

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

Via San Francisco

Wild life conservation, in the state of California, has been a topic of discussion for many years. Millions of words have been written on the subject, pro and con. Of the many pros I have read the following piece authored by Bud Boyd of the San Francisco Chronicle is by far the very best. Read it carefully and form your own opinion.

This is the age of the harvest—of the glib catchphrase which saves the public conscience. The thought is horrifying. But the fact remains that this is the established pattern: The deer is useless until someone kills it. The tree is wasted until we cut it down. The big trout living in a river is just a menace to the smaller fish, and it must be rapped across the head and stuffed inside a creel.

But the proper term is "harvest." We never kill a deer these days, or chop a tree, or catch a fish. The act is sanctified by terminology.

Yet we cannot blame the scientific minds which evolved today's ideas. For example, game management has become a credited science. At one time a knowing biologist surveyed the hunting situation, and said, in effect: "All right, why do men go hunting?" To kill deer, was his answer and with this premise established, the man proceeded to develop ways of killing as many deer as possible.

He found that a given area of land can support just so many animals. His answer was to harvest the entire surplus, and because most gunners are generally poor hunters, he found that the only answer was to kill the does and fawns, which were easier prey than bucks.

So with this decision made, a job of cropping was undertaken. Seasons were lengthened, bag limits were extended, and the unwise, unwary animals were reaped with the same detached approach as picking cabbages in the field.

Admittedly, the end was served with varying degrees of success. Yet it was found that hunters conduct went downhill, and that the meat-hunter was never satisfied anyway. He always wanted just one more.

So the flaw in the theory became apparent. It was established by conservationists and idealist-type hunters that sport and killing are not the same. Hunting is a sport in which the ethics were established over a period of generations. The prime requirements were simply this: follow ethics and use restraint, otherwise there is no pitting of skill, no challenge, no sport.

Now, the same premise is partially true of other phases of conservation. The fisheries' management expert found that the only way to put fish in the creel of many fishermen was to place them there. The only stopping place on this quick route from hatchery to creel was a momentary respite in the pool. But the fish were easy prey, and here, too, it was soon found that the catchable trout theory was an insatiable monster. Some fishermen came to expect continual plantings and they were the fish to howl for more plants at more frequent intervals.

And because fish in the stream were there only to be harvested, soon the big trout which ate little trout became villains. And little fish, which might have grown to decent size, were supposed to be caught as soon as they could take the hook.

Fishing as a skill and contemplative sport was forgotten as the emphasis switched to harvesting the trout, which, after all, were only there to be caught and eaten.

And this same disastrous thinking extends to the forest and mountain stream. For example, the other day we urged passage of the proposed Wilderness Bill, Senate 1123. Reaction was immediate.

Some wrote to help the cause, but others, who coveted the public land for the raising of livestock or the cutting of timber or the "reclamation" of the streams by erecting dams, were energetically opposed to it.

A classic response came from Bob Dutra of Berkeley, a forestry student at Cal. Dutra said, "The only wilderness areas should be small in size, and used only for scientific research." If this is the approach of all students, then heaven help our future.

Another response came from a timber company official, who hastened to point out that if the wilderness areas were established, then the trees, which were prime for "harvesting" by loggers, would become over-ripe.

So here, too, we are faced with a phase of modern thinking where the word wilderness has also become tainted. Harvesting might be neglected.

Yet surely, some of us realize that a wilderness is intangible. It is a place where only the wind has walked before.

You harvest this and it is gone.

Podres vs. Cards

Mizell For Red Birds

By BRUCE ALLYSON
Press Baseball Writer

After a more than successful effort against the San Francisco Giants, Johnny Podres goes after his second win of the early campaign today against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Podres, in Frisco, was on the better end of the 4-0 score. The lefthander had his fast ball working beautifully with little chance of using his curve because of the winds in Candlestick Park. Johnny, again was the master of the change-up. A ninth inning uprising by the Dodgers cooled Podres and he was forced to retire in the later half of the inning after loading the bases. Roebuck, the ole fireballer, pitched to one man and the game was over for the Giants.

Alston will go with practically the same line-up he used against the Cardinals Friday and Saturday. Davis is expected to start in center and perhaps give way to Demeter in the later stages of the game.

Solly Hemus of the Red Birds indicated that he will start "Vinegar Bend" Mizell who pitched his first win against the Cubs earlier in the week.

The game is a daytime affair and will be broadcast by KFI at 11:55 a.m. or 12:55 p.m., depending on what clock your going by.



QUARTER-MIDGET RACE CHAMPION Randy Brogden displays trophy he won at recent Grand National Invitational quarter-midget races in Las Vegas recently. Randy, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brogden, 2076 W. 235th St., will enter competition in Tulsa Aug. 5, 6 and 7, and then on to Denver. —Press Photo

Three Torrance Aggregations Defeated; Two Outfits Blanked

Wilson Gives Up Two Runs To Lost Tilt

Torrance scored one run in the first frame and was headed for victory over Culver City in the Pioneer Baseball league but Wilson weakened in the fifth and sixth stanzas. Score was 2-1.

Culver City put across a run in each of the two frames that proved sufficient to triumph. McGuire, caught for the losers. Haynes went the entire route on the mound for the victors with Bogan behind the plate.

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3 Runs Scored First; Enough to Beat South

Three runs scored in the first inning were enough for Aviation to beat South High, 3-0 in a Pioneer Baseball league game.

Pace who started for South, was the victim but he settled down for the next three frames when he was relieved by Newborn. Edwards, however, was in rare form, and pitched the full game unmoleted.

Behind the plate for South Torrance was Proctor and receiving for Aviation was Czarske.

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North High Blanked By Mira Costa

North Torrance was blanked by Mira Costa 2 to 0 in a Bay League tilt last Thursday.

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ECC Warriors

TOP EL CAMINO COLLEGE FLINGER-Ron Veres, above, is counted on to lead the Warriors in their contention for Conference honors. Throwing them from the right, Veres' best effort was a 12-0 shutout victory against Fullerton. Control is one of his best assets. To the right is Warrior outfielder Danny Huen. Danny is a Serra High product and is versatile enough to don mask and chest protector behind the plate to back up regular catcher Dick Patena.

Entries Being Accepted for Tennis Tourney

Table Tennis champs from all over Los Angeles County will square off against each other the weekend of May 7-8, at John Anson Ford Regional County Park in the Sixth Annual Greater Los Angeles County Table Tennis Championship Tournament.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Table Tennis Association, the plate for North Torrance.

Moeller pegged a fine game for the victors with Pearlman receiving.

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