

Boy Scouts Assist With Festival

The Boy Scouts, in spite of the inclement weather, did their collective "Good Deed" of the day when they went out Sunday to start gathering materials for the decoration committee to use for the stage in Azalea Park.

Both Scout troops, under leaders Sanders, Crane and Buzz Stewart, plan to work on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning to gather the quantities of fresh flowers needed to complete the azalea chain and for the other decorations. The committee is very grateful to the boys and their leaders for this help.

The many friends of Judge Charlie Schaal are mighty glad to see him in circulation again, thanks to some mighty proficient and timely medical help.

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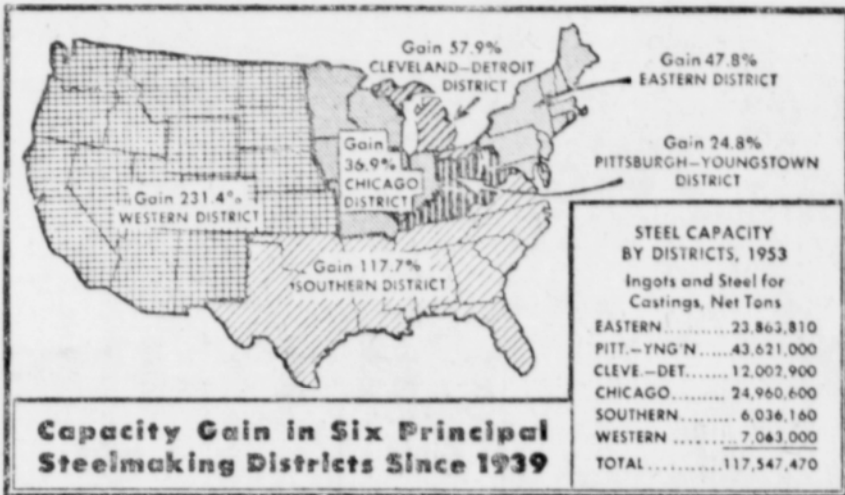
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Steel Capacity Has Risen Sharply



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GREEN TREE FROG

By E. LAURENCE PALMER

THE GREEN Tree Frog must be well known. It bears so many common names. Bell frog, fried bacon frog, cowbell frog, marsh tree frog are a few of the more descriptive of these common names. Of course some of these common names are applied to some other kinds of frogs.

The Green Tree Frog is found near the edges of fresh waterways on water plants, bushes, overhanging trees or vines. Some of its relatives will stray farther from water than will the Green Tree Frog. Usually this species is found close to the water level rather than high above it. Rafts of water hyacinth or stands of pickerel weed (see illustration) provide a superior type of vegetation to meet the needs of this frog.

Mature Green Tree Frogs reach a length of from 1½ to

2½ inches with the females being definitely larger than the males. The male is dark olive above with some orange spots scattered over the back. It is lighter on the side and there is a cream-colored streak which runs lengthwise of the side almost to the hind legs. The throat is green just under the mouth and the chin is cream-colored. Lower on the throat is a pinkish area that marks the wrinkled throat prop-



Green Tree Frog
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er. The female lacks the pinkish chin of the male, the undersides from the groin to the chin being more or less uniformly cream-colored.

All sorts of interpretations have been made to represent the call of the Green Tree Frog. Some say that the frog says "fried bacon" repeatedly. Others claim that the words "grab, grab, grabit, grabit" better represent the sound. Still others claim that it is a simple repeated "quonk" closing with a "quank." At a distance a chorus of the frogs sounds much like a cowbell.

The sounds are produced by

the males alone. They come to the breeding grounds or show a wish to reproduce before the females do. Breeding usually takes place between mid-April and mid-August. The eggs float in small films or clusters usually attached near the water surface to some support.

The eggs are black or brown and white and cream. The tadpole that develops from the eggs is of no extraordinary size, reaching a maximum of about 1½ inches in length. The tail is long and drawn out in the tadpole. The body is green with a yellowish or ivory stripe down the side of the head. After a development of from 55 to 63 days the mature tadpole transforms into the frog form. How long after this before the animal has reached reproductive maturity does not seem to be established.

These frogs are of course of no great economic importance. They feed as adults only on living animal matter and in this capacity no doubt destroy many pests such as mosquitoes. The frogs themselves are preyed on by a variety of enemies, includ-

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ing fish, birds, mammals and other frogs.

The National Wildlife Federation is interested in all forms of nature and its takes little stimulation to interest anyone in this animal once an introduction has been established.

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