

Cannibal May Be Answer To Top Fishing

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On The Folly Of Facts

CHICAGO — The Wilsons played it very smart about the San Francisco convention. No hotels for us — we rented an apartment on Russian Hill. . . .

It is NOT in Russia and it is NOT in Leavenworth Penitentiary, so there! It is in an excellent section. The B.W. will spend all day making beds and I will spend all day putting out the bottles.

We won't get to the Cow Palace and confuse ourselves with a lot of facts. "The folly of facts" is something I learned as an old convention-attender since 1932.

In '48 a fellow told me Henry Wallace was going to be nominated for Veep that afternoon. "Are you sure?" I asked. "I know for a positive fact," he said. "I won my first foot on trailing Wallace so I could get the victory statement."

When Harry Truman got it, I said, "Who's that? I hardly heard his name. Facts had gotten me all mixed up. (This will also explain why I wasn't Postmaster General in the Truman Administration.)"

"It was a well known fact" in '32 — when I went to my first convention (the Democratic) in Chicago — that we had prohibition. It was the first time I'd seen any heavy drinking. One young reporter there got his first hand on Grovering, he came to and said:

"Man, if I ever get over this, I'm sure going to do it again. It's another fact that in '48 I had a press badge at Chicago and that my B. W. had a radio repairman's badge. A further fact is that on the big night Quentin Reynolds, the main attraction, spoke my wife in his speech and himself onto the speaker's rostrum, on the very front row, while I watched through my glasses from a Popsicle stand in Evanston.

Yet some things stand out sentimentally—for example, Robert A. Taft's theme song, "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover," which I never got tired of even when they played it at 8 a.m. in Philadelphia.

I can still see slim-waisted, peppy Jimmy Walker in Chicago in '32 quipping to the photographers: "Pardon me, boys, but what paper will these pictures not appear in?"

And I recall Will Rogers unwinding from the press box at THAT Democratic convention where Huey Long was so prominent — until the day the FDR-to-go to the rostrum and say:

"I'm going to do something very unusual. . . I'm going to say a good word for the Republicans. . . . When they applauded—just because he said it—Will held up a warning hand. "Please," he scolded, "don't take up my time laughing."

Surely the Conventions are the Greatest Shows on Earth, and the closest to the mtn go through the wringer. Herb Striner had the sagest advice of all when he admonished a close friend, "Now you be careful when you go out there — and don't get yourself nominated."

THE MIDNIGHT EARL Frank Sinatra and pretty brunette Florence Wyatt joined the merriment at the Compozer. . . . Is Frank secretly in love with her? . . . stop here — at the St. Moritz? . . . Most of these voting YES on Ingrid Bergman quote the Bible's "Let him who is without sin, etc." . . . Billy Daniels has more galore in London than I can say. . . . Peter Palmer, an ex-GI with no pro stage experience, got the "Lil' Abner" title. . . . Denise Dared, chaperoned by sister Helene, dated ex-husband Peter Crosby at the Harwyn. . . . Singer Gene Davis will be at Fallsides with the Joe Franklin show. . . . Ex-beaver Luan Platter's poetry readings drew bigger crowds in Philadelphia than in N. Y. Says Lou: "New York's just a tight town." . . . Marion Marlowe's hobnobbing around on a twisted knee. . . . Bob Hope's film "Seven Little Foes" — he owns 41 per cent — has grossed \$6,000,000 so far. . . . Sophie Tucker, at El Berrache, admitted "I'm not a dancer." . . . The dancing Smoys, who busted up, are back together again. . . . Paul Douglas will tour in a 50G Cadillac to plug "Solid Gold Cadillac." . . . Lori Nelson first.

MONCK'S CORNER, S. C. — There's a savage cannibal lurking beneath the waters of the Santee-Cooper reservoirs, hard by the port fringes of Monck's Corner.

It's a mean, vicious oodst known properly as the striped bass, but dubbed the rockfish by anglers. Robert E. Stevens, a young marine biologist, believes the fighting rockfish is not quite the villain he's made out to be, however. More, Stevens thinks the rockfish have helped make the 160,500-acre depths of Santee-Cooper a virtually untouched anglers' paradise.

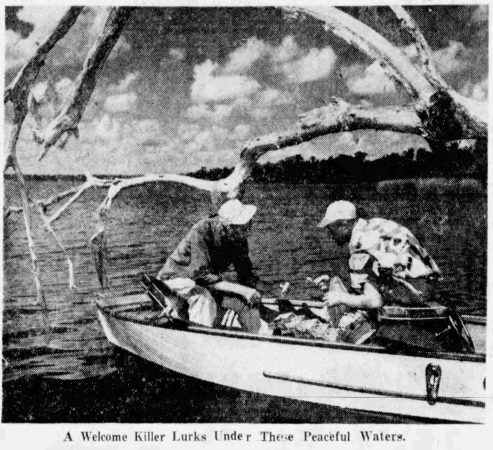
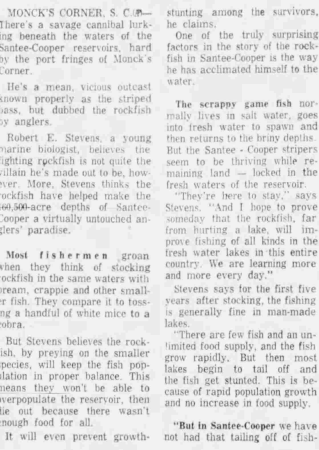
Most fishermen groan when they think of stocking rockfish in the same waters with bream, crappie and other smaller fish. They compare it to tossing a handful of white mice to a cobra. But Stevens believes the rockfish, by preying on the smaller species, will keep the fish population in proper balance. This year, he won't be able to overpopulate the reservoir, then die out because there wasn't enough food for all.

It will even prevent growth-stunting among the survivors, he claims. One of the truly surprising factors in the story of the rockfish in Santee-Cooper is the way he has acclimated himself to the water.

The scrappy game fish normally lives in salt water, goes into fresh water to spawn and then returns to the briny depths. But the Santee-Cooper strippers seem to be thriving while remaining land — locked in the fresh waters of the reservoir. "They're here to stay," says Stevens. "And I hope to prove someday that the rockfish, far from hurting a lake, will improve fishing of all kinds in the fresh water lakes in this entire country. We are learning more and more every day."

Stevens says for the first five years after stocking, the fishing is generally fine in man-made lakes. "There are few fish, and an unimproved food supply, and the fish grow rapidly. But then most lakes begin to fall off and the fish get stunted. This is because of rapid population growth and no increase in food supply."

"But in Santee-Cooper we have not had that falling off of fish-



ing. As a matter of fact, fishing seems to be getting better every year. Yet we know fisherman don't catch so many fish that it keeps popping down in the lake in the rockfish," says Stevens.

The rockfish will run up to 25 pounds and more in Santee-Cooper. They can be caught on a variety of baits but a hook and line and feather jib seems to most popular. Stevens and other scientists have tagged a total of 600 fish in the lake's canal. Of the total, 36 were recaptured with indications that only about 1 per cent had moved through the dam.

Though he is still in the process of studying the fish population, through checks by spotters on the number caught, controlled poisoning, through spot seining and checks on egg laying, Stevens believes the limit on rockfish could be raised. He feels the Wildlife Commission could go as high as double the present limit of eight without hurting the population. Stevens' studies are sponsored by a federal grant with the state contributing one dollar to every three from Uncle Sam.

FEATURES

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DENNIS THE MENACE

MEDICAL MEMOS

By DR. H. L. HERSCHENSOHN

If you have trouble with your ears when the plane in which you are flying begins to come down, you may find your nostrils with your fingers and then gently try to breathe out through your nose. You won't be able to, of course, as the nostrils are shut tight. The air will be forced up the eustachian tubes to your ears. The ear drums will be pushed back to their normal position. This will happen suddenly with a snap and the sounds around you which were dim and distant will become loud and distinct again.

When descending from a great height you may have to do this several times. However, be sure you do this with utmost gentleness. It will be just as effective and will avoid any possible damage that might otherwise result from the ear drums by a sudden blast of air. Many persons find that chewing a stick of gum is all that is necessary to keep their ears clear. If the discomfort should persist for more than a day after you land, see an ear specialist. He will correct the condition more quickly than waiting for nature to do it.

PEOPLE, by Charles Kuralt, which usually appears on this page, will be resumed after a two-week "vacation" of writer Kuralt with the U. S. Army Reserve at Ft. Jackson, S. C.



"I TOLD ya why! Our clubhouse isn't BIG enough for this gang!"

Read And Remember

Americans are steadily becoming more "long-haired" in their choice of music. During the past year, they have spent between 100 and 150 million dollars for records of classical music, about one-third of the record industry's entire business.

THE WORRY CLINIC: Some Fear Fluoridation

By Dr. George W. Crane

Paul raises a very interesting question. But modern scientists are still not free of such dangers from hysterical mobs. You may think that mobs went out of style after Jesus was voted to die on a cross by a pro-organized mob in Pilate's courtroom. But potential mobs are still striking right here in modern America. See what happens on some case lines:

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DEAF SMITH DISCOVERY In Texas a county is named after an early pioneer, called Deaf Smith. Deaf Smith noticed that residents of this county had almost perfect teeth. So they investigated and found that the water held a minute amount of fluoride in solution.

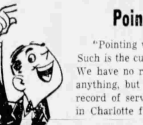
These police that people hadn't been dying of fluorides all those years in Deaf Smith County, Texas. Oh, some had speckled teeth but their teeth were almost literally as solid as rock. That's how the idea was started about fluoridating drinking water. And many large Ameri-

can cities now do so, and have for several years past. Their children are benefiting. You folks who haven't fluoridated your water are paying extra dental bills and your children are not as well protected with proper chewing machinery for long lives.

The fluoridation of water is like the iodization of our table salt—it acts as good health insurance. In neither case is enough chemical added to harm us. But many potential mobsters are trying to frighten people.

And some politicians think they can make capital out of claiming that fluorides will poison us. BE LOGICAL. In China the favorite method for committing suicide used to be the expedient of swallowing a handful of raw salt. So salt is also poisonous. It killed thousands. And still does when sailors are aloft at sea and drink the salty ocean water. But, so what? Do we get hysterical about having salt in our dinner tables?

Tobacco and liquor are causing thousands of times more damage than any fluoridation of water, yet why don't these potential mobsters work up a lather indicating those proved medical hazards to human health? If you potential mobsters in this country want to get "hot" up about real dangers to America, use a little logic and quit glaring at gnats while you grimly swallow camels.



Pointing With Pride

"Pointing with pride, viewing with alarm." Such is the custom at all political conventions. We have no reason to view with alarm anything, but we do point with pride to our record of service in the pharmaceutical field in Charlotte for the past generation.

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—The Everyday Counselor—

There Is No Unsinkable Ship

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

There is no unsinkable ship; remember the Titanic. There is no impregnable fortress; remember the Maginot Line. There is no unassailable life. There is no man-made security. We only have to live long enough to learn by bitter experience the need to give constant heed to the warning, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

St. Paul learned that truth the hard way. How clear Sholem Asch makes that in his life of St. Paul, "The Apostle." Our powers of recollection and remembrance if cultivated should teach us the necessity of being constantly on the alert, to be ready for any eventuality. Hard times always follow good times; yet the way many people are spending money today, one would never believe it. Sickness always follows abuse of the body; yet many act as if they had never heard of that truth. Trouble always comes, yet so few prepare for it in the only effective way yet discovered, sharing with others in their troubles. Confusion, uncertainty, darkness befalls all men at some time in their lives, yet how few learn in the bright days to walk with their Lord, who is the only certain Guide when the help of men fails.

The Bible continually reminds us that there is no lasting self-sufficiency and experience has proved it over and over. We are told that the only true sufficiency is of God. Those of any spiritual maturity have learned that long ago.

Again and again in my ministry I have stood by the side of those who have been engulfed in some great trouble or sorrow. They can see nothing ahead. But they can look back. Happy the man who can look back in faith upon the providential acts of God in his past life. For some of these he can already see the reason, others are still shrouded in mystery.

Some of you have known the power of God in your lives for years, others have just experienced it. There are many unfortunates who have never learned the joy of knowing that "the very hairs of your head are numbered" by God.

How many of you know the truth of the scripture: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee; with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord, thy Redeemer." There are times when He seems to have forsaken us, but in those of us who have entrusted our lives to Him comes the later promise of the Christ, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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BETTER ENGLISH

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Irregardless of this, we didn't get to go."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "disaster"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Incessant, insidious, incoherent, inexpressible.
4. What does the word "abject" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with per that means "boundary"?
ANSWERS
1. There is no such word as "irregardless." Say, "Regardless of this, we were unable to go."
2. Pronounce it first "s," then "z."
3. Incessant, 4. Down in spirit or hope. "He lived in abject poverty."
5. Perimeter.

AT CAMP-3 NATURE STUDY MUSEUM

At the Junior Editors camp they have a nature study museum showing collections made by the campers. Billy wants to be a mining engineer when he grows up, and he is studying rocks of their odd formations. Some are flat with clearly marked layers of different colors, others are round with circular marks in them. He has also found some arrow heads during his field trips. Janey likes to study leaves. She can identify many trees, and has collected the leaves in a book. Some campers have collected odd twisted knots of wood, and lichens from fallen trees. Others have found birds' nests that have fallen to the ground or blown down during the winter, and have studied their construction. After coloring this picture with your crayons paste it down on cardboard, and then cut it out. Fold it down the dotted red line so it will stand up. For contributing this idea first Mildred Stout, Wellsburg, low, wins \$10. You may win the Junior Editors award if you send in a usable idea care of this newspaper. Violet Moore Higgins, AP-NewsFeatures.

