

OUT OUR WAY

by J. R. Williams

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with Major Hoople



Boots and Her Buddies



Captain Easy



Vic Flint



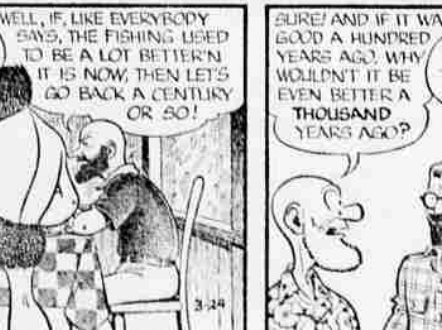
Martha Wayne



Bugs Bunny



Alley Oop



Freckles and His Friends



Anglers Miss Floating Isle

CLINTON, Mass. — (UP) — Fishermen are bemoaning the disappearance of ancient Floating Island at Clinton's Mossy Pond. Before Hurricane Carol and Edna dashed it to pieces last year, the wandering little island offered topnotch angling.

Hornpout fishermen in particular found the 50 by 30 foot island a godsend. They would cut holes in it — much like an ice fisherman would — and drop their lines into the dark waters underneath.

This was murder on the hornpout, who like their southern cousins, the catfish, are addicted

to darkness. Floating Island offered them a perfect umbrella to shut out the sun. It was a feasting ground for many varieties of fish that would nose about the base of the island for worms and insects that had dug down too far.

The island varied in thickness from two to five feet. In the dry season, it would sit about two feet above water level. But when the rains came, it would grow heavy and drop about a foot.

Its surface was covered with small trees and bushes on a base of earth and moss, and the walking was treacherous. The swampy bottom on a number of occasions had collapsed beneath careless sportsmen.

Local records mention the island as existing as far back as 1876. But legend dates it as at least a century old.

"For that matter," said one old-timer, "it may have been there a couple of hundred years." The island's location changed without any special pattern. It usually rested near the southern end of the pond. But an especially windy winter would find it driven far to the northern corner. However, it often meandered about with no justifiable reason.

Will Creates Health Center

WAYLAND, Mass. — (UP) — A thrifty Wayland farmer and cattle trader is responsible for one of the few privately endowed projects of its kind in the country — a \$165,000 health center.

Jonathan M. Parmenter was said to have "never spent a cent" during his life. When he died 28 years ago he left an estate of \$1,500,000, of which \$200,000 was to be used for a hospital or health center.

The Parmenter Health Center — the bequest has grown to more than \$630,000 — now offers Wayland's 8,000 residents the facilities of a medical clinic, dental clinic, a laboratory, X-ray and first aid rooms, an auditorium and living quarters for the resident director. Health supervision and a guidance program for pre-school children will be an important part of the activities.

BAPTIST ENCYCLOPEDIA OKLAHOMA CITY — (UP) — Southern Baptists have begun work on a 1,140,000-word encyclopedia about their denomination.

Dr. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Southern Baptist historical commission, said at a meeting here that 23 state Baptist conventions, 19 southern Baptist agencies, and the Woman's Missionary Union will contribute to the publication.

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SWEETIE PIE

by Nadine Seltzer



"Let's face it, Dad—Goldilocks and those bears are old hat—how about a story with some meat on it?"

Israel Develops Its Own Type of Cattle Wrangler

TIBERIAS — (UP) — So far no one has been able to find a good Hebrew equivalent for the word "cowboy," so cowboy it's likely to remain in Israel.

The Biblical letters look rather odd spelling out this American word, especially since the sound "ow" is not matched in the tongue of Moses.

Only in the past few months did an urgent need arise for the word. It came after 16 young farmers took a course at the Agricultural Station and returned to their villages adept in lassoing, hard riding and rounding up steers.

They don't copy the dress of the American cowboy. A Bedouin kuffiyeh is wrapped around the head as a substitute for the 10-gallon hat. Instead of levis, they wear khaki pants wide enough to let a draft through. But the more ambitious ones have asked that the next village budget provide the price of high-heeled boots.

The two main ranches in Israel both slope down to the River Jordan. Grazing land at Kfar Ruppin, a collective in the valley of torrid Beth Shan, lies flat between volcanic hills. Rich grasses grow in this hot, damp plain which was fertile in the days of stone-age man.

Poin Four Helped The ancient mound of Beth Shan towers to the west, with its Roman amphitheater and ruins piled since the reign of Solomon. The cattle of Kfar Ruppin munch the coarse herbage on the Jordan's brink, oblivious of ancient history.

The second large ranch, dubbed "Operation Cowboy," covers rolling hills on the shore of Lakes Tiberias. The homestead is near Ca-

pernaum, where a church marks the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Black basalt thrown up by volcanic disturbances before Bible times has been used to build the church and the Basilica of the Beattitudes which tops the mound overlooking Lake Tiberias.

This ranch owes its existence to Point Four. The U. S. Operations Mission in Israel lent its experts in range measurement to the agriculture ministry and invested in a herd of 2,000 sheep and 300 American heifers.

The scheme for pasture improvement, which covers about 500,000 acres of neglected grazing land, was boosted by two Point Four men, Wayne Miles of Illinois and Albin Moholan of Montana. They have convinced Israel cattle-raisers that a rodeo kit isn't the most important feature of a cowboy.

Stock-breeding for beef has just begun to find popularity among the conservative Israeli farmers. While poultry farming and milk production enjoyed huge government subsidies, beef cattle had a rough deal.

Too Few Cattle Slowly official economies have come round to the idea that chickens eat more dollars than heifers. It takes 3 1/2 kilograms of imported fodder to make one kilo of chicken, but only one kilo of fodder to produce the same weight of beef.

Cattle can graze on natural pasture all year, except for the driest season before the winter rains. But due to governmental hesitation, coupled with farmers' timidity, no more than 10,000 head chew the native grass today.

The herds were mothered four years ago by a consignment of dark-gray Indian cows, Brahmins, which had the advantage of resisting malaria. They acclimated at Acre Agricultural Station and soon felt quite at home by the Jordan instead of the Ganges. The Brahmins are being cross-bred with meatier European pedigree cattle, and later the Acre station will cross-breed them with local Arab cows which withstand tick fever and drying heat.

For a long time to come, meat will have to be imported under subsidy so the poorest family can enjoy at least 100 grams on festival eve. The comfortably off think nothing of paying exorbitant prices for steak.

Farmer Stirs Up Argument

WICHITA, Kan. — (UP) — Kansas farmer stirred up an argument among Internal Revenue Service agents when he sent in his income tax return.

Attached to the properly filled form was another paper listing depreciation of farm equipment. This, too, seemed to be in order, but the information was written on the back of a picture of a nude woman such as is used on calendars.

"We can't figure out," said one agent, "whether the farmer thought we would be so busy looking at the girl that we wouldn't check his return thoroughly or whether he was trying in a subtle way to show us his tax payment had stripped him."

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