

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

It seems to me that for the next few weeks all sections of Rogue River are going to be the places where you all can enjoy fishing for they all seem to be full of nice, fat trout that run from 7 up to 12 inches long.

The other day I went out and fished only a couple of hours and in that short time I caught my limit and none were under 8 inches long. So I believe that the best place is in Rogue River and forget the creeks which seem to be high and milky.

When the war hit Spain several years ago the importation of Spanish gut leaders to the United States was brought to a halt. Suddenly some imitations of this gut leader came to the market which have never been satisfactory to real fishermen who spent much time cussing while trying to untangle the knots caused by flitting the line out on the raffles.

Just about a year ago a new kind of substance was announced to the public and it is called "Nylon". Many kinds of articles can be made from Nylon. Women now sport their latest styles in stockings made of Nylon which are said to be better and more resilient than the ordinary silk stockings.

And also on the market came a new Nylon leader that may prove to be the death knell for Spain if they ever try to sell their fine Spanish gut leaders. Of course the fishermen do not receive the Nylon leaders with wide open arms. In the first place Nylon leaders cost more than the ordinary gut leader. If you buy 10 yards of ordinary 6-lb. gut leader, it costs you only 10c but buying 10 yards of 6-lb. Nylon leader will cost you 30c. But I have begun to notice many fly fishermen praising Nylon leaders so I decided to buy one for myself before the season opened.

And what I think of Nylon leaders is plenty high. In two days of heavy casting and catching my limit of fat trout, my Nylon leader stood up remarkably well and never did I have any trouble untangling the leader and at that I used 6 feet of leader.

And last Monday I caught at two times, two very fat trout of large size at the same time, in a very swift rifle and that tiny 6-lb. Nylon leader stood the test fine and now that leader is still good for another week of fishing. And it is my belief that if I take good care of it, it will last me a month before I have to discard it.

But as a warning to you all, if you buy the Nylon leader you must know how to tie the knots and drop loops on the leader or they will not stand up to the test. Get someone who is an expert at leader making and you will be assured of good work on the part of Nylon leaders. If you want one made, come down here and I will gladly make it for you. I learned the art from studying the pamphlets which were released by the Dupont company, makers of Nylon leaders.

After looking over both the Ross & Rose and Wilson Hardware stores here, anyone who lives here would be foolish to go to Medford to buy fishing tackle when they both boast complete fishing stocks.

Promoter Lillard To Present First 1941 Wrestling Show Mon.

Popular Ernie Pituso and Tiger Tsakoff, the Bulgarian roughie, will meet in the middle event, and Johnny Nemanic and Gust Johnson, a couple of newcomers, will clash in the opening fracas when Promoter Mack Lillard presents his first wrestling card of 1941 in the Medford armory next Monday night.

Previously, Danny Savich, the ex-University of Utah grid star, and Dangerous Danny McShain, junior heavyweight champion of the Pacific coast, had been signed to collide in the one-hour main event. The two other bouts will be under the Australian system of six 10-minute rounds or the best two out of three falls.

Reserved seat tickets for the program are on sale at Fredette's and the Hi-way pool hall.

Loans to Provide for Farmstead Water Facilities Authorized

Loans to provide spring development, wells, cisterns and purification safeguards for farmstead water facilities including water for livestock and domestic water and irrigation of not more than one acre of farm garden, have been authorized for farmers in Jackson county according to word received this week by Eugene Hampton, county Farm Security Administration supervisor, 211 Fluhrer building, Medford.

"Eligibility will not differ materially from regular rural rehabilitation loans," Hampton said. "The borrower must show that he is unable to obtain satisfactory financial assistance elsewhere. Applications for the present fiscal year ending July 1, should be made not later than May 5 and will be processed in the order they are received. After exhaustion of present available funds, applications will have to await further allocation of funds after July 1."

Farmstead water facilities loans can be made for the life of the facility not to exceed 20 years with interest at three percent. It was explained. Wherever approved engineering plans or technical assistance is necessary, services of the nearest Soil Conservation Service area offices will be available to borrowers. Loans under this authorization cannot be made to provide plumbing for the house or barn.

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Mr. Earl Phillips return from Elgin last week and plans to make his home here. He is working as a millwright for Mr. Hale and Mr. Leonard. Mr. Phillips' son Paul did not return with him.

Howard District

By Mrs. Ella H. Leonard

Last Thursday the Howard P.T.A. elected as its officers for the new year: Mrs. Juanita Rogers, President; Mrs. Joy Bessenet, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Green, secretary; and Mrs. Margie Tedrick, treasurer. Mrs. Stock spoke on the "Control of Cancer. Miss Dorothy Bishop of Coos county was a visitor. She was demonstration agent here several years ago when Mrs. Mack was away at Columbia College on leave of absence.

The radio was turned on by Rex Coy's sister in Klamath Falls just in time to get the tail-end of the news of the accident Rex was in. She and her oldest brother came over at once

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My Epileptic Goats

By R. J. Goode

(Continued from Last Week)

I have always believed that the "sacred cow" mentioned in Dr. Mayberry's letter might constitute an important clue. In the Hindu religion, the cow is a sacred animal, an object of worship. It has always seemed quite possible to me, therefore, that the "sacred cow" and the four goats may all have been of Asiatic origin.

That, of course, is only a surmise on my part. Actually, I have no proof whatever that goats such as mine exist now, or ever did exist, in any other country in the world. In the twenty-odd years I have been shrouded away at the curtain which shrouds their origin, I have communicated either personally or by letter with the animal husbandry departments of many foreign governments and with naturalists, scientists, explorers and physicians all over the world. And not once have I ever been able to add in the slightest degree to the information furnished me by Dr. Mayberry.

I did discover that in January of 1904, before the Veterinary Society of the University of Pennsylvania, Max White, Jr., read a paper describing some goats which became paralyzed from fear. On securing a copy of the paper, it was found that he was merely describing some goats which had descended from the same four goats as mine and which he had observed in Tennessee. There were also some articles in the Berlin Tierärztliche Wochenschrift and the Berlin Veterinary Weekly in 1908, but they were about the same goats and gave no further information than already known.

In Patagonia, about 1917, some sheep were found which appear to have been stricken with the same malady as my goats. In accounts of this case in medical records, the ailment of the sheep is referred to as "the staggers," and it is said that when these animals became alarmed by the barking of a dog etc., their hind legs would stiffen up and the sheep would plunge forward onto the ground. "If the sheep fall on a hillside," it is reported, "it is not unusual for it to roll over and over until a level plain is reached." However, it is known that this condition only appears in sheep fed on a certain toxic pampas-grass, and is, therefore, caused by a kind of poisoning.

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Early in my investigation I discovered to my great surprise that it was not uncommon for human beings to suffer from attacks identical in every detail to the attacks of my goats. I later got a letter from a young man who had heard about the goats. He first wrote asking that I describe in detail how the goats were affected and the nature of their reactions. After answering his questions the best I could, he later wrote, beginning his letter by saying: "If you were to substitute my name wherever you used 'goats', you would have described my condition exactly." He further wrote in part:

"Anticipation and fear of a noise will cause my leg to act as the goats' do . . . A noise which I can see in the making usually does not cause me to fall unless it is delayed in coming, as in some firecrackers. A constant din as on the Fourth of July will make me immune from that kind of noise, but a noise other than that predominating or from an unexpected quarter will cause me to fall . . . When I walk or stand I am most susceptible to noises. A noise that will cause me to fall while walking or standing may not affect me if I am skating, riding a bicycle or sitting down, and less so if I am lying down."

Further on in his letter, this young man says, "For a period after falling I seem to be immune to fright." I was particularly interested in this statement because I had already noted the same immunity in my goats. Immediately after an attack, there is a period lasting from fifteen to thirty minutes during which a spasm will not occur no matter how badly the goats are shocked.

In this connection, it is interesting

to note too that the goats will fight vigorously among themselves and no attack will result. It is not fear of each other, therefore, which turns my goats into statues, but rather a fear of man or of man-made noise.

Strangely enough, my goats never lose consciousness during one of their attacks. If I approach them during a seizure, they show unmistakable signs of following me with their eyes. In both cataleptic and epileptic fits the sufferer invariably loses consciousness. Technically, therefore, my goats are not epileptic. For a long time it was believed that they were, and that is how the misnomer "epileptic" goats arose.

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