YOU WEREN'T A GAME HOG with a catch like this back in the "good old days" when fishing was fishing. Here is a picture of a morning and evening catch hooked on a March fishing trip down the Klamath River a long, long time ago. The natty gentleman with the necktie and the proud grin is Fred Houston, and holding the other end of the rainbow-laden pole is Henry Stout, now dead. That star on Stout's suspender strap proclaims him to be a game warden, so you know it was all on the up and up. And must have been nippy fishing with all that snow on the banks. Drop in at Herman's on Main street and ask Fred about it. He can tell some wonderful tales of fishing around the Klamath Country in the early days.

— Photo from Fred Houston.

Hope Seen For Ike's Proposals

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP Senate leader, said today the prospects for enactment of a substantial portion of President Eisenhower's legislative program are looking better all the time.

"I think that when Congress has completed its work, we will have a program that will meet the approval of the country," Knowland said in an interview.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall, on an NBC television program yesterday, expressed similar optimism about the prospects not only for the legislative program but for the Republicans' chances of picking up more congressional seats in the November elections.

He said Eisenhower's leadership has given the party a tremendous lift and he expects a gain of 15 to 25 seats, after a campaign based on the President's "record of achievement."

As an example of legislative success, he cited the St.Lawrence seaway bill, approved by the Senate and a House committee. He said Eisenhower is succeeding in getting this program approved after Democratic and Republican presidents tried in vain for 45 years.

The national chairman said he making speeches in behalf of individual Republican candidates for Congress, will "go on television in behalf of and in support of his program, and in that way the various candidates will get the benefit of his support."

He told interviewers he considers Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) an asset to the Republican party nationally who "will and should" receive support by the entire party on the basis of his 1952 election by Wisconsin voters.

He said he expects communism to be an underlying issue in the 1954 elections.

Women Have Roughest Road Back From Alcoholism, But AA Offers Help To All

(Editor's Note—This is the sixth in a series of articles dealing with the disease of alcoholism and what Alcoholics Anonymous is doing to combat it.)

By LYLE DOWNING

It has oft been said that "it's the woman who pays."

Records of Alcoholics Anonymous show that women who are victims of the disease of alcoholism pay and pay and pay. It is much harder for women than it is for men to reconcile themselves to the fact that they can't drink if they are afflicted with alcoholism. Case histories of hundreds of women in AA show the road back to sobriety for them was much rockier than for the average man who beat booze.

However, these same records show that the woman who turns to AA learns very soon that, so far as modern medicine knows, if she is an alcoholic, she will always be an alcoholic and there is no known "cure" for alcoholism. There are only two choices for an alcoholic, man or woman. Such a person can continue to drink, in which case the only foreseeable ends will be premature death or confinement in an institution. To never take a drink is the other choice.

SHARE VIEW

Many women share the view with men that living without alcohol would be an impossible sort of life. To a vast segment of the population, alcohol seems as important as food, shelter and clothing.

On the other hand, hundreds of women who have joined Alcoholics Anonymous are living happily without alcohol. Their lives have become more useful and meaningful. To these women, it has not been a case of "giving up" something but of acquiring a new appreciation of what life can mean.

Here is what a young mother who battled alcohol for years has to say about her entry into AA:

"Like many another newcomer to AA, I was filled with shame at having to undergo the ordeal of appearing at a meeting for drunks, and I somehow felt degraded. How could I, my parents' cherished darling, have sunk to such a low level?

FEAR AND TREMBLING

"With fear and trembling I tiptoed into the meeting room, slid quietly into a back row seat, and then from under the brim of my hat began to sneak looks at the awful people with whom I would thenceforth be associating.

"The shock was tremendous. I could see nothing but nice, quiet folks with alert and kindly faces. As the speakers unfolded their personal stories, I realized, with a wonderful sense of peace within me, that at last I was not alone.

"Here were others who had suffered as I had suffered, who understood me, and who didn't regard me as a social pariah. In the hundreds of meetings I have attended since then, I have enjoyed the feeling of oneness with all other members, not just because we have the same affliction but, more importantly, because we are all working toward a common goal."

BIDDING FAREWELL

One apprehension shared by women and men alcoholics alike is that when they say goodbye to the saloon they are also bidding farewell to most of their friends. This is not true. After an alcoholic has recovered, leaving barroom friends behind seems like passing out of the portals of childhood. Like childhood, the "good old saloon days" become misty and after a comparatively short time, this episode in the alcoholic's life is recalled as just something that happened a long time ago.

In AA there are men and women in every walk of life—the millionaire and the indigent are equally welcome. They all know they can never drink again. As one AA veteran put it:

"They all have a common vantage point. Each one from the broad and comfortable ridge of sobriety has a clear view downward into the Valley of the Shadow of Death."

(Next—Inside Alcoholics Anonymous.)

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Howard Hughes Wants All RKO

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Howard Hughes, holder of the controlling interest in RKO Pictures Corp., has announced an offer to buy out the rest of the stockholders for 23½ million dollars.

In a letter to the corporation yesterday, he said the sum represents $6 a share for all stock except his. The stock closed Friday on the New York Stock Exchange at $2.87.

The film producer, also an industrialist and plane builder, offered to purchase all assets of RKO Pictures for $23,489,478 in cash. There are 3,914,913 shares of RKO stock outstanding. Hughes' 1,262,120 shares are exempt from the offer.

Hughes said the offer was subject to acceptance by a duly constituted RKO officer by Feb. 15, and approval by a majority of the RKO stockholders, other than himself, by March 30. The payments would be made during the 60-day period following adoption by the purchase-offer resolution.

"I have been sued by certain of the stockholders and accused of responsibility for losses to the corporation," Hughes' letter stated, adding that he desires all stockholders to receive more for their shares than they were worth when he bought into the company.

Donna Zimmerman of Ashtabula, Ohio, was the only woman to bowl a 300 game in league competition in the 1952-53 season.

Gorilla Okay After Surgery

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—A 4-year-old gorilla who weighs only 65 pounds was reported "doing well" today at winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus after undergoing a delicate brain operation.

Toto II, the ill and underweight gorilla, was reported by Dr. J. Y. Henderson, circus veterinarian, to be resting comfortably and eating well.

The gorilla underwent the operation Saturday when D.R. Mason Trupp of Tampa removed brain tissue in an effort to determine the cause of paralysis that has sapped the animal's strength.

This tissue will be examined to determine if the cause of Toto's trouble is a tumor or a parasitical growth which can be arrested by medicine.

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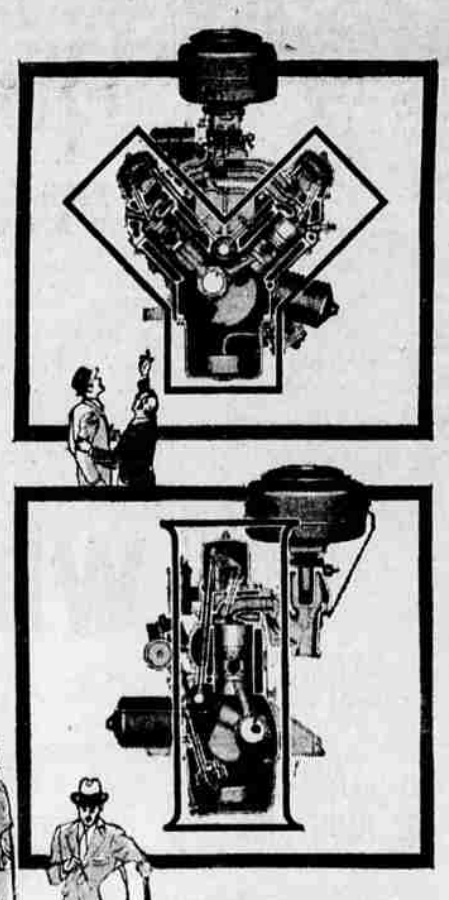

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