

Outten admires saffron shiner, admits we need roads too

Dr. Outten goes fishing to speckled trout land in his frying pan! Dr. Outten prefers it this way. As he explains, "One fishing season, I was back in the mountains at an especially good stream, watching the fish go by. Just at day, too. He came up I was standing there. 'Let me your license.' 'I have no license?' Then what do you do here?' 'Nothing,' he said. 'Just watching.'



He also has his credit at least one admitted publication, a study of the saffron shiner. No fanatic, though, he loves the saffron. The wide-spread stream pollution of this area has caused many more predatory fishermen to go screaming in carnivorous hunger, but Dr. Outten surveys his streams with humor intact. There is a need for conservation, perhaps, though the proper agencies are doing something

about it. The mill dyes shouldn't empty into the rivers and kill the catfish. Wastes shouldn't pour into streams and dye their bottoms poison green — yet there are other problems, too. Too much gravel, too, can be fatal . . . but Dr. Outten deprecatingly dismissed his love for the fish with a little smile. "Of course," he said, "we need the roads, too."

U.S.S.R. claims TV

As a service to its readers who will be getting much of their education this school year from such popular courses as Sociology 62 (better known as "The Untouchables") and Pre-med 2 (sometimes referred to as "Ben Casey" and sometimes, "Dr. Kildaire"), the Hilltop has prepared a special report on "Things You Never Knew About Television."

Although we Americans are the world's champion TV watchers with 54 million sets or an average of one set for every 3.4 people (except at MHC, of course), few of us know much about the fascinating and little-publicized history of the industry. For example:

You'd probably laugh if you heard the Russians claiming the invention of television, but for once there would be some truth in their boasting. A Russian, Boris Rosing, was one of many "fathers" of TV; he was first to prove, in 1907, that the cathode ray tube could transmit images.

It was a Scotsman, John Logie Baird, who gave the first public demonstration of TV in 1926, and within 10 years the

British had invented the commercial.

Color television, still among the "things to come" for Mars Hill (Mrs. Roberts of the modern language department and her husband have the only set in town), was first demonstrated in 1929 by the Bell Telephone Laboratories over wire circuits between New York and Washington. By 1940, color programs were being broadcast experimentally by the New York CBS station. It was "incompatible" color, though, and could not be received by ordinary black and white sets. Compatible color did not make its advent until 1951.

Surprisingly enough "Captain Kangaroo" isn't the most durable show on TV. That honor is held by a religious program "This Is The Life," produced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Since it joined the network in the fall of 1952, the program hasn't missed a single week. It is carried by 342 stations every week and is viewed by an estimated 10 million people in the U. S. and Canada.

What would your guess be as to the most widely viewed single TV transmission in history, a World Series game, a launching from Cape Canaveral, a Mars Hill football game? According to the BBC, it was the 1960 wedding of Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong-Jones, which was viewed by a world-wide audience of 300 million.

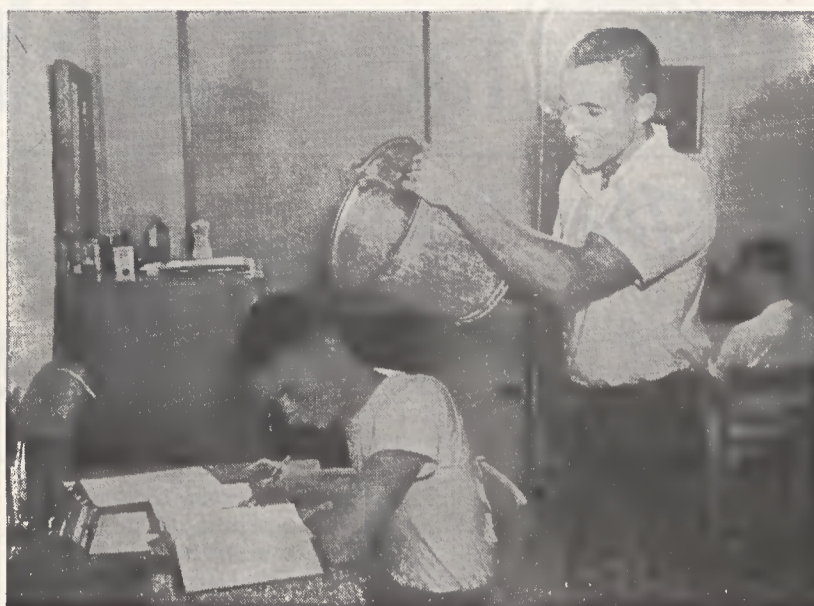
Largest TV commercial contract ever signed was the 1959 pact between Perry Como and his sponsor, Kraft Foods, for 66 one-hour NBC-TV color programs. Kraft paid \$25 million and that's a lot of cheese and jelly!

Despite this record, though, Como is not the highest-paid TV performer of all time. He's pianist - comedian Victor Borge. In 1953 he appeared on a 60-minute CBS show for \$175,000, which is \$2,917 per minute.

Title of youngest TV actor goes to Gordon Campbell Kerr, whose birth by Caesarean section was telecast over 49 NBC stations on Dec. 2, 1952.

Aside from the "astro-nuts" of those bread commercials on WBTB, Channel 3, the most "out-of-this-world" performer is probably French star Yves Montand, who recently made history with his transatlantic telecast via Telstar space satellite.

"Back to our sponsors in just a minute, but first a word from our program . . ."



Rick Williamson, with bucket in hand, seems to know something that Jim McCormick, the unsuspecting victim, doesn't know. Pretty soon, though, the knowledge will be mutual. Pranks are an everyday thing, even at Mars Hill.

Any time is prank time on collegiate campus

(ACP) — Any time is likely to be the silly season on the campus. Just consider some of the collegiate pranks reported by the John Armstrong in THE COLLEGIAN, Fresno State College:

One warm spring day several years ago a collection of trophies mysteriously disappeared from a showcase in a fraternity house at Ohio State University.

Several months later the house received a letter from a Catholic bishop in charge of missions in a Latin-American country, thanking the fraternity for its donation.

"Following your instructions," wrote the bishop, "I have had the trophies melted down, stamped into religious medals and distributed to natives in the hinterlands."

Only then did the brothers realize that they had been taken.

California Institute of Technology is the undisputed champion in the field of technological warfare. Just ask the Cal Tech senior who found a completely assembled Ford in his bedroom. He had to remove the auto piece by piece. Or the freshman who found every square inch of his room occupied by a giant weather balloon full of water.

Rebelling against the let's-

have - a - queen - for - everything - under - the - sun craze, several students nominated a nanny goat for prom queen last year in the early 1940's.

Finally, the goat was disqualified on the grounds she had not been a resident on the campus the preceding year. Nevertheless, she still ran a strong third in the voting.

Three profs at the University of Southern California have gone on record as almost unconditionally condoning pranks, providing they're nondestructive.

The comments to Karen Gustafson, DAILY TROJAN feature editor, included:

"It's not harmful. I used to engage in that sort of thing and recovered." And, "You've got to get it out of your system when you're young. Picture a man of 40 in a panty raid."

They cite as a classic harmless prank the time the UCLA DAILY BRUIN was hijacked by USC students and replaced with a slamming mock edition the day before a football game.

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