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THIS WEEK--April 21, 1971

"It Takes a Lot of Help", a film on drug abuse produced in the Cedar Rapids area.

LAST WEEK

State Senator Charles O. Laverty of Indianola says he can't understand why his neighbors' pig pens give off such a stench, when his smell so sweet! He encourages each of us to improve our own housekeeping. It is so easy to take the attitude that the other fellow is the polluter of the environment. He is convinced that less talking and more individual action will do much more than any amount of legislation.

The book "Silent Spring", and organizations such as the Sierra Club and Wilderness Foundation, have done much to help shock the average citizen into thinking about the problem of environment pollution and destruction, but the Senator feels publicity has served its purpose. Now lets get on with the action. He doesn't think much of the "Instant Ecologists", who suddenly discover they have university degrees in ecology, or the politicians who are riding the wave of publicity to get more funds for their pet projects!

The Senator advises that the legislative committee studying pollution control has found industry and the universities most cooperative and objective in their conferences with committee members. The key word appears to be "Recycling". Land fills for the disposal of garbage and other waste will probably become a thing of the past in five to ten years. Processes and equipment, such as machines to crush automobiles, are just now reaching the practical stage and will come into common usage with the next few years.

Iowa's No. 1 pollutant is soil being washed away by water and blown away by the winds. Currently the Legislature is considering a bill which proposes to control the extent and place the blame for soil erosion. Senator Laverty blames much of the erosion upon absentee owners who have no real interest in saving the rich farmlands for future generations, but who's only interest is in squeezing out every possible penny. However, he sees a problem on the horizon. It is considered that it will be necessary to subsidize erosion control-----and he can't see where the funds will come from. Senator Laverty appears to have a practical attitude and approach to the problem of control of pollution. Expect something good to come of his efforts in Des Moines.

VISITORS

Arthur A. Lawrence from Lawton, Oklahoma, guest of Frank Wilbur. Mr. Lawrence has been a KIWANIAN since 1923!

Messrs. Buley, Jones, Melhouse, Stone and Wilson from the CR East Side KIWANIAN organization.

ANNIVERSARIES

- Howard Smith-----April 15, 1944
- Russell Sandercock----April 17, 1946
- Ralph Dresher-----April 11, 1951
- Arnold Herbst-----April 12, 1967

HOW ABOUT THAT

Virg Brownfield gave an amazing exhibition last Wednesday. He named everyone at his table, including Gene Stone, a visitor, without the aid of a prompter sheet! What's your system Virg?



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