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Caught in the Act

By DEB ADDISON
We had quite a start late Wednesday. The thought came that a couple of months of spring had disappeared—puff—puff—puff—lost on a couple of months time, a la Rip Van Winkle.

The town, and the Elks Lodge in particular, had all appearances that the cow-brutes were back from the winter range at Red Bluff. Appearances were deceiving. It was just that a few Red Bluff buckaroos were invading—to advertise the Red Bluff Roundup.

Light began to dawn when the chunky buckaroo who was taking the pictures said something about "news." Closer inspection showed a trace of printers ink under his finger nails, and we finally recognized Marion Walker, publisher of the Red Bluff News, despite the big hat and high-heeled boots.

All we learned from him was that the Roundup will be April 19 and 20, that the Red Bluff Bull Sale was better than ever, and that Ellison (Super) Sanders is running for supervisor again.

Any indications as to the cattle coming back to range would have been dispelled in a subsequent conversation with Emmett Sizemore who said there is still flock or two of snow in the Fort Klamath country.

We Francis Brown said about the snow breaking down his mill building, nor do we remember just how many hundred tons of weight he figured there was in the 15-foot pack that accumulated on it, but

don't know how lucky you are," said the first wife.

"Yes," remarked the second wife morosely, sipping her martini. "What about you've had him around a little longer. You'll find him harder to live with after he starts taking an interest in the house."

"Well, I did get my Jim to help me wash the windows once," said the third wife. "But he was so awkward he broke a pane and cut his wrist, and the doctor charged \$25 to sew him up."

"Sometimes I wish my Joe would fall out the window this time of year—he causes such an uproar," observed the first wife.

"Sometimes I think I will push my Harry right out the window," grumbled the second wife, digging deeper into her martini.

"I don't know what goes into him every April. I tell him the house is perfectly all right as it is, but he says, 'I don't want my friends to see it in this condition. I have some pride—even if you don't.' And the next thing I know he is stirring up the dust and slapping paint over everything. The very nerve!"

"How do you explain your husbands wanting to do the spring cleaning?" asked the third wife, still a bit envious.

"I blame it all on their mothers," said the first wife, as she began enveloping a ham sandwich. "When they were kids their mothers made them take the rug out and beat it every spring. And now if you don't tie a dust cloth around your head when the lilac blooms—just like mother used to do—they think you are shirking your job."

"You're absolutely right, dear," chimed in the second wife. "I tell my Henry that nowadays you keep your house clean all year around, and that it is old-fashioned to tear it apart every spring and fall. But he simply won't listen."

"What this country needs," said the first wife, summing it all up, "is a good restful hotel where wives can go and stay until their husbands get through their spring housecleaning mania."

How about that ladies? Is your husband getting a restless look in his eyes? If he is, better hide that vacuum cleaner—or you won't know any peace until he wears himself out and the dust settles again.

The big problem for a wife today is cleaning up after a housecleaning husband.

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(that happened, in the Buck Lake country.)

This matter of down fences brings up an unanswered question. How many miles of fence are there in the Basin? Now there's a good one to ponder over.

We asked Charlie Henderson and the county agent's office generally, and confidentially expect them to come up with the answer soon, but it's still unanswered except for a quick guess from our farm editor.

Mac Enley laughs, there's no doubt believe he's been off the beaten path enough to realize how much fence there is strung over the landscape.

How many miles did you say? Mac's aunt, Mrs. Helen Hoffman, was in the other day (checking up on her heavy no doubt) and suggested that it would be a good idea to say a word about the Delta Kappa Gamma convention.

She had to say the word because it was all Greek to us, Mrs. Hoffman Enley laughs, there's no doubt Mac not Greek.

Delta Kappa Gamma, in plain English, is the national honor society of women teachers. The state convention of Delta Kappa Gamma convenes in Klamath Falls, starting with a meeting this evening.

There's just one word we can add to Mrs. Hoffman's explanation—and that says everything.

Next to the mother and father, there is no person on earth who has more influence on the development of a boy or girl than the teacher.

We think they're a pretty wonderful lot. We hope that the Delta Kappa Gamma girls in their deliberations keep foremost in mind the good old American tradition, with accent on the three R's—and that they have a fine convention.

There's been a revolution in America in the matter of spring housecleaning.

It is a man-size job today. More and more the little woman is taking a standby role while a new broomholder—the lord and master of the house—sweeps clean.

I know that 10,000,000 housewives across the land will at once chorus a dubious, "oh, yeah?" since when? So let them eavesdrop, as I did, on the following conversation at a recent hen party.

"I just hate this time of year," said the first wife, reaching for a chicken salad sandwich. "My husband, Joe, simply goes crazy. He wants to do our apartment over from top to bottom. He keeps the vacuum cleaner going from morning to night."

"My Henry is the same way," agreed the second wife. "As soon as he hears the first robin he just goes out of his mind. He starts pulling down the draperies, rolling up the rugs and waxing the floors. The place is a perfect mess."

"My Jim must be a little backward," sighed the third wife. "He hasn't even learned how to cook."

"He's just a bridegroom—you

They'll Do It Every Time



Porcupines Damage Huge Areas Of Timber In Basin Despite Curbing Attempts

By MAC EPLEY JR.
Human beings have upset the delicate balance of nature, and the scales are leaning rather heavily to one side regarding the prickly situation of porcupines.

Porcupines have undertaken a program to control the porcupine population, mostly because porcupines are causing damage in some areas second only to forest fires.

A member of the rodent family, the porcupine grows to a size ranging between 13 and 25 pounds. It produces but one young, per season, though managing to maintain a heavy population despite measures taken by farmers, foresters and the public.

Mr. Porcupine doesn't hibernate in the winter like many rodents, but can be spotted just about any time of the year. Favorite winter hiding place is the nest or "hole" tree, usually a tree with "witches broom" branches and clumpy foliage. Foresters note hole trees are usually easy to locate because of the droopings beneath them.

It is in those trees where poison caches are planted. Klamath Dist. Ranger Bob Cooper, Rogue River National Forest, reports that wintertime and springtime poisoning

of the rodents necessitates 40 times the poison—usually strychnine—than is necessary at other times of the year. Cooper says that is because the porcupine has been living off the tree bark and the tannic acid content apparently tones down the poison's effect.

The quilled animals are strict vegetarians—theoretically. During the warmer months they live off lush plants and small, tender twigs. But sometimes the porcupine diet strays from the written book.

On Lookout Butte porcupines consumed most of the tires of two cars parked there the past two summers. Near Lake of the Woods they chewed a hole in the corner of a forest cabin, then proceeded to delightfully feast on the linoleum-covered floor. About 90 percent of the covering was eaten, and tooth marks were left in the wood floor in some spots so deep that they were almost completely through.

One man reported a porcupine got up under the hood of his pickup truck one night. The next morning he left the wiring so well chewed it all had to be replaced, along with the fan belt and the rim of the horn.

The exact count on porcupines isn't possible, but local foresters agree there are far too many. In the Butte Falls Ranger District just over the brink of the Cascades, the kill is up over the 1000 mark. In that area there are some spots where more than 80 per cent of the trees have been girdled by hungry porcupines.

Butte Falls Ranger Bob Beeman has figured that theoretically a porcupine, in his possible 40-year lifetime, can destroy 47000 worth of timber (figures at prices of two years ago).

As far as is known here, there are no states in the Union which protect the porcupine. Somehow the word is out that they are protected—one reason because they provide food for persons lost in the wilderness.

Some guys who know figure they would rather starve than be forced to eat pork meat. However, the frankly admit that correctly cooked animals might not be too bad. "They're greasy," Ranger Cooper reports (from experience). "They taste a little like greasy pork. At the right time of year, probably later in the summer when they are back on a tender grass and lush vegetation diet, they may taste better, too."

At any rate, old foresters seem to offer only one good recipe for cooking porcupine.

First skin the animal, clean it, and leave to soak in salt water for some time. Stretch out tail on board, nail. Roast over an open fire until well done. Pull nails out. Then...

Throw away the porcupine and eat the hoars who suggestion: save a quill to pick your teeth with.

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Newbold Morris and J. Howard McGraw—the President's two top assistants to Evers—to Chance routine was like a soft-ball game compared with the Morris to McGraw to Truman double play.

Although Attorney General McGrath's Justice Department ordinarily would be the chief investigator of government corruption, the Truman Administration seemed to think it necessary to bring in an outsider.

After several better-known men had turned down the job McGraw suggested Morris and President Truman appointed him special assistant to McGrath. At once Morris announced he would investigate McGrath's department.

This in itself was interesting, but not any more so than Morris' performance when he went before a Senate committee which wanted to quiz him about his law firm's connection with a ship deal.

While Morris is a New York City boy of 59 who battled well in the political league there, he got off to a country boy's start shortly after landing here where the political slingers use lead pipes.

Morris insulted the Senators, hardly the social thing to do because anyone could have told him when any scolding is done at a Senate hearing it's usually done by the senator.

You could almost hear them count to 10 to keep their tempers. What they said about him—something about ever so polite and mild compared with what they did to him. They refused to let him have the subpoena power President Truman asked for him.



JAPANESE POLICE CRACK DOWN ON COMMIES—A Japanese communist struggles with police after he was hauled from a hideout during a (Mar. 29) pre-dawn raid. The hideout, a cottage overlooking Ogochi Dam 56 miles southeast of Tokyo, was flying a red flag when the 100-man police squad broke in to nab 23 communist leaders. The communists were taken into custody on a combined charge of anti-occupation activities, intimidation, trespassing and pilfering standing timber.

Wheat Exports Set Record

PORTLAND (AP)—Export of wheat reached a record 14,038,000 bushels in the Pacific Northwest last month.

The shipments exceeded by nearly 1,500,000 bushels the previous high of April, 1951.

Columbia River ports led the way. Portland shipped 4,699,000 bushels, Longview 3,010,000 and Vancouver 2,189,000. The total for Columbia River ports was 10,366,000.



MOTHER SOBS OVER SLAIN CHILDREN'S CASKET—Fists clenched and head buried in her arm, Mrs. Sophia Simmons, a Polish war bride of Lakewood, N.J., sobs over her grief on the casket of her two small children she is accused of beating to death. At the funeral for the sons, John, 4, and Marion, 22 months, was her husband, Walter, in striped suit at left. Others, from left, are State trooper, jail matron and sheriff. The mother was quoted as saying she killed the children and planned to take her own life because of marital troubles.

Solons To Hold Hearing

Members of a Legislative interim committee studying the reapportionment problem are to conduct a public hearing here Saturday night, 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

All individuals and organizations interested in phases of the problem are invited to attend and take part. Sen. Phil Hitchcock of Klamath Falls is chairman of the committee and other legislators on it are Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Portland, Rep. David Baum, La Grande, Rep. H. H. Chidister, Molalla, and Rep. Ivan C. Laird, Situm.

Advisory members are Jack Allen, Pendleton; George Brown, Portland; Mrs. Will Davis, Portland; N. E. Glusina, Eugene; Elmer McClure, Portland; James T. Marr, Portland; H. S. Mesereau, Prineville; Thomas F. Sandoz, Astoria; Ward B. Spatz, Medford; and Marshall Swearingen, Salsburg.

Ralph W. Staley of Portland is executive secretary of the committee.

The aim of the committee is to make a final report on reapportionment to the 1953 Legislature.

Ducks Win 2

EUGENE (AP)—The University of Oregon baseball team played its first home games Thursday, taking a doubleheader from Linfield, 3-1 and 8-0.

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Park Chief Takes Over

Crater Lake National Park's new superintendent, John B. Wosky, took over big duties at the park this week and plans to set up residence in Medford.

The official opening on April 1, a transfer from Yosemite National Park. Wosky was with the service landscape division from 1928 to 1935. Since 1935 he has been Yosemite's assistant superintendent.

A native of Carbonate, Ia., Wosky is 47 years old. He is married and has a daughter, Joan, who is a student nurse at St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco.

Before joining the Park Service, Wosky was with an architectural firm, Gilbert Stanley Underwood and Co.

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Mercy Flights Aid Stricken

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BPW Slates Dinner Meet

"Citizenship in Action" will be the theme of the program for the meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club following the 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting at the Willard Hotel, April 7.

The subject Americanization, will be discussed by Carol Sabo, new citizens will be introduced by Mrs. Donald Ross; Universal Military Training will be talked on by Charles Hahn, World War I veteran; Lobbying, Lorraine Quillen; Registration and Voting, Anita Kennedy; Politics is Citizenship in Action, Olive Cornett.

Questions, "Can We Afford to Stay out of Politics?" and "Can We Afford to be Indifferent to Politics?"

Special music by Ruth Lohbach, Mrs. Cornett and Mrs. Sabo are co-chairmen of the legislative committee. BPW, Call 6558 or 8405 for reservations for members and guests.

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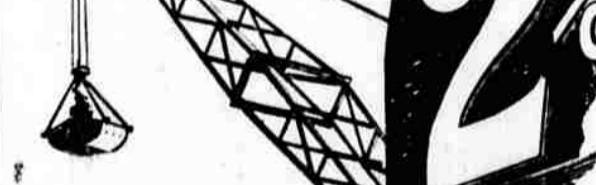
Bruin Tracksters Host Arizona Team

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A favored UCLA Bruin track and field team plays host Saturday to a University of Arizona Wildcat squad which hopes to end the Californians' supremacy in their old rivalry.

The Arizona tracksters have dual meet victories over San Diego State, 73-58, and Santa Barbara College, 105-26.

The favored UCLA club defeated Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara in a triangular meet that opened its season.

Catkins are blossoms of such trees as the willow, birch and alder.—Sports Field



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