



HANDING OVER THE KEYS to a new Volkswagen last week is Maury Clark, local foreign car dealer. The happy new owner is Colonel Tom Wiper, U. S. Air Force, of Long Beach Air Force Base. Colonel Wiper flew to Klamath Falls in the twin engined B-26 bomber in the background. A friend was to drive the new automobile back to Long Beach for the colonel.

Knowland Defends GOP Record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said today any fair appraisal by the voters will credit the Republican-controlled Congress with more accomplishments than any which operated under recent Democratic presidents.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) said in a separate interview that while some important measures have been approved or seem likely to

have "come up with nothing new." With the July 4 holiday breather behind them, lawmakers start work today on the last lap of a session President Eisenhower has said he is confident will produce a constructive program.

Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said he thinks the voters who will decide on party control of the Senate and House at the polls in November are going to be impressed by the quality of legislation, rather than the quantity.

"I have never believed the public was enthusiastic about having a great volume of legislation," he said. "I think the people are more interested in the proper administration of government and that is what they are getting under the Republicans."

"Any fair appraisal must be that this Congress has enacted more bills of national importance than anything done in the last several presidential terms."

He said the program for the scheduled final four weeks of this session will be reviewed at a White House conference of congressional leaders with Eisenhower tomorrow.

Sparkman, the Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1952, said in support of his thesis that the GOP has produced "nothing new" that the groundwork for social security legislation which is expected to get final approval before Congress quits at the end of the month was laid by studies under the Truman administration.

He chided the administration for what he called a "surrender" on Eisenhower's proposal for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, with authority to lower tariffs further. The President later said he would settle for a one-year extension, without that additional authority, and would press for the broader program next year. The one-year extension has now become law.

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Huge Shark Escapes Fisherman

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The master of a party fishing vessel told today of "the big one that got away"—and fifty witnesses backed up his story.

Capt. J. B. Mathews, skipper of the Capt. Bae Strickland, and his crew fought a losing seven-hour battle with a 45-foot whale shark in the Gulf of Mexico Sunday.

"It was the biggest thing we've ever seen outside a plaster cast of a whale in the New York Museum of Natural History," said Karl Dronke of Newark, N.J., who was aboard with his wife and son, Karl Jr.

Mathews and his crewman, Milton (Sonny) Payne, had an idea they'd run into a specimen of the world's biggest fish when the Capt. Bae Strickland showed off Sunday for a day's fishing in the Gulf, with more than 50 persons aboard.

Mathews had spotted a huge whale shark in the fishing grounds 50 miles off John's Pass a week earlier. He hooked the whale shark on a 370-pound test line then but the line snapped like a thread.

Sunday, he was prepared with "tackle" that included a foot-long shark hook, three-foot chain leader and 500 feet of five-eighth manila line. This was double spliced into the anchor cable which was an inch thick, with the capstan as a "reef."

When the customers began hauling in cobia up to 25 pounds, Mathews knew the whale shark was nearby, for these are free-loading fish which trail the shark for tidbits.

The Capt. Bae Strickland made a dozen passes at the whale shark before Payne sank the hook into the big fish's lower jaw.

"The crew played it like any other fish," Dronke said. "Mathews kept a tight line on him and Payne handled the capstan reel. They'd throw the boat in reverse now and then to take up slack, then shut off the engine and let the whale shark tow us. Some aboard complained because the captain wouldn't stop and let them catch grouper."

"The whale shark didn't seem to bleed. At least it didn't attract any other sharks."

"The party fishing boat Atlanta came alongside and took off those who'd had enough, but we stayed. So did about 25 others."

The ship's log showed the whale shark towed it 18 miles during the seven hours the fight lasted. Then it gave a lunge, snapped the line and left. Mathews estimated it would weigh 15,000 to 20,000 pounds.

4-H News

ENTOMOLOGY CLUB

"The Killing Jar Kids," 4-H Entomology Club was organized on May 22, 1954 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Joe Schuh. At the first meeting we had five members, and the following officers were elected: Russell Schuh, president; Dickie Stevens, vice president; Dick Gross, secretary; Ronald Rodgers and Toby Schuh, program chairmen and reporters.

We have had four meetings to date. On the third meeting we got a sixth member, Jerry Waller. At the fourth meeting we went to Dick Gross's house, on the Klamath Experimental Area, and had a field trip. After the trip Mrs. Gross served cold drinks and we pinned up and identified our insects.

Toby Schuh, reporter

GREEN GARDENERS

On June 12, the Green Gardeners Club held a meeting at the home of the leader, A. C. Merritt.

It had been arranged that each vegetable garden member would plant zinnias and each flower garden member would plant a vegetable. Since the zinnias had been frozen Lloyd Seely brought up the question whether to plant seeds or put in plants. It was agreed that plants should be put in because it would take too long for the seeds to grow.

After the meeting, we had refreshments and played games. On June 25, the club met at the home of Tom Trulove. The meeting was called to order by vice president, Lance Davis, since the president, Lloyd Seely, was attending summer school.

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Nancy Johnston, the secretary, has resigned because she is moving away. Tom Trulove was appointed to the job because he held no office.

Russell Schuh, reporter

MERRILL BEEF CLUB

Monday, June 14, the meeting was called to order by president Dan Healan at Jackie Barry's home.

The main topic of discussion was the weight of calves which were weighed June 7. There was also a discussion of equipment on hand for the fair and equipment we have to buy.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Barry.

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