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Along NATURE'S TRAIL

with Ken McKeon

The so-called ruling classes who hold the reins of government in the Old World have had a traditional way of looking upon agriculture and agricultural life — a tradition of many thousands of years. First we have the cold-blooded fact that people must eat, and that it was necessary therefore to promote agriculture because it was a source of food. This point of view was not necessarily different from the present urban point of view concerning agriculture and a point of view opportunisticly exploited by politicians when they rattle the saber of that horseman, starvation.

The second view, that the ruling class look of agriculture and food, what it was promoted was the fact that agriculture was a reservoir from which to draw virile men for military purposes and this point of view has persisted down to modern times in Europe and Asia. Of course such a point of view was natural in an era when the vast majority of the population was occupied with the task of growing crops for food — when it took eight or 10 people on the farm to support one or two in the city. It was the American way which blasted this point of view since it made the field of agriculture an efficient producer of food and made it possible for two people engaged in agriculture to support eight people in the city. No longer is the agricultural field a great potential of "cannon fodder."

The policy of Germany prior to World War I, even up to World War II, focused upon the problem of developing a large agricultural population for the single purpose of supplying virile men as a military reservoir for world conquest. One of the methods that the ruling class of Germany adopted to encourage this expansion of the agricultural population was by restricting the importation of meat by the use of a high tariff. The following type of reasoning was resorted to in the justification of this program:

By increasing the number of domestic animals the manner in which meat could be increased. Increased production of animal fertilizer would increase the food supply on land already under cultivation, and, enabled additional land to be brought into cultivation that had up to that time been unprofitable to be used. The increased food supply would give work to more people upon the land for it must be remembered that agriculture of Europe was a hand production affair not assisted by modern agricultural machines. The high tariff would increase the price of meat, and hence the number of animals raised. By increasing the number of persons on the land those who decided the destiny of the nation believed in the days of the Kaiser as well in the period of Hitler that they would have a larger supply of rugged men for army and navy. Incidentally since the birth rate was higher among rural than urban people the population would increase faster and the German nation would be more able to succeed in the field of conquest, if not only on account

THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M.D.

Sympathy, perhaps, is the most civilized of all human emotions but it is sometimes hard to evaluate, I think.

Q — I am shocked and disillusioned about my doctor. Recently when my mother was sick and passed away I did not get a word of sympathy although I think he did everything for my mother he could. Are all doctors lacking in human kindness?

A — Mrs. J.F.

Q — I am sorry you did not get the words of sympathy from your mother's doctor which you wanted since this probably would have helped you a great deal. But I cannot admit that doctors are a hard-boiled lot. The fact that you say the doctor gave your mother all the care he could is certainly his way of showing sympathy and helpfulness.

It is true, I think, that many doctors do not demonstrate sympathy in the same way that other people do. It should be remembered that the practicing physician spends nearly all his waking moments with what is generally bad news.

Probably no physician could continue in a balanced frame of mind if he were constantly expressing sympathy to all who desire to receive it. I think most doctors are at least as sympathetic with illness and misfortune as others or they would not have chosen medicine as their profession.

In order to preserve their judgment, however, it is necessary for a physician to show his sympathy by deeds rather than words. In fact, too much outward sympathy may interfere with a physician's judgment and therefore, with the value of his treatment. For this reason physicians almost always send members of their families to some colleague rather than trying to care for them themselves in serious illnesses.

Q — What do doctors mean when they say "traumatic injury?"

W.G.M.

A — Trauma, from which the word traumatic is derived, means injury or wound. There is no use in using both terms together.

Q — Is a fistula located near the rectum cancerous and what can be done to cure it? What causes it?

Mrs. O.

A — This is a kind of blind pas-

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

WHEN TWO PUSS LOSE A BIG GOLF TOURNAMENT HE SHOWS HIS GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP THIS...

IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE WINNER ON HIS GREAT LUCK TODAY... IN THIS GAME YOU GOTTA HAVE THE BREAKS. OL' LADY LUCK JUST WASN'T SMILING ON YOURS TRULY TODAY...

BUT WHEN HE WINS, HE DID IT THE HARD WAY... BEATING THE BEST AT THEIR BEST...

IN THE SPIRIT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP LET ME SAY THAT NEVER BEFORE HAVE I HAD TOUGHER OPPOSITION! I REALLY HAD TO GIVE IT EVERYTHING I HAD TO BEAT THOSE TRULY GREATS! I-I-I, ETC...

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — The oddity of this country going on the rocks?

It would seem so, judging from the present trend in American drinking habits. Either that or we are just entering a new ice age.

The long tail cool drinks of yore have been replaced in favor by scotch on the rocks, bourbon on the rocks, martinis on the rocks, even vodka on the rocks.

So far as we know nobody has violated the traditions of old Kentucky enough to call for a mini-jump on the rocks. But now soup on the rocks is getting more and more popular, including borscht and bouillon.

A friend of ours, watching a guy gulp down a bouillon on the rocks, heard him say to a companion: "Greatest invention since the wheel."

Sooner or later, of course, some dazed fellow is going to call for fried pork gravy on the rocks. That ought to end the trend fast.

What does it profit a man if he is prosperous enough to afford a rich juicy steak—and then has to sum it?

Millions of American kids are going back to school this month. Dr. Solomon N. Rosenstein, Columbia University dental authority, says at 16 the average youngster will have seven decayed, missing or filled teeth. One out of five will need major orthodontic care. Only 4 per cent will be free of dental decay.

And 25 years later, when he is 41, the average individual will have 10 missing, decayed, or filled teeth!

To help assure good choppers later in life, dentists say a child should be taught to squeeze that toothpaste tube himself at the age of 2 or 3.

Almanac fashion notes: You think women are fussy about their clothes? Many men are even fussier, says Budd, a fifth avenue haberdasher, particularly about their bow ties.

"You'd think a bow tie is a bow tie, and that a man would pick one from a selection, then just wear it and forget it."

"But no. Many men are so particular about their bow ties they've

Knight Appoints Olympic Board

SACRAMENTO (UP) — The appointment of the five-member California Olympic Commission was announced yesterday by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight.

Charles R. Blyth, president of a San Francisco investment house, was named chairman of the commission.

Others named were Reese H. Taylor, Los Angeles, president of the Union Oil Company; John Jewett Garland, San Marino, realtor and member of the International Olympic Committee; Walter M. Barrett, Truckee, publisher of the Sierra Sun; and Allen D. Christensen, Atherton, president of a San Francisco construction firm.

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Sam Dawson

NEW YORK — Chalk up another item of prosperity and business confidence: More new businesses are being born this year than last; fewer are dying.

In the first seven months 85,360 new concerns were incorporated—a show of confidence 26.4 per cent greater than the year before.

At the same time 6,487 failures with loss to creditors were counted—a decline of 2.2 per cent from 1954. Those that go out of business for whatever reason (merger, death of the owner, etc.) without leaving some creditor holding the sack aren't included in the figures compiled by Dun & Bradstreet.

That agency says 1954's failure rate was the highest since 1942, so this year's drop is so much more the welcome.

In 1934 for each 10,000 business concerns, 42 failed in the year, compared with only four out of 10,000 this year.

The highest rate in this country was in 1933, when 154 out of every 10,000 concerns went under.

A firm's baby years find it the most susceptible to ailments. Of those succumbing last year the highest percentage of failures, 17.2, was among firms that had started up the previous year. And 57 per cent of the total of failures were of firms that had been in business five years or less.

Human babies seem to be playing a role in this unfortunate phase of business, too. The chance to cash in on the recent bumper baby crops proved too great a temptation, apparently, for many would-be merchants. Among retailers the highest 1954 failure rate was 106 per 10,000 for infants' and children's wear stores.

Appliance, radio and television stores went under at a rate of 105 for second place. Sporting goods ran third with 104. Lowest retail rate was eight per 10,000 for packaged liquor stores. Food outlets were second lowest at 19.

Makers of furniture had the highest rate among manufacturers with 184; electrical machinery second with 164; leather and shoes third with 161. Lumber was the lowest in this category with only 19 per 10,000; and printing and publishing next with 24.

As Dun & Bradstreet likes to put it, if 42 out of every 10,000 concerns in business in the United States in 1934 failed, there were 9,958 that kept right on going.

JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON — The American Communist party has put a new twist into its five-year fight for life.

It gave a number of reasons for asking the Supreme Court yesterday to save it from having to admit it is a Russian agent. This one stood out:

Things are different now, after the Geneva conference.

This may be less than persuasive with the nine justices who are supposed to base their decisions on law and not on international moods, real or imagined.

But other parts of the party's plea — its constitutional reasons — may be persuasive. It is not certain the court will uphold the government in this case. This is the case.

In September 1950, Congress passed the Internal Security Act, which purpose was to crush the Communist party in this country. The act didn't say anything about killing the party outright or forbidding its existence.

What the law said in effect was that if the party could be proved to have a part in an international Communist conspiracy, it should have to admit being a tool by registering as such with the government.

Theoretically, that would let the party continue to exist. The effect, though, would be to kill it, at least under the Communist party name. No one doubts it would go on, even though badly crippled, underground.

Under the 1950 law the Subversive Activities Control Board was created to rule on complaints that organizations are subversive. It gave the Communist party a hearing to determine whether it was a Russian agent, and ruled that it was.

That meant the party had to register unless the U.S. courts ruled otherwise by declaring the law unconstitutional. The party appealed to the Federal Court of Appeals. It lost there.

Then it made its final appeal—

QUESTION

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — For the 30 minutes that the CBS television show, "The \$64,000 Question," was being broadcast last night, not one call came into the Ohio State Journal switchboard. But as the show ended, said City Editor Dan Flavin, "the board lit up like a Christmas tree." People principally wanted to know how much income tax Marine Capt. Richard McCutchen of nearby Worthington, Ohio, would have to pay from his \$64,000 winnings.

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