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LUDI AT ROTC CAMP
John W. Ludi, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ludi of Sandy, is among 31 third-year Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets at Eastern Washington State College who will attend Army summer camp at Fort Lewis, Wash., this month. A junior majoring in industrial arts, Ludi is a cadet first lieutenant in the EWSC ROTC detachment.

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UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

By JOE KIEFER

"Come to the woods, for here is rest," said John Muir. And what better place than a little haven at the foot of Mt. Tamalpais, just north of the Golden Gate. Superlatives are not for Muir Woods: its 510 acres preclude camping or long hikes; its trees are not as tall as some. But they grow almost in the shadow of San Francisco—a virgin stand of coast redwoods, Sequoia sempervirens. Like Sequoia gigantea, the Big Trees of the Sierras, the coastal species has rosy wood and may live to be 3000 years old.

Coast Trees Slim
The craggy giant of Yosemite and Sequoia bulks like a lighthouse the world's most massive trees. The slimmer coast redwoods tower like a mast to a world record of 364 feet.

John Muir loved them both, as he did all wild things. Landing in San Francisco in 1868, the young Scot turned his back on the city and set out afoot to explore the wilderness.

His stature was slight, but his stamina prodigious. He'd simply put some bread and tea in a bag and "jump over the back fence," sleeping in hollow logs or on pine needles. Caught by a blizzard he'd burrow in the snow and wait it out.

During a Yosemite windstorm he climbed a great pine to exult in its wild thrashing.

City Sickness Muir
He never shaved, never carried a gun, was never attacked by an animal. He never got sick except for a spell in the city when his stomach rebelled from eating "properly" in restaurants.

His beloved Sequoias? Muir could not bear to see man wipe out in a day what nature took millenniums to produce. "No doubt these trees would make good lumber after passing through a sawmill," he said, at his soft spoken sarcastic best. "As George Washington, after passing through the hands of a French cook, would have made good food."

His writings crystallized public sentiment in favor of saving our natural heritage.

T. R. Is Ally

In Theodore Roosevelt he had a strong ally, and today's national parks and forests reflect the vision of these two men.

Vigorous to the end, Muir died at 76. To recall him there is the 226 mile John Muir Trail in the High Sierras, and John Muir Glacier in Alaska.

But a small forest just across the bay from San Francisco is perhaps his most fitting memorial.

Here people come as to God's cathedral to meditate, walk quietly among the giant trees and then remember that their parkland areas with all their natural beauty did not come easy.

They are the legacy of men who fought hard for an ideal. Men like John Muir.

Men Match Mountains

"Bring me men to match my mountains." These are the words of poet Sam Walter Foss. Only through the efforts of courageous men like John Muir, Theodore Roosevelt and others have America's wonderlands been preserved for all to enjoy.

Without conservation-minded patriots in Congress and the White House, our national forests and national parks could never have been created.

"Camp out among the grass and gentians of Glacier meadows," wrote John Muir. "Care will drop like autumn leaves." I don't understand this cold war. The way political enemies exchange letters, you'd think they were pen-pals.

A quote from Ernest L. Wilkinson, president of Brigham Young University:

Freedom Responsibility
"Let no business or professional man anywhere believe that because his own freedom does not appear in danger, he is excused from the responsibility of defending freedom for everyone, everywhere."

A fellow I know claims he is planning a housing development for middle-income Indians—prefab teepees.

The things kids say! When a friend of mine told his daughter, Diane, that she couldn't eat the piece of candy she had found on the sidewalk because it had germs, she seemed to accept his explanation. Not for long though, because she soon came back with, "I can eat it now because I licked off all the germs."

P. Revere Puzzles
Another little seven-year-old lassie came home from school looking obviously puzzled. When asked by her mother



what was wrong, she replied, "I can't figure out what Paul Revere meant when he rode around the country side calling two arms."

My little "Secretary of the Interior"—that's a new name for biscuit burner—has hidden my old fishing pole and bought me a new paint brush. I guess I'll have to take the hint. Oh well, the trout aren't biting anyhow!

Just want to say hello to my little friend, Mike Devacka, up on the hill—this is for you, buddy.

Downhill Man

For a man whose career was downhill all the way, Art Devlin made a great success of it. Considered the top ski jumper America has ever developed, Art was a fearless leaper with flawless form.

A four-time Olympian, four-time national champion, he once held the North America distance record 307 feet, set in 1950 at Steamboat Springs, Colo.

His love of jumping made Art a natural at the sport. But it was his long hours of practice and top physical condition that made him a champ.

I have hopes and confidence that some day you too, Mike, will soar through the air like Art Devlin.

One day the telephone rang in a clergyman's office of the Washington church which the president attended. An eager voice inquired, "Do you expect the President to be in church Sunday?"

God Expected
"That," answered the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we expect God to be there and we fancy that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

Here is a chuckle about my old state of Pennsylvania.

Trainman: "This train goes to Harrisburg and points west." Old Lady: "Well, I want a train that goes to Altoona and I don't care which way it points."

A friend of mine bought his wife a petticoat last year for her birthday. This year he is trying to give her the slip.

I understand there is an international body that governs the world's fair, and one can only be held every 10 years.

Decade Short
Then how can New York have one in 1964? A short 10 years, I'd say! My, my, how the time goes by.

More of those old time cigarette brands, Zira, 10 for a nickel; American Beauties 20 for a nickel; Murads, Muriels, Turkish Trophies, Egyptian Pretties; and Helmar.

Remember when most department stores were called "Dry Goods Stores"?

A government pamphlet; the way to a job in the government. That's easy. Just get your relatives elected to office.

Filling out a census question a shoemaker in Sandy put down "seated" in reply to "What is your position?"

I do hope our Elizabeth, who writes the Sandy Party Line, gets all the darn jobs done soon around the Hartman manor because the Sandy Post don't seem the same since we are not reading this little lady's chatter.

WESLEY KENTS RETURN
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kent recently returned from Stevens Point, Wis., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Kent's mother, Mrs. Ida Norton, who died at the age of 92.

EARN SCHOLARSHIP
Carolyn Nordblom of Gresham has been awarded a state full tuition and fees scholarship for the third year to attend Oregon College of Education. Miss Nordblom, a sophomore, is majoring in elementary education.

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