ILL AT EASE, Bobo Olson, onetime middleweight champion, gets tie adjusted by estranged wife, Helen Dolores, moments before a Redwood City, Cal., judge gave her $1,000 monthly separate maintenance plus extra expenses in division of the $60,000 purse due him for knockout by Sugar Ray Robinson in their last bout. *(International)*

Vanished Boat Odds To Mystery Of Sandy Anglers

Bend — (U.P.) — Searchers continuing the hunt for two Sandy, Ore., men missing for a week at Crane Prairie reservoir southwest of Bend were puzzled today over the mystery of a vanished glass boat.

Reported Missing

Ernie Harris and C. A. Happold arrived at Gales Landing on the irrigation project lake last Friday on a fishing excursion. They were reported missing by their families in Sandy on Wednesday.

Searchers had no difficulty locating the camp established by the pair and their pickup truck. Their camping equipment was intact. The missing men were reported using a 14-foot glass boat with an outboard motor.

Authorities said that if it had capsized it would have remained on the surface, keel up.

An aerial search yesterday failed to reveal any sign of the boat or its occupants. One half-submerged boat was spotted but a ground check proved it to be an old boat that had been in the water about a year.

Search planes were due to take to the air again today and about four state police officers were participating in the search on the ground.

Harris is a city councilman at Sandy. His wife, Beatrice, a brother, John Harris, and a nephew, Jack Schmitz, arrived at LaPine yesterday to aid in the search.

URGES RED RECOGNITION

Damascus, Syria—(U.P.)—The Syrian Labor and Trade Unions federation today urged the government to recognize Red China and give financial help to the "Algerian liberation army." Egypt announced recognition of Communist China two weeks ago.

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Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Each day's mail brightens an hour for me. But for my judges who must decide who has submitted the best true adventure or asks the best question, it's sheer torture. For example, here's what's left from t typical day's sampling of over 75 letters. And remember, there are seven days to each week.

"When I was in school my science teacher and I had an argument about whether or not animals reason," writes Mrs. E.E.R., Mesa, Ariz. "I felt that to a certain extent they do and he felt that it was entirely animal instinct. In support of my belief, I cited this experience:

"At a picnic in the mountains we had cantaloupes. When we were through eating we put the halved cantaloupe rinds out for the chipmunks and then stood back to watch them enjoy it. One chipmunk had two babies and one of these was in a cantaloupe half and got too far on one side and it flipped over covering him up.

"The mother did a lot of excited chirping and running around. Finally she sat down,

looked at the cantaloupe for a minute, and then dug under it and rescued her baby.

"Now what do you think? Was it instinct or reason that accounted for her actions."

Next, there's a penciled observation by a young naturalist.

"Somebody said horses didn't lie down because they were afraid of mice. I was on a camping trip and watched the horses all night. They ate hay until 2 in the morning, then laid down until 4 in the morning, then got up and went to eating hay again. They weren't afraid of mice."

Didn't Sign Name

Unfortunately the writer of this picture post card (it had a picture of Upper Klamath Lake, Oregon) did not sign his name or give return address. In considering the card, my judges would like the young observer's name and address, please.

"One day during the winter, my father and I were ice fishing in the Jefferson river," writes R.W., of Whitehall, Mont., "when we saw two otter around four feet long playing on the ice. As we were watching both slid into the swift water at exactly the same time, without even making a riffle.

"We thought we had seen the last of them but soon they quietly reappeared in the water within 10 feet of us. They stood up straight in the water with about the upper eight inches showing. Apparently after satisfying their curiosity, they submerged but—instead of submerging like beaver or muskrat, by rolling and going into the water head first—they just sank as if something had them by the feet, and pulled them under . . ."

"Some years ago my older brother, Bud, and I were horseback riding on my father's ranch in southwestern New Mexico," wrote another correspondent. "The day was unusually warm for late spring. Suddenly both horses started acting up and we couldn't spur them forward. Mine quivered like an aspen leaf. Up ahead about 50 yards was a broken rock formation at the head of a dry, sandy arroyo. The horses were panicky now—and then we got the smell, a sickening stench which I'll remember the rest of my life.

Weird Sound Heard

"My brother decided we should investigate. We tied the horses to a pinon tree and walked cautiously toward the rock formation. We'd walked about half the distanceto the arroyo, when we picked up the weird sound—rattle that sounded like someone shaking a pot full of dried beans, but intensified a hundred times.

"Bud pulled his pistol and we walked to the arroyo's edge and looked over. It was a sight I'll never forget. Rattlesnakes. How many I'll never know. They were all coiled together in a tight ball that would fill a good sized washtub. Heads and tails were sticking out everywhere, the 'ball' moving slightly on the sandy bottom. The stench was overpowering.

"Bud emptied his gun into the writhing, hissing mess, but with little effect. The buzzing merly increased, long with the stench. We got out of there fast.

"Since then I have asked a hundred times or more just what it was we had witnessed."

From such factual observations and questioning, say I, the field of Natural History is being enlarged—and that is why I feel privileged to read every incoming letter. For each goes my thanks. EB.

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Russians Protest Wire-Tap Tunnel

Washington—(U.P.)—The State Department expressed surprise today that Russia complained through diplomatic channels about the so-called telephone-tapping tunnel into Communist East Berlin.

A spokesman said the United States had regarded the incident primarily one to be handled by local authorities in Berlin.

The Soviet Union charged in a note to the United States that it had proof that American spies dug the tunnel and filled it with communications-tapping equipment. Russia demanded that U.S. authorities punish those responsible. Contents of the note were broadcast by Moscow Radio Thursday.

The State Department said it has received only a summary of the Soviet note from the American Embassy in Moscow. A spokesman said when the complete text is received it "will be studied" carefully.

The Moscow broadcast referred to "an American service agency in western Germany" as being responsible for the tunnel. It did not identify the agency further, however.

Grange

Butte Falls Grange

The Butte Falls Grange will meet June 4 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The serving committee is Mr. and Mrs. Ross Arnt and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Deen.

Shady Cove Grange

The Shady Cove Grange met for a potluck supper preceding its regular meeting May 23. State Steward Roscoe and Mrs. Roberts of the Roxy Ann Grange were guests. Roberts spoke on the organization of fire protection districts in the valley.

Mrs. Edger Vanderlip and Mrs. Phil Motchenbacher were reported ill.

As this was the regular social evening, there was no other business.

Trailer Home Reported Burglarized Tuesday

Gilbert Debusk, Butte Falls, reported to Jackson county sheriff's deputies Thursday that the trailer house he is renting at Butte Falls was burglarized sometime between 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.

According to the report, the lock and hasp had been removed from the door of the trailer. Nothing has as yet been reported missing. Debusk was visiting in Ashland when the burglary was believed to have occurred, deputies said.

THOSE SCORCHING DAYS

Albany, N. Y.—(U.P.)—In 1856 one of the Central Railroad's fastest locomotives made the run from Buffalo, N. Y. to Rochester, N. Y., 70 miles, in one hour, 37 minutes, including stops. This was about 45 miles an hour. Commented the Albany Morning Times: "This is fast traveling. People who wish to do better should mount a bombshell and get fired out of mortar."

Washington —(U.P.)— U.S. businesses are planning to raise a near record amount of funds through sales of stocks and bonds this year. The Securities & Exchange Commission Thursday released a February survey which showed business is planning to offer $10,000,000 of new securities for sale in 1956.

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Back Stairs: Ike Discouraged on Golf

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the White House:

President Eisenhower is becoming discouraged about his golf. He thinks he should be laying much better. The only round that has satisfied him was an 84 several weeks ago at the Burning Tree Club.

His game earlier this week in Gettysburg, Pa., was something less than Ben Hogan would admire. The President was all over the course.

On his first hole, he skied one ball to the right, another to the left and finally hit a third first tee shot down the middle for about 150 yards. When he's really on his game, the Chief Executive can drive them over 200 yards.

Professionals who have seen the President play lately say he is trying too hard; trying to kill the ball from the tee. Chances are, however, that these same professionals have said little to to the Chief Executive about his current golf problems. He'll have to go to an old friend for that sort of frank advice.

The next time the president goes out to dinner for a big formal occasion will be the banquet of the White House News Photographers Association early next month at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

Bob Hope, the screen, stage and television comedian, will be the master of ceremonies. The photographers had hoped to have Dinah Shore, the blonde singing star, one hand too, but Miss Shore is busy.

One of the busiest months of the year for the President will be July. He'll not only entertain for Indian Prime Minister Nehru at nearby Camp David, but during late July will participate in another "operation alert," a government exercise in how to defend against relatively sudden atomic bomb attacks.

The President in July has also a date with Gen. Omar Bradley, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It just could be that Bradley might join in the Eisenhower-Nehru talks.

There were more than a few faint hearts at the Washington Airport earlier this week when the President returned from a week end at Gettysburg. Someone on the edge of the crowd thought a Secret Service agent said, "take him right to the doctor's office."

Turned out to be wrong. The agent didn't say it. The President went right to his office and to work, leaving a fine crop of rather limp eavesdroppers at the airport.

6,679,495 Forest Tree Seedings Shipped

Salem —(U.P.)— Assistant State Forester Vance L. Morrison reported today that a total of 6,679,495 forest tree seedlings were shipped from the Oregon forest nursery near Corvallis for reforestation on state and privately owned forest lands during the 1955-56 planting season.

Half of the total production went into the reforestation of state-owned lands under the state's multi-million dollar rehabilitation program, Morrison said, with the major portion being planted in the Tillamook burn. This will bring the total Tillamook planting since the project started in 1949 to better than 20,000,000 seedlings, he added.

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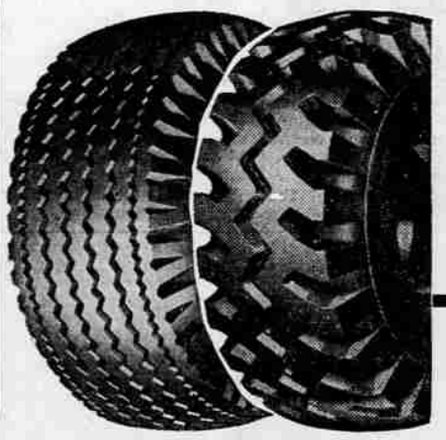

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