Big Berth at Southampton—The Queen Elizabeth is moored at the ocean dock in new, Southampton, England, terminal which accommodates 2,000 passengers and the trains.

Young Soda Jerk Gets Movie Contract; Still at Fountain

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—A handsome young soda jerk who just landed a movie contract is busy dishing up hot fudge sundaes—to keep from going hungry.

He's 24-year-old Adam William.

And Producer Robert Stillman will tell you he's gonna be the next big movie idol. This is music to Adam's ears. But it doesn't buy groceries.

"My movie salary won't start for another two weeks," he said from behind the fountain of a Thrifty drug store. "And I can't afford to quit my job here."

He mixed us up a gooey ice cream concoction and—between customers—we got the story of his life.

"I've always wanted to be an actor," Adam said. "In fact, I've been haunting the studios for nine months. Meanwhile, I had to eat. So did my wife, Marilee. So I went to work for Thrifty.

"Doin' okay, too. Started out at $36 a week. Nnow I'm assistant manager and I'm making $50."

A few days ago Adam's agent landed him a starring role in Stillman's "Queen For a Day." And we guess that makes William the only soda jerk in town with a fat movie contract in his pocket.

Most actors in a spot like this order up a new car, tour the night-spots with beautiful dolls, and go hunting for a house with a swimming pool.

Adam's playing it safe. His acting career still comes under a "leave of absence" tab on Thrifty's books.

"They tell me I can come back any time I want to," he what they're doing. Adam's six feet tall with brown hair and blue eyes. And the bobby-sox trade at the corner drug has gone way up since he started mixing banana splits.

"I hope this contract works into something, though," he said. "It's been so hard . . . struggling along on pennies."

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Adam and Marilee live over a garage in North Hollywood, drive a $25 jalopy and pay doctor bills for their cat, Tuffy.

It's beginning to look like those drama courses at Columbia university and those six years on Broadway are going to pay off. Stillman says Adam's got the makings of a first-rate actor.

Whips up a first-rate chocolate sundae, too.

Tax Increase Bill Approved

Washington, Sept. 21 (U.P.) — Congressional tax writers have formally agreed on a $4,500,000,000 tax increase bill and sent it to the house and senate for approval.

Both the house and senate are scheduled to take final action on the measure Friday so congress can start its long-awaited recess this week-end.

The compromise tax bill, which was drafted in its final form by a senate-house conference committee, calls for substantial boosts in both individual and corporation income taxes to help pay for military costs.

Individuals will pay from 12 to 20 percent more in withholding taxes starting Oct. 1. The government expects to get about $2,745,000,000 in new revenue from them.

Corporations will be required to pay about $1,500,000,000 more per year in income taxes. The legislation also carries a provision committing congress to levy an excess profits tax on corporations to be effective as of July 1 or Oct. 1 of this year.

Interesting Letters Written By Witnesses of Fireball

By J. HUGH PRUETT

Fresh from tracing the huge meteor of August 11 from 174 individual reports, and still recalling many of the thousands of similar letters I have previously "processed," I find most interesting the general impressions recounted by many of those privileged to witness one of these celestial missiles.

These giant fireballs usually become luminous at heights around 70 miles above the earth, dash downward at 10 to 40 miles per second, and usually in a few seconds "blink out" 20 or more miles above the ground. No one observer can sense where the object actually is—truly a case where "things are not what they seem."

The August 11 fireball was seen by some from a distance of 225 miles. The time of appearance, direction traveled and its breaking into three pieces positively identified it. Many observers in three states were sure it fell near them.

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"Was fishing" (evidently in a gulch) "and it fell not more than 30 feet from me." "Fell in Neighbor's field one-quarter mile away." "Fell in this vicinity." "About 500 feet from us." "So close I could smell gas."

Heights and speeds are also confusing. "About 2300 feet high." "Disintegrated 200 feet above ground." "Going 100 miles per hour." (Likely 100,000 MPH.)

Most observers of fireballs are thrilled by the sight and express delight. A hotel operator wrote, "My wife and I were awed and filled with admiration to be treated with such a beautiful view of a celestial body." Another said, "It was color in action, presenting transitions of starlight in red, green and violet." One woman remarked, "The meteor was a sight of beauty, long to be treasured in memory's chest."

Another woman viewed the matter more calmly. "Eight of us were fishing and all saw it. We would have thought little more about it had not the papers taken it up. Some people make a big 'to do' about nothing."

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The view of a blazing fireball is said to be the "sight of a lifetime" — only one per person. Some who have never seen "theirs" doubt such phenomena. A man enthusiastically reporting to his house guests what he had just observed, was dryly told, "You likely just saw a firefly."

Many hesitate to report these rare apparitions for fear others will doubt their sanity. About 10 per cent ask me not to put their names in print. "People will think I was seeing things."

One woman wrote that her husband warned her not to tell anyone. "Your name will get in the papers as flying saucer addict." She spent a miserable night trying to figure out her mental aberration. Thirty-six hours later she picked up her Sunday paper from the front porch, she was restored to normalcy for she read that hundreds of others had suffered exactly the same hallucination that distracting evening.

Miss Hilda Swenson Heads Campfire Girls

Monmouth — Miss Hilda G. Swenson, formerly director of dormitories at OCE in Monmouth, has been appointed executive director of the Willamette area council of Campfire Girls, Inc., to replace Mrs. Milton Hartwell, resigned, her appointment becoming effective September 1.

Miss Swenson is well quafified for this position, having had varied experiences which have prepared her for these duties. She has been assistant dean of students at WSC in Pullman, director of the USO at Merced, Calif., social director of Susan Campbell hall at University of Oregon in Eugene, grade school principal at Mitchell, S. D., and a teacher in the public schools of South Dakota and Michigan, as well as director of dormitories at OCE.

She has received her BS degree in education from General Beadle State Teachers college at Madison, S. D.; her MS degree in education from the University of Oregon, and had some study in personnel administration at Teachers college, Columbia university, in New York City.

The luffa gourd, from which a sponge is made, grows wild and is cultivated in much of the tropical world.

18 Million Feet In Sale Offer

Eighteen million board feet of timber located upon six separate tracts of land in Polk, Clackamas and Benton counties, with an estimated value in excess of $283,000, will be offered for sale by the bureau of land management on October 9 and 10.

October 9 an oral auction sale will be conducted in the office of the district forester in Salem for the timber located in Clackamas and Polk counties amounting to six million board feet, while sealed bids will be opened in the office of the regional administrator in Portland on October 10 for two tracts of timber in Benton county with an estimated volume of 12 million board feet.

The Salem forest district includes public domain and O&C lands in the 12 northwestern counties of Oregon, with the exception of Clatsop county. Other oral auction sales of timber during the week of October 9 to 13 will be conducted in the other forest district headquarters located in Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and Coos Bay.

According to the Salem district forester, it is expected that considerable competition will develop due to the present scarcity of logs upon the market and the relatively high demand for lumber and plywood.

Summer Restrictions On Water Use Lifted

Dallas—The waning summer season finds all watering restrictions removed for the year, according to E. L. McCleary, manager of the Dallas water commission.

Through the summer, residential water users were asked to sprinkle and irrigate on alternate days. Lessening demands on the system with the cooler days now make it possible for the system to supply all needs of the city, McCleary said.

While work is in progress on the Main street water line project, the meters of most residential users will not be read this month, McCleary states. All but heavy water users will pay the minimum, but next month's bills will catch up the amount missed. The irrigation rate, established for the summer, will apply until next month.

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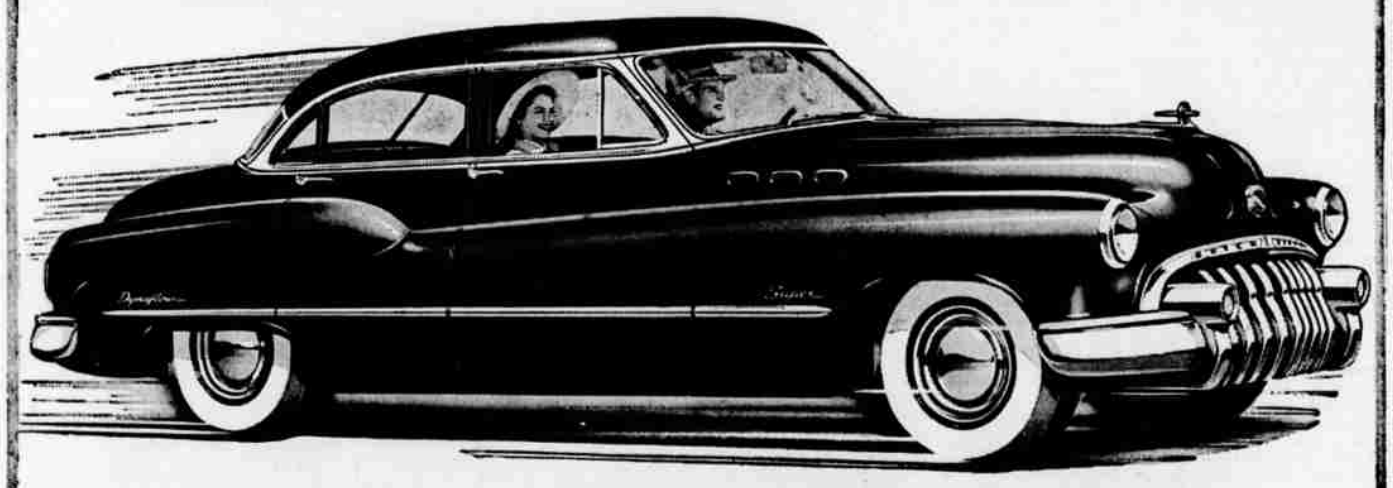

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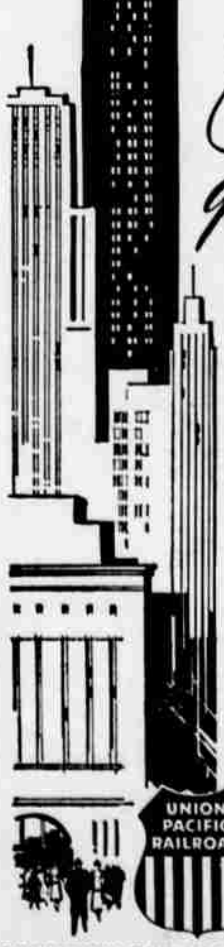

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