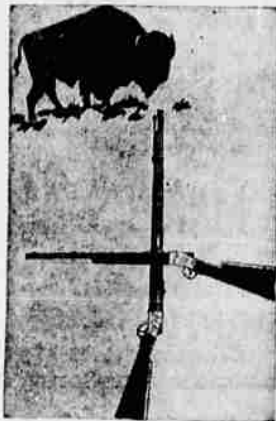


Adult Western Paints Big Picture Of Buffalo Hunt

Butcher's Crossing by John Williams, Macmillan, 239 pages, \$3.95.

By BILL JENKINS

A herd of buffalo in a hidden valley, a confused youth from Boston, a professional hunter and the elemental forces of nature are the materials from which John Wil-



iams has woven his story at the end of an era.

An elaboration on the tried and true theme of man's struggle against nature, the book is written in that style which has become known in recent periods as an "adult western." It deals not so much with deeds as with thoughts. An introspective summing up of the world's worth heavily laced with the what-am-I-doing-here? theory.

Author Williams, a native of Texas and currently a professor

of English at the University of Denver, neatly divides his time between excellent if somewhat colorless descriptions of the squalid camps and conditions of the professional buffalo hunter and the confused ramblings of a well-born Bostonian who is out West on a quest of his own which the author overlooks as far as any explanation is concerned.

The perceptive reader can gain a good deal of the feel of loneliness as he reads. The description of the blizzard is as well done as any we have happened across in some time. Brief, factual and not overdone. As nearly as I can recall from pretty extensive reading up on the subject his descriptions of the hunt itself are reasonably accurate. Character delineations regarding the comic relief, if there is any, and the heavy stand-in leave something to be desired but they are well enough drawn that the personality clashes ring true.

It is a masculine book in the sense that it deals with masculine things. The trip to and from the hunting grounds, the trials and tribulations of the outdoor world and a couple of brief interludes in which our hero cavorts somewhat clumsily with the fairest of the Cyprian sisterhood in the lonely hamlet of Butcher's Crossing.

Well written, the book will prove interesting to those devotees of the adult western. Whether any moral can be drawn from the enormous struggle, the inevitable crashing of all hope and the equally inevitable ride into the sunset on page 239 is up to the reader.

Barrel Race Added To Rodeo Events

The 1960 Red Bluff Roundup, to be held on April 16 and 17, will feature a new arena event, J. N. Froome Jr., president of the Roundup Association said recently.

Girls' barrel racing will be added to the regular rodeo and track events, and is expected to attract leading barrel racers from throughout the West.

A total of \$7,750 in prize money has been budgeted for the two-day rodeo and racing events, the largest purse of any two-day rodeo in the nation, Froome said.

The two-day program will also feature the Annual Tehama County Roundup Parade in downtown Red Bluff on Saturday morning, April 16, and the annual free street dance on Saturday night.

A pre-rodeo program will also be presented each day at the rodeo grounds, including specialty acts, mounted drill teams and Indian dancing.

"Additional seats for the 1960 Red Bluff Roundup have been purchased to accommodate the expected record crowd," Froome added. "and Northern California rodeo fans can be assured of seeing the nation's top cowboys on rough, rugged stock in two days of world's championship rodeo."

Advance ticket reservations are now being accepted, and may be made by addressing, "Roundup, P.O. Box 470, Red Bluff, California."

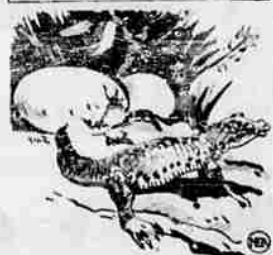
Ticket prices have been scaled to \$2 for general admission; \$3 and \$3.50 for reserved grandstand and \$4 and \$5 for box seats. Children under 12 will be admitted to a special section on Saturday, April 16, for \$1.



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The newly hatched crocodile is three to four times as long as the egg from which it emerges. A special "egg tooth" is attached to the end of the snout to help in breaking through the shell. This tooth is lost soon after the hatching. A newly hatched crocodile is able to fend for itself.

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Baby Teeth Are Of Much Importance

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — The feeling that baby teeth are "unimportant because they will drop out eventually" anyway is completely wrong and can lead to dental complications when children get older, an Oregon State College dental scientist points out.

Children need all their teeth for chewing and to maintain the proper space for the permanent teeth developing underneath, Dr. Gertrude Tank notes. It's highly important that children's teeth be taken care of in the early years and that children are taught the fundamentals of dental health, she added.

It is estimated that only about 10 per cent of the children in the U.S. receive adequate dental treatment, Dr. Tank reported. Two recent research projects conducted by her showed that 99 per cent of the children in the fluoride-free areas of six western states, including Oregon, have cavities. The average 14, 15 and 16-year-old in these states has 12 decayed, missing and filled teeth.

Parents should help their children acquire a "sane and sensible" attitude regarding dentists rather than one of "fear and dread," Dr. Tank emphasizes. Regular checkups can avoid serious dental problems and save pain, money and looks. Good teeth in later years are the result of good care in early years, she said.

Dr. Tank has been doing dental research at OSC's school of home economics since 1953. Before that, she was a children's dentist in Philadelphia for 27 years.

Her research recently has centered around the role of other minor elements than fluoride in dental health. Past studies have shown that fluoride in community water

supplies reduces tooth decay in teenagers as much as 55 per cent.

Dr. Tank advocates six basic rules to safeguard children's teeth: a well-balanced diet; restricted use of sweets, especially between meals; brushing teeth regularly after eating; early and frequent visits to the dentists (first visit about age 2); fluoridation of wa-

ter supplies or fluoride treatments; prevention and correction of irregularities of teeth.

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