

Outdoors with

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ernest F. Swift, one of America's great conservationists and outdoor essayists died in July and we are printing this essay of his as a memorial to a man who has left many scenes of the conservation field. He had been an assistant director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but he will best be remembered for his oral and written messages to those in the United States who want to perpetuate our natural resources.

This essay of Ernest's called "What Made America Great?" typifies the kind of man he was.

I profess to being no prophet or seer. But during three scores and ten years I have developed certain philosophies regarding the natural elements and patterns of human behavior which have made this nation rugged and strong—and which now appear to be in danger of decay.

Recognizing the romantic aura which surrounded the first explorations of this new continent—explorations prompted by ambitious and sometimes greedy monarchs as well as individuals of like proclivities, the real core of our strength developed through the migration of many plain God-fearing people fleeing the pressures of nobility, religious strictures, and lack of opportunity. Boundless natural resources gave impetus to a social revolution which resulted in a democratic form of government never before tried.

Generally speaking, the basic urge from the time of the first colonies in Virginia and Massachusetts was much the same. It meant opportunity for people to prosper within the framework of new freedoms according to their individual abilities.

It carried through the westering migration of their descendants as well as the influx of the Irish fleeing a potato famine, the Germans escaping monarchy before the Civil War, and later the immigration of Scandinavians and southern Europeans. It meant all were willing to face danger, and most of them did.

Ethnic backgrounds often determined where people put down their roots. In the beginning many Irish, English and Germans sought farm lands or became small tradesmen. The Irish that came later helped build the railroads, the great lines of iron highways that criss-crossed the continent.

Some Scandinavians, Russians and Finns became loggers because of their heritage; others homesteaded the prairies. Still other nationalities sought the mining regions because of homeland traditions, while some from all ethnic groups settled in the rapidly expanding cities.

Even though a predominantly English, Irish and Scotch gentry conceived our constitutional form of government, those who followed gratefully accepted the equalities, liberties and opportunities granted to all. Although a vast improvement over any European system, it was not perfect. It allowed slavery, indentured servants, and imprisonment for debts. A Civil War ended slavery and enlightened legislation gradually improved many conditions for the common man.

Under this new government the different nationalities and races struggled to attain their individual and collective goals, to assimilate each other's culture, and to learn how to live peacefully within the concepts of a new and challenging form of self-government.

were given hope within the framework of equality never before conceived. It gave people strength, courage, and stature so long denied them. They gladly accepted the discipline of hard work, long hours, and much self-denial, to achieve those goals.

What made the United States of America a strong, prosperous nation? A new form of government was certainly one factor; opportunities for people who were spiritually and physically starved was another. But certainly a vast untapped storehouse of natural resources—resources the like of which no European had ever seen or hoped to own and possess and convert into useful products—was the loadstone for achievement. If the men and women who developed this new civilization appear to have been overly aggressive or wasteful at times, it simply was an outgrowth of ages of little or no opportunity and much previous self-denial. They asked nothing but the opportunity to float their own stick, as the mountain man expressed it.

Now we have an unrest akin to revolution among some college students who are so well fed and clothed that they do not know what to do with their time. Many are subsidized by taxpayer money or from private foundations. They are supposed to be a rising generation of intelligentsia. They were born into a civilization created by the sweat and toil of others; too few have ever really had to scratch for a living. They have no concept of independent self-sufficiency. Frugality and plain hard work seem to be dirty words.

They seem to feel it their divine right, or at least a matter of course, that they can live from the fruits of the more industrious. They have little understanding or appreciation of the efforts and struggles which made possible whatever good life we have in the United States, despite some inequities. But most lamentable, these mavericks have no knowledge of the resources created through Providence that have made the United States a great nation.

They are, nevertheless, the generation which one day must carry the torch of conservation. How well are they being prepared? Have they any perspective as to what allows them this idle time in which to revolt? Not only does someone have to work while they march and destroy property, but someone has to stand guard over the nation's resources, someone has to practice husbandry or we will end up as scavengers of a wasted continent.

If these young rebels are attempting to reconstruct society, they are ignoring the very elements which make any society possible, even as imperfect as any of them may be.

It is to be hoped, and probably is true, that there is only a small minority of these plunks, punks and dropouts, because there certainly is a strong counter effort to educate the coming generation in the ecology of nature. A true respect for the natural elements cannot help but bring forth a sense of responsibility and discipline. If rebels without a cause had to put some of their vagrant hours on the land, they would sleep better nights and have less time to bay at the moon.

Campus riots are not triggered by an empty stomach but by too much of everything of a material nature. People who see the shadow of running a little hungry if they do not discipline themselves run a better race than those who have no goals other than to fill in idle time.—ERNEST F. SWIFT.



FLYING BIRD — Ken Schrier (40) of Southwestern leaps over a downed Roxana player in Friday night's season-opener at Piasa. Schrier leaped to avoid hitting the felled ball carrier. Southwestern was a surprise 27-0 winner.

Roxana Routed, 27-0

Illinois Valley Conference teams, six this year with Pleasant Hill having gone independent, opened their football seasons Friday night by winning four games and dropping two.

Southwestern rolled up the most impressive score, beating Roxana of the Midwestern Conference, 27-0.

In other games, all non-league affairs, Greenfield shut out Girard, 26-0; Carrollton blanked Mount Olive, 28-0; Winchester edged past Triopia, 7-0; Calhoun was jolted by Routh of Jacksonville, 26-6, and North Greene was no match for Pittsfield, 32-0.

Southwestern's Kenny Schrier scored three touchdowns, an extra point and passed for the extra point as the Piasa Birds rolled to an easy victory.

Mike Bryson was on the catching end of Schrier's PAT pass. Jim Powers scored Southwestern's fourth touchdown.

Schrier, who led Southwestern to a 7-0 overall record last year including a championship Illinois Valley Conference mark of 4-0-2, had runs of 43, 15 and four yards for his six pointers.

Southwestern rolled up a 302 yard rushing total to Roxana's meager 83. Neither team would gain through the air.

Byland broke loose in the third quarter, this time going 36 yards into touchdown real estate. Carmody carried over for the PAT.

Danny Bowman scored three of Greenfield's four touchdowns against Girard. Lindell Rynders scored the other on a 12-yard pass from Warren Cole, who also kicked two extra points.

Winchester scored in the last five minutes to get by Triopia in an evenly-matched duel.

Mike Brockhouse caught a pass from Mick McGlaffon to score the game's only six pointer, a play that covered 27 yards. Larry Harbison kicked the extra point for the Wildcats.

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Unitas May Not Play As NFL Begins Grind

Atlanta opens at Minnesota tonight, but the big question on the inaugural weekend of the National Football League's 48th season is whether Johnny Unitas will open at quarterback for the Baltimore Colts.

"Extremely doubtful," Colts coach Don Shula said of his star quarterback's chances of starting Sunday's game against San Francisco and named Earl Morrill as the likely signal-caller.

Unitas hurt his throwing arm a week ago against Dallas and the usually stoic leader of the Colts admitted "it hurts worse than ever," after a brief workout.

The game is one of six Sunday afternoon with the long weekend winding up Monday night with Los Angeles at St. Louis. The game is scheduled for national television coverage (CBS-TV, 9:30 EDT).

In addition to the San Francisco-Baltimore affair, the other Sunday games are Philadelphia at Green Bay, New York at Pittsburgh, Detroit at Dallas, Washington at Chicago and Cleveland at New Orleans.

The American Football League goes into its second week of activity with Houston at Miami Saturday night and New York at Kansas City, Denver at Cincinnati and Oakland at Buffalo in Sunday afternoon games.

Morrill, acquired from New York Aug. 25, has had only a minimum of preparation, but the 49ers haven't beaten Baltimore in five years and managed only a 1-5 exhibition record to Baltimore's 5-1. John Brodie

beat out George Mifflin as quarterback of new 48er coach Dick Nolan's multiple-style offense.

Atlanta has lost running backs Ron Rector and Junior Coffey, but the defense, led by linebacker Tommy Nobis, is improved.

Joe Kapp, who had trouble adjusting from years in the Canadian League last season, has won the No. 1 quarterbacking job for Minnesota and is playing with confidence.

Green Bay, under new coach Phil Bengtson, will be seeking an unprecedented fourth consecutive title against a patched-up Philadelphia team. The Eagles have suffered injuries to several key players, including quarterback Norm Snead, King Hill and John Huarte probably will share the quarterback spot. The Packers, led by Bart Starr, looked their old selves in their final tune-ups.

Injuries plagued the Steelers during the exhibitions, but most are healthy for the Giants. Ken Nix makes his debut as the regular quarterback. Scrambling Fran Tarkenton and his favorite

target, swift Homer Jones, key the Giant attack.

Dallas, two-time Eastern champion, has 21 of 22 regulars back. Don Meredith directs the multiple attack. The Lions big question mark is their offensive line. Quarterback Bill Munson suffered some pulled chest muscles last week, but should be ready.

The Chicago Bears, under new coach Jim Dooley, had a 4-1 season with their "total offense," built around Gale Sayers, who may be used as a flanker on occasions. Sonny Jurgensen's return at quarterback puts some life in Washington's attack.

New Orleans beat the Browns 40-27 in a preseason game. The Browns' Frank Ryan had about a 40 per cent passing mark in exhibition play, putting more pressure on running backs Leroy Kelly and Charlie Harraway. Ernie Green is out with an injured knee. The Saints' daredevil quarterback Billy Kilmer had an exceptional exhibition season.

The Rams got stung for 151 points in preseason games, but figure to look more like the team that compiled an 11-1-2 record last season now that it's serious. Their defense is among the best in the league. The Cards look for better things from quarterback Jim Hart, who was intercepted 30 times last season.

Cards Having Late Troubles

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Associated Press Sports Writer

The Cincinnati Reds made a big hit with the St. Louis Cardinals after making five of them against the San Francisco Giants.

Waving their magical bats, the Reds reduced St. Louis' magic number to three Friday night after 6-3 victory over San Francisco that all but made the Giants disappear from the National League pennant race.

The Cardinals needed a little cheering up after losing to Houston 4-2. Despite their own almost certain center stage presence in the World Series, the Cardinals have been backing toward the pennant, losing seven of their last nine games.

In the rest of the league, Jerry Kosman tied a record by pitching the New York Mets past Pittsburgh 2-0, Los Angeles beat Atlanta 2-0 and Philadelphia downed the Chicago Cubs

Trials Stamp Out Hopes For Lindgren

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — Gerry Lindgren isn't the type to be wary of black cats, Bob Schul probably hasn't avoided stepping on a crack in the sidewalk in years and Richmond Flowers undoubtedly even walks under a ladder now and then.

It would be well, however, not to bring up the subject of Friday the 13th in their presence; none of them is likely to be amused.

At one time, all three were on top of the world. Lindgren was the United States' best hope for a gold medal at a long-distance race in the Olympics. Schul was Olympic 5,000-meter champion and Flowers was on his way to the world record in the 110-meter high hurdles.

But Friday—Friday the 13th—all three lost a chance to go to the Olympics in Mexico City next month.

The ulcer-ridden Lindgren's desperate and courageous bid for a third-place finish in the 5,000 meters at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials fell short by two-tenths of a second.

Schul was lucky to live through the event in which he was once world champion, finishing last and gasping for breath at the 7,377-foot altitude as he stumbled across the finish line.

And Flowers' attempt to return to top form after a leg injury that had kept him out of action for 10 weeks also failed. He finished fifth in the final of the hurdles.

Bob Day led by a wide margin most of the way in the 5,000 and then faltered to beat Jack Bacheler by the barest margin. Both were timed in 14:37.4. Lou Scott held on just long enough to beat out Lindgren, finishing in 14:53.4 to the little Washington State student's 14:53.6.

Friday's Fights
MELBOURNE, Australia — Johnny Farnoch, 124½, Australia, stopped Billy McGrandle, 122, Canada, 12.

BARCELONA, Spain — Pedro Carrasco retains European Bruno Melisano, 131½, Italy, 3. Carrasco retains European lightweight championship.

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Writers' Choice: Purdue Should Win

CHICAGO (AP) — Coach Jack Mollenkopf of nationally top-ranked Purdue's football team had a new worry today.

A Big Ten Skywriter group, battling 148 in predicting over 14 previous seasons, made Purdue a heavy choice to capture the conference title the Bollenmakers shared last season with Indiana and Minnesota.

The 56-member group which this week completed a plane tour of league camps gave Purdue 28 first-place votes and a winning total of 380 points based on 10 points for first, 9 for second, etc.

A like crew of Midwestern experts previously predicted only



LEADERS COMING UP — Winners and runners-up of the recently held Fall Handicap Tournament of the Lockhaven Women's Golf Association were, from the left, Mrs. Clifton Beach, first flight runner up; Mrs. Gordon Smith, first flight winner; Mrs. Thomas Mulqueeney, championship flight winner; and Mrs. John Wedig, championship flight runner-up.

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Mary	4	0	0	Wynn	4	0	0
R. Davis	0	0	0	Shub	4	0	0
Hoerner	0	0	0	Rader	3	1	1
Cappada	3	1	2	Colbert	3	0	0
McCarver	4	0	0	Brand	3	0	0
Shannon	4	0	0	McFadden	3	0	0
Javner	4	0	0	Giusti	3	0	0
Havill	4	0	0	Combs	3	0	0
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Totals	32	2	5	Totals	37	4	6

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