

Dryland Ducks Can't Swim

DENTON, Ga. (AP)—A pair of ducks that can't swim are living evidence of the drought in this area.

When they had reached the age of eight weeks without ever seeing a puddle big enough to paddle in, their owner, Eddie Williams, 8, decided it was high time they got a chance to do what's supposed to come naturally to all ducks.

He filled a tub with water, tossed them in and stood by to watch. And a good thing he did, too. Eddie barely saved them from drowning.

Now they apparently consider water a death-trap for dryland ducks and won't go near the dangerous stuff.

Leaburg Man Reports on Indochina

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Register-Guard had a correspondent in Indochina a few days ago. He is Cecil McFadden, the Leaburg correspondent, who also is a radio operator in the Merchant Marine. McFadden made the following observations in a letter to the county news editor.

Haiphong, a city of well over a 100,000 is the port for Hanoi. Of course, the rail line has been in Red hands for some time and now it seems all area surrounding the city of Haiphong itself has been handed the Reds. S'est le guerre—But what a war. Saigon is an extremely busy port. In fact the ship had to wait 8 days, 45 miles downriver, before a berth was available for discharging. The native stevedores work an 8-hour day with

2 hours for lunch. Seattle could discharge entire cargo in 36 hours. We will be here from Tuesday to Sunday doing the same thing. As you may know, ship crews have nothing to do with cargo handling. It means that the vessel is tied up because extra stevedores are not employed.

Saigon streets hum with traffic. Some are wide and some very narrow. Typical rickshaws are 3-wheel affairs with boy pedalling high above the rider, many how ever have gas motors. Thousands of well-made bikes compete with motor scooters, small French cars such as the Citroen along with some larger American cars, trucks of all sizes and kinds plus the so familiar Willys Jeeps.

So close to the equator in July one would expect hot weather. It's here and with humidity to

spare for all the loggers in Oregon. The Chinese, men and women, favor a black shiny material for shirt and trousers topped off with the picturesque coolie hat of straw. There may be a few other combinations, not many.

Very few things have a set price so dickering or bargaining if you prefer is quite in order, in fact necessary, at times. The local currency is the piaster. No coin in general circulation. Paper currency size varies but not according to value. To make things more difficult for a visitor there is the official rate of exchange, which a crew member gets if he draws against his wages. It is about as realistic as a ghost in a cemetery. So one is encouraged to be realistic by breaking the law and smuggling ashore American currency despite an occasional search. Official rate is 35 piasters for American dollar. Black market quoted yesterday 85. Samples:

Item	Piaster	Official Exch.	Black Mkt.
Movie	20	.57	.24
Coca Cola	15	.43	.15
Bottle Beer	12-15	.34	.14
2 Mile Taxi			
Trip	7	.20	.084
One Hour Bike-Rickasha	30	.84	.36
(#1) Hotel Majestic Room	330	9.34	3.96
Litre Gasoline	4.66	.15	.06

French perfume and usual Oriental items are fair buys if one bargains well and has had favorable exchange rate. First class hotels and restaurants are reported to have good food and wines. However, few if any members of crew eat ashore refusing to chance the old tropical upsets. Especially so in view of excellent and varied food served aboard ship.

Camera fans do not find very much of interest in buildings, temples and such. However, there

are a million scenes to capture one's interest concerning the individual Chinese, the dress, places of abode, etc. Especially interesting for the camera bug are scenes along the river with the boats of all descriptions sailing and rowing probably unchanged for many, many generations. Many who have not known of home life away from their boats, tied up ten or more deep right in the city, during their entire lives. Small boats ply back and forth carrying supplies and provisions making it unnecessary for the housewife to leave her floating home. The Chic Sale is a partially screened — with burlap — affair hung over the stern with a small pole for feet.

Native market area is worth a few color shots too. Here one finds the real small business of free enterprise. One squatting girl may have a basket of eggs, a nether bananas shoulder to shoulder with one having live chickens or ducks. Some of the vegetables are dark green and look rich in food value, but more likely would send you looking for a doctor after dinner unless one could gradually accustomate resistance. Some girls are camera shy while others cheerfully pose for a close-up.

July 18 we sail for a short run over to Bangkok, Thailand. If you are coming along bring plenty of color film for fabulous temples and other Oriental splendor of a proud and colorful country. After a couple of days there we shall head northward again to Yokohama then back to the Pacific coast where the sight of cool tumbling water of the McKenzie will be welcome, to say nothing of joining my little family again. I'll be seeing you around the third week of August.

Tree Farm Movie Seen By Rotarians

Springfield Rotarians Wednesday viewed a new forest industries film, "The Promise of the Trees," showing the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.'s integrated "tree farm" and mill operations.

J. O. Julson, head of the pulp division at the Springfield Weyerhaeuser plant, told the Rotarians the film has been produced primarily for use in school classrooms and to show before civic groups and service clubs.

In color and sound, with music especially composed to accompany the scenes, the movie has a variety of forest, logging, and mill operation shots. Sequences of animated drawings explain the growth of cells in trees and show how wood fibres are separated in the pulp digesters.

Spectacular mill shots show logs going through the head rig and other saws, plywood manufacture, wood chipping, and pulp manufacture.

Shots taken at the Springfield Weyerhaeuser plant are included in the motion picture.

CONNOISSEUR

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—A municipal judge ruled Tuesday that nude pictures of Marilyn Monroe are "works of art" and should not be destroyed.

Judge Harry Grund ordered police to return the picture calendars of Miss Monroe to Hyman's Book Store where they had been seized in a raid.

Long Tom Grange Opposes 'Present Site' for Courthouse

The Long Tom Grange has notified the Lane County Commissioners it is opposed to construction of a new courthouse "anywhere near the location of the present building."

In a letter to the commissioners, the grange organization said it opposed the present courthouse site because of these reasons:

• "As taxpayers, grange members vigorously oppose removing from the tax list any property in this high, taxable area, the only result of which would be the raising of already exorbitant taxes."

• "We object to a courthouse located in an area where traffic and parking facilities make it practically impossible to transact business."

The grange's letter contended that "every effort" should be made to find a location for the new courthouse that would be removed from the "congested" traffic area and with parking facilities provided by the county. The commissioners filed the letter Wednesday without comment.

No Cracker Barrels

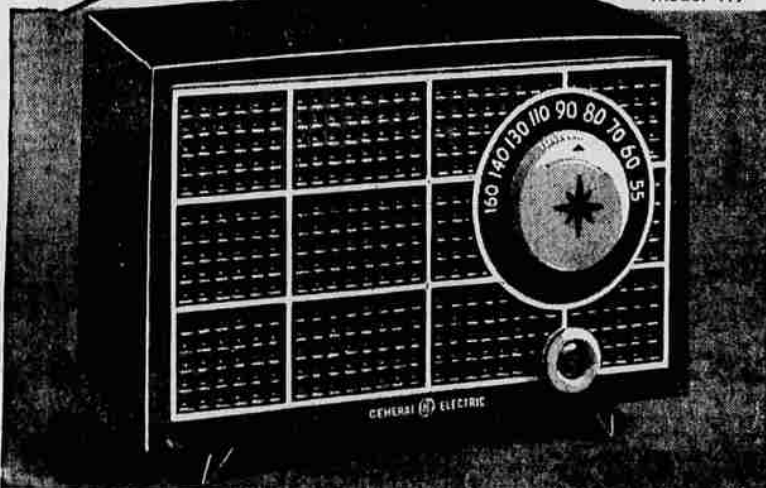
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The Florida Retail Controllers Association is searching for the "symbol of old-fashioned store," offered for a genuine cracker barrel even the promise of the association's trophy for the most able contribution to its next year didn't turn up any barrels.

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