

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL By KEN McLEOD

column has reported on the various public health problems involved in a cooperative study of the pollution problems of the Klamath River waters, to put joint efforts away in moulting until they are convinced a serious problem exists of sufficient importance to require their attention. I am quite sure that there are people in the Klamath area who will violently disagree with the agencies over their contention that pollution is not a major problem in our consideration of the waters of the Klamath River. It appears that this column will be concerned with the subject of pollution, not only of the river but in general around the Klamath Basin. Consequently, it will be well to dig in and see what we mean when we speak of pollution.

When we become involved in a discussion of the subject of pollution we find ourselves immediately confronted by the technical jargon of scientific experts who specialize in this particular field. This immediately imposes a problem upon the writer of a column such as this, for he is cast into the field of semantics, a field that Webster defines as a science dealing with the meaning of language.

This writer fully realizes that he has been subject to criticism for his use of two-bit words in this column. Words the average reader never encounters in general reading elsewhere. There are times when reads of this column have told me that I have talked over their heads — I often wonder? I think that the average American deliberately depreciates his own talents of comprehension lest he be accused of becoming "high-brow." This column has never suspected of the fetish held by many writers in the newspaper field that the average reader possesses a mental age of one year above that of a moron. If that is truly the mental age of the average reader, all I can then say is "God bless America!"

If your mental age is just one year above that of a moron, I would expect you to be reading something else than this column. I am afraid we will be forced to continue the use of "two-bit" words when it is felt that "two-bit" words are necessary. We should remember, however, that there are "four-bit" words as well. The writer once was exposed to a course in the higher field of biology. Just what it was all about he was never quite able to figure out, even by the time the course ended. Because he was so dumb the instructor probably passed him a state of mortal fear for if he didn't the character would be in his hands for another semester.

The one thing I remember from the course was a good five dollar stipend — "Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny." Don't ask me what it means but it is a useful phrase to remember. When conversation becomes dull and boring, you can casually toss the quotation. If it doesn't break up the party, you will be firmly established as a person of letters.

But on the more serious side, the three words, in combination sums up a scientific theory of the development of life that to be explained in one syllable words. In a column such as this, would possibly require at least fifty column inches.

Plane Plays Rescue Role

HONOLULU (AP)—A four-engine Tokyo-bound Pan American Stratocruiser escorted two disabled planes to safe landings at Wake Island today in a double "rescue."

Pan American spokesman announced. One of the disabled planes was an Overseas National Airways DC4 flying under military charter from Honolulu to Wake. It feathered its No. 2 propeller 700 miles west of Wake and radioed for help.

The other was a Navy PBM amphibious search plane which left Wake in answer to the distress messages from the DC4. The PBM began losing oil from its starboard engine 300 miles out of Wake. A Pan American spokesman said it messaged that it might be forced to make an emergency landing in the Pacific.

The Pan American Clipper Nightingale was refueling at Wake when the distress signals came. It left immediately to provide assistance, the airline spokesman said. The stratocruiser picked up the PBM one hour out of Wake and flew with it as it limped to base at an altitude of 800 feet.

of domestic water supplies. Others have been charged with developing toxic poisons that have been destructive of fish life. The majority of species in the algae group are beneficial to aquatic life in fact, animal life in fresh water could not exist but for the support it receives from this aquatic vegetation. Some species of algae present a nuisance problem to man because of impairment of water by their prolific growth and in this later category we find our own algae problem. When one speaks of an algae problem in the waters of the Klamath Basin he really speaks about the problem imposed by one group of plants for which there is no common name. You and I know of what we speak but to the outsider we would have to define it by name, so like it or not, it is called "aphanizomenon."

Some algae species have been suspected of impairing the flavor of copy. I have used this example to illustrate the problem facing any writer who attempts to reduce a list into common everyday words used by the casual reader. Often there are times when there is no word other than the scientific one. A good illustration of what one can be obtained from so common a subject as algae. Algae is one of the prominent problems of the waters of the Klamath Basin. Algae, however, is a poor word to use, however, because it is an all-inclusive word designating a vast group of plants found growing in water and damp places throughout the world. A group of plants, one celled, colonial, or many celled, containing chlorophyll and having no true root, stem, or leaf. Within this great group of plants are to be found seaweed and such giant plants like kelp which is so well known to anyone who visits the sea shore. In the fresh waters of the world there are literally thousands of species of algae very few of which so far as we know are detrimental to man.

Red China Shipments Falling Off

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. Figures show free world shipments to Communist China on the downgrade in the second half of this year. Foreign air - Commerce Department statistics estimate exports to Red China from non-Communist nations at 18½ million dollars in July and \$19,300,000 in August. The monthly average in the first half of the year was \$27,100,000.

Government sources think figures will show a decline in free world-Red China trade for the entire latter half of 1953. One reason is the probable end of iron and steel shipments from France and West Germany, which Commerce Department estimates at more than two million dollars a month between January and June. Even more important is the decline of Communist Chinese buying from the British colony of Hong Kong, their most important trading partner in the free world. Hong Kong's sales averaged more than 10 million dollars a

month in the early part of the year. The July-October figures ran less than half that. The recent decline is laid to a slackening of Chinese demand for antibiotics, perhaps because of the end of fighting in Korea.

Britain itself ranked fifth in shipments to Red China for the first half of 1953. British experts think the figure for the whole year will reach about \$17,400,000, most of it in wool, chemicals, textiles and textile machinery.

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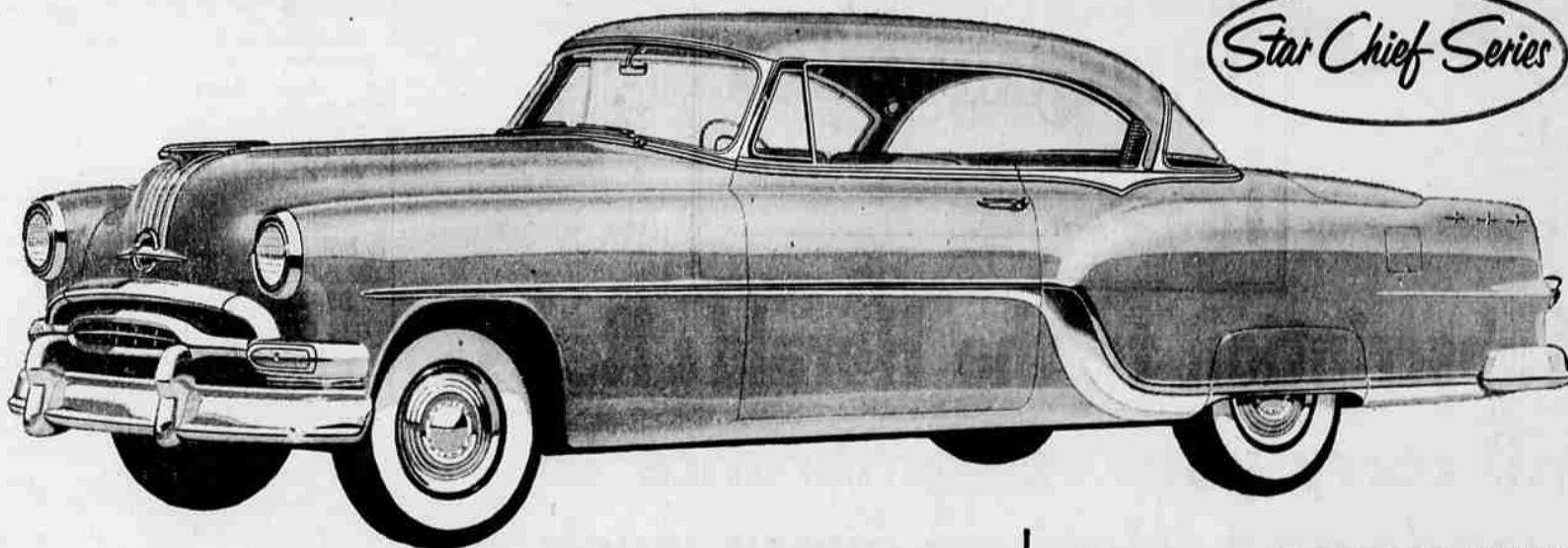
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