New Families Are Moving To Area

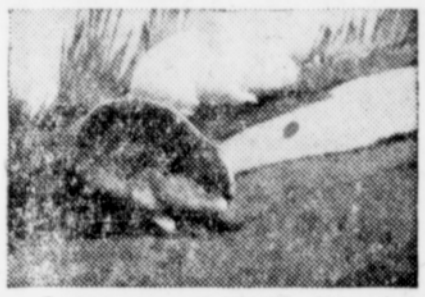
Just before leaving for Portland late last week, John Oxley, of Willox Veneer Co., told the Pilot that all arrangements had been completed in the transfer of the Hedberg Veneer Co. to the Willox Co. and that the new families moving to Brookings to work in the operations, included: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bain, Mr. and Mrs. William A Gossett and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Swinney. Cain has leased a home while the other two have purchased homes near the school. These men were formerly employed by the Klamath Basin Lumber Co., of Klamath Falls.

According to Mr. Oxley many requests have come to the company from Eugene, Lebanon, Roseburg and Grants Pass.

With the crew about to be completed, operations are expected to start about April 15. The log supply at the moment is ample for a continuous 12-months operation. The veneer is being sold to different firms, many of them in the state of Washington.

Collared Lemming

In the far north, where summers are short and winters bring many an icy blast, there lives a tiny, fur-bearing animal called the Collared Lemming. Though he doesn't look strong and hardy, he knows the tricks of surviving in the barron lands that stretch from northern Alaska to Labrador.



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Collared Lemming

To help him hide from the larger animals that hunt him, he wears a white coat during the snowy winters. In the summer, when the ground is clear his colors changs to brown, chesnut or gray.

If an enemy does see him, he scampers into his underground shelter. It is a clever hideaway, says the National Wildlife Federation, and often saves him from harm.

The entrance to the burrow may be dug in an open place, or it may be carved out beneath a log, a bush, or some tree roots. When he plunges into the hole, he enters a small tunnel which is from two to three feet long. At the end of this passageway, he comes to a nest chamber that is four to five inches in diameter. To make it soft and warm, he lines it with grass and moss.

If, by chance, a foe does poke into his main burrow, the Collared Lemming can leave his nest chamber and go into a branch tunnel. It is a foot or more in length.

The nest is an especially busy place in early summer, for that is when most baby Lemmings are born. There are about three to a litter—making a family of five that must live in the little home. But the shelter never seems crowded because even the parents are small. When fully grown they are about six inches long and weigh four ounces.

Long before the first snow flies, the young Lemmings are ready to leave the nest and hunt for their own meals. Their favorite foods are grass, roots and moss—all fairly easy to find during the summer.

It is harder to get enough to eat in the winter but the Lemmings still manage to satisfy their hunger. Under the snow they build a network of tunnels on the surface of the ground. With a thick blanket of white above them, they can leave their burrows and explore for bits of plant life.

The worst thing that can happen to them is for a raging wind to blow away the protecting snow. When that happens to a Lemming colony, some of the little creatures perish in the cold and others are captured by hungry enemies.

While many are lost, the National Wildlife Federation reports that there is no danger of Collared Lemmings being wiped out. They are among the most plentiful animals on earth.

How To Move A Garden Around For Better Results

Outdoor gardens that can be moved around have been a natural development from patios and outdoor living rooms where a few plants or shrubs in pots and larger containers offer many advantages over stationary "in-the-ground" plantings. Having started in California in a big way a few years ago, the trend has caught on in New York City penthouse gardens, Chicago and Texas suburbs, and especially where homes or small lots have the most to gain from portable gardens.

People who are doing this kind of gardening report great satisfaction in being able to change colors and keep continuous blooms by rotating annuals, perennials, bulbs and flowering shrubs into position as they come into bloom. Among many other advantages is the ability to expand or contract a patio area as family interests change. Portability is a necessity for tender plants that must be moved under cover when the weather turns cold. Protection against gophers, moles and other ground dangers is also important.

This new trend toward extensive outdoor container gardening has opened up many new problems and opportunities that no books or magazines have covered adequately, with exception of the Sunset Magazine. Gardeners everywhere will be glad to know that Sunset is today publishing a new book devoted entirely to this new gardening technique.

"The Portable Garden," ($1.00, Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, Calif.), shows the reader how to take advantage of the almost unlimited opportunities in this new method of gardening; how to grow hundreds of kinds of plants and shrubs in pots, boxes, tubs, hanging baskets and other indoor and outdoor containers. Special culture charts compastly cover 15 pages. This helpful and attractive new book is profusely illustrated and well indexted for a quick reference to the varied information it contains on hundreds of plants.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Redfield Sr. and her mother, Mrs. Flora Weber, left for San Francisco Sunday morning with Ben Turner. They will embark April 10, on the President Wilson liner for a two months cruise of the Orient.

Merle Malone had the misfortune to fall and break his arm on the walk near his home Monday of last week. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Roy M. White at Brookings Clinic.

The High School age Sunday School class, led by Mrs. Mumbower, will have a breakfast at Azalea Park after the Easter Sunrise service Sunday morning.

The Matot Co. will award an electric Bowman-Manning coffee maker to one of its guests on Apr. 18. Visitors registering during the month compete in this drawing.

Lois Ann Miller, student at Humboldt State College, is now spending a few days at San Francisco before coming home for the spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Zenier were called to Portland recently by the serious illness of his brother.

W. D. Sibly of Typo-print, of Gold Beach, and Mrs. Sibley, were brief business callers in Brookings Sunday afternoon.

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