

Opinion

Long over due merger

President Reagan wants to merge the federal government's two dam-building agencies in order to save money and establish a uniform federal water policy. When the plan was initiated by Budget Director David Stockman in December, it immediately was opposed by Interior Secretary William Clark and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Nevertheless, the president ordered Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and Defense's Army Corps of Engineers to make merger recommendations by the middle of February. Such action is long overdue.

The Bureau of Reclamation builds and manages irrigation and dam projects throughout 17 Western states. The Corps of Engineers is responsible for building and maintaining flood control and navigation project nationwide, but the two agencies also compete for congressional authority to build multipurpose dams and reservoirs that provide everything from recreation to hydroelectric power. In some Western states, the Corps and the Bureau have built similar multipurpose dams only 30 miles apart.

Chocolate-covered silliness

It's not just the raisin folks who have to deal with crop surprises and depressed prices - now come the specialists from Hershey Foods. This week that raisin cause a lot more cavities than chocolate and several other snack foods. Never mind that the experiment was done with laboratory rats, which rarely eat. Hershey's raised that raisin are indisputably more nutritious than chocolate.

The Hershey people are sensitive about what they consider the myth that chocolate causes tooth decay. So they fed their rats all these goodies - not just raisins, but three kinds of granola bars and things like chocolate-covered cookies with caramel, and aged cheddar cheese. And behold, raisins led to rent in what was

called "the mucus carries indigestion potential." Dentists were quick to point out that this finding doesn't have much significance as to snackers kept their teeth clean. A Hershey spokesman says his company didn't mean to single out raisins as a bad guy; only to make chocolate a good guy. He can believe that - after all, chocolate-covered raisins are a healthy raisin gift package. Surely, the chocolate makers don't want to bad-mouth a food their products grow around. Raisins will survive all this. We're more worried about those laboratory rats, which they dickered non-rat diet. They'll probably be gunning around their cages soon unless Hershey also has dental hygienists on its staff.

Farther behind - the harder I try!

This is one of those weeks where the harder I try - the further I get. It all started last week on Feb. 1 when I began a search for my 61-9414796 Federal Tax Deposit Coupon Book which I had misplaced, but thought I hadn't misplaced. After trying myself over to the bank and learning they couldn't take the funds under any circumstance without the transaction form, I came back and started looking again. Know where I found the book - under last year's book separated by several sheets of paper. - M.V.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury: I am writing this letter to tell the members of the County Board that we are in favor of Fire Department. They were called to our home on Jan. 30 and were here in less than 10 minutes. They performed very well in a very professional way. Thank to them we were able to get out of our home with no injuries. I think everyone should be proud of these hard working men providing this service for us. I know we can't do this to each and everyone who came out to help us. - Donald and Pats Robinson

To The Carlisle Mercury: I would like to express my appreciation for the interest, time and effort that Larry Allison and The Carlisle Mercury have taken in writing and printing "The Little League Booklet" which reaches each week and for the pictures of the teams and their cheerleaders. I feel that the booklet has been shown encourages the boys and girls to do their best. The people in the Morehead district should give special thanks to our magazine, Earl Lee Pate for helping



Agree or not Doing-out work to friends is befriended by columnist

By G. Van Cavan President Carter's recent orders revealed the practice of deferring Court Clerk Paulie Miller among legal work to his attorney friends who contribute to his law firm. In a follow-up editorial, The Courier-Examiner last night acted as a stony censor and his eager editor to justify the practice can only add another twist to the public's long list of reasons for hating politicians.

Op-Ed page Chili is better way... to get the hiccups than lifting a 350-lb. hog

I was reading recently about the case of Charles Coleman of Adams County, Kentucky. He is accused of murdering a 350-lb. pig on the farm of a neighbor. The pig was found dead on a farm with a hole in its side, and the neighbor had a hole in his side. The pig was found dead on a farm with a hole in its side, and the neighbor had a hole in his side.

Russ Metz

There are two ways to get a liver transplant. One is to wait for a donor to die. The other is to buy one from a black market dealer. In Kentucky, the price of a liver transplant is \$25,000. The price of a liver transplant is \$25,000.

Down Memory Lane Conley brothers on Leyte Isle

Thursday, February 11, 1985 G.L. Christians, president of the Nicholas County 4-H Council, presented the 4-H Club award to Mrs. Bernice Mattingly, daughter of J.C. Mattingly, at a special meeting. The award was presented to Mrs. Mattingly for her outstanding leadership in the 4-H Club.

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Vapours

tell us we could journey down to the boating docks at Carson and get a good picture of Canadian bankers, but the light level was too low for an effective picture. Thursday evening Parker was back Monday saying there's plenty of sunlight and the power is running themselves, but I said I couldn't go. Anyway later in the evening, we went to the boating docks and got a good picture of Canadian bankers, but the light level was too low for an effective picture.

I started this column early Monday but the thought process just wouldn't flow. My first name is Bill. Traditionally we were under the impression that all persons had been identified in the 1931 picture but that I mark in front of Bishop's name signifies otherwise. A letter Tuesday from A.M. Vice, Salt Lake City, Utah, sends a clipping from an issue of The Mercury. Mr. Vice says the picture appeared not too long ago, but at that, it had to be from the early 1900s as we ceased using the Friden Justo-writers and embarked on a love affair with CompuWriters and type faces that look like real type.

Another list was given us Monday from Minnie Hastings which lists the names from one through 22, with number 20, T. Bishop. Paul Bishop of Portsmouth, VA still has the Mercury, maybe he can shed some light on the subject.

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