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Red Hat

By BILL JENKINS

Next Friday the sportsmen of Oregon will celebrate Red Hat Day, a day dedicated to bettering relationships between the hunter and the land owner. The idea was kicked off last year and stems largely from suggestions of the Portland chapter of the Isaac Walton League of America.

Basically, the idea is not to sell red hats, as some cynics would like to believe, but to call attention to the ever-growing problem of the hunter vs. the land owner and in all too many instances, I'm afraid, the word versus is chosen advisedly.

While I am not great hand to go along with most of the promotional programs presented the public today, I must admit that I can't help seeing a good deal of merit in this Red Hat Day observance.

Perhaps the greatest benefit to accrue from this cooperative campaign is in bringing to the attention of the non-hunting public those pressing problems which currently plague both factions of the hunting and fishing picture.

What you might call the practicing sportsman, the man who hunts and fishes and spends a good deal of his time outdoors, is already concentrating on these problems. He is aware that they do exist and even more aware of the need for better cooperation between the two groups.

But not everyone in the state likes to go out with a gun. I think perhaps it is the appeal to these that is all important. With out a full understanding of everyone, little, if anything, can be done. If everyone concerned would live up to the simple creed outlined by the Red Hat Day committee, I think that everyone would be happy.

It may be a difficult goal to achieve, since we've been trying to coerce mankind into living up to the Golden Rule for a good many centuries with little or no success. But nothing is ever accomplished without trying.

Of course we don't need a lot of fancy creeds to live up to in order to maintain good relationships. If every hunter would behave on the other man's property like he would like to have other hunters behave on his, there wouldn't be any trouble.

If all hunters would leave gates as they found them, be judicious in their use of firearms, considerate of livestock and farm furnishings, keep themselves and their dogs out of unharvested grain, keep their cars and their trucks off soft ditch banks, climb fences with care, watch their matches and cigarettes, ask permission before hunting on strange property, live up to the rules of safety and behave as a gentleman should every hour of every day, then the whole picture would be one of peace and serenity.

Basically, that is exactly what Red Hat Day is designed to accomplish. It is the responsibility of all of us, not just the outdoorsmen, to do our utmost to see that this is accomplished. The end result will not only be better relationships but better hunting for all concerned for all time.

I sincerely wish the committee success in their 1950 endeavors.

Strata

By KEN MCLEOD

In our last column we told the story of how William Smith discovered and correlated the various strata of the earth from the various ages of the earth from the various strata that were exposed by nature for examination. It is interesting to note that Smith's discovery did not immediately produce controversy for that was to come when people began to place dates upon the strata and estimate the length of the ages in years. During the 18th Century the big argument started between scientists and biblical students when years were placed upon the ages. The argument was just nicely getting warm when along comes the theory of evolution and someone said that man was descended from monkey.

The theory of evolution became a logical outgrowth of the study of the ages of the earth and man's continual effort to simplify the explanation of the complex processes of life. The early evolutionists apparently over-simplified their thesis and found themselves plunged into a bitter argument. It is not our intention to look at this battle today since in our discussion of the ages of the earth we have still some millions of years to go before man makes his appearance upon the scene. About the time man appeared in the world the elephant was the last of the very big mammals to live upon the earth and they had spread over the whole world except for Australia, which was no longer connected by a land bridge to any of the continents.

The survival of the elephant over other great mammals on the land is attributed to their intelligence and not their tusks. Thus we come to a new thing in nature which is the development of intelligence—the earlier creatures of the earth depended upon armament for protection against their enemies rather than intellect. As a general rule, however, nature was a poor producer of armament. Like all armament manufacturers she had a tendency to go in for overproduction until the principle of armament was carried to absurdity. The mastodons' teeth stuck 10 feet out of the jaw like

hay forks. In other species these external teeth were curved like tubas and were quite useless as weapons. They were little more than ornaments, like the jagged bony structure on the back of the Stegosaurus which looked like the rampart of a medieval castle but left the animal's body quite unprotected.

The armament of the smaller grazing animals probably contributed no more to their survival. Their horns would do for fighting one another over feeding grounds or mates but did not help them to defend themselves against meat-eating predatory animals.

Man then enters the picture and of all creatures he was the least equipped for battle at close quarters. Nature appears habitually to have made such mistakes. We have seen that powerful armored animals were ill-suited to the struggle for existence because they were too clumsy or because their armor shielded the wrong places, leaving vital organs unprotected. Man was even a worse case. He was vulnerable from head to foot. He lacked speed or protective coloration. He was powerless to escape enemies by flying into the air or diving deep under water.

Besides his poor defensive armament, he was poorly equipped for attack. His teeth were blunt compared with those of most flesh-eating animals. He could not open his jaws wide. His gullet was inelastic, his limbs relatively feeble. Like the oldest reptiles, he had five fingers or toes on each of his four limbs, but the nails were stunted. He could grasp things with his hands, but his feet were not even adapted to climbing rapidly, and as for weapons, a monkey's hoofs were superior.

Man's sole superiority consisted in that remarkable, gelatinous, grayish-white mass called the brain. A new being strode forth into the world who could make tools and thus transcend his own body. Tools lengthened his arms, multiplied his strength, provided him with claws more deadly than those of any animal.

The use of tools as artificial limbs has left deep traces in man's nervous system. At a very early date the sense of touch was shifted outward. Man has taken the extension of one of his senses so much for granted that no one ever realized how strange it really is. Only recently have physiologists noted that when we touch an object with a stick, for instance, we actually feel the resistance outside our bodies, not at the tips of our fingers where they are in contact with the stick. Tools seem to lengthen our nerve fibers.

When we look objectively at creation it is clear that man was created to live by his brain power alone, even his appearance in the world during a period of fearful stress, the Pleistocene Age, the age of ice, when great glaciers covered the world and created a period of intense cold man was not equipped with a nice coat of warm shaggy hair. It was up to his brain to protect him from the elements and creatures of the wild.

Odd Facts

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Odd facts and fancies a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail: That one way to reduce your dental expenses is to keep your mouth shut. (If you breathe through your mouth, you dry out your porcelain fillings and they don't last as long.)

That more than half the people who have to get a tooth drilled now ask for a local anesthetic—the sissies!

That there are 37,863 local postmasters in the United States, all of them now supplied with ball point pens.

That Edward Fields, a custom rug manufacturer, has trained Koko, his French poodle, to lift the receiver when the phone rings and bark a greeting. (We also have heard of a talking dog who learned to use the phone and before his owner could stop him the pooch ordered 10 tons of dog food, a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica and a milk wrap for a lady great dane down the street.)

That a nationwide safety check showed one out of every 10 cars on the highway has defective front or rear lights.

That the nation's 20 million anglers spend an average of \$90 a year each trying to land that "one that got away."

That a survey showed men highly satisfied with their jobs turned out less work than those mildly discontented with their jobs. (The second group was more ambitious, less stagnant.)

That if you're looking for a field less competitive than the one you're in, here's a tip: The musicians' local here lists only one qualified performer for each of the following instruments—Clavichord, bandoline, bandoneon, flugel horn, mandola, mandoline and viola da gamba.

That if you want to get out of a dull social engagement gracefully, say, "I'm suffering from cephalalgia." (All this means is you have a headache—but you get more sympathy.)

That all our palefaces need the lesson of tolerance exemplified in an old American Indian prayer: "Forbid that I should judge any man until I have walked two months in his moccasins tracks." That just 20 years ago young

college engineering graduates were glad to get jobs at \$120 a month. Now they often start at more than that a week.

That in laugh-hungry America only about 300 comedy writers make more than \$500 a week. (A quicker way to wealth is to become a topflight funeral director.)

That the American cowboy originated in the old East, not the old West. Dutch patriots contemptuously applied the term "cowboys" in 1766 to settlers in the Hudson River highlands, 65 miles from Broadway.

That it was Louis Ginsberg who said, "The only thing we ever have is what we give away."

No Chance

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
United Press Staff Correspondent

The Suez Canal dispute has ended any chance that Great Britain might grant self-rule to Cyprus within the foreseeable future.

More than ever, the eastern Mediterranean island has become for Britain an indispensable military base.

For several months, there was hope in London that an agreement might be reached that would end the violence by Greek Cypriots.

Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's seizure of the canal ended that hope.

Hence the prospect is that violence will continue and that Field Marshal Sir John Harding, governor and commander in chief, will concentrate on stamping it out. British relations with Greece, which wants Cyprus, will remain correspondingly bad.

Britain stiffened its terms for a Cyprus solution last week. Alan Lennox-Boyd, colonial secretary, said in the House of Commons that Nasser's action had strengthened the government's determination to keep full sovereignty over the island. He said:

"All the government thinking has led to the inescapable conclusion that recent events in the Middle East have underlined what we have always said—that Cyprus is vital for the protection of our strategic interests and the strategic interests of the free world."

Lennox-Boyd specified that Britain must maintain full control of internal security in Cyprus, as well as control of foreign affairs and defense.

In mid-July, Prime Minister Anthony Eden gave Lord Radcliffe, a high-ranking judge, the task of drawing up a "new, liberal" constitution for Cyprus. Under this constitution, Cypriots would have been given internal self-government. Radcliffe is still drafting his report. But the Suez dispute has made the question of self-government one for the far future.

"EOKA," the Greek Cypriot organization which is conducting the campaign of violence in Cyprus, demanding that the island be given to Greece, called a truce on August 16. It suggested new negotiations.

Harding's reply was to offer the EOKA extremists a chance to lay down their arms. He said his offer would remain open for three weeks. Under it, members of the EOKA organization who surrendered would be permitted to go to Greece and become Greek citizens.

EOKA rejected this offer and called off its truce. Violence was resumed.

Harding's amnesty offer expired on Sept. 12. He said that he would intensify a drive to stamp out violence. There would be no new attempt at a political solution of the Cyprus issue until the drive succeeded, he said.

Even before the Harding offer expired, the situation was complicated by a new development. Britain charged it had evidence that Greek Orthodox Church Archbishop Makarios was the real leader of the EOKA organization. Makarios had led the campaign for the union of Cyprus with Greece. He is in exile on an Indian Ocean island.

As of now, the Cyprus situation is far more than ever from a solution.

Optimism

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Optimism over business prospects in the coming months could scarcely be higher today—except in the stock market and among some of the more cautious of the financial fraternity.

The roll call of those seeing good times ahead covers most of the major industries, retail trade and even many of the farmers, whose income in the last three months has risen about 9 per cent over a year ago, according to the Agriculture Department.

Manufacturers have been testing good times of late by raising prices on many things, to pass along recent increases in labor and material costs—and so far at least the price hikes seem to be sticking, although the consumer hasn't been heard from yet at the retail level.

Optimism—or high hopes, if you will—can tally off many figures and announcements to back it up.

The steel industry says orders in sight mean capacity business for some time to come.

Aluminum men are preparing for further expansion to take care of expected increased demand. But the copper producers, for the

first time in many months, are finding stocks on hand increasing.

The auto industry insists that in spite of higher prices the new models will prove irresistible to the consumers. This is a chronic state of belief in Detroit at this season of the year.

Retail trade has been running above a year ago. Fattened pocketbooks of workers who have received wage increases and swelling employment totals make merchants sure this will be their merriest Christmas.

Appliance makers—who, like the auto makers, haven't been having as good a year as last—also count on rising personal incomes to jack up sales.

The construction industry couldn't be happier—except that portion that builds homes. Even housing picked up a little in August, although the pace is expected to slacken again in the fall.

Short Legs

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

I am always glad when I can give a definite answer to a question.

Q—A friend has one leg about one inch shorter than the other and a curve in the spine. Could this account for backaches? What would the treatment be?—S.J.G.

A—This situation could account for backache. The treatment is orthopedic and probably would involve building up the short leg by a high heel or other measures and perhaps additional orthopedic procedures.

Q—When one picks mushrooms, how can one tell definitely that they are the edible kind?—W.C.

A—There is no reliable method. The fact that a mushroom is found near a rusty nail, does not mean it is edible, nor does it mean it is poisonous. It is utterly impractical and dangerous. That an animal will eat a mushroom still does not mean it is safe; rabbits, for example, will eat mushrooms which are deadly poison to human beings. The only safe procedure is to eat commercially cultivated mushrooms.

Q—Will you please discuss carpal spasm?—J. N.

A—This disorder gets its name from repeated spasms of the upper end of the stomach known as the cardia. It results in dilation of the lower end of the esophagus—the tube running from the mouth to the stomach. This in turn interferes with the passage of food and secretions into the stomach. It occurs usually in young people who are excessively nervous or, indeed, neurotic, though the fundamental cause remains unknown.

The treatment depends on the severity of the process and how long it has been in existence. Diet and attention to emotional difficulties which may be present are important. At times mechanical dilation of the involved area, if carefully performed, will be useful.

Q—I have been treated by medicine for six months for an overactive thyroid gland with a plus 45 basal metabolism. Should I continue with medicine or allow operation?—Mrs. W. B.

A—This is a complicated matter which will have to be decided on the basis of all possible factors involved. In general, some patients with overactive thyroid can be satisfactorily treated by radioactive iodine (the usual "medicine" involved) and some require surgery. I should think that if your doctors advise operation it would be well to follow this suggestion.

Q—Would drinking large amount of milk cause calcium to form around the joints and result in arthritis?—Mrs. E. M.

A—Milk is not a recognized cause for arthritis. However, it is not good for anyone to drink too large amounts of milk or to take or do anything else to excess.

Q—What do you think of surgery for prolapsed eyelids? Mine droop badly and I understand that a tuck can be taken in the lid. This would give me a boost to my morale.—J.G.N.

A—Assuming that there is no disease responsible (such as myasthenia gravis) I suppose plastic surgery is a possibility. One wonders, however, how often this would be worth the effort. A competent plastic surgeon could render an opinion.

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

BLACKSTONE, Mass.—Mrs. Kornelia Zariczny vowing to resume her rifle-toting blockade if a town land dispute is not settled.

"The land the town took illegally is for sale. They can buy it or not. If they don't, I'll set up my blockade next week."

WASHINGTON—Adlai E. Stevenson commenting on a remark by former President Truman that Alger Hiss was not a Communist spy: "I have never doubted the veracity of the jury which convicted him (Hiss)."

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles before leaving for a new London conference on the Suez crisis:

"We are not trying to organize any boycott of the canal, but we cannot be blind to the fact that conditions might become such that transit through the canal is impractical or greatly diminished."

They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HATLO



Gilda Lashes Philippines

MANILA (AP)—A powerful Pacific typhoon packing 120-mile center winds struck a sudden blow Tuesday at the east central Philippines.

The typhoon, dubbed Gilda, ripped into Samar Island after suddenly developing east of the Philippines earlier Tuesday.

There were no immediate reports from Samar of any casualties or damage. But a U. S. Air Force plane from Guam tracking the storm east of the Philippines reported it had "spotted a ship that seemed to be in distress."

The Manila Weather Bureau said the typhoon was moving west-northwest at 12 miles an hour and was expected to be over Luzon Island and southeastern Luzon Tuesday night.

It was the first typhoon of the



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