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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

There is a serious emergency problem facing the Klamath Basin in the field of recreation. This problem faces our most popular summer resort area the Lake of the Woods, yet, the problem faced at the Lake of the Woods is not unique but is being multiplied many times over in all parts of our western country. If you were one of the hundreds who sought the Lake of the Woods as a pleasant picnic spot for the Fourth of July you will know exactly what I mean, because you found the existing facilities at the Lake of the Woods sadly inadequate to cope with the number of people who wanted to use them. This was equally true for Four Mile Lake and while I have not had any report from Fish Lake, I am sure that the same problem was to be faced there. Down in our area in California, Medicine Lake, a counterpart of the Lake of the Woods, also found itself swamped and unable to cope with the demands of the people who wanted to enjoy a quiet day in the mountains. What few facilities are available at Horse Camp, the Sierra Club's shelter located at timber line on Mount Shasta was likewise severely taxed by the mountaineers and ski enthusiasts who appeared there. The story was repeated over and over again wherever public camp grounds have been developed within our area.

There were 170 cars crowded into the small camp ground at Four Mile Lake and 700 were lined up in the small camp ground at Lake of the Woods. Hundreds of people actually found it difficult to find a place to spread their picnic lunch. The vast amount of traffic created by people cruising around, searching for a place to park, set up great clouds of dust which settled over everybody and everything. Numbers of people attempted to protect themselves from the dust by hanging up canvases and prepared their picnic lunch in what small protection these improvised shelters could provide.

There was not the slightest doubt but that Lake of the Woods was overflowing with humanity. Even the summer home group found themselves with full houses of friends. While no attempt was made to estimate the number of people at the 212 summer homes, it was noted, however, that hardly a house did not have less than three or four cars about it!

Lots of people took the discomforts in good stride, for were they not — "roughing it!" However, such discomfort and inconvenience is not necessary for there is ample ground that can be developed for the public enjoyment of this wonderful recreation area.

As the improved highway and pavement reaches out to connect Lake of the Woods with our settled community, bringing the mountains closer to our front door, the problem of where will we, the people, find a proper picnic spot becomes a very vital one.

The U.S. Forest Service is greatly embarrassed that the facilities it is able to provide are falls far short of meeting the demand we placed upon it but the Forest Service has done the best it could with the funds available. I think the knowledge is due the people of the Klamath Basin to know exactly how much money is available for recreation in this Klamath district. That sum — believe it or not — is just \$360; you read the figure right — three hundred dollars! I do not know what this year's appropriation for Medicine Lake was but a couple years ago it was the munificent sum of \$25.

In the Klamath Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service which controls Lake of the Woods, Four Mile Lake, the Mountain Lakes Area, the area about Rocky Point, and along Recreation Creek, the numerous excellent fishing streams extending up to the boundaries of Grater Lake National Park, this \$300 must take care of all the recreational development in the district, not just Lake of the Woods alone.

Three hundred dollars must keep up the sanitary facilities that would accommodate a population of 3,500 people, take care of garbage disposal, maintain toilet facilities, purchase lumber needed in recreational development, cement, lime, DDT, gasoline that must be charged to recreational use as in the case of what gasoline the trucks use while handling garbage, toilet paper, maintain water lines in the camp grounds and all the other things required to meet the needs and comfort of the public. If anything is left over the district ranger can build some more camp grounds and toilets — Talk of doing a "landoffice" business on a shoestring!

Well! What should we do about it? Are you satisfied? If you're not — just remember the old western slogan: "Don't shoot the piano player — he's doing his best." Just write our congressmen and tell them what you think of the miserly appropriations which are given to care for the demands of the public's enjoyment of this great recreational asset. Something has to be done and only Congress can do it.

The conservationists have sought to get more money for recreational development by introducing the Baker Bill, which would make available 10 per cent of the receipts of the income from the National Forests for recreational development. Our boys back in Washington, however, apparently intend to sit on this bill and do nothing. At the same time they can find plenty of funds that have tossed milk coats in the right direction — the public will get action only when it demands it.

They'll Do It Every Time

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By Jimmy Hatlo



CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

Sam Dawson

By DEB ADDISON

BUSINESS MEMO:

The professional business pessimists of January first did a flip-flop on July first.

A year regarded dubiously by economists and business analysts is half over — with apparently less damage to the nation's prosperity than had been expected. As a matter of fact, they look to better things in the next six months, according to a poll of 100 of the country's top business executives by the NY Herald Tribune.

Pausing in mid '54, a majority of the respondents sized up the rest of the year this way: Sales will be higher; Employment will either be higher or constant; Profits will climb; Prices will remain about the same; and Inventories will accumulate no more rapidly than in the first half of the year.

These same prognosticators were much more pessimistic at the beginning of the second quarter. Now, apparently, they believe the leveling-off process has been achieved and the economy may begin another climb.

You can say that again for the Klamath country. With prospects for greater agricultural income from the 1954 crop; with quite certain prospects for the jet air base here; and with less certain prospects for various industrial developments, this healthier business "climate" should extend right into 1955.

Do-it-yourself bugs remind you of the old days when it was a Saturday afternoon project to grease the car and clean the spark plugs on the old tin lizzie.

Today's backyard mechanic is using self-spraying enamels, body patching materials, carburetor cleaning kits, ignition and engine parts, seat covers, cleaning and polishing products, car upholstery cleaners, brake shoes and such.

An auto supply chain in Akron, Ohio, put on a three day do-it-yourself clinic — promoted through newspaper ads, displays and radio spots, and employing do-it-yourself demonstrators.

Housewives have increased purchases of butter by up to 10 per cent since prices dropped in early April, reported the Agriculture Department in the Wall Street Journal.

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Butter prices were cut by eight cents a pound after April 1 when the government sliced by a like amount the rate at which it buys butter from processors under its price support program.

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We're waiting to hear how dairy products sold here this June Dairy Month, compared to June 1953.

COST OF LIVING MEMO:
The Dun & Bradstreet Daily Wholesale Commodity Price Index of 30 basic commodities was 272.13 on Thursday, July 1, against 271.96 a week before.

The Weekly Wholesale Food Price Index, representing the total of the price per pound of 31 foods in general use, rose two cents last week to 47.30. This is 11.6 per cent above the corresponding level

Red Army Paper Lauds Infantry

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian armed forces are told by their own newspaper, Red Star, that the foot soldier is still the man who wins wars and that the infantry cannot be replaced by air or naval superiority.

American naval landings in the Korean War — at Inchon and elsewhere — are cited as proof.

"The aggressive war against the Korean people unleashed by the imperialists of the U.S.A.," Red Star says, "proved once more that neither aviation nor naval power can substitute for the foot soldier. Air and naval superiority cannot compensate for the absence of infantry. In this way the 'theory' of converting domination at sea and in the air into domination on the ground could not be proved by experience . . ."

COMPLAINT
GENEVA (AP) — The World Jewish Congress complained to the U.N. Economic and Social Council Thursday against persecution of Zionist leaders in Communist-run Romania.

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JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Red Chinese will cause confusion when they try to get into the United Nations. They'll cause more if they get in. And the very thought they might get in has caused confusion here already.

It was this thought which for a while had Sen. Knowland of California, Republican Senate leader, acting like the junior, or senior, secretary of state. He appears to have calmed down now.

He was so incensed July 1 over the idea Red China might get a U. N. seat he served notice, if it happened, he would resign his Senate leadership and head a move to take the United States out of the world organization.

This, said Sen. Johnson of Texas the next day, was a "profound" statement. Johnson is leader of the Senate Democrats. But some other Democrats questioned Knowland's profundity in the matter.

There seems to be unanimity the United States should fight against seating Red China in the U. N. but not pulling this country out of the Communists get in.

But there could be no doubt the consequences might be profound if Knowland carried through, once Red China got into the U. N. and succeeded in leading the United States out the other door.

American withdrawal might wreck the U. N., which this country laboriously had helped create as a place where hostile nations could debate their difficulties instead of fighting over them.

Withdrawal could result in surrendering America's world leadership, alienating its friends, destroying its alliances, driving it into isolation and, if the U. N. survived leaving the Communists free to use it against the United States.

As an alternative to that, the United States, once out of the U. N., might set up a bloc of non-Communist states that would work together tighter and better than they have in the past.

At the least, the consequences of a walkout would be so far reaching as to require a major change in American foreign policy. Any walkout itself would be a major change.

So such a step, before taken, would call for, in President Eisenhower's words, the "most solemn reflection" by the two men most directly responsible for foreign policy, himself and Secretary of State Dulles, and the best brains they could find.

There is no evidence Knowland showed them his speech before he made it, or consulted with them, or inquired whether it might injure or interfere with the foreign policy they've shaped already.

Least there be any doubt of his earnestness in wanting that policy made to his liking, if he had to make it himself, Knowland added another touch:

He said he was considering whether the Senate should go on record as saying Congress would cut out all American financial support of the U. N. if it seated Red China.

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In passing sentence, Judge Van Vactor said he took into consideration the fact Smoot had served 30 days in the county jail while awaiting trial.

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Frank Alderson. Smoot acted as his own lawyer.

been trying to strengthen Dulles' hand.

"That may have been part of it. He may have wanted to be sure the U.N. kept Red China out by giving it a warning. He also may have been impatient with Eisenhower and Dulles, wanting to force them into a more public and positive stand on Red China. If that was his purpose, he succeeded."

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