

**Will Rogers Jr. Adopts Indian Son**



(NEA Telephoto) Will Rogers, Jr. (center) and his adopted Cherokee Indian son, Randy (right), welcome to the family 10-year-old Clem (left), Navajo Indian boy whom Rogers adopted in Los Angeles. Attorney Loren Miller (background) handled the legal proceedings.

**Fortune in Guano Will be Mined In Grand Canyon**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A California fertilizer company had federal approval today for an unusual mining operation in a cave 800 feet up the side of the Grand Canyon.

The cave contains an estimated 5,000 tons of bat guano—the droppings of millions of bats that have inhabited the cliffside shelter for countless centuries.

Randall F. Geddes, president of Randall Mills, Inc., of Paramount, Calif., estimated the commercial value of the guano—a rich fertilizer—at \$350,000, or \$70 a ton.

He says it covers two and a half acres of floor in the cave to a depth of at least 35 feet.

Geddes told reporters the bureau of land management has accepted his bid to remove the guano from the cave, located on federal property in the Lake Mead recreational area.

He estimated that it will take a five-man crew a year to dig the guano from the cave, sack it, and transport it to barges on the Colorado river at the foot of the cliff.

The cave was discovered two years ago by a Nevadan becalmed on Lake Mead in a sailboat. He noticed a black cloud of bats swarming out of the cliff and investigated.

**Group Asks Right To Meet Price Competition**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A law clearly guaranteeing individual sellers the right to meet price competition has been recommended to Congress by an advisory group.

The group, composed of 46 representatives of business, labor, agriculture and the public, made its report to the Senate Commerce Committee's trade policy subcommittee—did not sign the report.

The committee now is considering a bill by Chairman Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) to legalize uniform pricing where no conspiracy exists. Its hearings continue.

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**Blizzard in Western States Promises Benefit to Crops, Repelling of Grasshoppers**

DENVER, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The oceans of snow over the Western United States are filled with something besides misery. The beneficial payoff comes when the icy flakes start melting.

Farmers are the principal beneficiaries now. They'll be the prime beneficiaries when the white crystals dissolve into droplets of water and nourish the far-flung plains.

Federal officials agreed today the heavy snowpack from January's blizzards in the mountains assures adequate irrigation water. And that's the life blood of many of the West's rich farming areas—irrigation.

Dry-land farming may be similarly benefited. However, mighty winds swept some spots clear while drifting the snow against obstructions on the prairies. The snow-barren spots may be lacking in soil moisture when spring comes.

The heavy snows may be the start of nature's defense against what agriculture officials said could be a catastrophic invasion of migratory grasshoppers. The areas swept by the worst storms were also the most vulnerable to the crop-destroying 'hoppers. They are in Southeastern Montana, Eastern Wyoming and Colorado and the Western parts of Nebraska and Kansas. Federal officials said the grasshopper threat is the worst since 1940.

Excellent water supplies—which the current storms promise—would insure strong growth of prairie grasses and farm crops. The luxuriant growths could withstand the hungry attacks of the migratory 'hoppers without serious damage.

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