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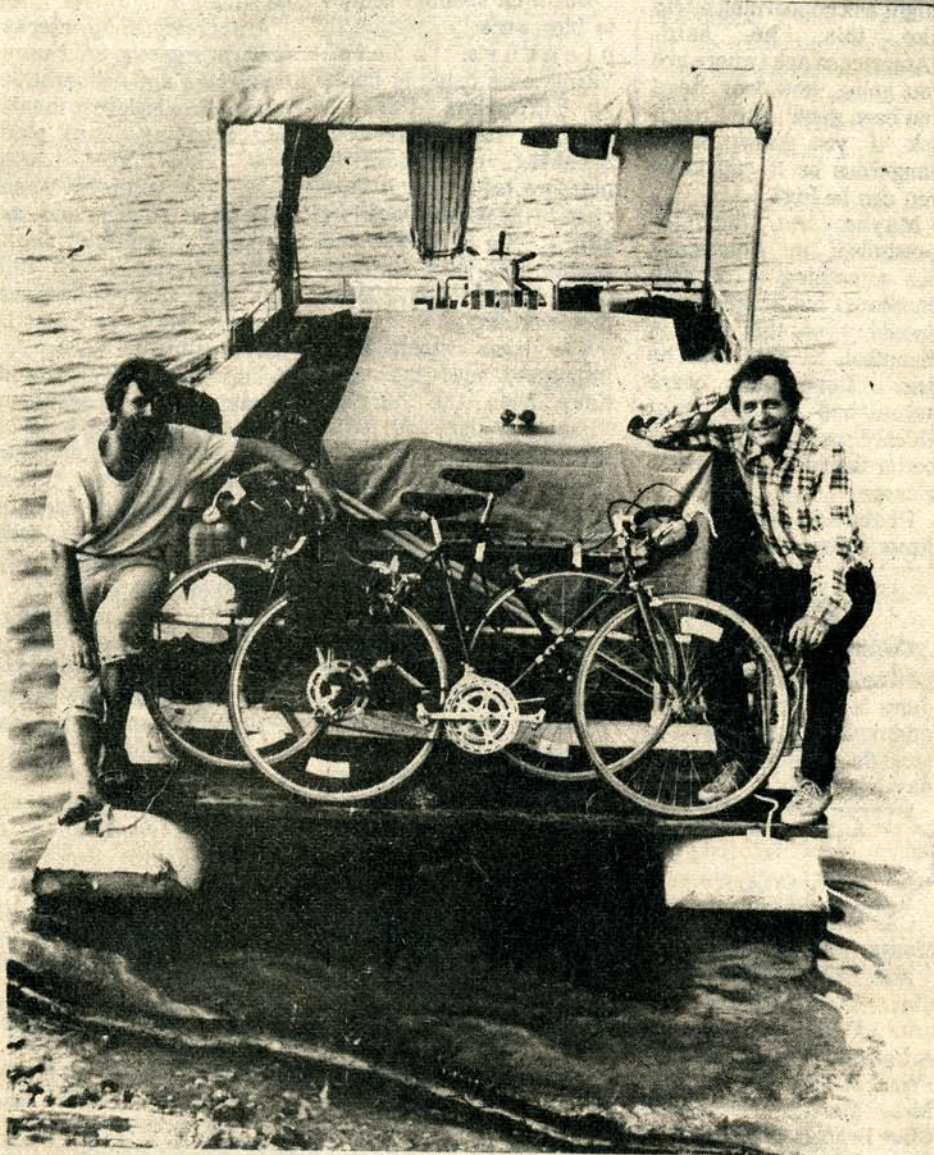
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Cornelius Meffert, left, and Hans Conrad Zander, right, are German journalists who have become modern-day Huck Finns as they take their pontoon boat down the Mississippi River. (Citizen Staff Photo by Ron Hornberger)

Journalists Mark 100th Anniversary of Huck Finn

By Ron Hornberger
Citizen Staff Writer

You might think that two German journalists taking a boat trip down the Mississippi River to New Orleans are trying to get

adventure.

Hans, being the writer, did most of the talking, while Cornelius, the photographer, tended to some work on the boat. "We're always looking for a

things like spoons. "An old lady can hunt for spectacles, but she is pensioned and has time," he explains, "but in a boat there are 500 things to keep up with; we have to organize like the

Fewer Tax Collected

By Steve Brinkmeyer
Citizen Staff Writer

The City of Cairo expected to receive 90 percent of taxes to be collected from Alexander County but so far has only received 52 percent. According to city accountant Darrel Gustafson this has put the city in a bind.

"If we would have received the 90 percent as expected we would have a balanced budget. We need to ask the county why and try to work with them in recovering these taxes," Gustafson told the council.

"We have always reached the 90 percent goal until the last two years," he continued. "Part of it is the Bunge situation but not all. The school district has the

same problem. If we are going to collect the tax will have to do some and it will have to be this year."

Gustafson presented council with a Budget Comparison for FY with the total of a budget receipts amounting to \$1,138, with the proposed budget receipts set at \$1,211,8. A deficit of \$73,653.00.

Gustafson told the council that the budget would more thoroughly discuss at a budget workshop June 25, at 5 p.m.

In other business Mayor Allen Moss informed council that they will continue the fan program for senior citizens starting Wednesday morning.

Reagan Rejects

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan has rejected a plan advocated by top Republicans and Democrats for regularly scheduled summits with the Soviet leadership to discuss general world problems and ways to avert global war.

White House deputy press secretary Peter Rousset said Tuesday that Reagan is insisting that any summit have a carefully prepared agenda and a good chance of producing concrete results.

"Setting a fixed schedule for summit meetings would not in and of itself solve the very real substantive problems existing between our two countries with such different values and interests," Rousset said.

The idea of regularly scheduled summits, possibly once a year has

Ill., chairman of Foreign Relations Committee.

Percy and Baker their arguments for annual summit to the House Tuesday presented them to Reagan. Baker said Reagan guidelines for conducting summits were anachronistic.

But shortly after meeting, the proposal dismissed "questionable" Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

Shultz told reporters get-acquainted meeting between Reagan and Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko could disappoint people around the world failed to produce results.

Besides, Shultz said, if you would immediately write a story about

Mississippi River to New Orleans are trying to get some impressions of the World's Fair held there, but they say that they are after more interesting things than that.

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the publication of Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," and by making like modern-day Huck Finns, the two journalists are trying to get some impressions as well as photographs of the Mississippi River and the people along it.

Hans Conrad Zander, a 46 year old Swiss writer, and Cornelius Meffert, a 45 year old photographer, are doing the story for "Der Stern," a West German magazine which Hans describes as being similar to the "Life" magazine of 20 years ago.

The two departed Hannibal, Missouri about three weeks ago on a pontoon boat and hope to arrive in New Orleans in about three more weeks. This Monday after stopping in Cairo to make some contacts in order to write a segment on a Kentucky farm family, they spoke about their

some work on the boat. "We're always looking for a pretext to go to America," said Hans with a smile. "We told our publisher that it was necessary to do a story on Huck Finn."

Hans believes that Americans are a very organized people, and he finds interesting the contrast between his impression of Americans being organized and Huck's being care-free. "He's like an unamerican American, more like a character from southern France," said Hans.

He and Cornelius have been trying to assume this care-free attitude, but sometimes it runs counter to their German need for organization and efficiency. With tongue in cheek, Hans complains that Mark Twain was wrong about this idea of sitting and relaxing with your feet hung over the boat. "I understand Huck Finn; he wanted to be free, but just lazying around on a raft—it can't be. In order to be lazy you have to stop working."

But working is what he and Cornelius have to do continuously just to stay afloat. "The roof gets away, the tent breaks down, there is trouble with the motor," said Hans.

He agrees that it is a pleasant idea to be able to look at the moon over the Mississippi River, but it is hard to enjoy these things when you have to spend a lot of time hunting for

things to keep up with; we have to organize like the German Army."

And he has trouble with this idea of Huck Finn being able to catch fish. "American fish are different from German fish—they don't bite. We have tried everything, including American worms."

And then there are the "disasters." Just before arriving in Cairo, their boat ran into a whirlpool and the boat became difficult to steer and the motor was out of the water, almost causing the boat to turn over. Their strict German discipline was so tested that it had to be aided by some Scotch whiskey. "We understand why seamen drink so much," said Hans.

It might seem strange that Germans would drink Scotch whiskey instead of beer, but it must be noted that they save the whiskey for "disasters." During calm, pleasant times, they drink beer—every night in fact with the steaks they cook.

They have been quite impressed by American steaks and beer. "French meat is the best in Europe," claims Hans, "but American steaks are the best meat in the world, and cheap, too. We like American light beer; German light beer is too heavy; you get drunk quickly." He adds that German drunks seem to stagger as much as the American drunks do because they don't have the good sense of French drunks to hide somewhere

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Bits 'N Pieces

Happy birthday to REV. JAMES JACKSON.

Happy birthday to BRENDA and LINDA RAMSEY.

Happy 18th birthday to JIMMY GRIFFIN.

Happy 52nd birthday to MARY WILSON.

Happy fourth birthday to TUCHE LITTLE.

Happy Sweet 16th birthday W E N D Y WISSINGER.

Belated birthday wishes to TOMIKA M. HAILEY.

Belated birthday wishes to VERTIE and TERRY DOWELL.

Belated birthday wishes to NETTIE ELAM.

Belated birthday wishes to JESSICA MURRAY.

Belated birthday wishes to FANNIE TAYLOR.

Congratulations Donna Koch on your big game last night!

The Alexander County Democratic Women will meet in Tamms at the Community Building Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Weather

TRI-STATE FORECAST:

Fair to partly cloudy, hot and humid thru Thurs. Winds thru Thurs. light and variable. Lows tonight upper 70s. Highs Thurs. upper 90s. Precipitation probabilities thru Thurs. 10 per cent.

SUNSET Today 8:17 p.m.

SUNRISE Tomorrow 5:26 a.m.

CAIRO TEMPERATURE RECORD:

Normal this date	77
High last 24 hours	96
Low last 18 hours	77
High year ago today	92
Low year ago today	70
Record High-1953	100
Record Low-1903	53

Lottery

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Here are the winning numbers drawn Tuesday in the Illinois Lottery:

Daily Game

4-1-3

(four-one-three)

Pick Four Game

6-3-9-0

(six-three-nine-zero)

Estimated grand prize pool for Lotto: \$3.5 million.

scheduled summits, possibly once a year, has been endorsed by Democratic presidential hopefuls Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, and by Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., and Sen. Charles Percy, R-

Unions Applaud

By TIMOTHY HARPER
Associated Press Writer

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding "last hired, first hired" policies has sharply split organized labor leaders who support the seniority system and civil rights leaders seeking economic opportunity for blacks and women.

"It reverses affirmative action programs which are already in place and those being contemplated," said Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP.

"We certainly believe in affirmative action, but we don't believe it ought to take priority over negotiated contracts," said William King, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers local at the General Electric plant in Tiffin, Ohio.

The 6-3 decision Tuesday overturned a lower court decision that barred the Memphis, Tenn., Fire

of you would immediately write a story about election-year ploy probably the Soviets evaluate it that way."

Percy said he had "that we meet at least a year" with an agenda "of whatever happens

Department from law firefighters according to seniority during the economic cutbacks in the lower court protected black firefighters hired under a department affirmative action program

The Reagan administration led the fight against protection of affirmative action employees, saying keeping black workers the job would amount to racial discrimination against white workers had been hired earlier

Attorney General William French called the ruling a "correct decision" and it "does not in any way affect those persons who have been victims of discrimination."

Justice Byron R. White's majority opinion said that VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects seniority

World's Fair Plan

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Hotel and restaurant taxes would be boosted to underwrite the 1992 Chicago World's Fair and other projects, under a plan that Governor Thompson says presents no risk to Illinois taxpayers.

The proposal, announced Tuesday, calls for a 1 percent increase in the statewide tax on hotels and motels, a 1 percent tax on Chicago restaurant tabs and a .05 percent tax on dining out in suburban Cook County.

The tax revenue would fund an expansion of the McCormick Place exposition center and increased promotion of tourism in Illinois as well as the fair.

Thompson said a key attraction of the plan was that "there is no risk if the fair goes bust."

"No taxpayer in the state

of Illinois is going to hold the bag," Thompson said after meeting legislative leaders on the proposal was unveiled

The Republican governor said the blueprint proposal was well received.

"Nobody is looking at concrete on anything in all I'd have to say, an encouraging meeting," Thompson said.

Transportation Secretary John Kramer, who led the task force, said the financing plan for the fair calls for equal investment of \$450 million from government and private business. The money would be paid off later with revenues.

If private investors come up with their share in 1986, the state would agree to long-term financing, Kramer said.

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when they get drunk.

Dispite the distractions of "disasters", and American food and beer, he has gathered a lot of impressions about the Mississippi River and American people.

He believes that Americans are not as pessimistic as Europeans are. Comparing the questions the two groups might ask concerning a trip like this, he said, "Americans ask 'where are you going, how long have you been gone'; the French ask if you know it is dangerous or if you know you can be hurt."

Maybe the lack of pessimism in Americans has something to do with another of his impressions. Speaking of the stop in Hannibal, he said that he and Cornelius were astonished to see that elderly people here look better than do the elderly in Europe.

Probably not many Americans think of the

Fewer

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 police officers effective June 30, 1984 and pay for additional time worked at straight time pay on an 90 day trial basis.

Cypress News

C.B. Mason is a patient at Massac Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Albert Stevens of Chicago, Mrs. Linda Price and Pat Warren of Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster of Goreville, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stevens of Olive Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Story, Cathy Jennings and family, Mr. and Mrs. Murill Dickerson of Edwardsville, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Anderson of Metropolis were all supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams Saturday. All were here to attend the funeral of Alvin Hinkle at Dongola on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Niblock of Jonesboro called on the Audie Niblock family on Friday.

Journalists

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Mississippi River as a really wild river, but to Hans the river does have a sort of wild look, especially the upper part. He said that the Rhine River in West Germany has ten times more traffic than the Mississippi, which seems to be so wide. He likened the river to the backyard of towns and said it is in contrast to the civilized life of the towns.

But what seemed wildest to him were the people in pleasure boats. "Americans drive in boats as Europeans drive in cars," he observed. Speaking of persons in pleasure boats which buzz close to the pontoon boat, he said, "We always see people with beer in their hands trying to show their motor strength."

The boats which have impressed him the most have been the barges. "Barges at night with lights are as beautiful as the Delta Queen," he said. "Barges have beautiful nuances of blue and brown, always a bit rusty-in Europe they always paint them." He added that in Europe there would only be one barge instead of the dozen or so together in this country.

He has observed that the Mississippi River is less polluted than is the Rhine River, where the fish are no longer edible. Even though he and Cornelius have been warned not to swim in the Mississippi River, they do swim in it because they have noticed that the fish seem to be able to survive

in the River.

They have found that although Americans are efficient and helpful if they tell them exactly what they want, there is a slight language problem. Even though Hans speaks fluent English, German gutturals are present in his speech. "As soon as they hear a European accent, they cease trying to understand," he said.

American shop clerks and waitresses are not used to the slow and deliberative approach to ordering meals and shopping. Hans said that they get some suspicious glances when they go into a shop and, as he says, "meditate" about what they want to buy. And he said that waitresses become very nervous if they don't order soon.

This "meditative" frame of mind really causes them problems when they want to drink tea. "We don't know where to go for tea," said Hans, "if we say we want to drink some tea and meditate, I think they should call the police."

All things considered, they seem to be enjoying their journey, but they still can't figure out how Huck Finn could find time to hang his feet over the side of the boat, relax and catch all those fish while avoiding all the work required of a person floating down the river. What they don't realize is that most Americans haven't figured out how Huck Finn pulled it off either.

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