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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN MCLEOD

Editor Elmer T. Peterson of the "Daily Oklahoman" is presenting the case of the control of floods by small dams and proper soil conservation practices. The contrast to the program of "Big" Dams proposed by federal construction agencies for that purpose, at the annual meeting of the Outdoor Writers Association in Rolla, Missouri, this year, called the Writers attention to the specific design of the retention dam in contrast to the "Big" dams generally proposed. This difference is the difference in function of the drop in the retention dam which automatically prepares the little reservoir for the next deluge by gradually draining the flood pool without overflowing the creek below. The typical Big dam, by contrast, is the so-called multiple-purpose structure with no automatic draw-down such as one encounters in the flood prevention dams of the Miami Conservancy District of Ohio, which drain automatically after every deluge.

Editor Peterson did not pass the Hydro-power phase without mention as he said: "You all know the nationalized power people and others demand a high reservoir level for big federal dams. The Soil Conservation Service system calls for an empty flood pool. It takes an empty flood pool to control floods, and a full flood pool, or ideal power, recreation and storage."

Peterson then went on to point out that there are countless case histories showing the combined functions of SCS agricultural flood control do actually work and are not just dreams of theoretical planners. "The USDA has in its own archives ample proof that the method does prevent floods," was Peterson's statement which he further elaborated, by pointing to specific cases. "For instance on page 18 of its own brochure, 'Upstream Flood Prevention in the Western Gulf Region,' the USDA states that a cloudburst of 13.5 inches on West Owl Creek, Oklahoma, was effectively controlled by SCS measures. On page 13 of the USDA brochure on 'Hydrologic Co-Ordination,' we find under the date of September 25, 1953 the USDA gives engineering facts claiming that the small detention dams of the Sandstone Creek project would have tamed the unprecedented cloudburst of April 3-4, 1934, in which 14 inches fell in two days."

Peterson continues, "From SCS officials I also learned that in the Upper Barnitz Creek project a cloudburst of 13 inches in one day in 1951 was effectively controlled. I could go on and on, citing case histories. If you are familiar with analogous case histories of huge downstream dams during big storms you know that none could equal or even approach such a record on pro rata watersheds."

In the 1951 Kansas flood an Army Engineer said that when rainfall of 12 inches comes within five days, none of the 'Big' dams can control the floods. That, of course is a matter of engineering calculation, borne out by the fact that the Kanopolis dam, whose watershed received, on the average, much less than 12 inches, overflowed with disaster to the communities below. Army Engineer Col. Francis Wilson officially admitted in 1943 that the 'Big' dam flood control feature on Grand River, Oklahoma, would not work unless there were a solid series of three huge reservoirs occupying the whole Grand River in Oklahoma.

"As some of you know," said Peterson, "I had an article in the 'Country Gentleman' in 1952, condensed by Readers Digest, discussing some of these elements. I received a gratifying and unsolicited letter from Courtland Eaton of Colorado, whose high standing is attested by 'Who's Who in Engineering.' He was state irrigation commissioner of California, erected the Los Angeles flood control program, was director of water-

Telling The Editor

CARELESS
I hope this letter can be published as I am sure the topic is of interest to many readers.

According to the Oregon Motor Vehicle Code it is unlawful to pass a stopped School Bus when loading or unloading, either from the rear or on approaching the stopped bus. However, most drivers report only about three in ten drivers stop when approaching the stopped bus. The drivers, as far as possible, keep the children behind the closed doors of the bus when they see an approaching car; but frequently the child is leaving the bus or is already in front of the bus when the on-coming vehicle flashes past. There have been three cases of such negligence right in front of our house during the past month. Even cars behind the buses, despite all the warning signals, make desperate last minute attempts to stop that can be heard for a quarter of a mile. Our son is a first grader and must cross the busy Merrill - Main Highway to board the bus. This is our responsibility as school policy dictates he must be on the right side of the road before the bus can stop for him. But when he debarks from the bus and crosses the road to our home it is up to the drivers' abilities to stop their cars - and several times lately my heart has been in my throat. I understand complaints should be made to the State Police but negligence is very difficult to prove and our bus drivers have been told that it would be their word against the car drivers' word and few penalties are ever levied. So I am asking on behalf of all the bus-riding children and their worried parents that all drivers exercise great caution when they see that big yellow School Bus.

Sincerely,
Rebecca S. Street
(Mrs. Leon R. Street)
Star Route,
Merrill, Oregon

P.S. In re: "In the Day's News" Nov. 19, 1954 Natty Bumpoo was the hero of The Leather Stocking Tales, by James Fenimore Cooper.

ASKING
Do you all believe that a woman who hangs on phone for hours on grapevine and gossip will get ulcers? I do. What do you think?
"Behind the 8 ball."

They'll Do It Every Time



GUEST EDITORIAL

Ed. Note: This is the last of a series of articles by Klamath Falls bank and savings and loan managers on United States Savings Bonds. The executives are writing the articles on the 13th anniversary of the Savings Bond Program to tell Klamath Basin residents what they think of bonds.

By GEORGE W. MCINTYRE
President, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Klamath Falls

The Savings Bonds Program manifests one of the basic tenets of democracy, the dependency of government upon the people it represents. Just as the moral and spiritual strength of a government is in proportion to the moral and spiritual strength of its citizens, so, too, is its financial and economic stability commensurate to the financial strength of every citizen.

And sound money is at the very base of our national growth. Sound money is required as an incentive for saving, which is the source of the new capital investment upon which our economic growth depends.

Without confidence in the future

School Leaders

Fight Vandals

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—A new menace confronts school authorities in their fight against vandalism — goat thieves.

They broke into the 79th Street Elementary School and made off with three goats penned there as part of a children's farm project.

Someone also made off with a ram at Canoga Park High School. However, Robert Graham, security officer, says the thief is in trouble "because that ram weighs 250 pounds, every one of them mean."

worth of their money, people will either save less or not at all. With sound money, Americans will keep saving and make possible new capital investments as the base for new employment and the production of more and better things for a more fruitful life for all.

When the value of the dollar rises or drops sharply, different

groups in our country are injured, and the basis for sound prosperity and economic growth is impaired.

Those of us who have experienced unemployment and other economic distresses in periods of depression or deflation, as well as those who have seen the value of savings, insurance and current incomes eroded by inflation, understand the damage caused by an unsound, unstable dollar. Our goal must be sound money upon which the prosperity and growth of our nation can be based.

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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS

The books were burning brightly again over the weekend, but not, of course, with as cheerful a flame as if the fuel had been a first edition with hard covers. I was merely expressing my opinion of the latest paper-back cowboys and Indians yarn.

I can stand a lot but when a man unloads the magazine of a double barrel shotgun and counts the shells then it is about time for me to take up Philo Vance again. If the author doesn't know any more about guns than that he shouldn't be writing books that involve shooting.

But that wasn't all. He got in a safety pin in his little novel. The old sag always carrying a revolver, the hammer on an empty chamber. His hero didn't do that, but at least he didn't carry an old equalizer as full cock. He, however, that not, "always carried his revolver with the hammer down on the next bullet to go."

If the author of this little billy-do can show me a revolver that could be operated in this fashion I'll eat his book without seasoning. In the public square. At high noon.

But I doubt if I'll have to. Any one who could create a character who made a chore out of counting the shells after he unloaded a double barreled shotgun (taking them out of the "magazine," mind you) couldn't be very smart.

At least his book characters aren't.

Petesch, Hecht and O'Connor, Inc. (all advertising firms have names like that. If they don't it ain't a legal outfit) has come through with a statement on behalf of Walco Products, makers of fishing tackle, that more than a million of the nation's 25,000,000 anglers have taken up spin fishing.

They seem to consider a twenty-fifth of the total to be a pretty good figure and are real proud of it. Which might be okay. I wouldn't know. I'm not what you'd call a real gone fisherman. In fact I'm seldom gone during the fishing season because that is the time of year that I shoot ground squirrels.

But, to get on with this, the Well Street Journal, a sheet whose authoritative statements are seldom questioned, says that the sales of fishing tackle last year shot up

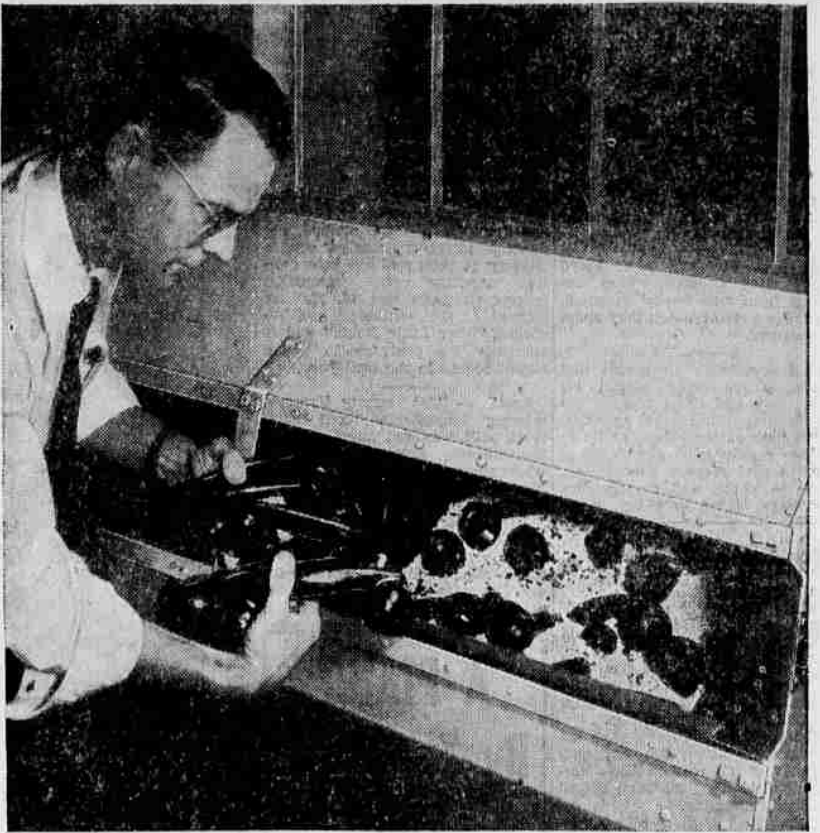
to \$125,000,000, which is a lot of rocks to put out for anything as fragile as some of those glass rods.

With the industry spending that kind of money I'm inclined to offer a few of the manufacturers a deal. They say in their ads that spinning eliminates the problem of backlash. Well, for a small sum I'll promise never to pick up a piece of spinning tackle and end up with a backlash.

I am currently receiving remittance-man pay from one outfit that advertises unsinkable boats (I sunk one once without trying) and another outfit that makes a non-capable boat. I upset that one in a puff of wind that ordinarily wouldn't have blown a feather off a plate. I have also been known to rust out rifle barrels with non-corrosive ammunition, snag snag-proof boots and break unbreakable crockery. I even managed to wrinkle one of those wrinkle-proof ties, once.

So, fellows, you know my address. Think it over between now and the opening of the fishing season. After all, a small percentage of that \$125,000,000 wouldn't really hurt you. And it would keep the whole business a dark secret.

A mere phone call can get you that fire insurance policy. Hans Norland, 2-2515.



Shoe pegs help shine up telephone handsets. The tiny wooden pegs in this drum are the kind used in making shoes. But telephone people have found a new job for them. The pegs are used to recondition scuffed-up telephone handsets. Previously, these parts had to be polished by hand—a costly, time-taking job. But now the drum is filled with pegs, a dry polishing agent, and the handsets. After the drum spins for a while, out come the sets looking good as new... and at much lower cost than by the old method. Savings like this help us hold down the price you pay for your telephone service. Pacific Telephone works to make your telephone a bigger value every day.

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