



LIKE WATER OFF DUCK'S BACK—An archer's arrow hit this mallard but the duck goes about its business as usual seemingly unaware of the long shaft stuck in its back. The duck has the sympathy of passersby along the Truckee River but paddles away from would-be helpers.

Scribe Relates 'Taste-Test' Of Ike's Recipe For Trout

By FRANK ELEAZER
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Rose G. Kerr and I weren't 15 feet away when the ship's bell sounded and if we hadn't stopped mighty quick we wouldn't have made it. As it was, 10 other lean and hungry-looking types got there first.
We were 11th and 12th in the 12-man volunteer line to taste-test President Eisenhower's recipe for rainbow trout and a rival recipe devised by home economists of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.
The bureau is devoted to the proposition that fish is good and good for you, and why in the world don't you eat it more often?
Mrs. Kerr is boss of its home economics unit. Because her desk is next door to the fish-tasting room, she makes the lineup as many as four times a day and, in 15 years, has done more than her share to prevent the catch from going to waste.

In that time she and her staff have devised, tested, tasted, and published thousands of recipes for seafood, from fishburger to pounds of fish per capita yearly.
As a result, a lot of fishermen have been reduced to grits and grunt, and goodness knows what sort of shape they would have been in if Mrs. Kerr and her helpers hadn't been on the job.
The bell rings in the hall outside the test kitchen whenever the girls have concocted something new. On most working days this will be at 10 and 11 a.m. and again at 3 and 4 p.m.
Anybody in sound of the bell is eligible, on the theory that average reaction is needed. Places for 12 are set on shelves fixed to the wall on three sides of the room. A high stool is ready at each place.
Competing recipes are ladled onto compartmented plates. The diner's only investment, aside from a fast spring for the lineup, is the time it takes to eat and fill out a score card. Servings are judged for appearance, flavor and texture, on a 10-point scale from yummy to ugh. There is space also for remarks.
Ike's Version Dry
The rainbow trout came frozen from Idaho. Nobody knew for sure how Eisenhower's recipe got into the public domain, but there it was.
One thing was sure, though. Mrs. Kerr's cooking experts cook it better. Ike's version was dry, I thought. Apparently the rest of the panel thought so too. The composite grades run off afterwards gave Ike's trout 91.05 against 94.30 for the girls' version.
The government plans to include a rainbow trout recipe in a booklet on outdoor fish cookery next June. Happens that Mrs. Kerr's recipe, after maybe another test or so to perfect it, will be published rather than Ike's.
Meantime, try her ideas for Christmas. Her seasonal recommendations run from catfish to shrimp stuffing for turkey.
As for Mrs. Kerr, for whom the fish bell tolls four times a day, I hear she plans to eat steak.

'Watchdog' Hits Waste By Air Force

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog on government spending, has charged the Air Force with wasting millions of dollars by failing to replace worn-out vehicles.
Government auditors said the annual repair bill on some old autos, trucks and buses owned by the Air Force are more than what it would cost to replace them with new ones.
In two other reports, the GAO also:
—Complained that the Air Force spent more than half a million dollars too much for electronic communications equipment purchased from Northern Radio Co. of New York. The agency said the company overestimated its labor costs and Air Force contract negotiators should have caught the error.
—Disclosed it had prevented a naval supply depot at Mechanicsburg, Pa., from scrapping more than half a million dollars in usable equipment. Auditors said the foul-up resulted because of a misinterpretation of inventory instructions from higher headquarters.
The charges were contained in reports sent to Congress by Comptroller General Joseph Campbell, head of the GAO.
The first report said that since the Korean War ended the Air Force has "consistently retained worn-out automotive vehicles beyond the point of economical repair."
Only a few of the vehicles earmarked as uneconomical to repair have been replaced, it said.
As a result, the report said, in the last three years the Air Force has incurred five million dollars more in repair costs and depreciated market values on old vehicles than it would cost to replace them.
It estimated that postponing the purchase of replacements has cost three million dollars in increased vehicle prices paid, or to be paid.

Chinese Cribbing Shirt Is Placed On Display

PRINCETON, N. J. (UPI) — A Chinese "cribbing shirt" with quotations from the four books of Confucius has been placed on display at the Princeton University Library.
The light-weight satin shirt, covered with more than 520,000 Chinese characters, was designed to be sewn into the lining of a student's clothes when he began a three-day civil service examination in ancient China.
Chinese civil service candidates, who took the three-day examinations in a solitary cell, sometimes were found dead from the strain and pressure accompanying tests. The examinations helped to determine social status.

SENDS PRICE REDUCTIONS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI) — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) says his Senate subcommittee hearings on the drug industry will force voluntary price reductions. Kefauver, winding up a week-long vacation here Sunday said companies "charging unreasonable prices" will make the reductions because "the people won't put up with them."

SENDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MOSCOW (UPI) — Nina Khrushchev, wife of the Soviet Premier, expressed hope Friday that contacts between Soviet and American women would be broadened to produce "peace on earth and clear skies over the heads of our children." The Soviet first lady made the statement in an article she wrote for the magazine Soviet Woman as her "Christmas message" to the American people.

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Powder School's Christmas Party Held, Santa Visitor

By BARBARA ERWIN
Observer Staff Writer
NORTH POWDER (Special) — The annual grade school Christmas program was held Dec. 16 in the high school gym. Santa Claus had treats for the pre-school and grade school children.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nice, La Grande, visited recently with his father, Matts Nice.
Marilyne Patterson, Baker, visited recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Patterson of Wolf Creek.
The Malcolm Nice family were visitors in Portland.
Jim Huber of the La Grande Extension Service visited the North Powder schools recently with material for new 4-H clubs.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Bryant visited the Barton Wades in Walla-wa.
Mrs. Jack Daugherty entertained the Sewing Club last week.
Frank Utz has been visiting friends and relatives in Seattle.
Cattle to Portland
Raymond Morris and sons, David and Dan, La Grande, visited

EOC Instructor Will Attend Portland Meet

Margaret Morris of the Eastern Oregon College Staff, is one of the speakers at the 42nd annual convention of the Oregon Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation in Portland.
Her topic will be "Uses and Values of Selected Playground Equipment in the Elementary School Program." The convention opens Dec. 27.

PRAVDA GIVES WARNING

LONDON (UPI) — The Soviet Party newspaper Pravda Friday accused New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of making speeches designed to "frighten the American people with an imaginary Communist danger." As a presidential candidate, Rockefeller may soon find himself among the "has-beens," Pravda warned.

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KIDNAP VICTIM—John (Jake the Barber) Factor

John (Jake the Barber) Factor testifies at the inquest into the death of Roger Touhy in Chicago, Ill. Touhy was the victim of a brutal gangland murder after only being out of prison for 23 days. He had been sent to prison 25 years ago for the kidnaping of Factor.

Utah School Pupils Study Russ Language

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Twenty-two elementary school students here are beating the Russians at their own game. They speak Russian better than some youngsters in the Soviet Union.
One of them may eventually become United States ambassador to Moscow if fluency in Russian is a criterion for the job.
Thousands of other Utah youngsters are close on their heels in the study of Russian through the efforts of Andre K. Anastasian, a Russian-born insurance man turned educator.
Anastasian, who left his native Odessa before the Communist revolution, started with 22 students in the fourth and fifth grades at Bonneville elementary school here in the fall of 1958.
"The only way to teach language is in the elementary schools," he said. "The youngsters are perfect imitators, they speak Russian like the Russians."
He explained his language classes throughout Utah by television classes over KUED, the University of Utah educational television station. His students now number about 4,000 in 100 schools.
Most of the students are elementary school age, from 9 to 10 years old, and are enthusiastic about learning the language. The classes are voluntary.
"Most of them want to go to Russia eventually," Anastasian said. "I've told the boys in all seriousness that one of them may one day be our ambassador to Russia. And it is true."
His original class of 22 now has a vocabulary of about 500 Russian words, as contrasted with an estimated English vocabulary at that age of 5,000 words. The students are half-way through Russian grammar and by the time they are in junior high school they will be reading Russian literature.
"By the time they're 18," Anastasian said, "these youngsters will have the language. They'll really be masters of it."

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Market Quotations

By United Press International

PORTLAND GRAIN Coast Delivery Basis White wheat 1.99½ Soft white hard, applicable 1.99½ White club 1.99½ Hard red winter, ordinary 2.06 Hard white hard, ordinary no bid Oats no bid Barley 44.50	NEW YORK STOCKS NEW YORK (UPI) — Losses outnumbered gains in a narrow and mixed stock market today. New developments in steel negotiations and optimistic 1960 forecasts by two top businessmen failed to stir trader interest. Many market men had expected these developments to lift industrials to new all-time highs. Electronics issues again featured the list. Motorola and Beckman Instruments both added around 1½ and IBM a large fraction. Bethlehem and U.S. Steel improved fractionally but Youngstown lost a point in response to the agreement by the steel firms to negotiate separately with the union. American Motors rose more than a point in the auto and Chrysler added a large fraction. DuPont rose fractionally in the chemicals. Oils and rubbers were mixed. National Lead lost 1¼ on lead prices were cut for the second time in a week.
PORTLAND DAIRY PORTLAND (UPI) — Dairy market: Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA extra large, 49-51c; AA large, 46-48c; A large, 44-46c; AA medium 40-42c; AA small, 32-34c; cartons 1-3c additional. Butter—To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 70c lb.; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 60c. Cheese (medium cured)—To retailers: A grade cheddar single daisies, 44-51c; processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 42½-44c.	PORTLAND LIVESTOCK PORTLAND (UPI) — (USDA) livestock: Cattle 150; truck lot high good with few choice 1294 lb. fed steers 25.75 with couple at 24.75; 13-head lot good 1364 lb. 23 with three standard at 20.50; few 1032 lb. standard cows and heifers 19.50; few utility cows 15 - 15.50; canner-cullers 11.50-13; Holstein cullers to 14.00. Calves 25; good-choice vealers 20-30; few cull-utility 12-30. Hogs 600; not established; asking steady or upward to 14 and 14.25 for 1 and 2 butchers.

Even The Monkeys Enjoy Christmas

DENVER (UPI) — The monkeys at the Denver Zoo had their annual Christmas party Monday — thanks to Mrs. Billie Shannon, who provided the primates with their favorite delicacies.
More than 200 children watched delightedly as the animals devoured such monkey-pleasers as candied sweet potatoes sprinkled with nuts and flavored with sherry. The children each received a bag of candy.
Mrs. Shannon and her late husband started the parties 21 years ago after they donated some monkeys to the zoo.

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