



DEATH TAKES OVER—Seconds before fatal crash that took his life, British Ace Ray Amm (28) wheels his motorcycle in to the death turn at Imola, Italy. At right is Italy's Agostini (2). The 27-year-old Amm plowed into a pole on the curve.



VERY HAPPY!—Hideo Hamamura of Japan is all smiles as he crosses the finish line in Boston to win the 59th running of the Boston Marathon. He made the 26 mile run in a record 2:18:22.



SPECTATOR 'MATADOR' TOSSED—TIJUANA, Mexico—An American spectator, Rocky Moody, 21, of San Diego, Calif., lies on the ground after being tossed by the bull when he entered the bull ring during the fights. Moody, a would-be matador, ran into the ring, produced a red cape, and dodged the animal for half a minute before being tossed over the bull's head. The regular matador, left, and others distracted the bull while Moody was removed from the ring. He sustained severe bruises. (AP Wirephoto).



IN THE THICK—Family blood goes off the boards when the Cook brothers ride against each other, as W. M., left, and L. G. Cook, right, are doing in this race at Gulfstream Park. L. G.'s mount, Gainsboro, won this race while his brother, astride Alternative, was out of the money.

Sports

Is That So!

What's that again! . . . A tree continues to grow as long as it is alive although after it reaches a certain size — depending upon the species and the food supply — the rate of growth slows. But some trees continue to grow for thousands of years.

Perhaps the world's oldest living tree is in the village of Santa Maria del Tule, Mexico. It is a bald cypress with a trunk diameter of 41 feet. Tree specialists have estimated its age at close to 5,000 years.

Some of the giant redwoods in California run it a close second — they are estimated to be around 4,000 years.

ALTHOUGH these giant redwoods have raised their leaves higher than any other tree — over 350 feet into the sky — another plant has grown a longer stalk; the seaweed. Some are said to be over 50 feet long.

Strictly speaking, the plants of the sea have no roots. After all, a true root must provide food for the plant. These ocean plants, being immersed in water, take in their food by means of mouths in the stems and leaves. Nourishment, literally, is absorbed through the skin of the plants. As for the long stalk reaching down to the ocean floor — that is merely a hold-fast attachment and serves not at all for supplying food.

On land too there are plants without roots to take in food and, besides, without leaves to digest their food. These plants are lichen. Instead of roots, the lichen has filaments which are so tiny that they can even penetrate the spaces between the particles that are cemented together to form granite. And as for taking in food, the whole body of the lichen absorbs moisture and food from the air together with some chemicals from the rock.

Another plant, the mangrove, has roots which grow upside down — toward the sun, actually out of the soil and into the air.

THE MANGROVE grows in salty marshes which are covered with water when the tide is in. This means the roots are cut off from their air supply so they do

the next best thing — they grow their roots upward. These have tiny minute breathing holes. The air is conveyed through these to the spongy interior and through his spongy mass it descends to the roots which are enveloped with water.

The bald cypress of our south-land swamps solves its oxygen-supply in yet another way. It also has a habit of growing in swamp-land where the ground may be flooded at least a large portion of the year. What to do? To provide breathing organs out of the water, it grows knees which project up from the roots and above the surface of the water. Through these knee-roots, it breathes.

Better yet, there is a plant which grows a miniature plant — leaf, stem, and root in the air — on the edge of the leaves, while the leaves are still attached to the growing plant. The leaf of this "life plant" or "live-leaf plant" has sharp points along its edges and at each of these points the new miniature plant may develop.

AFTER the young miniature has a complete set of roots, it drops to the ground to take root and grow. Or, should the parent-leaf break off, each little plant growing around its edge will send its roots into the soil for moisture thus starting a new family of life plants.

The mangrove does it yet another way: long, heavy seedlings grow on the branches of the parent trees and then drop off when they are from 6 to 8 inches long. Most drop straight down into the mud at the base of the parent mangrove or are carried a few feet away before lodging, to grow and branch and in time transform a solitary tree into a dense mangrove forest. Or they may drop into the swirling water of high tide and be swept from the parent thicket far out to sea.



ALWAYS WITH HIM—British Heavyweight challenger Don Cockell and his wife, Irene, are shown together on their way to California. Mrs. Cockell has missed only about three of her husband's fights. Cockell is now training for his May 16 attempt to wrest the world heavyweight boxing title from Rocky Marciano in San Francisco. (AP WIREPHOTO).



FISHY SHOT—Stuart Post, 17, took a 5-iron shot at Hotland, Mich., and groaned when it landed in a pool of water. But the shot caught a 31-inch, eight-pound pike as a prize, besides leaving an added stroke.

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