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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

By KEN McLEOD

The other evening a friend and I were discussing the subject of the trend of distortion of history and inasmuch as he is a teacher he looked with quite some concern upon modern day trends to leave a distorted picture in the minds of the young people of America. As an illustration—the other evening Gen. Custer was forced to make his last stand just because the Lone Ranger failed to see there in time to save him. Now there are a lot of people who have delved into Custer's life who would probably say "it's a good thing" the Lone Ranger fell down on the job and the only regrettable part of the incident was the fact the Custer didn't make his last stand alone but had to take along a lot of good men in his foolhardiness. Of course there is another angle also, if the Lone Ranger had succeeded what would the Brewster have done for an inspiring picture that was an essential part of the back-bar of hundreds of places of early day refreshment vulgarly spoken of as "saloons."

The criticism is obvious, when a fictional character takes the place of actual people who help write the pages of history in the minds of the youth of the nation we might question if handling the subject of history in this manner is right and proper. Personally I am amused as I cannot subscribe to the fears of the educators and I think that as long as the Lone Ranger sticks to historical facts even though fictitious himself he can do a better job of teaching the history of the west than many an educator with a string of Ph.D's.

In youth we have imagination, we worship fictional heroes and find intense interest in flights of fancy. Education does its best to stifle the elementary human impulse and make us practical individuals, stamped with the common mold of the civilization of our time. It is indeed fortunate for us that there are a few individuals who can escape and resist the leveling force. How much better is it to worship an honorable character like the Lone Ranger even though fictional, as is the case in America in comparison to political dictators in foreign countries which uphold entirely fictional characters of stern visage men of modern times.

The distortion of history, my friend points out, is not alone confined to the fictional heroes of breakfast food fame but is being promulgated by educators themselves through modern day texts. The history text he uses presents the story of the Civil War as a struggle over slavery and that slavery was the cause of the war between the states. He must point out to his students that this was but one factor and that there were



TELLING THE EDITOR

CLEAN UP
The Editor:
Why don't the churches combine and start a clean up drive on the crime movies and magazines which are teaching the juveniles to be 1953 model criminals? Just notice daily the movies 9 out of 10 are of sex, murder, hold ups, cowboys and other trash. It has been done in other towns and cities. Why not here? The "juvenile" as they are known are wiser today than a fifty year old person 10 years ago. The most of them take pattern from that bunch of degenerates in Hollywood. Glamour stars. Just what won't they stoop to for a dollar? Just look at all news stand the trash they sell to the kids.
I hope you print this letter in your paper.
Mrs. Mary Myers

Dear Mr. Editor:
The letter you published from R. B. Burke, Klamath Falls, contained many challenging statements.
Mr. Burke made no reference to his age, so let us assume he is not a child. However, there is the possibility that he is not an adult, so we will direct this message to him in the simplest form possible.
Communism may have acquired a foothold during a Republican Administration, but questionable facts determine that Franklin Roosevelt sponsored the strengthening of that foothold. The Democrats even supplied the material and labor to cement that foothold.
There may have been much bootleg chasing by Mr. Hoover and his "gang". And a great many "one two threes" called by the chasers. But not too many were chased "out" by the Democrats because the players were too close to the safety of home base.
Accusing Truman of inventing Communism is as ridiculous as in-

isting that President Eisenhower deliberately caused the recent drought. However, both men have dealt with their problem in the manner that has come to be expected of them.
Certainly the Communists have been on the upward march in this country. The recent revealing facts now show us why the Communists could march so precisely. The rhythm and step was paced by the consistent beating of the Democratic drums.
Mr. Burke, you long sight of the fact that it is not the Republicans that have a case against Truman. It is the people of the United States that have been wronged. A majority of people in these United States depend upon honesty, dignity and fair procedure to evaluate the truth. "Pushing it" as you say, would necessitate resorting to the colorful practice of "letter writing" and mud slinging. Such practices make amusing reading, but we are forced to admit there is nothing funny in this situation.
You ask if the Republicans are afraid of losing a few votes. The Republicans do not believe party politics more important than the welfare of the United States.
You refer to Eisenhower's "gang." The word, Mr. Burke, is Cabinet. Our not too elderly Douglas McKay is an esteemed member of that Cabinet. It is the accepted procedure for each President to appoint a Cabinet. That is one of the important differences between a democracy and a dictatorship.
As to the spreading business: we leave that entirely to you and your associates. That is one accomplishment you have perfected beautifully.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Hiram L. Ferguson
322 Eberlein St.
Klamath Falls, Oregon

HUGH PRUETT

Astronomer, Extension Division Oregon Higher Education System
Readers of this column often say to me, "Your writings are so simple. Now whether or not this statement is meant to be complimentary is not always immediately apparent. So today let us attempt to add some difficulty and dignity to said column by discussing the supposed "high-brow" law of gravitation.
We are told that one summer day Sir Isaac Newton was relaxing under the pleasant shade of an apple tree. Suddenly there was a slight commotion among the branches above him and tumbling down came a big apple.
Now why did it do this up or sideways? What force made it go toward the earth? Newton finally was able to show that the moon was constantly falling toward the earth at the rate of .05 inch per second. It never reached the earth since it was constantly moving in its orbit. This fall was needed to keep the moon at about the same distance from the earth.
After such study the noted scientist was convinced that there is attraction everywhere in the great universe and propounded his formula which has since been known as the law of universal gravitation. This is generally stated thus: "Every particle of matter in the universe attracts every other particle with a force which varies directly as the product of their masses and inversely as the square of the distance between them."
Does this mean that two apples hanging on a tree are attracted toward each other? It certainly does, and this force of attraction can be accurately calculated. However, this force is very, very minute. The data needed for the calculation is the distance between their centers and the mass of each. If the mass of one is doubled, the attraction is doubled. If the mass of each is doubled, the attraction is quadrupled, since the attraction varies as the product of the masses.
The mass acts as though it were all at the center of the body. An apple with a mass of one pound is attracted toward the center of the earth 4,000 miles away with a force of one pound. If the apple is taken 4,000 miles above the earth, it will be 6,000 miles from the center and will weigh only 1/4 pound; if 12,000 miles from the center, it is three times as far as when on the surface, so the weight is 1/9th. Inversely as the square of the distance.
Small babies learn that a rattle will fall if released. Even our

The Doctor Says

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M.D.
Millions of dollars are spent every year for remedies aimed at curing or warding off that miserable affliction known as the common cold. Nose drops, vitamins, and drugs of many varieties are purchased by the thousands, and nearly every one of us had a favorite cure.
The fact that so many remedies are on the market is the best reason to say that nothing is much good in warding off or curing this vicious ailment.
The time may come when a something better will be available, but the fact that nearly every year some new wonder cure is announced indicates that we should view new remedies with skepticism.
Does this mean that nothing at all can be done about the common cold? In this matter we are our brother's keeper. Most colds develop after contact with someone who already has one.
The most important safety measure is to avoid exposure to those who already have colds, especially when a cold is just starting.
Public places, streetcars and moving-picture theaters, almost always have one or two people in them who are coming down with or recovering from a cold. If we kept out of these places when colds were frequent there would almost certainly be fewer attacks. But the person who has a cold could help most by not exposing others needlessly.
Although most colds seem to be definitely spread by contact, a word must be said about the traditional risk of catching cold following chilling, drafts, or wet feet. Probably chilling alone does not produce a cold. But if some people get wet feet or sit in a draft they are much more likely to come down with a cold. Probably the reason is some temporary drop in resistance.
If a cold does start the safest thing to do is to go to bed at once and stay there until the symptoms are gone.

Honest Man Is Also Silent One

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—When a reporter called to ask Mrs. William Schroeder about her husband finding \$10,335 in Bank of America stock certificates on a street, she was mystified.
"Why he didn't even mention it," she said yesterday.
Her husband had turned the certificates over to the Hollywood Sheriff's Station and went about his business at his father's wholesale auto parts store.

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THE RAILROAD HOUR IS COMING MONDAY TO KFFJ

Bruce Biossat

The United States government is bound to be pleased at the recent sweeping victory of 46-year-old Ramon Magaysay in the Philippine presidential election.
Despite Quirino's charges of "American interference" in the election, this country did nothing official to affect the campaign. Nevertheless, its tacit support was with the winner.
Magaysay's smashing triumph certainly must be regarded at least partly as a tribute to him as a national hero. It was he who, as head of national defense under Quirino, successfully crushed the Communist-inspired Huk rebels who had so long troubled the islands.
Because of this alone, his victory was widely forecast. How much this verdict stands also as a rebuke to Quirino is something to be settled only by the searching scrutiny of the voting results which will come with time.
Magaysay's triumph throughout his campaign in Quirino's regime was shot through with graft and corruption, that high officials and their relatives had lined their pockets well during his tenure in office. He declared also that Quirino had been lax in pushing for new schools, roads, agricultural and other reforms.
The president denied corruption and cited a number of industrial and public projects, admittedly helped by American aid, as proof his regime was progressive.
Possibly the voters were influenced by two special factors affecting Quirino. One was his health and age. He is 63, and so ailing he had a doctor and nurse in tow at all times during the campaign.
The other is the fact that under the Philippine constitution, he could have served only two more years, since he has already served eight and there is a 10-year limit. His vice presidential running mate would have succeeded him after two years.
U.S. officials presumably feel that Magaysay, with his powerful hold on the people, will assure the Philippines of a more stable government in the years ahead. His record almost guarantees he will be a stout foe of communism, a vital requirement in the vulnerable Orient.
All aside from the outcome, this election must be viewed as heartening to the entire free world. It was a demonstration of real democracy at work in the Far East, a quarter of the globe sorely in need of such a practical display of the meaning of freedom.

Vet's Mailbag

If a young man, usually crippled or disabled, comes to your door, Mrs. Housewife, think three or four times before you believe his tale of woe as a "repatriated prisoner of war from Korea" who was "forced to work in the salt mines by the brutal Reds." And especially beware if he says he is a patient in a Veterans Hospital "on leave to earn money for his family by selling magazine subscriptions."
The latest edition of this racket has made its appearance in the Northwest, when a sympathetic housewife north of Seattle listened to one of the magazine salesman recount tales of horror as a POW, then bought several magazines she neither wanted nor needed.
The housewife's curiosity got the better of her—she asked the "repatriated POW," who obviously was severely crippled, how he got so far from the VA Hospital. He glibly replied "they put 30 of us in an ambulance and hauled us out here so we can make money for our families." So her check was forthcoming; she got a receipt from the "POW" on the form of a well known circulation sales organization, and the "POW" was on his way.
Still curious as to why the VA would not care for a disabled veteran's family through compensation, Mrs. Housewife telephoned the VA Hospital to protest what she thought was "shoddy treatment of a war veteran."
She quickly learned that she was the victim of a fanciful story; that her "POW" never had been a patient in the VA Hospital, and most likely wasn't even a repatriated POW.
Her first step after phoning the hospital was to call the police and lodge a complaint, then to call her bank and stop the check.
VA emphasizes that if anyone alleges they are "veterans on leave from a hospital, in order to make some money," he should be asked for identification. If he can't produce either a Service discharge or other evidence supporting his claims, then the police, the sheriff or the Better Business Bureau should be notified.
VA emphasized that the recognized Veterans organizations may also be contacted for information about their members and their fund campaigns.

Always There's Someone Don't Get The Word

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—It's against the law for deer to swim in Berlin Pond, Montpelier's municipal reservoir.
But how to get the idea over to the deer? That's the city health officer's current headache.
He recently had reports that farmers' cows were wading in the pond.
That wasn't so tough. There's a city ordinance that prohibits animals from straying into the reservoir. All he had to do was tell the farmers to keep their cows away.
But who is going to tell the deer?

Anthropologist Winds Up Story

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The divorce that Mrs. Jean M. Robinson was denied last month because of insufficient corroborating testimony is now hers.
Her husband, William S. Robinson, UCLA anthropology professor, told the court yesterday he left home for long periods without telling his wife where he had been.
Mrs. Robinson had testified that he set up a bachelor apartment because living in a family pattern gave him a feeling of claustrophobia. They had been married 17 years.

Theft Leads To Prison Terms

ROSEBURG (AP)—Three men who blew a market safe and stole \$450 worth of cigarettes were given prison terms here Friday.
George R. Barber, 44, of Portland, whose record shows five previous felony convictions, including one which resulted in a 15-year sentence in the Washington State Penitentiary, was given 25 years.
John Daugherty, 42, of San Francisco, and George Schneider, 58, of Seattle, each were given three years.
They blew a safe, which was empty, in the Neilsen Market Oct. 26. The cigarettes were recovered the same day the men were arrested.

Cautious Man Goes Too Far

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—"Better safe than sorry" took an ironic twist for a Salt Lake merchant yesterday.
The co-owner of an ice cream company read so much about safe robberies he decided to foil any designs culprits might have on his safe.
So he hid more than \$200 in a bundle of linen, ignoring the floor safe in the store. Yesterday he went to his hiding place. The money was gone.
The safe wasn't touched.

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Kidnap Killers In Death Row To Sit Out Wait Until Execution Date Dec. 18

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Heady today were held in death row behind the gray, forbidding walls of the Missouri Penitentiary.
The condemned kidnap-killers of little Bobby Greenlease were brought here late yesterday from Kansas City where they were sentenced to death Thursday. The 150-mile trip was made by automobile.
The prisoners, in separate cars, were chained and under heavy guard.
They will die together in the gas chamber Dec. 18.
Immediately following their arrival at the prison they were "dressed in." The process, which required almost an hour, included the recording of weight, height and identifying marks. Photographs and fingerprints were taken. Each was given the usual disinfectant bath.
While they were being fingerprinted, officials said Mrs. Heady remarked to Hall, "this is almost like old homecoming."
Hall, who was released from the prison last April after serving a year and three months for robbery, did not answer.
Officers said he remarked: "Lots of people are in here because of liquor. They usually learn too late."
The pair was issued regulation prison clothing and placed in cells in death row. Officials said they will not be allowed outside their cells, except for baths, until their execution.
Attorneys for both have said they do not plan an appeal. The death sentence was imposed by U. S. District Judge Albert L. Reeves after a three-day advisory trial.
The Greenlease child, the 6-year-old son of a multi-millionaire Kansas City automobile dealer, was abducted from his private school Sept. 28. He was slain the same day.
Hall and Mrs. Heady were arrested in St. Louis Oct. 1 and pleaded guilty at their arraignment, Nov. 3. The sole job of the jury in the advisory proceeding was to determine whether the couple should pay the supreme penalty.
In Kansas City last night, a minister said Hall had prayed for forgiveness during the time he was held in the Jackson County Jail.
The Rev. Don Evans of Topeka, Kan., disclosed that he visited Hall Nov. 12. The Presbyterian minister who said he attended grade school with Hall, said Hall "expressed the idea to me that he had committed something horrible and that he should rightfully be punished by society for having done such a deed."
Hall and Mrs. Heady had been quoted as saying they wished to be married before their execution. The Justice Department said yesterday, however, such a marriage would not be permitted.
A 24-hour guard will be maintained outside their cells. They will be permitted to have reading material but will not be given radios. Visitors will be restricted to the prison chapel and close relatives.
Hall will not be permitted to keep a razor.
They will be fed from the prison officer's mess to prevent the possibility of poisoning by other prisoners.
Hall, 34, the wastrel son of a prominent Kansas attorney, ran

American Air Lines Sets Record

LOS ANGELES (AP)—American Air Lines flew the world's fastest piston engine air liner, the Douglas DC7, both ways across the continent Friday.
One of the new turbo-compound engine-powered air liners flew non-stop 2,600 miles from Los Angeles to New York in 6 hours and 45 minutes.
The other, scheduled to make the New York - Los Angeles non-stop in seven hours and 45 minutes, developed pressurization trouble and landed at Denver for repairs. After a three-hour delay it flew the 950 miles to Los Angeles in slightly more than 2 1/2 hours.
American carried about 50 passengers on each flight in what was designed as a preview of the nation's first regular daily non-stop service coast-to-coast in that direction, starting Nov. 29.
American said the DC7 is the only aircraft in service that can operate non-stop coast-to-coast scheduled under eight hours in either direction. Several air regulations limit domestic scheduled flights to no more than eight hours.
The DC7 has a cruising speed of turbo-compound-engine, in comparison to the power output of the conventional piston engine is increased without an increase in fuel consumption through the use of exhaust gases to drive turbine geared to the propeller shaft.
The DC7 has a cruising speed of 365 miles an hour, and a top speed of 410. It is 56 miles an hour faster than its immediate predecessor, the DC6B, and 33 miles an hour faster than the Lockheed Super-C Constellation, which has the same Wright compound engines.

Painter Awarded Alimony Pay

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Portrait painter Jirayr Zorianian has been awarded \$400 a month temporary alimony from the wealthy wife who says persuaded him to give up lucrative commercial art business.
Superior Judge Kurtz Kaufman, saying the statute does not make a distinction between support to a husband or for a wife, ordered that the alimony to be paid by Mrs. Elizabeth William Zorianian, 34, remain in effect until a divorce action is heard.

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