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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

Since the end of the war there has been a growing concern among many people in these United States over the future of our outdoor recreational resources. The person who has a love for the outdoors can begin to see the very plain signs of the onslaught of civilization. Perhaps no other group is being made aware of the situation so quickly as that of the sportsman who love to hunt and fish, and the picture of hunting and fishing for the future Americans is not particularly bright.

I have been talking about mountain sheep and in the discussion we have looked at this splendid animal through the eyes of John Muir as he saw them in the 1870 decade. The sheep, in their home among the mountain crags, appeared to John to hold a chance from being exterminated by the ruthless cupid that so thoughtlessly destroys our natural resources without concern for those who are to come in the future. In spite of John's happy conviction, the sheep were among the first to go.

John wrote in 1884: "Perhaps no wild animal in the world is without enemies, but highlanders, as a class, have fewer than lowlanders. The wily panther, slipping and crouching among long grass and bushes, pounces upon antelope and deer, but seldom crosses the bald, craggy thresholds of the sheep. Neither can the bears be regarded as enemies; for, though they seek to vary their every-day diet of nuts and berries by an occasional meal of mutton, they prefer to hunt tame and helpless flocks. Eagles and coyotes, no doubt, capture an unprotected lamb at times, or some unfortunate beset in deep, soft snow, but these cases are little more than accidents. So, also, a few periah in long-continued snow-storms, though, in all my mountaineering, I have not found more than five or six that seemed to have met fate in this way. A little band of three were discovered snow-bound in Bloody Canyon a few years ago, and were killed with an axe by mountaineers, who chanced to be crossing the range in winter.

"Man is the most dangerous enemy of all, but even from him our brave mountaineer has little to fear in the remote solitudes of the High Sierra. The golden plains of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin were lately thronged with bands of elk and antelope, but, being fertile and accessible, they were required for human pastures. So, also, are

many of the feed-grounds of the deer — hill, valley, forest and meadow—but, it will be long before man will care to take the highland castles of the sheep. And when we consider how rapidly entire species of noble animals, such as the elk, moose, and buffalo are being pushed to the very verge of extinction, all lovers of wilderness will rejoice with me in the rocky security of the wild sheep, the bravest of all Sierra mountaineers."

Yet it was only six or ten years after John Muir penned these words that the wild sheep disappeared completely from the vast plains of the Oregon country; and, I think it has been stated that the last of the wild sheep seen in the Klamath Basin was in 1896 — only two years after John rejoiced over the security of this dweller of the mountains.

The future is not bright for survival of our remaining species and the sport of hunting and fishing is becoming one of the most critical problems. The number of people who are turning to this outdoor recreation swells the ranks by tens of thousands every year. Millions of Americans now are entering the field — a gigantic army engaged in the relentless pursuit of the remaining wildlife resources. Yet — at the same time, many other and more sinister forces, are operating to cut down the remaining stocks of fish and game.

Streams are being dammed to end forever the runs of salmon, steelhead and other anadromous fish. Our valuable top soil is being eroded away at the rate of thousands of acres a year, and, with it goes the food and cover that game requires if it is to survive. Marshes are being drained or flooded with salt water, thereby reducing still further the critical wintering grounds of the waterfowl.

Forest fires cut into the range of big game. Increased practices of clean farming mean less cover available for upland birds and small game. Fresh sources of pollution of our streams go unabated. More thousands of acres of prairie grass land are plowed up and put into wheat, increasing the dust bowl potential and the erosion and more muddy streams.

Many of these things seem too big and too remote for the average person to do anything about. On a national scale, possibly they are. Locally, however, there is something that each of us can do, be we hunter, fisherman, bird watcher or just plain common lover of the wildwood.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia dislikes and fears NATO and EDC more than anything else in the close relationship between the United States and its Western friends.

They've tried to destroy both of them: NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and EDC, the European Defense Community. The two go together. NATO is five years old. EDC doesn't actually exist.

EDC was intended to be the heart of NATO, a shell without it. Time drags on. EDC is still in the future. Here is the story:

NATO — It's a military alliance between 14 nations which agreed to help one another in case any one of them is attacked. All 14 pool their plans for defense of western and southern Europe under a joint command and planning staff.

But each of the 14 has its own separate armed forces, although the joint staff plans how to use all of them if attack comes.

The 14 NATO members are the United States, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Canada, Italy, Greece and Turkey. The first 12 joined NATO April 4, 1949. Greece and Turkey came in later.

The division level. Men from each country would be in separate divisions. All the divisions would be under a single, unified command. This would be EDC's value: it would be part of NATO but this single army, if Russia attacked, could swing into action immediately, giving the other NATO members time to bring up their forces.

The French first suggested EDC. They looked into the future, fearing the day when a revitalized West Germany might rearm and start on a rampage again. They looked on the EDC idea as protection against that.

The reasoning was that if rearmament Germany had its troops merged in a single EDC army, it couldn't plan war on its own. As time passed, many French began to dread the thought of West Germany's rearming at all.

So the French Parliament has stalled on approving EDC. So has the Italian Parliament. Approval has been given by the parliaments of West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. A French showdown is expected in June.

Russia, knowing NATO will be a cripple unless EDC is created, has tried to wreck both by persuasion and propaganda. The move played on French fears by emphasizing the danger of letting West Germany rearm at all.

Mariners Hold Meet

MERRILL—Skippers Dale and Virginia Moore were in the chair for the April 12 meeting of the Merrill Mariners Club.

Guest of the evening was Dr. L. E. Messenger, professor of psychology at SOC. His talk on marriage and accompanying film were interesting and informative.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Conner, Mr. and Mrs. James Woodhouse.

Other members present were the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Storey.

Trees Planted On Merrill Site
MERRILL—Eight new trees of different varieties have been planted on the east and west ends of the Merrill Recreation Hall, to provide shade for the picnic area in the park.

The trees, a gift of the Malin Park, were arranged for by Mike Stasny, R. L. Drago, Bob Walker, Dick Cook, Dr. F. E. Trotman, M. A. Bowman, Alonzo Hodges, W. H. Homes and Larry Reed volunteered their labor in transplanting the trees.

NEW LOCKS
BOSTON (AP)—All locks at Massachusetts' new, but yet unused, \$3,425,000 state prison at Norfolk must be changed because someone unidentified made wax impressions of them.

KF To Host Theta Rho

The Theta Rho District 10 Convention will be held in Klamath Falls, Saturday afternoon April 17, at the IOOF Hall. Clubs attending will be Alpha Eta No. 31, Lakewood; Alpha Omega No. 48, Merrill; and Theta No. 8 of Klamath Falls.

Kay Meagher of Epsilon No. 5, Bend, state president of Theta Rho Assembly, and Bernice McCracken, member of board of control, Klamath Falls, will be guests of the convention.

Registration at the IOOF Hall will begin at 10 a.m., and the convention will start at 1 p.m., with officers of Theta No. 8 opening the session.

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104 will provide a 6 p.m. banquet under the direction of noble grand, Lorene McCollum. Mrs. Jim Fair will supervise the preparation of food.

A dance, to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, from 8 to 11 p.m., with Sync Halaas Orchestra, will conclude the events planned for the convention.

Approximately 150 girls, advisers and Rebekahs are expected to be present.

Foreign Seaman Faces Deporting
BALTIMORE (AP)—A deportation hearing is scheduled here next Wednesday for a 41-year-old Swedish seaman who said he has drifted around this country for 18 years without detection by authorities.

During this time, said Ronald William Peterson, he has visited all 48 states, staying no longer than one week at a time in any one place.

Peterson, of Goteborg, Sweden, was arrested at Laurel race track on suspicion of auto theft and turned over to immigration authorities when he revealed his background.

"I would rather go to jail here for life than go back to Europe," he said.

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Richard Widmark to Begin New Independent Career

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Today Richard Widmark checks out of his contract at 20th Century-Fox to try his wings as a free-lance actor.

He leaves on somewhat of a sour note, but he isn't bitter about it. His last picture at the studio is "Broken Lance," and he expects to get fourth billing in it, under Spencer Tracy, Jean Peters and Robert Wagner.

"It's a good script, but I don't have anything to do in it," he commented blandly. "I suppose I could raise a big fuss about the role and the billing, but what good would it do me? It doesn't mean that much."

"It just seems kind of silly to me for a studio to spend seven years in building up a name, and then toss it away in the last picture."

He should worry. Since the word got around that he wasn't signing again at the studio, he has been up to his elbows in scripts. The first one he has chosen is "A Prize of Gold" for an independent company. He'll transport his family to England, and the film will be made there and in Germany. He has no immediate plans after that.

"But I intend to concentrate on movies for the next two years," he said. "I am going to try for good scripts, and if I can get a couple of really good pictures behind me, I'll perhaps go back to the stage. The important thing is to consolidate my position in pictures. I like making movies, and I'd live to continue in this medium."

"I haven't cared much for the films I have made in the past four years. A lot of them have been commercial but they haven't been really prestige pictures. I don't want just prestige pictures either. I want a combination of commercial and prestige."

I asked which was the last picture he liked.

"It was a little comedy called 'My Pal Gus,'" he remarked. "It didn't do much business, partly because the studio just let it sneak out. It didn't even get a big playing date in New York. The studio also didn't get behind 'Panio in the Streets,' another picture I liked."

But he admitted that part of the difficulty was that he played nice guys in those two films.

"The audiences expect to see me as a tough-tough guy," he observed. "When I play a nice fellow, they're a little disappointed; they don't know what to make of it."

"I'm aware of that, and in the next two years I don't plan to shock them by playing too nice a guy. Whatever I do will have the element of toughness they expect."

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

Eugene TV Station Starts Broadcasts
EUGENE (AP)—Oregon's fourth television station began regular broadcasts Thursday night. Mayors of Eugene and Springfield took part in an hour-long inaugural program.

The station is KVAL-TV on channel 13. Reception has been reported from Coos Bay to Salem. The station primary network affiliation is with NBC.

Oregon also has a television station in Medford and two at Portland.

Duck-Tail Hairdo Fans Face Trim
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Police Chief James V. Hicks has directed that the youths wearing the so-called duck-tail hair style be given a free haircut when they are booked at Juvenile Hall.

"We find that more and more of the youths we pick up as delinquents wear their hair in this style," he said.

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HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—It looks already as if Casey Stengel, who has become the Bernard Shaw of the baseball world, is heading for another happy year.

"Oh, no, not again!" some of my friends are bleating—friends who take every victory by the New York Yankees as a personal tragedy.

The prospect of watching "The Ol' Perfessor" lead his coupon clippers to a sixth straight pennant strikes them as a catastrophe, and already they are yelping "break up the Yankees before they break up baseball."

Each year the anvil chorus grows louder and each year the world champions go right on proving why they are world champions. It has reached a point where the Yankees hardly need to rely on their players. They could win most games by putting nine empty uniforms on the field.

I must confess myself I have no fondness for the Yankees. To me a Yankee fan is just a man who puts security above everything else in life. But I can't see how anyone who loves baseball could escape a feeling of ungrudging fondness and admiration for Manager Casey Stengel.

The sport has done well by this graying clown prince with the mind of a philosopher. He has, as one writer said, "touched all the bases" in 44 years of playing and managing. He has collected a few oil wells along the way, and drags down maybe \$100,000 a year, which is probably more than even Lassie earns.

But, at 63, "Ol' Case" can look back on many long years when he rode the escalator the wrong way, and he couldn't see the first division without a periscope.

Neither late success nor his years of defeat have affected the wry cheer of his outlook. He is neither a braggart in triumph nor a grumbler when things go sour. He has looked at life from all angles, enjoys it hugely and remains what he has always been—a rugged competitor.

The talk of breaking up his Yankees does rile him, however, and he regards it as utter nonsense.

"We play to win," he said the other night at a baseball dinner, thrusting out a jaw from a seamed

face that looked as if it had been carved out of a walnut stump with a claw hammer. "And we're going to win that sixth year," a delightful ruffling of his mind through 50 disconnected subjects. It was like listening to a shrewd and ageless child rambling to himself all alone.

Casey loves to talk, and loves to double talk even more. He has a wonderful gift as a talker—the air of just being ready to disclose a tremendous secret, a secret he never quite gets around to telling.

At the end of his 45-minute talk at the baseball dinner, he had the guests helpless with laughter. But one, trying to sum up the gist of Stengel's speech, said, "All I can figure out he really did was endorse the New York subway system and say that a player could hit farther if he ate steaks rather than hamburger sandwiches."

Stengel is a dinosaur, one of the last of the old time players, and is inclined to brood at times because every boy in America no longer dreams of a big league career.

"When a pitcher now can get \$25,000 or better, why wouldn't any kid want to go into baseball?" he asked the other night. "What's wrong with that kind of money?"

Ty Cobb once praised Stengel as the greatest of all managers. Some New York Giant fans prefer to regard him as a lucky comic character actor compared to the

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.
For some years April has been designated cancer control month by Presidential proclamation and by act of Congress. This is the time when the American Cancer Society raises funds for its activities in the field of research, education and service. It is a worthwhile endeavor.

I do not subscribe to the belief that people need to be scared to death about cancer to do something about it. In fact, too much fear is to be avoided almost as much as carelessness in heeding warning signs.

The person who is terribly frightened of cancer at all times should refrain from reading about the disease.

He or she should merely become informed once and for all about what signs to watch for and pay attention to, and should make a real effort to forget all about it at other times.

There are important things about cancer, however, which everyone should know. Surely it should be obvious that no cancer

can be treated until the patient has consulted a physician and the physician has made the diagnosis.

Early diagnosis is the most important factor. The person who stays away from the doctor in the presence of warning symptoms because he is afraid he will be told that cancer is present is taking a grave risk.

Lumps which appear on the body should always be suspect. Abnormal bleeding from any of the openings of the body is also always a cause for immediate examination. Loss of weight, which cannot be explained by dieting or other obvious cause, is another thing which should be taken as a reason for consulting a physician.

Of course, cancer in some locations is much easier to diagnose than in others. By modern methods of diagnosis, including X-ray, many cases, even those involving the internal organs, can be discovered early enough so that treatment is satisfactory.

Examination must be complete and careful. Today the facilities for diagnosis and treatment are so much better than in the past that great strides have been made in the conquest of cancer. More progress lies in the future.

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