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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

Representative Clair Engle, down in Northern California, has called for a cooperative agreement between Uncle Sam and the state of California for construction of a demonstration plant to convert sea water into fresh water.

He suggests that such a plant should be located in Southern California. Probably a good idea.

Since Southern California is already casting greedy glances at all the water in the Northern Hemisphere in order to maintain their myth of paradise on earth it seems only right that they should make it rather than steal it.

I am not quite as enthusiastic as Mr. Engle in the belief that the cost should be divided equally between the state and the federal government.

I don't have a stake in what California spends but a chunk of Uncle Sam's largesse comes out of my pocket and I fail to see why I should stand by and see my hard earned pennies being spent on an area that is trying to steal our water, take away our industry, lure off our population and whose people are continually degrading us for our unseasonable weather.

It is probably okay for Uncle Sam to contribute toward the pilot operation since this is research that will be available to all. But it might be wise to stop it right there and prevent California from writing off fifty per cent of the future cost to the already burdened taxpayer.

The American Can Company now says that they have a collapsible metal tube similar to a toothpaste tube under study. The purpose? For spacemen to feed themselves out of while they are tightly enclosed in a space suit.

What, no toothpicks?

Word came from Tom Horn at the Tulare Refuge that the long vigil kept by the Fish and Wildlife people and others has ended without a sign of the "missing" whooping crane.

Thusly the known population stands at 31 birds, of which five are in captivity.

Last spring 21 of the big birds left their winter grounds on the Arkansas Refuge in Texas and headed out for the Great Slave Lake in Canada. By mid-November of last year 24 of the birds had returned, but since four of them were young ones it appears obvious that one mature bird has been lost along the way.

Several reports came in that a lone whooper had been seen at various spots in Canada and in this country but none of them proved to be reliable.

So it now seems as if we will wait another year and see if the survival of the young is enough to keep the tiny band in existence. It is to be hoped that they will make a comeback. For the first time man has been able to raise two of them in captivity. This may spell the end of the threat and point to a vast expansion of the bird numbers.

Another animal tale comes to us from Irvin Faris over in New Pine Creek. He tells us that Ernest Robnett has just gotten his car back minus the hoofmarks on the hood.

Seems that the incident occurred on a recent Saturday when Robnett was returning from Alturas. An old doe tried to make a flying leap across a cut on Sugar Hill near the Lassen Creek fill, failed to make it and landed square on top of the hood.

And here I didn't even see a doe the last deer trip of the season.

Tensions

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — Playwright Tennessee Williams has joined the legion of those who seek on an analyst's couch an answer to their tensions.

"I had two kinds of tranquilizers this afternoon," he apologized as shirt-sleeved and yawning, he opened the door of his apartment. "I'm still sleepy."

Five times a week Tennessee, a small graceful man with a brown mustache, goes to a psychoanalyst who has helped iron out the IDS and firm up the egos of a number of celebrated theater folk. At \$50 an hour this is a mental comfort Williams couldn't afford during a poverty-ridden, second-class childhood. But now he thinks it's well worth the money.

"I find it immensely stimulating," he said as he sat down on a sofa across from a large bust of Lord Byron.

"My tensions had accumulated to a point where I felt I wanted to do something about ending them. It's an exciting adventure. You discover new things about your-

self . . . gradual revelations, some of which you fight . . . and there is a mysterious change in your behavior.

"I have always suffered from claustrophobia and a fear of suffocation . . . of not being able to breathe. It was so bad that for a long time when I went for a walk I couldn't walk down a street unless I could see a bar—not because I wanted a drink, but because I wanted the security of knowing it was there."

That panic fear of being crowded or suffocated, he said, had been at least partly relieved, and added:

"It also has made it much easier for me to be with people on a friendly basis . . . relieved me of social unease. I used to blush when I thought anybody even was looking at me. In school I could never recite."

To some critics Williams is one of the most gifted and forceful playwrights of the 20th century. To others, outraged by his use of dramatic themes ranging from cannibalism to homosexuality, he is a twisted writer whose idea of a holiday is to go rowboating in a sewer.

Tennessee is a mite caustic about charges he is too preoccupied with violence and immorality.

"Not all my plays by any means, are violent," he said. "And they are more concerned with morality than most plays."

"All plays that explore evil and the roots of it in people, and the conditions that produce it, are moral. But some people will always regard them as immoral."

To Williams, the biggest problem in the world is fear.

"The fear of a threat to his personal security is at the root of every person's violence and hatreds," he said.

"The main evil of our time is overpopulation . . . people having more children than they can care for properly . . . because they are so harassed by the mere task of making a living they don't have time to give proper love."

"I don't understand," said Tennessee, who is a bachelor, "why nothing is done to stop this spawning of children in families that can't even afford to have one."

"It is a crime — an awful crime."

Answers

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) — In answer to Mr. J. P. Linman's letter to the editor (February 18), I resent being treated as an irresponsible person for signing the petition to change the opening and closing dates of the school term.

That is the way I felt we were treated by the chairman when we visited the school board to present our petition. An irresponsible person would not care when school opened—if it didn't fit in with his plans he'd simply keep his children out beyond the opening date.

The signers of the petition are a group of citizens and taxpayers who enjoy their children and would like to be able to spend the Labor Day weekend together on an excursion of some kind as a family group without having to rush home on Labor Day when the traffic on the roads is at its worst. We only asked if this was possible and if not, why not? To date, I have not heard a valid reason why it isn't possible.

Taking four days off the school term in September and adding four or five days in June does not seem to me an unreasonable request. Many other school districts throughout Oregon, Washington and California do this without detriment to their curriculum and activities.

If there is no "educational value" (Mr. Linman's words) to support the change, where is the "educational value" in leaving the term as it is?

I can't see how Mr. Linman expects to accomplish anything in behalf of the Klamath Falls schools by making a sizable group of citizens angry at being treated as lacking in good sense.

Mr. Floyd Wynne wrote a very thoughtful editorial in Sunday's Herald and News, in my opinion, and I salute him for it.

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ple to carefully consider all issues pertaining to school?

This petition was presented to a woman's service club luncheon, to individual members at two PTA meetings, and a dinner meeting of under 20, at which Mr. Linman was present.

In the February 11 edition of the Herald and News, the headlines of an article state that the majority of teachers oppose the later opening date. If this article is read carefully, it will be noted that 60 favor the present opening date of September 2, 89 are in favor of a later opening date of September 4, a counter-proposal made to the teachers, 25 voted for the opening date of September 8 with a split Christmas vacation. Our proposed opening date of September 8 with no split Christmas vacation was not presented to them to vote on.

It was also stated in this article and another article appearing right after our petition was presented, that the county had already voted on their present school-year calendar. At that time, the county did not know that a petition was going to be presented to the city boards for consideration. They are now re-considering this issue.

The main issue, we repeat, is whether the county can see their way clear to extend school in the spring. They are most earnestly and carefully considering every aspect, and are meeting February 20, at which time they expect the county people to express themselves.

The city boards are meeting February 24, after a joint meeting with the county. The city people are urged to attend.

All taxpayers have a right to an opinion on school matters whether or not they have children in school at the present time, in spite of the statement made by Mr. Linman that some of the signers of the petition were not parents.

When this petition was presented to the boards, we hoped it would be considered in a dignified and business-like manner, and do not like being treated by Mr. Linman as a group of people merely meddling in school affairs.

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Weather Table

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Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

High Low Rain

Albuquerque 67 35

Atlanta 29 13

Bakersfield 74 59 T.

Boise 65

Boston 15 6

Brownsville 72 57

Chicago 14 10 T.

Denver 63 18

Detroit 16 13

El Centro 78 34 T.

Fairbanks 11 -7

Fort Worth 44 39

Fresno 64 53 .51

Helena 40 12

Kansas City 26 10

Los Angeles 63 56 .60

Miami 33 38

Minneapolis 15 0

New Orleans 46 37

New York 16 12

Oakland 61 38 1.40

Oklahoma City 40 32

Phoenix 80 55

Pittsburgh 12 11 .03

Reno 34 31 2.10

Salt Lake City 64 42 T.

San Diego 66 45

San Francisco 58 33 2.31

Seattle 61 47 1.18

Stockton 58 33 1.54

Thermal 78 53

Tucson 83 54

Washington 18 15

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24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Wednesday

Max. Min. Prec.

Baker 54 39

Eugene 64 47 T.

Lakeview 32 38 .14

Medford 61 47 .02

Newport 66 46 .06

North Bend 62 30 .21

Portland 66 46 T.

Portland Airpt 63 43 T.

Redmond 61 42

Roseburg 64 48 .26

Salem 64 44 .01

Spokane 57 41

Group Marks Anniversary

Earl R. Hooge, national representative of the Federation of Federal Employees, was among the honored guests at a Masonic Temple dinner Saturday evening marking the 75th anniversary of the civil service commission.

Hooge outlined the importance of civil service to the employee, and stressed the need for maintaining and expanding the program. More than 120 persons attended the dinner meeting.

Also in attendance were the following officers and directors of Local 704 of the NFFE: Laverne Robertson, president; Goldie Erickson, secretary; Irvin Borthick, vice president; and Directors Joan Borthick, Frank Stennett and Al Lammonson.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Paul R. Arnolds, civilian personnel officer at Kingsley Field. Chairman of the dinner arrangements was Dorothy Sack.

Services Held For Shasta Man

MOUNT SHASTA—Funeral services were conducted in Noble's Chapel Monday February 17, for Ralph A. Smith, 54, who died here Saturday. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Harold Engdahl.

The deceased, cashier of the First Western Trust Company Bank of Weed, was a native of Arizona. He is survived by his widow, Vivian.

Interment will be in St. Helena at a date yet to be set.

Basin Youths Leave For Army

Four 22-year-old Basin youths left Tuesday afternoon for Portland where they will be inducted into the Army, selective service officer Mrs. Mary Case said today.

They are James R. Lanis and Everett L. Hardin, both of Klamath Falls; Cliff N. Mattson, Malin and David P. Johnson, of Chiloquin. They will be sent to Fort Ord, California, for basic training, Mrs. Case added.

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