

CBIA Group OKs Suggestion To Revise Charter

Spokane — (UPI) — The Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee has approved a recommendation that it revise its charter to allow it to discuss all regional problems and formulate recommendations regardless of the position of any member agency.

The proposal was opposed by the Interior Department.

It was one of five being considered by the CBIA at a day-long meeting here. All were advanced by the executive subcommittee which was requested to make recommendations for strengthening the CBIA.

Other recommendations would:

1. Take steps toward preparing a comprehensive plan for water and related land resources of the region.
2. Establish a moderately staffed permanent office of executive secretary.
3. Allow the secretary of the committee to be from a different agency from the president.
4. Improve official lines of communication with the committee on water resources and with other branches of the federation executive department.

Committee Suggested
In the planning recommendation, the subcommittee suggested that a subcommittee for comprehensive planning be named.

Agenda topics also included a forecast of power needs in the year 2010.

The CBIA is an organization composed of seven federal agencies and seven western states involved in the area's water resources.

Cigarette Smokers

Said More Impulsive

Cincinnati, Ohio — (Science Service) — Cigarette smokers are more impulsive than non-smokers, Dr. Daniel S. P. Schubert of the University of Chicago told the American Psychological Association meeting here.

The smokers are more likely to be thrill seekers, he said, and they are more masculine in their interests and more deceptive.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Lot of Things to Consider When Picking Pet

The time comes in every family when it must be decided whether Junior or little sister can have a pet.

Selecting a suitable pet for your children and your home should receive more thought than is usually given to such a move. Really there are more factors which enter here than in the purchase or acquisition of any piece of household equipment you will ever buy.

Ordinarily we only take into consideration what animal, bird or fish we personally desire, rather than how well we may suit the creature we are going to force to live with us. We compel it to adjust itself to our ways and our life and failing that, it has only two alternatives; to escape, or to die. Many of them die.

Are They Suitable?

There are many animals just not temperamentally built to withstand the unnatural conditions they are forced to endure. Some may even become hopelessly neurotic and be a nervous wreck in a short time; others may become surly or frustrated and make undesirable house pets.

A wild bird which all his life has had the entire outdoors to fly in, dashes itself against the bars of the cage with such senseless force as to quite often injure itself, or break its neck. Such birds seldom if ever become adjusted to cage life and should never be imprisoned.

The problem of feeding and adequate housing is a question which should have a definite answer before a selection is made. Just for instance: a baby owl often makes an interesting pet, but can you furnish a constant supply of fresh mice for him to eat? To live very long he must have them. Even a baby skunk will not do well unless a large part of his diet is bugs, worms, grubs and caterpillars.

Try a Baby Boa

You may shudder at the thought, but a baby boa constrictor snake makes an ideal and interesting pet but he too needs a special diet — rats or fresh meat. Although he will

not demand food very often, he must have what he wants when he wants it.

You don't have much trouble diet-wise with a cat or dog. Even here the question could be asked, "Are you and your family adjustable for your pet; can he tolerate your family?"

Someone said once that "in order to teach a dog or a horse or a gold fish new tricks you must know more than the one you are attempting to teach." This may be maddening, but it is true. The teacher must know more than the pupil; sometimes it is not the pupil's ability to learn as much as it is the teacher's inability to teach.

This fact became very real to me when, in trying to teach an animal to do something, I found that he knew more than I did. I never admitted it to him but in my own mind I was somewhat embarrassed. There have been many times when a little monkey has made that kind of animal out of me.

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Science Fair Ups Student Interest

Salt Lake City, (Science Service) — Science fair experience increases students' interest in science courses, related activities and scientific reading, according to a study made here of students and teachers participating in the Salt Lake City Schools Science Fair. Nearly half of the students reported that plans to study science at college were stimulated by the fair. Other significant results were increased knowledge, satisfaction in having done something well, new friends, and better ability to talk freely with people. In addition, 38 per cent of the sponsoring teachers changed their teaching methods and 23 per cent included new or modified units in their science classes.

The regional science fair plan is being developed throughout Utah, leading to affiliation with the National Science Fair, conducted by Science Service.

Better Camera for Moon Exploration Developed by Rand

London, (Science Service) — A better camera for moon exploration via satellites was described here to the International Astronautical Federation Congress.

Merton E. Davis of the Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif., reported that a new type of panoramic camera has been developed which could be shipped as part of the payload of early space ships.

Earth-based telescopes, which have long been the principal tool for the exploration of the moon, are totally inadequate for the job. They always give answers which produce more penetrating questions. Even the television cameras, such as those carried by Pioneer I and III, do not provide adequate pictures.

The five-million dollar project, a joint venture of 17 Western states, was a dream of late C. A. Reynolds of Kansas City. He originated the idea in 1947 and spent eight years selling it.

The first phase of the project is scheduled for completion in August, 1960.

vide adequate pictures. Carried in Rocket

The new camera, Davies said, could be carried in a four-stage rocket similar to

the spin stabilizer so that it would take pictures without blurring them. It would use the spin to perform its panoramic scanning.

Careful timing would be a major essential in this camera, Davies explained. This could be achieved by a device similar to that used to measure the spin rate and lunar direction on Pioneer III.

To maintain the focus of the lens and keep the film flexible, Davies said it would be desirable to pressurize the

camera and control the temperature and humidity near the lenses and film.

Lunar photographs would probably have much greater contrast than those at high altitudes near the earth, he predicted. Such earth pictures are often marred by the scattering of non-image forming light into the optical system.

A film which has a large dynamic range would be preferred for lunar photography. It should have a fast speed to allow high shutter speeds, per-

haps of 1/2000 second. The camera would be packed in a three-foot sphere designed to survive severe heating as it re-entered the earth's atmosphere. An ablating plastic surface has been suggested for this purpose. These materials absorb large quantities of heat as they are vaporized during the descent through the atmosphere. The total weight of the payload capsule would be 400 pounds, of which 40 or 50 pounds would be

vaporized during descent. The problem of actual recovery, probably from the sea, would be the same as that with other space capsules.

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