

Dresbach Continues His Crusade Against 'Phony' U.S. Poetry

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EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark.
(UPI)—A frail, aging man continues a life-long crusade against the "phony" in American poetry from a hillside house in northwest Arkansas' "Little Switzerland."

Glenn Ward Dresbach, who has been called one of America's best living lyric poets by a number of critics, adopted the craggy terrain of Eureka Springs more than 30 years ago. The tortured turns of the city's streets are as sharp as his contempt for what he calls the "eccentric exhibitionism" of the lost generation and the beat generation.

His credentials as a ranking American poet are impressive. Eleven volumes of his poetry have been published, and selections of his verse have appeared in the Atlantic Monthly, Yale Review, Scribners Magazine, Century, Poetry: A Magazine of Verse and the New York Times among others.

Rabies Confirmed In Portland Area

PORTLAND (UPI)—The first case of rabies confirmed in the Portland area in nearly 20 years has been reported by the Oregon Board of Health.

The board said a 6-year-old Hillsboro girl was bitten this week by a pet skunk found to be rabid. She was being treated by the family doctor.

Board of Health veterinarians and county health officials immediately announced a survey of the hilly area west of Portland to see if they could find any more infected animals.

The board also said two rabid bats were found in Deschutes and Jackson counties earlier this week.

"This eccentric exhibitionism that calls attention to something that doesn't need attention is no more than a hen squawk. I resent it," the old man said in a tone that brooked no questions.

Dresbach always has shunned the "haunts" of the poet. For him no lost wanderings with the avant garde in Paris, no turtle neck sweater and beard disguise to go with a Greenwich Village address.

Plane Makers Enter Contest on Design

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Three of the nation's big aircraft manufacturers have decided to enter competition for design of a 2,000-mile-an-hour American supersonic transport plane.

The Boeing Co., the world's largest manufacturer of jet transports, announced in Seattle that it definitely would be a contender. North American Aviation and Lockheed also were reported to have notified the government of their intention to participate.

Tuesday was the deadline for interested companies to inform the Federal Aviation Agency whether they would compete for the prime contract for the airframe design of the supersonic transport.

What about T. S. Elliot and Ezra Pound?
"That's what I mean," he cracked like a rifle shot. "That goes for music too, and plays and painting. There must be an audience. It's all nonsense, this hiding-hole business, this studied obscurity."
Quiet again, he leaned forward. "I'll tell you something"

"I have always lived in the world," he said quietly, "meeting life on its own terms. I have always subsidized myself."

Always a part of the day-to-day life and work that characterizes most of our lives, Dresbach was reared on a farm, went to college, and served as an accountant, and an executive accountant for several large firms.

He was born in Lanark, Ill., 74 years ago, and his early life on the farm reappears in the lines of many of his poems.

During World War I, he was commissioned in the army, worked as an accountant and was discharged as a captain.

Dresbach found nothing incongruous in being both a poet and accountant. "Shakespeare was an actor and business manager for a theatrical company. Chaucer was a comptroller. Kipling a working journalist—there are many others."

Dresbach, like James Mich-

ener, believes that a writer who is not read, has not written. "Absolutely," he barked. "That goes for music too, and plays and painting. There must be an audience. It's all nonsense, this hiding-hole business, this studied obscurity."
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Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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Dogs Too Feel Loneliness When They're Left Behind

It amused the family that the little dog "acted so" when it found itself at the boarding kennel, its home away from home, while its family was going away for a month's vacation. Now that the family can look back at the incidents preceding the last trip preparations, they realize how very peculiar the dog behaved.

Suspecting a radical change in the family living, Buff, the cocker spaniel, tried to hide herself behind the davenport. She had the appearance of a genuine hang-dog look. Her tail

sagged and became fixed. Her eyes were sad. Her demeanor was that of a being constricted to utter and pitiful dejection. That was her condition as she entered, against her will, the boarding kennel.

Forgot Her

With the excitement of travel, new scenes, and strange faces, the family forgot the one left behind. But to the little dog the bottom had fallen out of her world. For the first time in her life she was confined to a cage. There were other dogs near; she could hear them and sense their presence, but still she was alone. She failed to respond to the kind voice that told her it was all right and in a little while she would be home again.

Emotions, even in a dog, are not very well understood. We have never developed a machine or a method to measure grief, love, loneliness, or worry. There is no way of telling the depth of feeling in either an animal or a human. Funny, too, for we have been able to measure many things.

Measuring Devices

We have machines so finely adjusted and so accurately made that they can weigh a tiny section of a human hair. Some scales actually jump, like a man touched by an electric spark, when a cobweb is dropped on them, and some can weigh a dust mote. There are measuring devices so intricately calibrated they can measure the thickness of the ink on this page.

We can measure liquids, gases, the amount of hay in a stack or the bushels of grain in a bin or the gallons of water in a tank of any shape or size. We can measure height, horse-power or miles per hour. An experienced man with a slide rule can come



NABBED BY POLICE—Thomas J. Storff, 45, a truck driver from Leonia, N. J., holds his hand to his head after he was arrested in New York on charges of making obscene telephone calls to Cynthia Cramer, 20, daughter of a tobacco company executive. Storff was also questioned in the recent stabbing deaths of Janice Wylie, 21, and Emily Hoffert, 23, in their Upper Manhattan apartment. (UPI)

up with all manner of correct deductions and where he leaves off, the electronic computer can take over from there and go on and on.

You might even deceive yourself into believing we can measure anything or everything of any importance but we can't, for emotions are terribly important. We have no yardstick or scales or machines that can even estimate the depth of love a mother has for a child or the degree of grief a bereaved person feels at the death of a loved one.

There is a loneliness akin to actual sickness; a feeling of total abandonment that can upset the mental processes of the emotionally inclined, whether that individual is a human or a lonely little dog that cannot understand why the folks he loves have gone away and left him.

Sinatra May Lose Gambling License

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI)—Singer Frank Sinatra today faced loss of his 10-year-old Nevada gambling license on charges by the state gaming control board that he continually associated with a top national hoodlum.

A complaint filed with the state gaming commission Wednesday by board chairman Edward Olsen claimed that Sinatra and his staff at the Cal-Neva Lodge at Lake Tahoe gave "red carpet" treatment last July to Sam Giancana, 54, Chicago.

Giancana was identified in the complaint as one of the 12 overlords in Cosa Nostra, a group which allegedly runs the national crime syndicate. Is Hen Squawk

950 Students Are Expected at Pacific

FOREST GROVE—More than 950 students from 27 states and foreign countries will register for classes at Pacific university for the fall semester, 1963, according to Gerald Reese, director of admissions.

Of the 350 incoming freshmen, 110 came from California, 109 from Oregon, 50 from Washington, and 31 from Hawaii. Other states well represented are Minnesota, New York, Alaska, and Massachusetts.

Twenty-three new foreign students will represent seven countries: Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and Cuba. Of special note are 10 Cuban students who will move with their families to Forest Grove to study in the school of optometry at the university.

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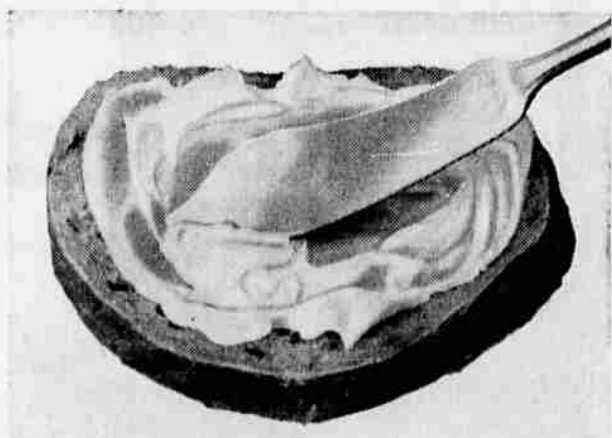
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