

# Acute Water Shortage by 1970 Seen Unless Conservation Plans Started

El Monte, Calif. —UPI— Man does not live on bread alone. He lives on water, too, and is wasting that water in shocking amounts, according to at least one expert.

Young William O. Baker unexpectedly found himself neck-deep in the water problem and took on the role of a kind of Messiah — the "original water worry wart," he calls himself — when he got into the business of building water filtration units for swimming pools.

Baker, 35, who has expanded his filtration business to the municipal level and to the point where he is working on a water system for an entire country — Ceylon — warns that the United States can expect an acute water shortage by 1970 unless it undertakes a program of conservation.

**Time To Worry**  
"We must conserve water," the mechanical engineer said, "or some day we'll be without it. Look at the smog problem here in Southern California. If we had started worrying about it before World War II, we would not have the serious condition we do. It's the same way with water."

Baker recently visited the Hyperion sewage disposal plant on the Southern California coast and took a sip of the water which the plant processes from sewage. "It tasted all right," he said, "but you can't sell people on the idea of drinking it."

The Hyperion plant disposes of this water by flushing it into the Pacific Ocean.

Baker asserts that the same water could be re-injected in the soil at strategic points to replenish the natural wells which are being dried out.

**Wells Polluted**  
He points out that wells are being polluted by saline solutions from the ocean to a distance of 12 miles on the Pacific coast and to a distance of up to 30 miles on the Atlantic coast because, as wells are drawn on, the pressure underground is reduced and salt water seeps in.

"All we can do," he said, "is ask God for more rain or take up a re-injection program to force water back into the earth, drilling reverse wells instead of letting it go into the ocean. The cost would not be too high when we think of what is at stake."

Baker notes that from a health standpoint, many municipal water supply systems are approaching the danger point.

"I don't think health departments have tough enough requirements," he said, noting that the bottled water industry is a major enterprise in Southern California. This, Baker said, indicates the unpalatability of the fluid which comes from the tap.

"Most people don't worry about water," he said, until it is shut off. "We've got to start worrying now."

He pointed out that the average householder cannot afford to install his own filtration unit and said it should be done on the municipal

level — and on a much more extensive basis than it is being done now.

Baker is producing a filtration unit roughly one-fifth smaller than the old sand and gravel type in use since 1847. His unit employs an element of cylindrical shape made of a polyethylene fabric which can be automatically cleaned. He has reduced the size to the point where one of his new 18-inch diameter units can do the work of two of the old type filtration units, 48 inches in diameter.

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**BOATING TRAGEDY**—Power cruiser *Lots Ann* lies on side in Puget Sound (right) near Seattle, Wash., after the 43-foot vessel capsized and sank with loss of seven lives. At left, Janet Wick, 16, one of five persons who survived the tragedy, is brought ashore by rescuers.

## Arthur Godfrey 'Mental Mess' On Eve of Exploratory Surgery

Editor's note: The following was written Tuesday by Arthur Godfrey in his room at Harkness Pavilion, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York. It was made available to the press through Columbia Broadcasting System.

**By ARTHUR GODFREY**  
New York —UPI— Several reporters have asked the same question on three different occasions during the last 24 hours: How do I feel?

All I could say was: I feel fine. And physically I do. In fact, I feel very well. I have no pain of any kind, my pulse is a nice, slow, steady 72 and my blood pressure an unexciting 118 or 120 over 80. For an old cracked-up Irish ruin due to be 56 in August, that's pretty good.

**A Mental Mess**  
Mentally, however, I'm a mess. You've heard of mixed emotions? Man, this is rough. No pain anywhere — look good — feel good — but some of the best brains in the medical profession have discovered a "thing" in my left lung. Can't tell what it is — this thing — but whatever it is, it doesn't belong there. It must be removed. If it's a benign tumor of some sort, hurray for our side — no more sweat. If the damn thing is malignant — cancerous — then there's real trouble. Maybe have to take the whole lung out.

Well, even that's not too bad. Lots of folks are walking around with only one lung these days. Such skillful and timely surgery has prolonged the life of many a man.

**Been Doing Well**  
I won't mind one bit just so long as it doesn't cripple me up so that I can't ride or swim

or fly. I've been doing pretty well with my tin hip for some time now — it's amazing how much pain you can learn to ignore. Just so I can mount up and go bucketing across country with Mary, it'll be all right with me. We're just learning to ride "cuttin' hosses," too, so we can help work

### Court Records

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Jose Salgado Covarrubias, 3761 South Pacific highway, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$100.  
Carl Hogan Blair, transient, drunk in public, \$20.  
Clifford Shoemaker, Camp White, drunk in public, \$10 drunk in public (second offense), \$10 and 10 days.

Alexander Alvarez Jr., expired license plates, \$5.  
Mary Mahlene Lappin, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Roy John Holbrook, violation of basic rule, \$20.  
Blake Eugene Taylor, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Dan Hugh Sharp, driving without glasses (required on license), \$5.  
Robert Douglas Ford, Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Dorothy Dena Elliott, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Jim Virgil Jones, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Herbert Neil Merriman, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Susan Hurley Barker, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Vernon Fredrick Wolfthoff, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Lesley Robert Geraci, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
LeRoy Evans Root, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Douglas Gene Elliott, following too close, \$25.  
Gloria Priscilla Richey, expired operator's license, \$5.  
Gary Edward Brown, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Herman Kirt LeFlore, improper right turn, \$5.  
Gene Decker, excessive noise (pipes), \$5.  
Charles Terry Thomas, following too close, \$25.  
Leslie Ronald Little, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Charles Norman Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Margaret Pearce Phillips, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.

the cattle, and that's the most fascinating business in the world.  
Yes, we've been building that farm for 25 years. There we have planned to hunt and fish and swim and ride and prune and nurse the trees and shrubs and vines we've planted. To breed and train the horses to improve the herds — to feed and nurture the wildlife and try to leave the soil in better shape than when we found it. In short, to be good stewards of our lands.

All these things we had planned to do and now there is this "thing." Suddenly, out of nowhere. Never felt better in my life. Then, boom: This "thing." This horrible, skulking "thing," visible only as a ghostly shadow on an x-ray negative. This "thing" that no longer gives pain probably because I can't feel it through the cold, clammy, clutching fear that's gnawing at my vitals.

These are some of the thoughts that buzz around in my head when a reporter asks: How do I feel. What else can I tell him but: I feel fine.

### HURRAY FOR BEER

London —UPI— Jocelyn Simon, financial secretary to the British Treasury, spoke up Tuesday in Parliament in praise of beer.  
"It was the substitution of beer for gin which startlingly cut the death rate in this country," Simon said. It is the staple drink in Britain's pubs, where, he said, "a vigorous, racy, social life is pursued, with that absence of friction which science tells us owes much to suitable lubrication."

## CENTRAL POINT Dessert Luncheon Served

**By DORIS HUGHES**  
Central Point—More than 25 members and guests of the Crater chapter, Grandmother clubs of America assembled at home of Mrs. Frank Smith Monday, April 20, for a dessert luncheon. Mrs. Sadie Cyphers served as co-hostess of the affair.

Opening exercises consisted of a prayer read by Mrs. Carl Hoover, chaplain. Reports were made by several committees and Mrs. Bert Langston was reported ill and unable to attend.  
Mrs. Elsa Walker and Mrs. Cyril Gay of Medford extended an invitation to the Crater club to attend a Centennial tea to be given by the Medford group at the Girls Community club on Monday.

Secretary Mrs. August Sukow and her husband are to be away on a trip for the next two or three months and Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, president, appointed Mrs. Roy Kelley to act as secretary during the absence of Mrs. Sukow.  
It was reported that Oct. 2 has been designated as "Grandmothers Day." In order for all members to become better acquainted, the ways and means committee stated that at the next meeting, everyone was to be called by her given name. Anyone caught doing otherwise will be penalized by having to contribute to the "kitty."

The next meeting of the Crater Grandmothers club is to be May 18 at the home of Mrs. Homer Jeffries on Scenic ave. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a dessert luncheon. Mrs. Carl Hoover will serve as hostess with Mrs. Jeffries acting as co-hostess.  
Tuesday evening, April 28, from 6:30 to 7:50, the Central Point Elementary and Junior High schools will hold annual open house. Parents are invited to visit their children's rooms, meet with the teachers and view the displays of work done by the children.  
The Parent Teachers association will be selling refreshments in the cafeteria. At 8 p.m. in the Junior High school gymnasium there will be a concert by the Junior High school band and chorus.  
Helen Caster, publicity chairman for the Crater High school PTA, announced that the final meeting for this school year will be held May 4, at 8 p.m. New officers for the coming year will be installed and reports from the state convention will be given.  
Of interest to the community will be the exhibits presented in the gymnasium by the art, shop and science classes of the high school. The executive committee expressed hope that many parents and friends will attend this meeting. Refreshments will be furnished by the executive committee.  
New Crater High school PTA officers for the coming year will be Mrs. Vern Tomlinson, president; Mrs. Claude Thompson, first vice president; Mrs. Charles Klutznicker, second vice president; Mrs. Robert Meaney, secretary and Mrs. Roy Henry, treasurer.  
Miss D'Anne Clark left Eugene Monday with a group

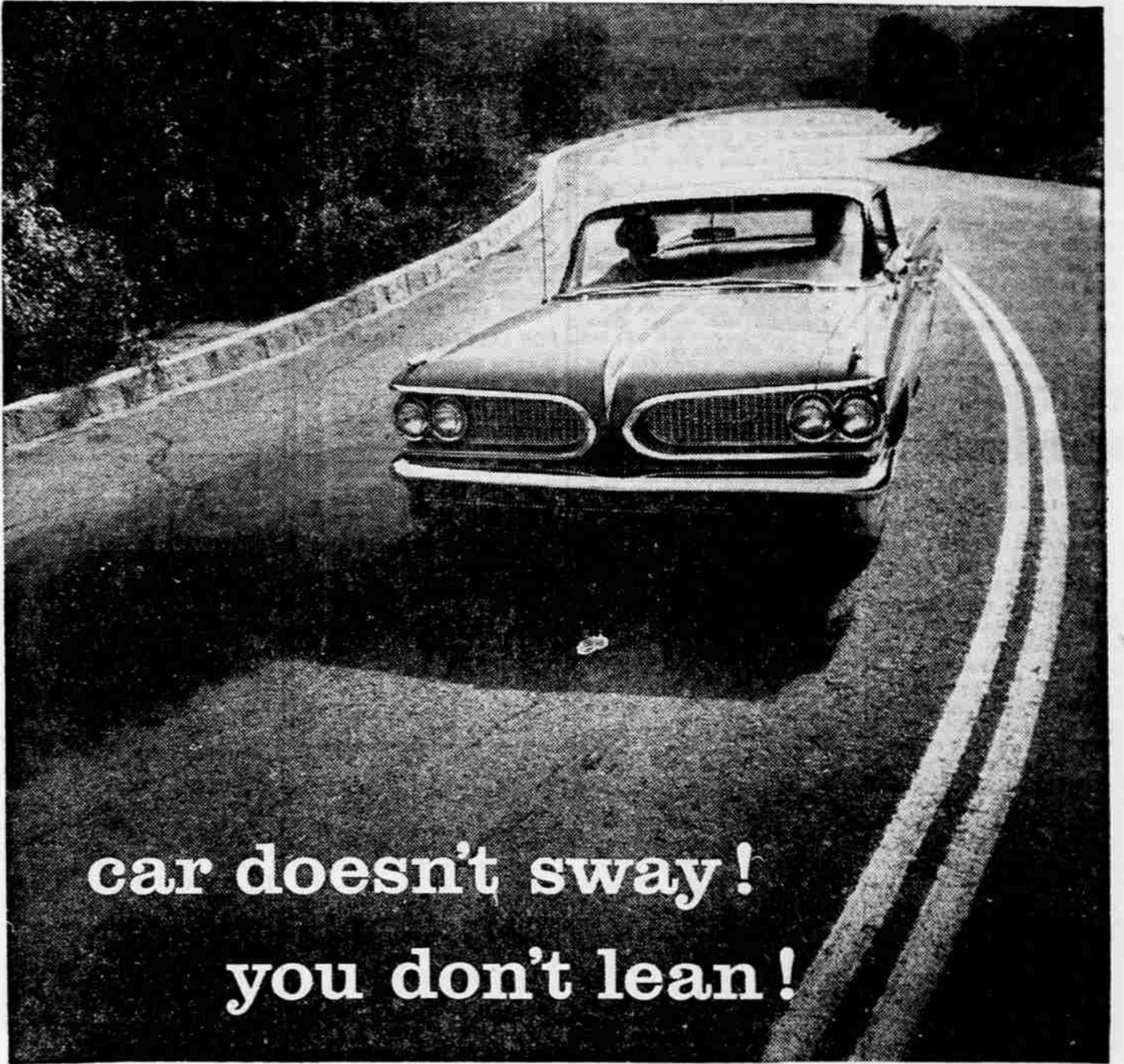
of eight more students from the University of Oregon to act as representatives of the Netherlands to the Model United Nations to be held in Los Angeles. Miss Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Central Point.

Luncheon guests last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Henry Mueller were Mrs. Grace Bruce of Gold Hill, Mrs. Francis Bean of Medford, Mrs. Lillian Twilight of Medford and Mrs. Frank Bruce and Mrs. Oscar Minnick, both of Central Point.

Members voted to buy flags for the veterans graves for Memorial day. Mrs. John Novak, chaplain, was reported to be recuperating from an injured limb. A report was made on the Easter egg donation to the children of the Camp White personnel.  
The next meeting of Central Point Womens Relief corps will be May 19 at the American Legion hall on Pine st. The meeting will begin with a pot luck luncheon at noon. Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson received word of the arrival of their first great-grandson born Tuesday, April 21. The baby who weighed 9½ pounds has been named Wayne David. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schneider of China Lake, Calif., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilson, of Camp White.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Purdy of Corvallis are the parents of a baby girl born April 13. She weighed 7¾ pounds and has been named Leslee Laureen.  
Purdy is a student of engineering at Oregon State college. Mrs. Purdy is the former Ginger Walters, also of Central Point. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Purdy, both of Central Point. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebbe of the Old Pacific highway, Medford.  
Miss Charlene Paull, who is teaching at Oregon City is home to visit relatives and friends and to serve as an attendant at the wedding of Miss Doris Chavis. Miss Paull is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Paull of Central Point.

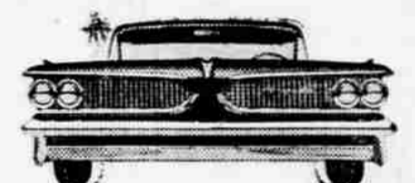
Guests last week end at the Lyle Paull residence were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paull, and son, Butch, of Reedsport. The visitors were with a motor caravan of visiting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the Gardner lodge on the coast. They were attending the Historical lodge trek at Jacksonville.



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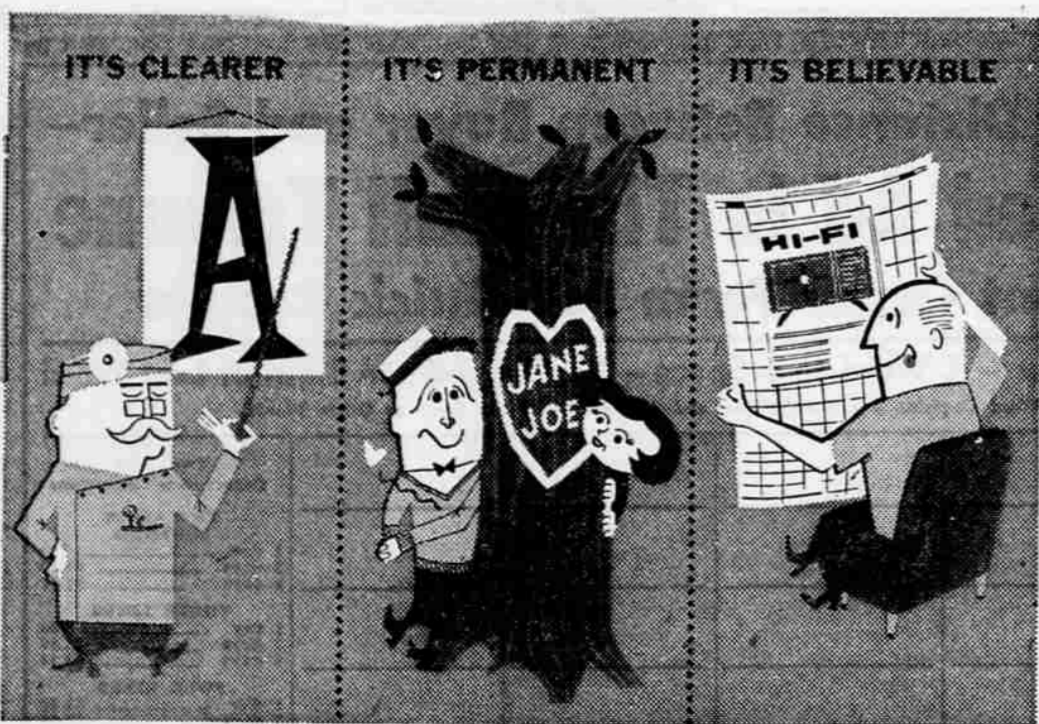
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