

School News

Howard School

The children in Miss Mary Klocker's room moved to the multi-purpose room for several days recently while the classroom was being painted.

During an art period, the class made kites and learned safety rules about flying kites. The pupils presented a singing activity, "The Sleeping Princess," as their part in the PE demonstration recently.

Mrs. Dorothy Arney's room has been painted pink and green.

We have a new boy, Frank Keesee who came from Lebanon, in our room.

Janet Clark told us about her spring vacation trip to San Francisco, and about some interesting things she saw at the aquarium. She brought back from her trip a week-old lamb named Baa-Baa, who came to school one day.

Janet Bailey's new puppy, Cricket, came for a short visit one day.

Lorelei Peterson brought a bean plant to school, and it is growing in its glass jar.

In Mrs. Margaret Mann's room Sally Hughes, Beth Bailey, Darrel Friesen, and Gary Gresham have March birthdays. They will go to the March birthday dinner.

We made kites in art class and a pin wheel for science.

In Mrs. Aina McDaniels' second grade, Ivan Whillock brought an old oriole's nest to school. Billy Perdue brought a chameleon to school. We saw it change from a brown to a bright green.

Janet Cummings brought

her parakeet. She calls him "Pee-dee."

In Mrs. Huldah Fisher's third grade room, there were several travelers during spring vacation.

Curt Taylor attended the state basketball tournament in Eugene with his family. Jimmy Dusenbury went to Coos Bay to visit his grandparents. Gary Montgomery went to Oregon coast. Mike Colley and family went to Disneyland and Tijuana, Mexico. Kristine Archibald went to Florence to see her grandparents. Laurie Rawlins went to Tacoma, Wash., to see her grandparents.

Mrs. Audrey Berry's third grade enjoyed our National assembly, Bill Jacobs, the one man orchestra. He played on some strange things, such as bottles partly filled with water, pans, bells, and nails, as well as the marimba.

We saw the movie "Nature's Half Acre." It is a science film about plants, animals and insects.

Rooms Facing West Are Harder To Heat

New York - (UPI) - Rooms that face west are usually harder to heat than those that face east, according to insulation authorities at Allied Chemical corporation's Barrett division.

The reason is that prevailing winds in the U. S. move from west to east. Experts also advise protecting bathrooms facing west with additional mineral wool wall insulation to make them easier to keep warm in winter.

India to Receive Helicopters From Russians

New Delhi - (UPI) - India will soon be receiving what amounts to military aid from Russia.

According to official sources, an agreement to sell a substantial, but undisclosed, number of high-flying Russian helicopters to India is in the final stages. The helicopters, significantly, are needed to supply the Chinese-threatened northern borders.

The most interesting aspect

about the deal is that India will pay for the choppers in Indian rupees, not foreign exchange. This rather clearly puts the transaction within the realm of military assistance. Indians deny the supposition.

Official sources told United Press International that the agreement is based on practical considerations. Last year, India purchased at least 30 C-119 Flying Box-

car cargo planes from the United States for much the same reason—rapid availability. The cargo planes, which are already in use in the Kashmir-Ladakh border areas, were paid for in dollars, not rupees.

General Service

The Russian helicopter under discussion is the Mi-16, a general service chopper which can carry 10 passengers or a payload of 2,645 pounds. The helicopter's main selling point is that it has a service ceiling of 16,000 feet and can fly higher. In the Himalayan region, this is essential.

The Indo-Soviet deal will be at the immediate expense of the American Sikorsky company which has been demonstrating its Sikorsky 62 helicopter here all year. The Sikorsky model has about the same features as the Russian helicopter, but is available only for dollars.

Military sources said the immediate agreement would not rule out future purchases of American helicopters. The sources said eventually India probably would build its own helicopters using either the American or Russian model as the prototype.

Besides the helicopter deal, official sources confirmed India is negotiating with Russia for purchase of small transport planes to further strengthen northern border communications. The plane is believed to be the Ilyushin 14—the Soviet equivalent of the Dakota or DC3.

PRODUCTION MARK

Fort Madison, Iowa - (UPI) - W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. has reached a milestone in its 53-year history - the manufacture of its one-hundred-millionth fountain pen.

Rockets May Be Used For Advertisements

Sacramento, Calif. - (UPI) - It's amazing what might someday be done with a rocket, aside from the ordinary things like launching new satellites or sending a man to the moon.

Someday, perhaps, a rocket might go up with a nose cone full of fluorescent powder that will be ejected in the shape of words, like "Bung's Beer Satisfies." This message would glint in the stratosphere indefinitely because there is no wind to erase it.

That idea came from an official of the Aerojet-General Corp., local manufacturers of rocket propulsion systems. He said that no Aerojet scientists were taking it seriously right now, but that admen might be interested.

Tremendous Cost

In fact, he said, it was reported that a Madison Ave. agency and an automobile manufacturer had considered throwing a satellite into orbit for publicity purposes. It was not disclosed whether the satellite would be shaped like an automobile, either regular size or compact.

One scientist who has refused to take such schemes

seriously is Robert C. Truax, director of advance development at Aerojet's liquid rocket plant. He pointed to the tremendous costs involved, saying that a single Atlas missile costs approximately \$3 million.

But he also said that the Atlas could become obsolete, in which case the government might decide to sell a few at reduced prices.

Such sales, he said, could make possible a Fourth of July fireworks display over Kansas that would be visible over the entire nation. The fireworks would be carried up 250 miles over mid-Kansas, where they would be triggered and seen simultaneously in New York and Los Angeles, he said after checking his slide rule.

Truax has a project of his own that has nothing to do with spectacular displays. He suggested putting a time capsule in orbit, one that would contain information now buried in the cornerstones of buildings.

"It would obviously be much safer up there," he added.

Three Borneo Territories Could Pose An Asian Freedom Problem

Singapore - (UPI) - One of the most interesting, but seldom talked about, questions in Asia today is what is going to happen to the three British territories in North Borneo after they achieve independence?

The three territories, Sarawak, Brunei and British North Borneo, seemed destined to gain independence within the next 15 years. Many observers believe this vast and sparsely populated land mass could become the scene of some international power politics.

Prof. Lee Yong Leng of the University of Malaya in Singapore has written that in the future there will be two main pressures on Borneo.

"One is the same age-old movement of peoples from the Asian mainland, the other a recent phenomenon arising from Indonesian independence—Pan-Indonesianism."

Lee said in a recent article for the Straits Times.

Prime Interest Oil

The prime interests of both those pressure groups, Lee said, will be oil and the wide open space where overcrowded neighboring countries might unload excess population.

Lee said that the three territories might well become an issue between Red China and Indonesia.

With the independence of the three territories inevitable, there has been considerable talk of forming a federation of Borneo States. There are numerous roadblocks to such a move, however.

In the first place, the 470,000 people who live in the three territories have widely divergent interests; there are large groups of Chinese, Malays, Indians and indigenous peoples there who have little in common.

Little Brunei, the smallest but richest of the three states, does not seem inclined to go along with plans for merger. Brunei's vast oil resources make it easily the richest per capita nation in all Asia. It is not interested in sharing that wealth with the neighboring territories.

A stronger possibility exists that British North Borneo and Sarawak might merge into one state. British North Borneo is rich in lumber, but so far it has shown little zeal for independence and there are not now any political parties there.

Sarawak, the poorest of the three states, is turning into a hot political arena, and the cries for independence are quite real, and no doubt soon will be answered.

Meanwhile, neighboring Singapore, with a population of 1,611,000, which is estimated to reach between 6 and 8 million within 40 years, has its eye on the three territories as a possible avenue to channel off its excess population.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew recently returned from a week-long trip to the three territories where he urged continued cooperation among the territories, Singapore and Malaya. All five areas were once under the British flag and they still have a common currency and close economical relations.

Out of Question

Singapore, obviously, would be delighted to merge with any of the Borneo territories just as it would with the Fed-

eration of Malaya, but that at present seems out of the question. All Singapore has to offer is its population, which might be regarded as a grave deficit right now.

Indonesia, which controls the southern half of Borneo, has not yet begun a campaign to make any of the three territories part of that sprawling republic of more than 2,000 islands. But many observers believe that if and when Indonesia gets West New Guinea from the Dutch, there is a good chance it will launch some kind of campaign for the territories.

The threat of communism in the territories does not now appear great, although the Sarawak colonial government recently issued a white paper warning the people that there was an active Communist Party in Sarawak dedicated to taking over the government.

Whether the Communists

could take over in Sarawak seems doubtful, but it is significant that the government warned the people of the danger.

Chinese in Sarawak and the other territories are generally suspect and the Sarawak government has deported to China a 23-year-old man for subversive activities even though he had been born in Sarawak.

The course of future events

in the North Borneo territories seem hazy to most observers at present, but there would appear to be a good chance that Borneo for the first time in its history could become a point of world attention in the coming years.

The significant factors to watch will not only be the internal political developments, but also the developments in the surrounding nations.

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The sale of bloodworms and sandworms to sports fishermen amounted to \$706,117 as compared with a whopping \$11,252,685 return on lobster. Next in value among the crustaceans were sea scallops (\$575,479) and clams (\$547,789).

PHILIPPINE IMPORT

New York - (UPI) - Philippine cigars are gaining favor in the United States with imports of Havana staples in doubt. Several importers report rising demand for cigars from the Pacific nation, which only recently had enough smokes for export.

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