

This & That

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Phoenix, for example, depends upon bringing most of its water supply from nearby mountain snow-run-off sources. A householder in that city, every two inches is allowed about six inches in depth of water to cover his yard, the sides of which have been diked about eight inches. Generally, that amount of water enables him to maintain a lawn and garden; no interim sprinkling, however, is allowed.

WHAT SOME OF THESE semi-desert cities will do for necessary water to supply populations they expect during the next decade or two, well, that is a future problem. Even today, Los Angeles has to depend upon the Colorado River, several hundred miles away, for much of its fresh water.

Yet, with such problems, neither legislation by Congress, state legislatures, the United Nations, or any other man-made and man-controlled agency is going to deprive Arizona, New Mexico and other southwestern states of a generous, year-round supply of glorious sunshine. And, as in the case of the remainder of the sun-blessed U.S., people have always migrated to warm climates.

The anthropologists tell us that human beings originally came into earthly existence on the central slopes of Asia. From there, they began traveling in search of better natural environments. Some crossed the Bering Strait, up Alaska-way, and then they began going southward, along the Pacific coast, and some remained to become Eskimos, some became North, some Central, and some South American Indians, so it went . . . and so it continues to go. This probably is assured every winter-warm portion of the U.S.A. (Not to overlook winter-cold areas, too).

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

THE ECCENTRIC running out of money? Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley says that most of the reporter covering city commission meetings. Seems that he and Fire Chief Park Smith had received letters asking their departments to contact the staff photographer whenever possible on emergency calls. The letters arrived "Postage Due" and cost each department four cents.

Mayor Richard N. Cogger of Lansing came in for a bit of jubilation from fellow council members as they read a resolution he had prepared opposing the proposed Detroit income tax. Councilman said his language was too flowery and proceeded to revise it until Councilman John Kohl said "you'll get this down to a point where the mayor will vote against his own resolution."

Ladies, the next time friend husband says women are not logical, face him with this. He'll know the battle is lost. You see, a certain male in Franklin, in an effort to bring order to his wife's record-keeping (a income tax) purchased a metal file cabinet for her. She loves it. Says it's just what she has been wanting for storage space for her fossils—which she collects whenever she is not computing income tax and filing records.

Wondering how many bomb shelters had been installed in Birmingham in the past year, this Wanderer called the City Building Department today to find out. Fifteen families built some kind of bomb or fallout shelter in 1961, according to electrical inspector Frank Van Fleten. Four built shelters when they added recreation rooms to their homes they certified them with 22 inch concrete between the ceiling of the shelter and the floor of the recreation room above. Four families built the sunken backyard variety. Others installed shelters in the breezeway between garage and home, while some used two existing basement walls, added two new walls and an 8-inch cement block ceiling.

has lived under four flags? They include Spanish, Mexican, Confederate and United States. About 800 A.D., a long-gone Indian tribe founded Tucson; they named it "Stikson, village of the dark spring at the foot of the mountain." The first white man was a Spanish priest, who was in search of a rumored fabulous group of riches called the Seven Cities of Gold. He never found them. A year later Coronado, at the head of his Conquistadores, made a mile to cover the conditions of southern Arizona.

As you may know, the entire southwest one time was part of Mexico, the home of a great variety of Indian tribes, and even today, attended that city's annual western rodeo, one of the nation's really great cowboy contests, which attracts most of the top saddle-riders of the nation. I won't tire you with any detailed account of this rodeo, since perhaps you have seen these yourself, either alive or over television.

CLOSE TO TUCSON are the Apache Indian reservations, their agricultural skills; they still live in their small adobe cabin-style structures. Other Indian tribes who have, and many still do, live in Arizona include the Zuni, Navajo, Hopi, Pimas, Utes, Kiowas, and Comanches. They all continue to live in their traditional ways, though many of them achieve success in fabrications of their traditional arts and colorful rug weaving; much of their products they sell to Arizona white residents and tourists.

Yes, if you want to immerse yourself in some of the early traditions of the west, a visit to Tucson will provide you with the best of both worlds—those rough and adventurous ways.

If you are in Tucson, Phoenix, or some other Arizona community, and want to "get away from it all" . . . well, just about as soon as you reach the desert, a given community you will be in the midst of "wide open spaces"—a variety of vegetation, including cacti, flowers, trees and shrubbery.

AND, IF YOU WERE to stay in the southern half of Arizona for a year, you could depend upon enjoying an average of 2,800 hours of sunshine, approximating hours per day. This is what the folks in Tucson, Phoenix and other big and little settlements declare to be the truth!

Incidentally, though quite importantly, let me offer my thoughts on buying Arizona (or any other distant area) homesites. You read much advertising on this subject, and perhaps may have received some such data by direct mail. If I were interested in making such a purchase, I would want to visit the spot, and thus check every claim made by the sellers; or if I could not get there, I'd endeavor to have some friend or relative who may live in the area, or is going to visit it, do the investigating for me. In other words, I'd "investigate before I invested."

And, let me add, with the most grandulated future pattern of population increase, plus the growing number of retired persons, certainly those areas where sun shines so well first in Alaska, then comes—some to stay the year round, some to stay away from northern U.S. winters, and many to visit as tourists.

MOST CERTAINLY, the white man, like the Asians who centuries ago crossed the Bering Straits and settled in the cities, has witnessed the warm sun southward to Central and South America . . . so will many of the white conquerors of this northern clime do the same. Overall, then, is not the gorgeous sun the greatest lure? Oh, yes, I must admit that Herb Gardner and I, while in Tucson, attended that city's annual western rodeo, one of the nation's really great cowboy contests, which attracts most of the top saddle-riders of the nation. I won't tire you with any detailed account of this rodeo, since perhaps you have seen these yourself, either alive or over television.

Suffice it to say, however, that this annual affair is part of Tucson's "Go West" history, and the rodeo predated by a great parade, its program portraying replicas of earlier western days, as well as most of those taking part in the rodeo itself. The citizens, too, enter into the spirit of the annual event by dressing in levis, soft outdoor shirts, ten-gallon hats, and cowboy boots.

Which reminds me, too, that the "meat" of Arizona, and most of the tourist-residents, live and dress in a manner befitting "the casual cowboy" in formality" in the touchstone of the easy cameraderie that abounds in the southwest.

PHOENIX, OF COURSE, is a bustling city, growing as fast (with claim faster) as any community in the United States. Its lower altitude allows it to grow vast acres of citrus, while in and near it are numerous nurseries that grow a variety of beautiful flowers, most of which are shipped to florists in other states for retail disposal.

Arizona's southern half is at a lower altitude, and is mostly semi-desert . . . not a desert of vast expanses of undulating sand, but with an earth crust that looks like

Pulitzer Winner Speaks at MSUO

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet William D. Snodgrass will appear Monday, 8:15 p.m., in the Oakland Center at Michigan State University, Oakland.

The 35-year-old poet was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for his book "Heart's Needle." He also is the recipient of England's Guinness Poetry Award and the Ingram Award for Poetry. He was the guest speaker at the 1961 Columbia University Phi Beta Kappa.

Holder of bachelor of arts, master of arts, and master of fine arts degrees from State University of Iowa, he is presently an assistant professor at Wayne State University. He formerly taught at Cornell University and at the University of Rochester in New York. He is a member of the Poetry Society of America and the Antioch Writers Conference in 1957.

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fine and coarse crumbled gravel, with a plentiful, though not solid, cover of mesquite, oak (which grows only at certain altitudes, such as at Tucson) sagebrush, various small shrubs and numerous trees—the Joshua, Juniper, Pines, Cottonwoods, and others—not to overlook its northern mountain areas with their Ponderosa Pines, Spruces, and a variety of Fir.

Arizona, like the other southwest states, boasts of a majority of good roads, so you are assured of excellent highways for your motoring . . . and the scenery "out there" is invitingly interesting.

So, even though famed Horace Greeley, one of the 19th Century's great newspaper editors, long ago has put his Last Edition to bed, what he said then is equally applicable today. He exclaimed: "Go West, young man—Go West!"

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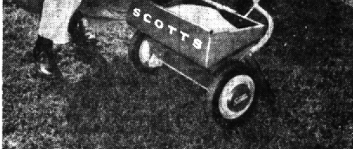
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Breath-holding
Q. Can a person voluntarily hold his breath until dead?
A. No. Even with sufficiently great will power to stop breathing until unconscious, death would automatically start at the moment of "passing out."

Suicide Threats
Q. Is it true that a person who talks of suicide will hardly ever carry out the threat?
A. No. Doctors say that most suicide victims talk about taking their life before trying to do so. They treat the threat of suicide lightly.

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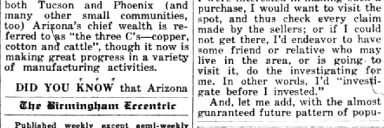
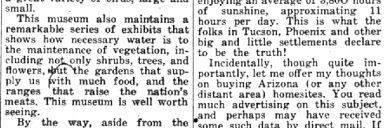
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The Artistic Touch

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