

Scribe Carries Peanut Butter Sandwich To Anteaters Confab

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Invitations to the 15th anniversary Wild Game Lunch of the Anteaters Association didn't say specifically whether it was ants or anteaters they were planning to serve. Either way, I took along a peanut butter sandwich in case I got really hungry.

One look at the menu and I knew I had done the wise thing. A suggested appetizer was boiled anteater tongue with ragweed greens on the side. For balance, peonies ivy with goldenrod also was featured.

In the nick of time though, as I started for my emergency rations, they said these and similar entries were listed only for laughs. On the real menu was plain old everyday American fare

like Arctic caribou spareribs and buffalo soup.

After these appetizers came the main dish which was camp style buffalo meat, cooked outdoors for five hours over an oak and hickory fire.

Founded in 1944

The anteaters were opening their annual fall series of gustatory bouts at the restaurant in the national zoo. That's where the group got its start one cold November day in 1944 when not a sightseer was stirring from bear men to elephant house.

Dr. William Mann, then zoo director, was throwing his toes in front of the fire. A fellow from the Fish and Wildlife Service, no doubt an Oklahoman originally, nostalgically said, "Just the kind of a day to eat roast buffalo haunch."

"You got the buffalo," said Gordon Leech, then and now boss of the restaurant. "I'll do the rest."

"Not out of my zoo you don't get it!" Dr. Mann is said to have cried in alarm. "And I've already got the herd counted."

The following Dec. 10 a truck from somewhere backed up at the restaurant door. "Where do you want this buffalo put?" the driver demanded!

Figures Freezer Best

Leech placed the freezer was a good figure temporarily, but that eventually somebody would have to be invited to lunch. A whole lot of folks were, including an appropriate number of reporters and photographers to make sure the historic event went recorded.

And so the Anteaters Association was born. It now claims 855 active members, including Justice William O. Douglas, Gene Tunney, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, congressman, Clifford Davis (Democrat), and a Veronica Lake.

Meetings take place in hunting season, which happens also to be when the zoo is crying for trade. At these sessions spectators are barred. Everybody just pays \$5 and eats.

Among other things, members have eaten sea turtle steak, poted hare, kangaroo soup, sardined mofflon, Guatemala lizard, bear steak, rattlesnake meat and whale blubber. For this year's season opener Leech came up with a 1,200-pound buffalo, which dressed down to 440 pounds.

Shipping Cost: \$124

He said he bought this delicacy from government surplus for \$180, and that shipping it frozen from the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, at Cache, Okla., cost him another \$124. He claimed he got the Arctic Caribou from the Artic, which seemed reasonable.

Chef Russell Deremer, who had figured successfully what to do with all those earlier viands, couldn't think of any way to handle buffalo meat except build a big fire on the restaurant patio at 4:30 a.m. and personally start roasting the stuff.

J. Lear Grimmer, zoo herpetologist and assistant zoo director, showed up early and sliced off a trial sliver with the razor-style knife he carries to open the wound whenever a moccasin bites him. He seemed to think it was good. Anyway, he didn't go to the White Tower for lunch after all, but sat down and ate a plateful of the stuff.

So did 502 other members and guests, including myself. I'll admit I could tell right away this wasn't prime ribs of beef. But I all went down fairly easy.

I felt even better about it later when I walked through the park. Both our zoo's buffalo were still roaming around looking for grass. And except for a busted left antler the lone Arctic caribou also was present and seemed in excellent health.



COMING OUT PARTY—A coming out party was planned at the St. Margaret's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., where the children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stee were to have their tonsils removed. (Left to right) Valerie, 2, Natasha, 3, Eric, 4, Anita, 1, and Sandra, 5, are all to receive the operation on the same day. All of the children's birthdays fall in either December or January.

Market Quotations

United Press International

PORTLAND DAIRY

Edg—To retailers: Grade AA extra large, 47-49¢; AA large, 45-47¢; A large, 42-44¢; AA medium 36-37¢; AA small, 28-29¢; cartons 1-3¢ additional.

Butter—To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 70¢ lb.; carton, 1¢ higher; 8 prints 68¢.

Cheese—A medium cheddar single daisies, 40¢-21¢; processed American cheese, 3-1b. loaf, 44¢-2¢.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND (UPI) (USDA) — Livestock—

Cattle—500, bulldover 100; slow, mostly high good 1197; 1b fed steers week at 25, otherwise fed cattle not established early; cows weak to 30; heifers; few utility cows 12-14; 50; cans good around 750-950; 1b feeder calves 21-30.

Calves 75, few choice vealers 31-32; standard good 22-29; cullability 12-21; few good stock steer calves 23.

Hogs 300, bulldover 340; few early sales steady; 1 and 2 butchers 150-210; 1b 14-15; mixed 1, 2 and 3 lots 12-14-16; few sows 300-500 lb 11-12.

Sheep 300, bulldover 1100; no early sales; late Monday slaughter lambs 24-26; lower; good choice shorn and woolled lambs 16.50-17.00; good - choice feeders 15-16; cull-good ewes 3-9.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK (UPI) — Stocks, electronics and some specials stood out in a firm and ratcheted active stock market today.

Support came into the list after a ragged opening that enabled a number of the leaders to extend earlier gains and others to come up from their losses.

U.S. Steel jumped more than 2 in the recently depressed steel section, while National added nearly 2 and Youngstown, Lukens and Bethlehem were all up a point or more.

Electronics were still favored with General Time and Zenith up more than 2 and Raytheon and Motorola ahead by more than 3.

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ISRAELI POOR TRADESMEN

JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI) — French Ambassador Pierre Gilbert told an Israeli chamber of commerce meeting Wednesday that Israelis are "terrible tradesmen."

"You must not learn the street market attitude," he said. "Sometimes junior civil servants spoil a deal involving millions of dollars because they want to save \$3.50."

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LESSONS, TOO — Carolyn Komant has a Hollywood contract for \$185-a-week. Carolyn, who was Miss Maine in this year's Miss Universe contest, will spend some of her salary on drama lessons.

Weather For Next 30 Days To Be Wintry

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Weather Bureau predicted today that the nation would be lashed with continued wintry weather during the next 30 days with "only transitory periods of warmth."

In its regular 30-day forecast, the bureau said temperatures would average below seasonal normals in the area between the Appalachians and the Continental Divide in the Pacific Northwest.

The coldest weather was expected in the central and northern plains. Above normal temperatures were predicted in the far Southwest and the Atlantic coastal strip.

Precipitation was expected to exceed normal over the eastern one-third of the nation, the northern plains, the far Southwest, and the central and southern West Coast. All other areas would record near normal amounts except for the Pacific Northwest, the bureau predicted.

Most Of Cranberry Crop Found 'Safe'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Some 3,500,000 pounds of cranberries and cranberry products had the government's stamp of approval today as uncontaminated and safe to serve with the Thanksgiving turkey.

Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, who touched off the cranberry cancer scare, said tests so far are encouraging. But he said much remains to be done to find those cranberries which are contaminated with a chemical weed killer that causes cancer in rats.

Commissioner George P. Larrick of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which is conducting the hurry-up tests, said findings so far indicate only a small part of the cranberry crop is tainted with the chemical, aminotriazole. He said the findings were "reassuring."

Senate Restaurant Drops Cranberries

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Restaurant has scratched cranberry sauce from its menu.

The restaurant, for senators and office workers, featured roast Maryland turkey on its printed menu Monday. Cranberry sauce was scratched out. Inserted in its place in ink was raspberry apple sauce.

The Justice Department also isn't taking any chances.

A menu for a special Thanksgiving dinner was placed on every table in the department's big cafeteria. One item was nearly crossed off in pencil—cranberry sauce.

Mount Emily Production Told Here

Dean Brice, plant manager of the Mount Emily Lumber Company here, told of the firm's varied operations at the regular weekly noon luncheon meeting of the La Grande Lions club.

"Three prime products are manufactured locally," said Brice. "The firm's major product, of course, is lumber, with approximately 50 per cent of this production being Ponderosa Pine with fractional balances of Douglas fir, larch, white fir and spruce. Second in importance is the production of furniture, with about 70 per cent of the production being frame products, and the balance sash, language shooks, and other miscellaneous items. Finally, the production of pulp chips, which amounts to more than 1,000 cars shipped from here annually to various mills for the production of paper."

Large Production

Brice stated that the lumber plant produced about 53-million board feet annually, with a sales realization of around 4-million dollars, with the furniture factory and pulp chip production bringing the firm's total sales realization annually to around 5 1/2 million dollars.

He also briefly described the source of timber supply, local labor figures, the firm's contribution to the locality in taxes, and dwelt briefly on the future plans of the company.

A question and answer period concluded Brice's presentation.

David Brizendine, formerly of Ontario, was the club visitor for the day. Brizendine is a sergeant on the Oregon State Police staff, and will be stationed here, replacing Sgt. Casciato.

Averitt Hickox was program chairman for the day.

'Both Sides' Attend Portland Paper Meet

PORTLAND (UPI) — Federal Mediator Elmer Williams met with both sides in Portland's newspaper strike today to try to find some way to end the walkout.

It was the first meeting attended by both striking Stereotypers and management representatives of the Oregon Journal and Oregonian since the strike began a week ago today.

There was no indication, however, that agreement was near. Williams met separately with both sides last week.

The two newspapers have been publishing a combined edition in the Oregonian plant.

As the strike headed into its second week there were three other developments:

1. The Stereotypers union, asked Q. S. Attorney C. E. Luckey to investigate the possible violation of federal statutes by the bringing in of out-of-state craftsmen. William W. Knight, publisher of the Journal, and M. J. Frey, publisher of the Oregonian, said in a joint statement: "The charge is without merit. We will welcome any investigation and will cooperate to the fullest extent in pressing one to a conclusion should it be undertaken."

2. The Multnomah Typographical Union and the Local Mailers Union, affiliated of the International Typographical Union, joined the stereotypers on the picket line. A statement said "due to the fact that strikers have been brought into the Oregonian plant... the international union of the two locals recognized that a lock-out exists between the publishers and these unions."

3. Police questioned two men seen entering a local hotel. One, who said he came here to do newspaper work, had two rifles and two shotguns which he said were personal hunting weapons. However, management said that in view of the strike they considered the action potentially provocative and that he was no longer employed.

Hollywood Tough Guy Aldo Ray Leaves Girlfriend

LONDON (UPI) — Hollywood tough guy Aldo Ray left Monday night by plane for California, leaving behind and in tears the general's daughter who had hoped to fly with him.

The girl he left behind was Johanna Bennett, 20, daughter of Maj. Gen. Roland Bennett, who vetoed her trip when he learned that Ray was an actor and that romance was in the air.

"I couldn't get my visa through," Miss Bennett went at London Airport. "And I didn't want to upset Mummy and Daddy."

"I'll miss Aldo awfully," she said. "He is an awfully nice person. Still, he'll be back in January. If I try hard, perhaps I can wait until then."

Aldo said he hoped Johanna could join him next week — "I want her to come as soon as this visa business is settled. She's one hell of a sweet girl."

WILLKIE TO RUN INDIANAPOLIS, IND (UPI)

Philly H. Willkie, son of the 1940 Republican presidential nominee, the late Wendell Willkie, has announced he will run for the GOP nomination for Lieutenant-governor of Indiana.

SPY SUSPECTS TRIED AMMAN, JORDAN (UPI)

Six Jordanians went on trial in a state security court today on charges of spying.

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