

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



... I'm sorry you won't be with us, but I guess somebody has to be second best!"

Lost Seal, Swimming Tigers, Porpoise Almost Land In Jail

By The Associated Press
 GALVESTON—A lost seal, swimming tigers and a porpoise which nearly landed in the Houston jail have been living up the Galveston beachfront recently. The porpoise had an excuse—she was sick. That's why trainer Johnny Walls tossed her in the reflection pool in front of Houston's City Hall. Walls was transporting three trained porpoises from Florida on water-soaked mattresses in their specially built trailer when a seven and a half foot female, Lady-Bird Jumper, broke out in a rash. "We had to do something, fast," Walls explained. A dunking in

the only available water seemed like a good idea at the time. From there, things got completely out of hand. Somebody called the police to complain about a nude woman swimming in the pond in front of city hall. A crowd gathered and trampled surrounding foliage. The commissioner of parks and playgrounds seemed to think Walls pulled the whole stunt on purpose and advised him that it might be well if he removed his porpoise, lest they pine in city hall. Lady Bird, Sam Houston and Quick Draw, netted less than six weeks ago, are jumping through

hoops, doing the cha-cha-cha and eating fish worm Walls' teeth regularly here. "Training them was a cinch," Walls said. Getting them here was the problem; porpoises, which have visible remains of a pelvic structure indicating they once were land-dwellers, need to be wet down but not immersed in transit. "These three made so much noise on the way, yelling for water every minute and a half, that the authorities in several towns along our route didn't believe us when we told them what we had. Walls has a trained ocelot, supposedly one of the swiftest and most fierce of untamable nocturnal wildcats, which swims in the Gulf of Mexico with glee. He is convinced he could let the ocelot, Chino, and the porpoises go free in the gulf ad they would come home. He'd better not try. The manager of the pleasure pier, a few miles up the beach from the porpoise ranch, is still looking for a trained seal who swam away a couple of weeks ago. Suzy, despondent over the loss of her mate (somebody fed him a catfish and he bled to death) slipped out of her tank on the Galveston pleasure pier and there is a standing reward for her safe return. Slippery Suzy, last seen frolicking happily around the T-head of the pier, will turn up any day now, and "probably give a bunch of swimming tourists a fit," pier manager Howard Robbins is sure. "She's a mammal, after all, and can't just go out to sea. She has to come back." A nine-month-old Bengal tiger, kept behind chicken-wire fencing in the Jungle room of the pier, goes swimming at 11 a.m. daily. Local mothers eye him nervously, but there have been no real objections.

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CAMPUS CLEANERS

Texan Wants More Civil Service Jobs

By TEX EASLEY
 Associated Press Special Service
 WASHINGTON—Rep. Lindley Beckworth, D-Tex., thinks fellow Texans aren't getting a fair share of the government's civil service jobs. He is attempting to bring about what he terms a more equal distribution.

One effort includes introduction of a bill that would allocate jobs in Washington to the states on the basis of population. He also is writing department heads to express his indignation.

Beckworth says he has received data from the State Department which tends to confirm his belief that appointment to foreign service posts go more frequently to easterners than to those who reside in Texas and other states of the Southwest.

Brooks Hayes, a former House member from Arkansas and now an assistant secretary of state, recently submitted to Beckworth information on students at Texas universities and colleges who have been examined in connection with the department's drive to recruit employes for the Foreign Service Office.

Hayes said 12 Texas schools were visited last year by FSO representatives and, on Dec. 10, written examinations were held. He listed the schools, the number of stu-

dents taking the exams and those who passed:

University of Houston 5 and 1; Texas Southern 2 and 0; Prairie View A&M 1 and 0; Rice 12 and 7; St. Mary's, San Antonio 5 and 1; Trinity, San Antonio 7 and 2; University of Texas 105 and 38; Baylor 10 and 1; SMU 11 and 4; Texas Tech 3 and 0; Texas Woman's U. 2 and 0; North Texas State 23 and 3.

There was this footnote in the State Department report:

"As of July 17, 1961 (most recent class of foreign service officers certified for appointment) no candidate from any of the listed institutions has been certified for appointment.

"They may have (1) not yet appeared for an oral examination (2) failed the oral examination (3) have taken the oral but not be immediately available for appointment or (4) have not yet established their eligibility for appointment."

Beckworth says many thousands of summer government jobs for clerks and typists are available but virtually all are filled by residents of the District of Columbia and nearby areas of Virginia and Maryland.

"These may not be high paying jobs," he said, "but I am sure there are a great many young

people in Texas, especially college students, who would like to fill some of these summer jobs. It might cost all they made to pay their traveling expenses and board and room, but meanwhile they would gain an insight on the way our government works."

AROUND THE CAPITAL
 Capitol Hill's Roll Call, a weekly privately owned newspaper asked members of Congress what they thought of a proposal to establish a "supplemental capital" in another part of the country.

In this connection Rep. Wright Patman of Texarkana has pro-

posed a special commission to study and determine the advisability of such a measure.

Here was the reply of Athens Rep. John Dowdy, D, chairman of the Texas congressional delegation:

"In the first place where would we get the money to do this?"

"I suppose if it were possible the best site would be the mid west, somewhere where there were no rivers to cross as you have to do into Washington. You can put it in my district if you want. At the present time, however, any talk of moving the capital is just an exercise of words."

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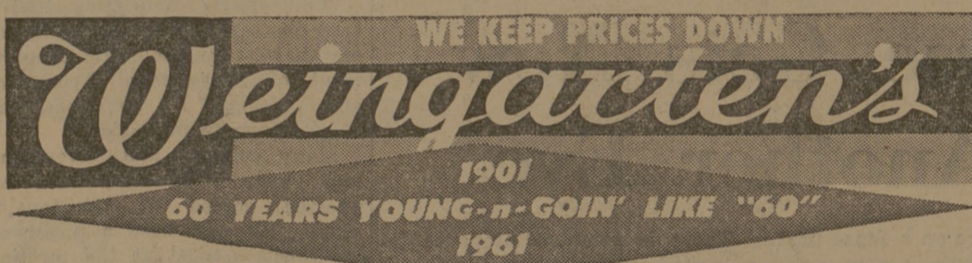
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