

Costs, Benefits of U.S. Food Stamp Project Weighed

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Agriculture Department figures some 25 million Americans might benefit from a food stamp plan, advocated by some Congress members as the way to assure an adequate national diet in this period of crop surpluses.

New Expedition Up Amazon Slated for TV

By CHARLES MERCER
NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP)—Sunday afternoon visits to the local zoo is a long-standing custom in many American communities.

"Zoo Parade" (NBC-TV, 3:30 p.m., EST) takes you to many places where you see innumerable fascinating creatures. Most recently it took Perkins and a dozen assistants to the upper reaches of the Amazon River where they spent two months filming new programs for the series.

Perkins, who is director of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, was delighted with the results, he said the other day on his return from a camp 2,000 miles up the Amazon. He found so many interesting things — which you will see in "Zoo Parade" eventually — that it's difficult to decide where to begin.

Catfish 12 Feet Long
Do fish interest you? In the Amazon live enormous man-eating catfish 12 feet long. Members of Perkins' party caught one of these — a baby catfish only six feet long on a 12-inch hook baited with a whole chicken. But how about the one that got away? It was hooked all right, but it simply straightened out the huge hook with an enormous tug — and escaped.

From Perkins' camp above Leticia on the Amazon he journeyed far up a tributary of the Amazon and visited the primitive Yaugua Indians, who wear grass skirts and never venture out to civilization. They will be seen performing a tribal dance on television.

The Amazon wilderness is a land of reptiles where Perkins and his crew found many of the most dangerous known to man: an 18-foot anaconda, a 6-foot bushmaster, a 2-foot boa constrictor, a tree frog eight inches long that crawls in slow motion.

Perkins' technique varies from that of others who film indiscriminately in primitive places and then edit their material later. He builds a program in the field, shooting sound on film whenever possible.

The result is a superb series.

Kansas Convicts Teachers, Pupils In Prison School

By STANTON SAMUELSON
LANSING, Kan., Jan. 12 (AP)—An inmate serving 5 to 15 years for burglary at Kansas State Prison is spending part of each day in high school studying radio repair, business law and algebra.

A major accomplishment of the school has been the steady decrease in prison laziness. "To broaden my field of knowledge and be able to learn something inside that will help me after I'm out."

He is one of some 375 students enrolled in the penitentiary's elementary and high school program. All but two of the 42 inmate-instructors also are students.

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Classroom discussions are interesting and enthusiastic. An elementary student drew a chuckle from others in the room with a comparison of how the modern cowboy has it over the cowpoke of the last century.

The pupil, a bespectacled, greying man in his early 20s, is serving life for murder. His instructor doing the same term for the same crime.

Engine Ready for Earth Satellite Missile



CINCINNATI, Jan. 12—"X-405" rocket engine, built at General Electric plant here, will propel proposed earth satellite 36 miles into outer space in just 2 1/2 minutes. Standing alongside is George L. Macpherson, manager of construction project, who said 11-ton engine is ready for delivery. Other engines will take over after this one burns out in 150 seconds. (AP Wirephoto)

Queen Ethel Back on Broadway

By WILLIAM GLOVER
NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP)—Ethel is triumphantly back on Broadway. But she has already made up her mind about how long she is going to stay.

"I'm in the show for 18 months — that's all," the lady flatly states. The Merman firmness and resolve are as renowned and sure as the vast brassy voice holding a high G for 16 bars.

Her determination is due to a few other items which now outshine the White Way's lights in her esteem. First, she is a wife and mother — then comes show business.

Box Office Avalanche
Queen Ethel is back after an extended sojourn in the Rockies at Denver. The glittering promise of her name rolled up a box office avalanche of a record 1.2-million-dollar ticket sale before "Happy Hunting" arrived at the Majestic.

And all the critics keep saying "I've been away six years." "I like fine all the wonderful things they said about my performance — but it wasn't six years I was away from Broadway — it was only four."

"Since then I've made some movies and been on television a number of times — does that sound like retirement?"

Discusses Family
Miss Merman chats in a dressing room interview — she never sees any fans backstage — in a mood of combative serenity. After 30-plus years in a tough-skinned profession, she seems sensitively alert in discussing her work, her family, her current vehicle.

Something Different
A gleam in Barstow's eye hints that the long-stemmed American beauties this time — nine in all — will be something different in glorified glamor when the show reaches the Winter Garden in March.

STRAFORD PLANS: The Shakespearean Festival at Stratford, Ont., getting an early headstart on the summer season has corralled Irish star Siobhan McKenna as a luminary.

Miss McKenna, busy with Shaw's "Saint Joan" on Broadway and elsewhere for some months, will play Viola in "Twelfth Night" opening next July 2.

Neuberger Asks Pulp Work Spur
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has asked the Forest Service to help him find ways to spur the creation of "minimum-spruce pulp operations" in Oregon.

Neuberger said pulp and paper projects are essential to taking up the slack in payrolls as Oregon lumber plants tend to go on slow-bell.

Fairris Family Can Call Texas Prison 'Home'

By RAYMOND HOLBROOK
HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 12 (AP)—If there is any one place the Fairris family can call home, it's the Texas State Prison.

Three members of the Southwest's most notorious outlaw clan are residents. Two others face trials on charges that could put them behind the bars again. One was recently released.

For two more, it's too late for any family reunions. They died in electric chairs.

Iwana Clyde Fairris, 41, serving a life sentence, and another of 50 years, for robbery.

Jerry Leonard Fairris, 20, his son, awaiting trial on charges of robbery and assault.

Hurbie Franklin Fairris Sr., 42, a brother of Iwana, who was released from the prison last February, but now awaits trial on burglary charges.

Brother Awaits Trial
Hurbie Franklin Fairris Jr., who died less than a year ago at 21 in the electric chair for the murder of an Oklahoma officer.

Bethel Raymond Fairris, 24, another son of Hurbie Sr., who is serving a 12-year sentence for burglary.

Mrs. Margie L. Zeglen, Hurbie Sr.'s first wife and the mother of Bethel and Hurbie Jr., who was released from state prison last April after serving a term for shooting her third husband to death. She also was accused of shooting her second husband.

U.S. Chief of Education Backs Teaching 3R's

By HERMAN R. ALLEN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The new U. S. commissioner of education believes children should be taught the old-fashioned three R's. But he believes it's just as important that they be taught to think, and to think "within a democratic framework."

He believes that in today's world American education carries a heavier than ever responsibility to develop each individual's fullest possibilities, for both his own and the nation's good.

He believes that schools and teachers today are far better than they were in "the so-called good old days."

The new commissioner, Lawrence G. Dertwick, on leave as superintendent of Chattanooga schools, emphasizes one more point.

"No appraisal of my theories on education would be complete," he says, "without a firm statement of my belief that the schools have a duty to impart moral and spiritual values. With character foundations well established in our youth, we can face the future looking forward to its marvelous promise instead of its fears."

The principles that Dertwick laid down in a nearly two-hour interview a few days after he had taken over as head of the U. S. Office of Education were his own.

He made clear that he had no intention as commissioner in attempt to force them on the schools and colleges of the nation.

States Should Control
"My view is that the federal government should exercise leadership but not domination, and assistance but not interference," he said. "Control of education rests with the states and communities."

Dertwick is already on record as "hopeful that federal aid" for school construction will be enacted quickly and harmoniously by Congress under a plan "designed to encourage increased financial effort by local communities and states."

He has called for support of the Supreme Court's school desegregation decisions but has urged Americans to avoid extremes in meeting them. "The Chattanooga School Board has stated it will have five years before desegregation is solved here."

Sheriff



GOLDEN, Colo., Jan. 12—Arthur Wermuth, who was dubbed "the one-man Army of Bataan" after killing 116 Japanese soldiers, was appointed sheriff of Jefferson County, west of Denver, yesterday. (AP Wirephoto)

Cons Going 'Crazy' for \$3 Per Day

ATLANTA, Jan. 12 (AP)—For \$3 a day and three days a month off their sentences, 16 prisoners at the U. S. penitentiary here are going temporarily crazy to help humanity.

They are voluntarily taking a potent drug that induces symptoms of schizophrenia, a common mental illness marked by unreality and disintegration of personality. By feeding them other drugs as an antidote, researchers hope to find a remedy for the mental ill itself.

Emory University's Pharmacology Department headed by Dr. Carl Pfeiffer is sponsoring the study under a grant from the U. S. Public Health Service. So far, Dr. Harry L. Williams and Dr. A. I. Miller of Emory have tested 8 or 10 antidotal drugs but are not yet ready to report on findings.

The 16 prisoners each a week take a drug known as LSD—lysergic acid diethylamide. One of them described the resulting symptoms as a tired feeling approaching sheer exhaustion, stomach cramps with nausea, a cold and clammy feeling.

Dr. Carl Prkle, prison medical director, said the men volunteered to take the drug "because they feel they are helping humanity."

They are given \$3 each day they take the drug and time off their sentences, as token compensation.

Cow Gives Birth to Third Set of Twins

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Jan. 12 (AP)—One of farmer W. H. Roberson's cows is the favorite subject of conversation around here today.

She gave birth to her third set of twins in four years.

Knowland, Johnson Pull Off Major Surprises in First Week of Congress

By J. W. DAVIS
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate came up with a couple of good-sized surprises in the first full week of the new Congress.

There was much talk and considerable eyebrow-lifting when: 1. Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.) announced he would not run for re-election next year.

Men Mentioned for Republican National Chairmanship



WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—These are Republican leaders most frequently mentioned as possible successors to Leonard W. Hall who retired in Washington as GOP national chairman. Left to right: L. Judson Morhouse, New York national committeeman; Fred C. Scribner Jr., of Maine, general counsel of the Treasury; Ray Bliss, Ohio State GOP leader; Presidential Assistant Howard Pyle, and H. Meade Alcorn, Jr., Connecticut committeeman. (AP Wirephoto)

stay on only until his present term expires in January 1959. Democrats joined Republicans in praising him to the skies.

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