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UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN.

By JOE KIEFER

I suppose I'd better get a going and get this column in on my deadline.

This time of the year there are so many things to do around a home.

Water the garden, pull out the weeds, paint this, paint that!

Honest, folks, I'm as busy these days as a one-armed paper hanger.

But the presses roll on and this columnist must have something for his readers and my boss — you know, the guy who sits in a leopard skin office and signs my pay check.

Did you ever see the statue of the Thinker?

They had a contest once at an eastern college to find out what he was thinking about.

The winning answer was, "Now where in the devil did I leave my clothes?"

By the way do you know what a walkie-talkie is? Two women on a stroll.

"Grizzly Ike" — Elmer Hanson — tells a story.

If you crossed an alligator and an abalone what would you have?

A crock of baloney.

Fine Old Hayseed

It wasn't nice of a certain guy to call John Mills an old rube. He is a fine old hayseed!

"Hi, John."

Recently 200 young men under a youth program started to work at the Ox Bow Park on the Sandy river.

I would like to see this program be put in effect strongly in our National Forests and Parks.

We have billions of dollars to try and put a man on the moon.

Perhaps, as they say, it's a must.

To me it's plain silly.

We never have the money for a raise to our teachers or can afford a real scholarship to a brilliant student. We can't afford new medical schools and research centers.

But some day and soon a strong Federal Youth Program must be set up.

In the year of 1970 millions of our young people shall be seeking work.

Do you think they will find it. I doubt it.

It's vacation time again. How about visiting the Oregon Caves.

You'll really be in a hole.

Fishing Relaxes

There is something about going fishing — it helps you relax and put your worries aside.

You wash your soul with pure mountain air, enjoy the rush of a flowing stream and

the glisten of sun on blue waters.

When you're full up of all the responsibilities of the business world go reflect on a stretch of forest, the ocean or the mountains in their manifestation of the Maker.

It soothes troubles, shames our wickedness and inspires an esteem for our fellow man.

Take a boy, any boy, fishing some time with you.

Wa'na bet you don't have fun?

It's a funny world!

Why is fishing on the Rhine river better on the American side than on the Russian side?

You want to know?

Why, the poor fish are afraid to open their mouths.

I'm saying hello to Rodger Eddy and hoping he isn't working too hard these days.

Hal Dudley is now our official postmaster at Rhododendron.

Dave and Nell Howe were having dinner at the Alpine Hut on Father's Day. I wonder if our Nell paid the tab.

Smart Move

Benny Dolp is working for the Forest Service over at Bear Springs.

A smart move, my lad. You shall gain practical experience in as much as you intend to make forestry your lifes work.

Seen on our highway:

A little burro at the old Fisher farm.

The new paint job on the Hoodlands Valley sign.

I sure enjoy my fan mail. A card from Gaston reading, "Hard Luck for Joe." Joe saw the train but didn't stop.

They dragged his flivver to the shop.

It only took a week or two to make the car as good as new; but through they hunted high and low, they found no extra parts for Joe.

Signed — you guess.

I did. How are you Lorena?

Another came from my lovely friend, Mrs. Alice Scales, telling me she reads my column every week and how much she enjoys it.

Thank you, sweetheart.

To Mrs. Webber of Hermiston:

It's true I wrote in one of my previous columns about Alice being a fine old lady which she is.

Time rolls on you know.

I have a very close friend up here in our mountains who calls me the old man and he isn't far from wrong.

But I'm happy you enjoy my scribbling.

Elizabeth Missed

What a surprise when I meet our Elizabeth at the Sandy Food Center!

I told her how much I miss her column, "The Sandy Party Line."

I'm sure we all are looking forward to see and read it soon.

You know, my biscuit burner gave me a pat on the back the other day; she did it with her foot and her aim was a little low, too.

Thanking you, the people who keep our mountain paper going and read all the chatter we columnists throw at you.

Timber Sold

Mt. Hood National Forest sold 231 million board feet of timber in six months to complete the first part of its annual sale program. The timber was sold in 61 sales for a total value of \$5,830,616. Approximately 33 million board feet was blowdown timber, much of which resulted from windstorms after the famous Oct. 12 storm.

Approximately 97.5 million feet of timber will be advertised during the next six months period to complete the Mt. Hood annual sale program. The total volume to be sold during C. Y. 1963 will be very close to the new annual allowable cut of 330 million board feet.

SANDY BLUFF

Debbie Weaver of Gresham was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cathey are at home now. Mr. Cathey suffered a heart attack and was in Gresham hospital for some time. Mrs. Cathey stayed with relatives in Gresham during Mr. Cathey's illness he is improving slowly now.

Albert Ault and son Benney of Milwaukie were out to see Albert's mother Mrs. Bertha Ault.

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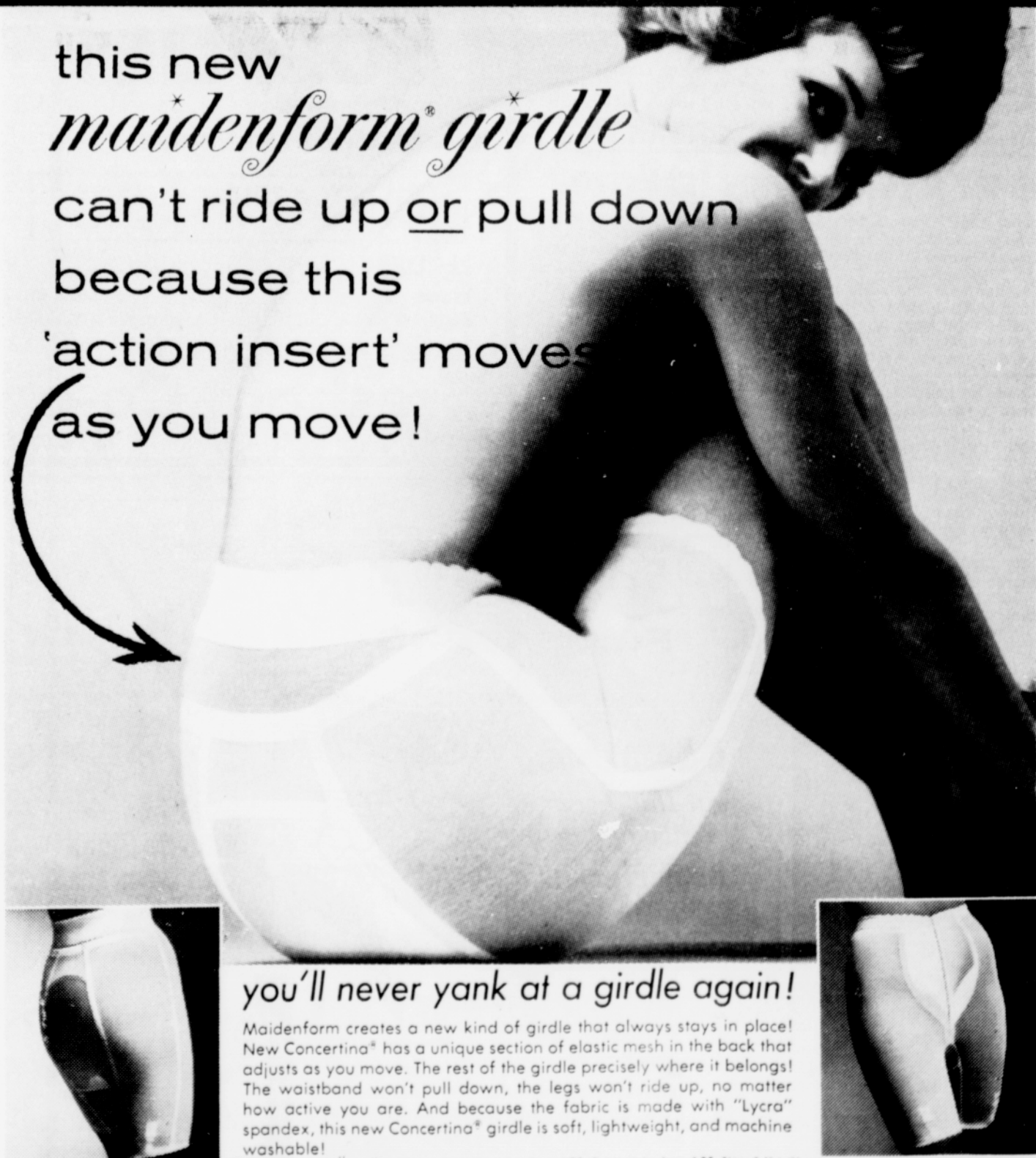
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