

**They'll Do It Every Time** By Jimmy Hatlo



**Coast Congressmen Defend Differential For Shipbuilding**

Washington—UPI—A group of Western congressmen have defended as "essential to the national defense" a six per cent differential designed to stimulate shipbuilding on the Pacific Coast.

At a house hearing, the Westerners Thursday rejected charges by Eastern and Gulf Coast congressmen that existing law "plays favorites" with Pacific shipyards and puts their yards at a competitive disadvantage.

Bills have been introduced to repeal a statute which specifies that the federal government must award a shipbuilding contract to a West Coast yard bidding on a West Coast job if that firm's offer is within six per cent of the low bid.

Reps. William S. Mailliard (R-Calif.), and George P. Miller (D-Calif.), Thomas M. Pelly (R-Wash.) and Thor C. Tollefson (R-Wash.) rejected attacks made on the differ-

ential to 11 per cent.

**Improved Labor**

Mailliard added that improved labor and supply conditions have helped the West Coast shipbuilding picture some, "but Western yards still need a differential to compete with other areas."

Clarence G. Morse, chairman of the Federal Maritime Board, said that while Congress reviews the differential to Pacific shippers it also should consider means of protecting Western shipowners under the defense subsidy program.

Morse, who testified Thursday that he recommended cutting the shipyard differential from six to four per cent, said today he favors an upward revision of the 50 per cent ceiling on federal contribution to actual construction costs.

Memphis, Tenn. — (UPI) — Memphis State university Thursday accepted six Negro students for the fall term. They are the first Negroes accepted since university President Jack Smith announced in July that the formerly all-white state-supported school would accept qualified Negroes.



**Small Worlds Around Us**

By Lynn M. Watkins

**Called Chuck-will's-Widow For That's What Bird Says**

It was perfectly natural to call the bird, chuck-will's-widow, for that's exactly what the bird says every time it opens its mouth.

This woodland bird is more of a voice than a bird. Of the countless people who have heard the plaintive call of "chuck-will's-widow" just at dusk, or in the darkness of the night, only a very few have ever seen the bird itself. Natural then, that many strange and weird superstitions have been built up around it.

Seemingly, it is a disembodied voice; a call that has no source. American Indians called it "Little Night Voice." Early settlers, hearing the call from the depths of the dark forest, thought it foretold disaster or death, and they could seldom see it.

Its overall color blends in perfectly with the forest floor, where it spends the daylight hours. The variegated pattern of blacks, browns and white, break up the outline of the bird so effectively that the littered floor of the woods, and the low, crouching bird, are one.

**Lengthways of Limbs**

If, at times the chuck-will's-widow chooses to sit on the branch of a tree, it always places itself lengthways of the limb, never at right angles to it as is usual with birds. When nesting time comes, usually in the early spring, the chuck-will makes a few leaves together, which

become the nest. In extreme cases, and with exceptional individuals, a slight depression in the forest floor becomes the resting place for the two or three eggs.

Even the eggs are blotched with lavender, lilac, and blue, or a dirty whitish background, which adequately hides them from egg-eating predators.

The chuck-will's-widow is the largest of the three important members of the family, being somewhat larger than the whip-poor-will, or the nighthawk. Like all the family, the beak itself is short, and small, but the mouth is extremely large, and wide, adapted to the capture of moths and other night-flying insects. The chuck-will even has "whiskers" surrounding the bill; these come in pretty handy in warning the bird of obstructions, and makes easier the apprehension of insects.

**Flies At Night**

Creatures of the woodlands, and the thickets, the will's-widow flies willingly, only at night, usually low to the ground, capturing insects and eating them while in full flight.

Like the call of the whip-poor-will, that of the chuck-will is sad and lonely, and somewhat mournful; coming as it always does from the darkness, it creates the illusion of mystery, and of unseen beings moving in the night. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1959)

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