

Snake Problems Are Embarrassing But He's Not Investigating Now

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SONOMA, Calif. (UPI)—Lloyd Morain hopes the natural antipathy that a king snake harbors for a rattler will clear up a "darn embarrassing situation" at his mountain retreat near here.

Morain is a San Francisco business advisor and occasional world traveler. He and his wife took a trip to Africa some time ago and invited friends to use their summer home on weekends while they were gone.

One day the friends saw a three-foot rattlesnake wriggle under the house. And Morain noted on his return that the customary heavy mouse population had dwindled to nothing.

These two factors added up to a disquieting conclusion for Morain—a rattler had taken up residence in his summer house.

situation," Morain said. "We like to have guests in for a barbecue and some people are a little squeamish if they think there's a rattler around."

Help Wanted

Morain took steps to evict his unwelcome tenant. He placed an ad in the classified section of the Sonoma Index-Tribune reading: "Wanted—large king snake for interesting task. Price to be negotiated."

Morain explained that the king snake is the natural enemy of the rattler. It will kill the rattler by wrapping its coils around it and strangling it. Then it swallows the rattler. The king is immune to the rattler's poisonous bite.

Mrs. Ted V. Kirtley of nearby Glen Ellen responded to Morain's ad. It so happened, she said, that her son, Dick, had a king snake. A few days later Morain stopped by to see young Kirtley

who, at the age of 13, is something of a reptile expert. He owned three king snakes, five gopher snakes, one striped racer, one baby boa constrictor (that might reach 13 feet on maturity, he said) 12 garter snakes, a spectacled cayman alligator and a few salamanders.

Morain and the boy soon agreed on a price of \$6 for a 46-inch king snake, figuring \$1.50 a foot.

The businessman took his purchase home in a shoe box and released it down a rat hole in the kitchen floor.

Walk Softly

Morain himself isn't bothered by snakes, except at night. Some years ago, he said, he saw a rattler looking through a hole in the floor at him. He killed it with a shovel.

But whether the king snake he sent in under the house carried out his assignment is still unknown.

"I'm certainly not going to crawl under the house to investigate. It's too narrow anyway," he said with a grin.

"But I do know that some snake is still under there. There's no sign of mice around here. But we can't tell whether it's the rattler or the king snake."

Meanwhile, until he can get some positive proof, Morain treads lightly. He also keeps a long stick handy, just in case it develops that the rattler escaped his executioner and decides to join a Morain barbecue some evening.

ROSEBURG

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Neuberger called on President Eisenhower to give federal help to the stricken city, which lies 200 miles south of Portland.

National Guardsmen guarded against looting and radio stations broadcast repeated warnings that pilferers would be dealt with severely.

But there were no reports of anyone stealing. When the fires were extinguished the city's residents turned out in a remarkable display of cooperation to clean up the streets. By night-fall all but the worst-hit area was policed up and the debris carted away.

Mayor Arlo Jacklin said the truckload of explosives was legally parked. Driver Rutherford had planned to unload part of the explosives at the warehouse where he parked and the rest at a Roseburg rock crushing plant. He was injured by flying glass in the nearby hotel where he went for the night.

The dead included Virginia Kuykendall, 4, of Roseburg, who died in a hospital from injuries suffered in the explosion.

Bodies found in the ruins included those of Roy McFarland, assistant fire chief; Harry Carmichael, about 50; James Knight, 20; Dennis Tandy, about 18, and Bonnie Jean Berg, 19 all of Roseburg.

Pilot Claims Trip Boring And Routine

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (UPI)—The pilot of one of two F-100-F jet planes which made the first fighter jet flight across the North Pole today described their trip as "kind of boring and routine."

The two supersonic fighter jets landed here Friday after ground crews chased a wandering moose off the runway at Eielson Air Force Base. They covered the 5,405 miles from Weatherfield, England, in 9 hours and 37 minutes.

"We cruised between about 27,000 and 37,000 feet the whole distance," said Capt. Robert Titus, Norfolk, Va., pilot of one of the planes. "There wasn't much to do up there. It was kind of boring and routine."

The other plane was piloted by Brig. Gen. Charles Blair, Air Force Reserve, and a commercial pilot on the Atlantic run for Pan American. Blair is a special consultant for the Air Force.

Capt. Albert Kucher, 34, Philadelphia, was Blair's crewman and Lt. George Woody, 28, Horn Lake, Miss., rode with Titus.

Col. Stephen Henry, Commander of Eielson AFB, greeted the men when their planes touched down just one minute apart. The jets had to circle the field twice while ground crews shooed away the wandering moose.

Titus said the jets averaged about 500 miles an hour during the flight.

The airmen stayed at Eielson overnight and will fly the same planes today to Los Angeles.

Little Rock's Private School Needs Money

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI)—Little Rock teenagers who don't want to go to school with Negroes will have to wash nearly 270,000 cars in the next four days before the now defunct private school corporation will "consider" opening up again.

A group of students who attended the T. J. Raney (private) High School last year started washing cars for \$1.50 each Friday.

One group washed cars under a fluttering Confederate flag. Dr. T. J. Raney, president of the private school corporation, said the private high school could not be opened this year because "we're flat broke."

Gov. Orval Faubus closed the four public high schools last year and the private school operated on funds donated from throughout the world.

But the law Faubus used to close the public schools has been voided by a federal court, and the schools are scheduled to open next Wednesday.

Julie Andrews Takes Last Bow In 'My Fair Lady'

LONDON (UPI)—Julie Andrews, who has been "My Fair Lady" to playgoers in New York and London for the past 3½ years, takes her last bow in the American musical tonight.

Miss Andrews, a 19-year-old unknown who was swept to international fame by her role in the show, will turn it over to Anne Rogers. Her original co-star, Rex Harrison, left the cast in March.

After a vacation, Miss Andrews will go into rehearsal for "Jennie Kissed Me," an American musical based on the legend of King Arthur.

The "standing room only" sign is out for Miss Andrews' final appearance in "My Fair Lady." It has been for every performance since the show opened in London more than a year ago.

British Extend Plane Service To Far East

LONDON (UPI)—The nationalized British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today it will start service on its new trans-American route to the Far East in about two weeks.

Two Turboprop Britannia 312's will operate each week between London and Tokyo by way of New York, San Francisco and Hono-

Ike Asked To Declare Island Disaster Area

HONOLULU (UPI)—Acting Governor Edward Johnston has asked President Eisenhower to ask him to declare Kauai Island a major disaster area.

Kauai, exotic locale of "South Pacific" and other tropical movies, was the only island squarely hit by hurricane Dot Wednesday night.

Johnson and his staff completed a five hour inspection tour of the hardest hit areas Friday night and said that damage would be "well over a million dollars."

He added that he was "tremendously impressed with the way people were already pitching into rebuilding and repair projects."

103-Mile-an-Hour Winds
The storm belted the island with 103 mile-an-hour winds which tore off roofs and flattened power lines.

Heavy rains caused rivers to flood some low-lying residential areas. Domestic water supplies were temporarily cut off and all lulu.

The U. S. Civil Aeronautics Board authorized the New Britain service over the protest of Northwest Orient Airlines, which said it will mean an annual loss of 13 million dollars to U. S. airlines.

Death Follows Typhoon In South Japan

TOKYO (UPI)—A typhoon with 90 mile an hour winds and battering rain brought death and destruction today to the Osumi Peninsula area of southern Japan.

Twelve persons were dead or missing in the torrential rains—ranging from 4 to 26 inches—which preceded the howling storm. Casualties were expected to mount as the typhoon churned across Japan in the direction of atom-wrecked Hiroshima.

The storm tore gaping holes in sea walls and levees and sent floods surging into low-lying areas. The wind derofed houses and the rain unleashed landslides, paralyzing transportation and communications.

The center of the typhoon split in two Friday night, and it appeared for a time that Japan would not feel the full force of the storm. The halves rejoined, however, before smashing into the coast early today.

The storm veered east of the heavily populated Nagasaki-Saga area, where 500 Japanese were killed in disastrous floods two years ago, and hit the thinly-settled mountains on the border between Kagoshima and Miyazaki provinces.



IN TANDEM—Two heads are better than one when it comes to winning an unusual hat contest. Laurie Orlich, 9, and her mother, Mrs. Edwin Orlich, of Dallas, Tex., won first prize. Laurie wears a water skier trailing the boat on her mother's hat.

Fish By-Pass Discussed At Lodge Meet

JOSEPH, Ore. (UPI)—Details of a by-pass canal to carry fish pass the proposed high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake river were discussed today at a meeting at Wallowa Lake lodge.

Directors and technicians of fish and game commissions from Oregon, Washington and Idaho; the Fish and Wildlife Service, and fish biologists from Pacific Northwest Power Company were present.

The meeting is to be followed Friday by an all-day field survey trip into the rugged Imnaha river area, including a four-mile hike from the end of the valley road to the mouth of the Imnaha. The group of 25 there will board boats to travel down the Snake river to Lewiston, Idaho.

Purpose of the trip is to discuss "on the ground" the power firm's plan for a 15-mile canal to by-pass the proposed 670-foot high Mountain Sheep structure. The facility would screen the entire flow of the Imnaha, at a point above the short arm of the reservoir, and carry downstream migrants completely around the lake. Fish headed upstream for the Imnaha would use the same canal.

The proposed dam would be upstream from the mouth of the Salmon river, leaving that stream open to migratory fish.

Benny Goodman's Daughter Makes Musical Debut

NEW CANAAN, Conn. (UPI)—The daughter of the King of Swing made her musical debut here Friday night playing the piano in a concert with her father.

Rachel Goodman, 16-year-old daughter of clarinetist Benny Goodman, played a Mozart trio with her father and David Dawson, violist of the Berkshire String Quartet. The performance took place at the Silvermine Guild Hall.

Miss Goodman is an ardent fan of modern jazz, but, like her father, she also has a love for chamber music. She is in the senior class at Milton Academy in Massachusetts, where she is studying piano.

The rate of illegitimate births among unmarried women in the U.S. went from 7.1 per 1,000 in 1940 to 20.2 per 1,000 in 1956.

Wagon Train Leaves Old Oregon Trail

THE DALLES (UPI)—Oregon's modern pioneers said goodbye to the Old Oregon Trail this morning at their Biggs Junction camp site and steered the Centennial wagon train to a gala noon parade here.

The wagons pushed out at 6 a.m. for the 18-mile trip. The Biggs encampment on the banks of the Columbia river was the last Oregon Trail stopover for the train.

The seven Conestogas will camp here until Monday when they will be loaded onto a barge of the Pacific Inland Navigation Company for a trip down the Columbia to Portland's Willamette park.

The wagons will remain aboard the barge at Willamette park Monday night and at dawn Tuesday they will travel the Hillsdale-Beaverton highway to Hillsboro for encampment.

Pioneer Misfortune
In 1843 members of a pioneer wagon train which crossed the Oregon trail also took the river route down the Columbia. Then pioneers Jesse and Lindsay Aplegate each lost a son by drowning in a river accident.

Plans for a big celebration next Saturday at Independence were being made. The wagon train is due outside Independence next Friday. It is scheduled to be in Armitry next Thursday and Dundee on Wednesday.

Portlanders wanting to get a view of the wagons at Willamette park here Monday night were told that parking conditions would be difficult and that traffic probably would be heavy.

They also were advised that the wagon train personnel will want to get some sleep.



ALL TOGETHER, NOW—Pigtailed Italian Diane D'Este, 26, disdains her beauty. She couldn't care less if people compare her with Brigitte Bardot. But she was proud when French President Charles de Gaulle thanked her by letter for a copy of her 64-page book, "Peace and Prosperity." It's a crusade for world harmony.

NIXON ON TV

NEW YORK (UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon will give the NBC and CBS television networks equal time Sunday in half-hour programs dealing with his recent trip through Russia and Poland. The vice president will give a running commentary of films of the tour and will discuss its effects from 7 to 7:30 p.m. e.d.t. on NBC and from 7:30 to 8 p.m. e.d.t. on CBS.



THEY'LL BE IN '60 CARS—Some 50,000 auto frames in stacks cover several acres of the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant near Detroit. Company officials said the frames were not stockpiled against the steel strike, but had been processed in preparation for 1960 model changeover.

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