

My first fishing experience was a memorable one. With a home-made pole and a can of worms my friends and I sat down on the creek bank hoping to catch some fish. In a very short time my line began to jerk; immediately I pulled the line out of the water, and there, to my surprise, dangled a sunfish. While I stood transfixed admiring this beautiful aquatic specimen, it flipped off the hook. My disappointment over losing the fish was great, but I have never forgotten the thrill of that one moment in which I thought the fish was mine.

Most girls would consider it an insult to be called a tom-boy, but I did not share this view. Since I have reached maturity, I find that little girls who are also tom-boys appeal most to me. I think this is because I can understand them better than little ladies.

Rebirth of a Nation

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WITH full scale building projects underway Germany is slowly and steadily rebuilding much of the destruction it suffered during World War II. These industrious people, who have a tremendous amount of spirit and ambition, have come a long way since the tragic war days.

Besides rebuilding material things the German people are striving desperately to maintain and even improve the peace they now have. It is not easy to forget the perils of war when a country's soldiers are still being released from Russian concentration camps. The effects of such a devastating war are hard to forget, especially since so many of the shadows of days past still linger in the background.

The continued shipments of American troops to Germany is helping much to give the Germans a feeling of security. Their attitude and behavior toward the American soldier is very commendable. It is not at all unusual to see many of our servicemen in German homes on holidays and weekends. This among other friendly actions is helping much to improve the pleasant relationship which exists between our troops and the German people. This is probably contrary to the thoughts of many Americans who believe that the Germans still retain a certain degree of resentment toward us and our soldiers. In most cases, that is not a prevalent condition.

Another factor toward building national unity and security is that the German people will soon be allowed to have an army of their own on a limited and restricted basis.

It is indeed surprising but wonderful to see the continuous accomplishments which these people are attaining. Perhaps the greatest factor in their wonderful recovery is their never-say-die attitude. The American soldier stationed in Germany is an eye-witness to the moral, spiritual, and physical rebirth of the nation.