

Hannah's Harpoons

BY HANNAH SAMPSON

Over the Thanksgiving weekend—with the children farmed out to my sister—we went both to the live theater and to a first-run movie in Beverly Hills.

The play we saw was "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe?" with Sheppard Strudwick and Nancy Kelly. The picture was "Tom Jones." Adult, meaty and very exciting entertainment.

In spite of the delightfully naive titles neither of these is a simple fairy-tale-ish entertainment, and one would certainly leave the kiddies at home. In fact, the box office announces that it will not permit children to enter.

How then does one account for the two young children who were seated in front of us at "Tom Jones" . . . with a grandmother-type between them?

While the picture gives us a true, real and unbeatable idea of the times—early 18th century—and not a hoked up version, this very fact would make any sensible adult think twice about exposing a young child to the licentiousness that was usual in the year 1740. Well. To each his own.

OLD-FASHIONED "TOGETHERNESS"

It was interesting to note, during the hiatus in routine television broadcasting, that the children at last found themselves with nothing to do. And, finding nothing to do, they did something about it.

They played with dolls and doll-buggies; with tiny china dishes that had lain untouched since they were first discovered in delightful array under the tree eleven months ago. Boys played "army" outdoors, and families got out the scrabble and monopoly games. There was an old-fashioned "togetherness" that no amount of magazine-article writing has been able to foster since television was first made available to the average pocketbook.

There was, also in the last hours of that Monday night, a charming disregard for time in whatever television programming there was. Open discussions went on heedless of the hands of the clock. This, we are given to understand, is the way of TV in England.

We found we enjoyed it very much indeed, and we would give a great deal to have a little more of it. That is, we'd give a great deal, BUT NOT THAT MUCH!

In view of what happened in Dallas to one of that city's policemen, it might be in order to examine the plans that are made in cities around the country for its policemen.

It is unthinkable that, in a job where loss of life is an occupational hazard, no provision is made in advance for the future of the policeman's family.

It is an insult to the peace officer and to his family that a public collection must be made to provide sustenance.

The family of such a man is entitled to the dignity of an assured income, and it seems to me that adequate insurance should be mandatory when the officer is accepted for the job. If insurance rates at present are too high, insurance companies can lower the rates as their contribution to the public good.

NOBODY HATES DALLAS

It is absolutely nonsensical to suggest that an entire city is responsible for the action of one man. Dallas is a city like all others. It has the usual number of crackpots, to be sure, but no large city is without these. On the other hand, Dallas has many cultural centers, fine citizens who aim to do right, and who are just as appalled by what happened as the rest of the country is.

Best Possible Use Asked for Dumps

Development of a program to put filled dump sites to the best possible use in line with public health and safety was initiated this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The supervisor called for a study of present methods of disposing combustible rubbish in sanitary landfills, and to further investigate methods of preparing in advance for the best development of the reclaimed site.

bustible materials are dumped and spread at the sites and periodically layers of dirt are spread over the material.

Eventually the site becomes "filled" and reasonably flat.

Cooperate

Deans of the Schools of Engineering at USC, UCLA, and the California Institute of Technology were asked to cooperate with the County Engineer, Director of Regional Planning, Health Officer, and Sanitation Director in the study.

Hahn noted the Sanitation Districts own and operate five dumps in the county while the county engineer is responsible for issuing permits to, and inspecting, seven other land fill sites.

Sites

Two of the sites are located within the Second Supervisorial District at 203rd and Main and 213th St. and Chico, Gardena.

In daily operations, com-

Population He cited the population explosion in Los Angeles County and the growing shortage of good development sites as a reason for his move.

"In conducting this study, the factors of public health, safety, and welfare should be the upper-most thoughts," he said. If these large sites can comply with all requirements of solidity and safety, their future development can be unlimited."



STUDENT JOB HUNTERS find their pot of gold in the placement office at El Camino College. Assisting Mark Hunt, left, and Joe Torres secure positions is Lee Swanson, coordinator of research and placement.

Barrier Project Permits Okayed

Permits granting the use of two parcels of land in Redondo Beach and Torrance to the Flood Control District for the development and operation of the sea water barrier project have been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The parcels are located near Henrietta St. in Torrance and near Tulita Ave. in Redondo Beach.

Chace said the permit to use the Torrance parcel was granted by Farmhill Homes, Inc., and the Redondo Beach agreement was concluded with Cowal, Ltd.

The parcels will be used in the operation of observation wells which are part of over-all anti-brine barrier.

Flood Control District engineers are currently developing in units an 11-mile barrier to prevent further contamination from Playa del Rey in the north to the Palos Verdes hills on the south, Chace said.

REUNION PLANNED

Plans are under way for a 10th anniversary reunion for Summer 1954 Class at George Washington High School, Bob Bartle reunion committee chairman has announced.

D'Artagnans who have not been contacted about the event planned next June are asked to send names and addresses to Bob Bartle, 409 Martinshirg, Wilmington, or phone TErminAl 5-4638.

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Students Receive Work From Student Placement

More than fifteen hundred El Camino students have received work during the past academic year through the office of student placement, H. Lee Swanson, coordinator of research and placement, announced this week.

Twenty-five hundred jobs were listed with the office, representing nearly 200 classifications ranging from accounting and nuclear physics to box boys and restaurant help.

"With very few exceptions all of our jobs are offered us by business and industrial firms within the El Camino district," Mrs. Alma Spector, placement clerk explained. "We are able to serve the community and the student body with applicant lists and opportunities that are updated to keep the flow of news and personnel active," Mrs. Spector said.

AUTOS INCREASE

New York — Because the number of motor vehicles in the United States is increasing at a greater rate than the number of service stations, today's typical outlet must be considerably larger and more efficient than the roadside "filling station" of a generation ago, according to Oil Facts.

Most recent government figures show a 10 year increase of 14.8 per cent in the number of service stations—compared to a 66 per cent increase in the number of motor vehicle registrations. Service stations today represent investments ranging from \$40,000 to \$10,000.

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"Do's and Don'ts" for Ski Safety

Going skiing this weekend?

Have fun, but take care to return home intact. More than 90 per cent of ski injuries are caused by poor physical condition, fatigue, and overconfidence in skiing ability, according to the National Ski Patrol System of America.

The first step in accident prevention is to get into sturdy physical condition and stay that way. Before the skiing season starts, loosen up your leg and thigh muscles. Trot and jog awhile each day. When you walk, take long strides with a definite kick-off on slightly bent legs. Other sports, such as canoeing, rowing, swimming, and water skiing, will contribute to the strength and flexibility of your arms, shoulders, and legs.

During the season, spend 10 minutes a day in deep knee bends, waist bends, and a few pushups. Walking on tip-toe is good exercise for the ankles. To develop the thighs, sit on the edge of a table and straighten the legs slowly. When you are able to extend the legs without their trembling, add two pounds of weight on each foot and continue the exer-

cise. A simple home device for this added weight is to put canned good in a pillow gradually until you can extend a weight of 35 to 40 pounds without a tremor. Maintain these daily exercises throughout the skiing season.

A skier who is tired is more susceptible to injury, because he tends to become careless and is more likely to lose control of his body's coordination. Get enough sleep before the trip, and eat well. Most important, don't overdo it. If you are too tired or weak to turn suddenly, you may become a casualty.

During your skiing weekend, meals should include food with high energy content. Don't skip meals. Munch on raisins or chocolate during the day to help keep your body supplied with sufficient energy.

Instruction

It is imperative that the beginner receive ski instruction from someone who is thoroughly qualified to teach. If he tries to learn alone, he may teach himself bad position and posture habits, and he may develop techniques which expose himself and others to dan-

Other Tips

A few other tips: Ski with proper equipment. Watch snow conditions; there may be midday softening of the snow, and as the sun sets, trail conditions may change rapidly. Never ski alone—if you get hurt, a ski buddy can get help. Every skier should have an elementary knowledge of first aid.

Remember: Accidents rarely happen to the experienced skier because he keeps himself in good physical condition, he recognizes his own limitations, he keeps his skiing undercontrol, he uses the proper equipment and keeps it in good repair, he has learned all the rules of safe skiing, and he knows how to handle the dangers found on the different types of trails.



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