming extinct not only by killing but

### MILLIONTH REFUGEE

BERLIN (AP)—West Berlin's Refugee Center Thursday granted haven to the millionth person to flee here from Communist East Germany since 1949. But the person who bears this distinction will remain unknown, officials said. He was lost among the scores of refugees who came to West Berlin sometime early Thursday morning and brought the total to 1,000,001.

## In The Day's News

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car, driven by her husband, collided head-on with another vehicle. (Responsibility in that case is hard to pin down. Not enough details. But SOMEBODY got out of his proper lane. When any car gets out of its own lane on a big modern highway bad trouble is apt to ensue.)

There is heartbreak in this one: In Palm Springs a mother stood speechless and paralyzed with fear for half a dozen tragic seconds as her 18-month-old baby crawled in front of a car that was just starting from the curb. The P by did under the car's wheels. "I drove, until he heard the mother's screams, was unaware of what had happened. (I suppose the bitter, heartrending moral of that one is that an 18-month-old baby must never be left out of sight for even half a dozen seconds.)

So much for modern transportation dangers. Let's turn now to one that harks back to earlier days.

A prominent 76-year-old Hood (Sacramento county) rancher was killed in a RUNAWAY. He was a breaking a young horse to harness in the time-honored way — pairing it with an older well-broken horse. The team was hitched to a cart. His son was helping. The father drove around the barn. When he came into sight again the team was running away. The son tried to stop them, but the cart hit a bump and the driver was thrown out. He fell on his head and died.

There was a day when runaways were as much a part of everyday life as car accidents are now. There was hardly a country town anywhere that hadn't seen nerve twinking runaways right down its Main Street. The standard pattern for a hero in those times was the brave young man who at peril of his life stood in the pathway of the runaways and seized a rein as they dashed past and brought them to a spectacular but safe stop. (Too often, of course, the young man failed in his do-or-die attempt and injury or death to one or more of the occupants of the vehicle ensued.)

The death that stalks our highways is a grim phase of our modern life. But I can't help wondering sometimes if everything considered, including the vastly greater density of our modern population — the hazards of our modern life are any greater than those that confronted our forebears. Ever since life began, danger to life has been present.

## Parisians Wait For Fresh Bread

PARIS (AP)—Thousands of Parisians waited restlessly in long lines Friday to get their first fresh bread—staple of the French diet—since Wednesday.

The government ordered the reopening of some 1,500 strike-closed bakeries—about a third of the total—in the Paris area of five million persons. The orders were backed up by possible penalties of a year in prison and a fine of 1,200,000 francs (\$3,428) for non-compliance.

Many of the bakers who did reopen adopted a new tactic. They refused to sell their bread directly and insisted the government take over the distribution. The government claimed it was not equipped for that.

The bakers, most of them small operators, demand that the government raise the bread price ceiling of about 14 cents a pound. The government opposes the increase because it would send the cost of living index up, raising in turn minimum wages in a nation already suffering from severe inflation.

## Un-American Activity



## Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — President Eisenhower's determination to run a clean campaign, speaking no evil of his Democratic opponents personally, has set a high standard for his followers to live up to.

When Vice President Richard M. Nixon announced his first two-week, 15,000-mile airplane swing through 32 key states, he commented that President Eisenhower had his responsibilities of office to carry out, and therefore couldn't campaign on a whistle-stop basis.

"President Truman did that in 1948," Nixon observed. "But he is not in the same class with President Eisenhower." There was a ripple of laughter among reporters over this indirect dig at Nixon's old sparring partner. A couple of sentences later Nixon referred back to it to correct the record.

"I intended nothing derogatory in President Truman," Nixon explained in reference to his earlier remark. "It was just making a comparison of their popularity."

REPUBLICANS thought they were pretty smart, doing a lot of early advance planning to sign up a lot of five-minute spots at the end of the most popular radio and TV programs, for short political pitches. They ended up with 35 of these periods, two and three a day, beginning in mid-October.

Then the Democrats came along later, went to the networks and was running away. The son tried to stop them, but the cart hit a bump and the driver was thrown out. He fell on his head and died.

## McKay, Morse Campaign Funds Top \$40,000

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

W. A. Phillips, chairman of the campaign for Douglas McKay, said Wednesday contributions for the Oregon Republican U. S. senatorial nominee totaled \$49,700 up to Sept. 4.

The sum, he said, included \$14,500 from the state GOP campaign committee and \$5,000 from the Senatorial campaign committee. At the same time reports filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives in Washington showed that Sen. Wayne Morse's campaign committee had received \$40,623 from the Democratic Party, labor groups and other organizations. Morse is running for re-election against McKay.

The Democratic Senatorial campaign committee filed a report that it had contributed \$15,000 to the Morse campaign up to Sept. 1. Other reports of contributions came from the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, the National Committee for an Effective Congress and the United Steelworkers of America.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent said the Republican Senatorial campaign committee had not yet filed figures on contributions to McKay.

In the 1954 senatorial campaign Guy Cordon listed expenses of \$128,000, while Richard L. Neuberger, Democrat who defeated him for re-election, showed \$104,000.

## Potato Grade And Size Regulations To Be Talked

PORTLAND (AP)—Potato grade and size regulations for the coming year will be discussed here starting Friday by potato marketing agreement committees of Oregon, Northern California, Idaho and Washington.

The groups also are expected to set up budgets for the coming year and to recommend assessment rates.

The Washington committee will meet Friday, the Idaho-Oregon group Saturday and the Oregon-California group Sunday.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### HOW TO SELECT COLLEGE STUDENTS

Albany Democrat-Herald

Come next fall, an Oregon high school diploma no longer will be a ticket of admission to state-owned colleges. Some sort of selective system will have been set up to weed out those who obviously are doomed to failure in the higher halls.

This is a move being taken by men who are opposed to pre-selection of students. The state Board of Higher Education, the chancellor of the system and the presidents of most of the colleges have been opposed to it. The reason they have given, as late as last spring, is that the judges are fallible.

They have come to it now because booming enrollments leave them no choice. Even a 44 per cent larger budget—which will be requested—and a junior college system which also is in the works will not meet demand.

At the moment, the board is thinking of making high school grades the basis for selection. We're opposed to this. High school grades, in most schools in the state, don't indicate whether a student can hack it in college or will be a more productive citizen for having gone through college. Flunk grades in high school usually show that a student will flunk in college, we'll agree. Straight A grades almost invariably indicate that a student can keep his head above the surface in college.

But do straight B grades show with any more certainty than B-minus grades that a student will make it through four years of higher learning—and be a finer citizen? We say no. And that is the area where the line would be drawn.

Grades, in high school or college, indicate only what they are supposed to indicate: how well a student studied, understood or remembered the topic of the moment. We defy anyone to study a group of able citizens in their 30s and 40s and deduce with any accuracy what their grades were in either high or low education.

We hope the board, if it must fuss with grades, combines this measure with a written test. A comprehensive test of a number of fields of knowledge has one great advantage over the grade selection system. Such a test shows the will and determination to go on to college. A student who will hone up for it and go to the trouble of taking it has proved something about his determination at the time.

And no doors should be closed finally. A person of 20 is much more likely to know what he wants to do than is a senior of 18. He should have the chance at regular intervals to take and retake the test.

### OREGON POLITICS

TOPS THIS YEAR

Coos Bay Times

Coos County is just beginning to feel the impact of the 1956 Oregon political campaign. Visits from Democrats Sen. Wayne L. Morse, candidate for re-election; Charles O. Porter, candidate for representative from the Fourth Congressional District, and State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, candidate for secretary of state, and from Republican Sen. Francis P. Mulvihill, candidate for attorney general, have followed one another during the past few days.

This area will likely see more statewide candidates this year, and more times for each, than in any previous year because, for the first time in ages, few, if any, contests are "in the bag." Time was when about half of the Republican candidates could just about sit on their hands in their home towns and wait for the returns to make their election official. There'll be none of that this year. Although we've been visited by only one Republican aspirant for state or national office, the others will be here soon.

This is a healthy situation. It is only right that a candidate who would represent all the people of the state should go before all the people, both to give his views and to answer the people's questions. The revival of the two-party system in Oregon, through important Democratic victories in 1952 and 1954 and through the emergence of outstanding Democratic candidates in 1956, forces all Republicans to fight for their positions and to give the people more frequent and closer views of them.

There remains in this situation a duty of the voters to meet the candidates halfway—to turn out to hear the speakers and to pin candidates down on the issues. Only in this way can the new political picture in Oregon be of increased benefit to the people.

Given good candidates in both parties and close attention to the voters to their respective virtues and failings, we cannot help having better elected officials and better government.

### ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Omar Hoskins, administrator of pension and vacation funds for the Sailors and Marine Firemen's Unions for 3 1/2 years, resigned Wednesday.

Hoskins, a former commissioner in the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service here, didn't say why he quit. Trustees will meet Tuesday to consider a successor for the \$20,000 a year job.

### Persistence Lands Man In Klamath Co. Jail

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Lewis Shipes, 28-year-old Virginia, Calif., gold miner, was undaunted Thursday when refused permission to visit a Klamath County jail prisoner.

A few minutes later he scaled an outside wall of the jail to a second-floor window. Jailer Fred Calfee followed Shipes up the side of the building and placed him under arrest.

"If you like our jail so well," District Judge Van Vactor told Shipes when he appeared on a vagrancy charge, "I'll fix it so you can get in. Thirty days."

### HEADLINE CATCHING

Eugene Register-Guard

In the Democrats' determined effort to keep the Al Sarena case a live issue, Senator Neuberger has offered a \$500 "reward" to anyone who could produce unexpired ore samples tossed into the Rogue River.

The senator knows as well as anyone the impossibility of finding such small articles after so long a time in a rushing river. So, it can only be labeled as another effort to catch the headlines in an election year to keep alive this thoroughly warmed-over issue.

And to cap it, the president of the Oregon Mining Assn. charges the senator with another "squirrel project," which it is.

Fayette Bristol says it is "settled practice" of assay men to dispose of the retained half of samples as soon as assay certificates on the other half have been received. The only good thing about this "headline catching" stunt is that the senator will give the \$500 toward a teaching scholarship, a worthy cause for which the senator could have gotten deserved notice without attaching a stunt.

### Pendleton East Oregonian

If you have played American Legion junior league baseball you can accurately measure the achievement of the Roseburg, Ore. team which last week took third place in the national finals. For a community the size of Roseburg to produce a team that could contend to that lofty height against teams from all the major cities of the nation (St. Louis and New Orleans were in the finals) is a tremendous accomplishment.



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