

Words and Worlds



Hold That Tiger

By JULES M. ROSENTHAL

It's hard to get rid of family pets. They kind of grow on you. But it's the grow without whoa that makes pets no-go. Pawing kittens change to clawing cats. And roly poly puppies turn into rangy mangy mutts.

Debbie Marty, like most primary graders, enjoys the story of Fuzzy the tiger cub who outgrows his cage and his welcome.

"Fuzzy the Tiger" by Mary Villarejo is published by Alfred A. Knopf in New York. An uncle in India sends Fuzzy to his little American nephew. And the baby Bengal quickly becomes one of the family.

When the boy eats, Fuzzy eats; when the boy sleeps, Fuzzy sleeps; and when the boy sings in the shower, Fuzzy joins in wiping his striping with a few hot licks and a Tiger Rag.

The boy grows up and is ready for school. Fuzzy grows up, too—up and up and up—and is ready for school. School, however, isn't ready for Fuzzy.

Finally the family realizes that Fuzzy is just too big. He's outgrown everything except his fur coat. There's only one solution—back to the jungle.

For weeks and weeks the little boy is lonely. Then a crate arrives from India. He opens it and stares inside; the inside stares back. Fuzzy Jr.! And the little boy knows that if his uncle can, he'll send new stares and stripes forever. Happy ending.

A book for the younger set—from the pre-school youngsters to children in the grades—will be featured in this column each week. Most books are available in the Madison public libraries. Those which are not can be found in the school libraries or in the book stores.



Life in Red China

"Escape From Red China." By Robert Loh as told to Humphrey Evans, Coward-McCann, \$5.75.

Loh was lucky. He was a middle class Chinese who had gone along with the Red regime and almost had believed in it for a time. He had learned to weave back and forth with the double-think switches of the Communist line and had gained the confidence of party members.

But he found he could not live and breathe in fear. He got out in the proverbial nick of time, and now has a translator's job in Washington. Knowing that the woman he loved has committed suicide in Red territory, and that his friends are beyond help, he has decided to tell his story.

The son of a stock broker, and educated in the United States, he returned to China in 1949. He be-

came one of the few members of the capitalist class who were tolerated as front men, or window dressing, when the Communists began their oppressive measures. By 1954 he had decided he could stand the regime no longer, but it was 1957 before he managed to get himself smuggled out of the country.

The unnerving thing about his narrative is that it gives specific details, a sort of running play-by-play, of the insane, illogical tyranny that he had to undergo. He relates the play-acting in which he engaged to fool visiting foreigners into thinking the Reds were encouraging capitalism. He describes many "confessions" which were extracted willfully from every level of society. Loh's story is about one man who helped in the brain-washing

process but retained enough of his own brainpower to manage a flight to freedom. It is a frightening, tense, and revealing book.

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Best Sellers

(Compiled by Publishers' Weekly)

FICTION

1. "A Shade of Difference," Drury
2. "Seven Days in May," Knebel and Bailey
3. "Ship of Fools," Portet
4. "The Thin Red Line," Jones
5. "The Prize," Wallace

NONFICTION

1. "Silent Spring," Carson
2. "Travels With Charley," Steinbeck
3. "O Ye Jigs and Juleps!," Hudson
4. "The Rothschilds," Morton
5. "My Life in Court," Nizer

Death and Life of a Town

As a Farmer Sees It

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When Parker sold, the resettlement administration tried to resettle him. He and his wife recall vividly the long trips through southern Wisconsin as officials tried to find another farm.

Every trip was the same, Mrs. Parker recalls. We'd find a farm and then they would end up saying, "we couldn't get clear title to it."

"What More Can You Do?" But Parker finally settled in Clark county for a time and then came back to Juneau county and the Necedah region—south of Highway 21 for another try near the area he liked best.

"We lived happier than people suspect. We raised three kids and put them all through school. What more can you do in any other country?" Parker continued.

Parker is one of those men of the land whom many do not understand. His land is like his church. It is everything the Parkers are or will be.

So strong is it, that when it came time for the Parkers to sell to the government, Mrs. Parker indignantly told the representatives:

"I would rather you give me my divorce papers and a passport to Russia to sign. Then I'd know what I was signing."

History Is Unclear

How the federal government ever got into this act is historically unclear. This was in the depression, remember, and circumstances of today are in marked contrast.

The most prevalent idea is that the Wisconsin Conservation Commission wanted to buy this land to provide a state refuge. But it didn't have the money.

The commission was responding to pressures from hunters, who desired the vast acreage as their happy hunting ground. Then came the Resettlement Administration and when the county sold its lands, which eventually resulted in construction of the new Juneau County courthouse, the issue was no longer in doubt.

With purchase of the property, there was some "make work" projects and about \$4 million spent in planting trees and building dams, as part of the water-fowl project.

W. M. (Bill) Alexander, who is a Necedah businessman and county board member, knows this situation today as thoroughly as 25 years ago when it all started.

Farmer's Needed Community

Even with the agricultural difficulties, Alexander respected the production those farmers were able to take off the lands that now are refuge area. The farms affected made up about 10 to 20 per cent of the 40,000-acre refuge area.

But the established farm families— that probably never exceeded 30 in number— needed the community for their farm and home requirements: the feed mill, creamery, hardware store, doctor.

With the way agriculture has

community adjustment. With the resettlement program taking a big share of its agriculture, the adjustment was forced and sudden.

Today it has a development corporation out looking for industry. The Necedah Pallet Co. that employs 26 to 28 people isn't enough for a town that longs for more than the seasonality of the recreation trade.

Can Happen Elsewhere

What happened at Necedah can happen under certain conditions in more Wisconsin communities as a result of the state's \$50 million conservation program that has started so rapidly.

Lands bought for the needs of recreation-minded people are lands taken off the taxroll. They are lands that are bought, as one 160-acre dairy farm was bought, just because of location and not after weighing what that farm could do for its share of the community life.

The community, to be a part of this way toward providing recreation, has to have some help, too.

Only a small portion of the hunters who use the refuge, use the community services Necedah provides. For what Necedah lost when it lost its agriculture, it probably could have bought the refuge area many times over.

Outdoorsman's View

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So if the government is blamed by some for removing the farmer and forcing economic hardship on the community, it must also receive credit for assisting in making the area more attractive for recreational purposes.

For in spite of efforts in other directions, recreation must be an increasingly important part of the community's economy.

Necedah, like other communities where government action such as the state's \$50 million outdoor resource act means more and more public ownership, must adjust to its new role.

Instead of the Saturday night movement of farmers to town for their weekly supplies, there will be the hunters and other recreation seekers.

Though they may not spend as much money over the year, their wants are much simpler. They don't demand a large inventory of things in many areas, and for this reason there will be no place on the main street for some types of businesses.

What's Needed Now—

The town may well loose, as has Necedah, but there is no point in crying over spilled milk or long-gone milk spillers. There is, instead, a definite need for a recreation-oriented community that realizes its role and takes advantage of it.

Necedah is beginning to do just this. W. M. (Bill) Alexander, local tavernkeeper, and member of several local governing units, said

the community is attempting to advertise the outdoor assets at its doorstep.

"The trouble is we aren't able to keep people here long enough," Alexander said. "What we need is extensive lakeshore development such as we could have on the flowages."

The Wisconsin River Power Co., operator of the flowages, furnishes adequate public access to the water, but will not sell or lease shorelines for cottage development.

Outdoor Use Grows

But even if more long-term visitors remain only a local business men's dream, the village is likely to realize more and more from the short-term visitors.

Planning along the recreation lines for the Necedah area is being built on the prediction that by 1975 the village will be within four hours of 40 million people, a great majority of whom demand outdoor recreation of a form to be found around Necedah.

The farmers are gone. They aren't coming back. But the outdoor users are here. And they'll be coming in larger and larger numbers in years to come. They'll need Necedah and communities like Necedah. Thus continues the tale of a village.

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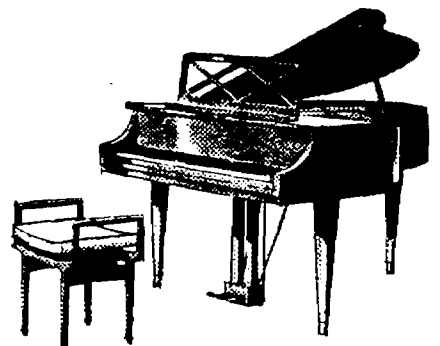
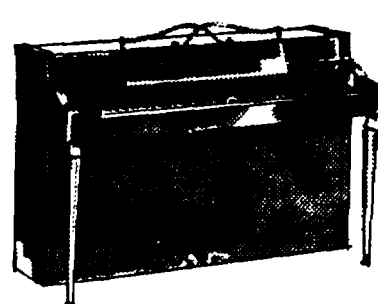
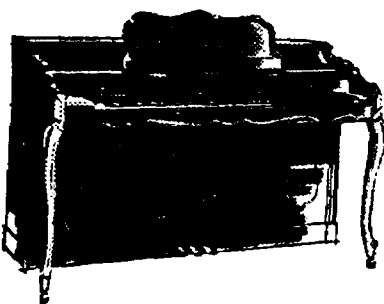
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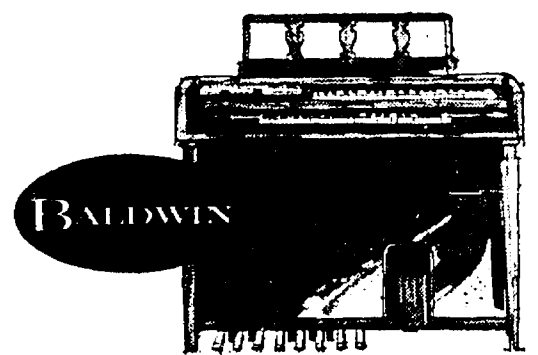


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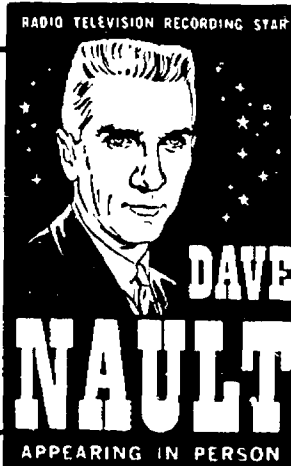
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