

Campground Road Contract Awarded

Klamath Falls—A contract for construction of campground roads at Miller Lake has been awarded to W. D. Miller Construction Company, Klamath Falls. Winema National forest officials have announced.

The contract to Miller was awarded for an amount of \$20,602.38. The road construction job at Miller lake consists of clearing and grubbing of approach roads, loops and parking areas for a campground on the southwest shore of Miller lake at what is known as Digit Point. The camp construction is being undertaken in stages, with the road development being the first improvement to be installed.

Forest officials indicate they are hopeful that construction work can proceed next season to provide a completed camp facility.

Floating Depth Charge In English Channel

Eastbourne, England—(UPI)—All shipping in the English channel was warned Wednesday night to watch out for a floating depth charge.

The warning came after a high-explosive depth charge was picked up in a trawler's net off Beachy Head, near here.

The warning said a second floating depth charge had been spotted in the channel.

Dennis the Menace



"IT WASN'T TOO BIG A BITE! I GOT IT ALL IN!"

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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Native Creates Balance That Man Can't Improve

Balance in a set of scales is instantaneous, a heavier weight on one end results in the immediate lowering of that side. But the so-called balance when it applies to animal or plant life is not immediate, in fact it takes time for the right balance to be attained, maybe weeks, months, or even years. In the instance of the skunks and the duck eggs, it takes a considerable length of time; a period extending over several seasons.

It was a private preserve, fenced and patrolled. The owner believed he could maintain, in the entire area, a perfect balance. There seemed there was adequate cover for a wide assortment of animals; sufficient food, and varied environments. A small lake, partly surrounded by a marshy area, occupied the almost exact center of the tract. There was a wooded area, several meadows, a couple of small hills and a considerable acreage of pasture land.

All Responded In the cleared areas crops were planted, but never harvested. All grains were allowed to stand; no grass or weeds were cut. There was cover and food, and no human predators were ever allowed in the area.

All the birds and animals native to the region responded gloriously, multiplied, and populated the area, to the almost complete satisfaction of the owner who wished to prove that, even in our highly industrialized age, game of all kinds could be plentiful under the proper conditions and in perfect environment.

Things were going nicely until the day the owner listened to the man who didn't know what he was talking about. "Too many skunks" warned the man, "the little black and white animals will eat the eggs as fast as your mallard ducks can lay them. Too, the skunks will consume all the other eggs they can find. Any game bird that lays her eggs on the ground will suffer from the skunks' preference for fresh eggs."

Sometimes even the poorest advice sounds the best, and the eradication of the skunks began. By every means conceivable the man commenced the elimination of what he was told was the worst predator in the area.

But something was wrong as the population of wildfowl didn't increase, in fact, over a period of a few seasons it declined until there was an actual shortage of ducks. At first, the skunk eradication program was intensified until there was not a skunk alive in the preserve. But very few baby ducks reached adulthood. Somewhere the balance had become erratic, and almost non-existent.

Too Many Turtles Then, as infrequently happens, came the man with understanding and knowledge. In a very short time he found the answer. The lake was teeming with an over-abundance of snapping turtles, they had grown fat, and exceedingly numerous, on young ducklings. In fact, there were so many turtles, a swimming baby duck had a poor chance of traveling a hundred feet from its birthplace.

The reason for so many snapping turtles was the shortage of skunks. Skunks prefer turtle eggs, will ignore all other eggs when turtle eggs are available. Remove the skunks and the snapping turtles enjoy a population explosion, and baby ducks are easy prey. The balance maintained by nature is a little too complex for most of us to understand. And besides, the finger of suspicion often points in the wrong direction.

RABORN RETIRES Washington—(UPI)—Vice Admiral Wallace F. Raborn, "father of the Polaris missile," is retiring as deputy chief of Naval Operations for Development.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH MORE AT WOOLWORTH'S

Methods To Prevent Birth Defects Said Not Widely Used

By DELOS SMITH, UPI Science Editor

New York—(UPI)—A distinguished medical specialist found faults in people today because there are a number of practical ways of preventing the birth of defective human beings, but none of them is being widely used. Either laws or customs block their application.

The most direct way is to prevent defectives from being conceived, said Dr. Allan C. Barnes. But by custom romance must have a marital culmination. Couples who are demonstrably incompatible genetically and couples related by blood get married nevertheless.

Once a genetically incompatible couple become parents of a defective child, birth control would seem to be in order but most often it isn't, he added. He was incensed because contraception was conspicuously omitted from the recent report of the President's panel on mental retardation.

Sterilization Prevented Other practical ways are sterilization and abortion. But laws prevent sterilization of mental defectives. By law a person must give consent to being sterilized and mental defectives are held to be incompetent to give such consent.

"The very people who genetically deserve it most are the ones least able to achieve surgical sterilization," Barnes continued.

As for abortion, the laws are such that even when it can be shown the unborn is a "monster" and has no chance whatever of being born normal, a physician cannot legally terminate the pregnancy. If it is a late pregnancy he is liable to a charge of manslaughter.

place to carry out medical genetic studies but a poor place to pick a spouse." Before he could complete his testing, the couple publicly announced their engagement. As long as present laws, attitudes and customs are controlling prevention of congenital defects "will continue to appear almost hopeless. What is so ably being demonstrated in the laboratory will have difficulty finding application to the problems of the human race," he said.

"Until the laws of this country genuinely recognize the right to be well born, we shall continue to waste reproductive time for the mother and condemn the damaged child to hopeless institutional care," Dr. Barnes said.

He is professor and chairman of the department of gynecology and obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins university, gynecologist-obstetrician-in-chief at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore and editor of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Wouldn't Cancel Plans Barnes was addressing an international conference on congenital malformations sponsored by the National Foundation. He relied on his own experiences which go back over several decades. Hundreds of engaged couples have had him test their blood for compatibility. He asked all of them if a negative test result would cancel their marriage plans. Without exception the answers were "a horrified no."

"The information was desired so that it could be a basis for worry, not a basis for action," he said. Only once has he been consulted by a pair of romancers related by blood. They had met at a family picnic which, Barnes said, "is an excellent

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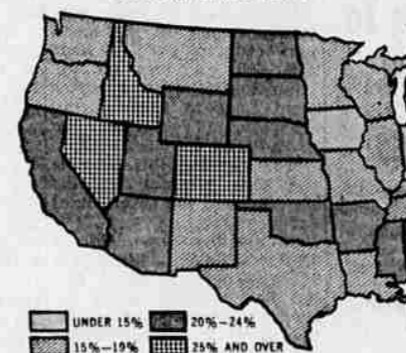
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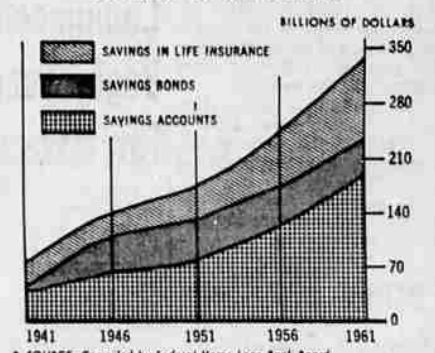
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Foreign Students Storm Kennedy on White House Lawn

Washington—(UPI)—A crowd of 2,580 foreign students ran wild on the White House lawn Thursday in an over-enthusiastic rush to get close to President Kennedy.

One girl grabbed the handkerchief from the President's breast pocket and a boy snatched his tie clasp in the melee.

"That's two from our bus that got something," the girl proudly announced as others in the crowd surged forward toward the President on his way back to his office from where he greeted them. Kennedy, looking a little wilted but still smiling, got to his office without physical mishap, but one police lieutenant suffered hypertension as a result of the mob scene in the stifling summer heat.

Agent Lost Shoe Several other officers had neckties torn from them and a Secret Service agent even lost a shoe for a time in their efforts to protect the President—as well as the prized boxwood hedge, the flowers and the blue grass lawn of the garden which adjoined the area.

White House policemen, their white shirts soaked with perspiration, had to line up on the porch outside Kennedy's office to prevent students from pushing through to that forbidden area.

Kennedy had greeted the teen-agers jokingly as "not the quietest group that has come to visit us."

But he moved them all to silence in a stirring speech during which he urged them, when they returned home, to work for peace, friendship and "a fair chance for all."

He said if they, as future leaders of their countries, could prevent war "you will be the most remarkable generation in history."

The President, after speaking, walked to the students who were massed behind a roped-off area. Within seconds bedlam broke loose.

The boys and girls, almost all of whom carried cameras and wanted close-up shots as well as handshakes and autographs, broke through the ropes and swarmed around Kennedy.

Secret Service agents and White House policemen formed a ring around the President and protected him from being crushed, taking the brunt of the good-natured but rough assault.

The foreign students, from 36 countries, have been in the United States for the past year on exchange scholarships under auspices of the American Field Service. They lived with American families in 2,500 communities around the nation.

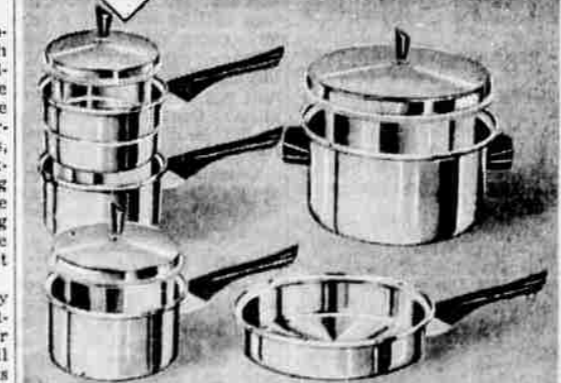
4-H NEWS

Reese Creek Renegades Five parents attended the last meeting of the Reese Creek Renegades 4-H club on record books and discussed the coming fair.

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