

Caterpillars in County Crops Not In Danger

of caterpillars was moving out of the field in all directions. The five-acre patch of Canadian thistle had recently been sprayed with 2-4-D to help keep the seed of this noxious weed from spreading. Apparently the caterpillars didn't like it and decided to move.

Control Weeds
Normally, the larvae remain in the thistles and feed on it to emerge as butterflies. They aid in control of the weed, but unfortunately do not eat fast enough to be completely effective in its control, so the spraying is ordered by the county court.

"The caterpillars will soon go into the cocoon stage, we have been advised by Don C. Mote, head entomologist at Oregon State College," Fletcher explained.

The local officials inspected the areas invaded by the caterpillars and discovered relatively light damage. They do not appear to be feeding on the vegetable gardens and flower beds through which they pass. Moving in all directions, they have even gone up the sides of houses in the vicinity of the thistle field.

The fuzzy things, measuring slightly more or less than an inch, have eaten a few rose petals, Fletcher found, but he views the migration as relatively light. He said that the movement will be watched and control measures taken if the traveling army decides to go into crops.

Cricket-Getter To the Rescue

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — (U.P.) — Comes now a Paul Revere and a cricket-catcher to rescue Nevada from its locust plague.

Cliff Jones of Del Mar, Cal., wrote the Humboldt County commissioners requesting detailed information about Nevada's much-described locust infestation.

Jones asked for a description of the 'hoppers, or locusts, and for information as to their size and variety — the latter being a point over which the experts have argued for the past 11 years.

If the 'hoppers satisfy Jones, he told the commissioners in a letter, he will bring his patented cricket-catcher and scoop up a hundred barrels or so for use as fish bait.

The cricket catcher, which Jones said would work fine with grasshoppers, locusts or what have you, is a wooden contraption about 32-feet wide which rambles along the ground scooping up insects left and right.

The commissioners began gathering information to fill the strange request. They agreed that what with 'hoppers ankle-deep in an area embracing 3000 square miles in Northern Nevada, the California bait-seeker could have a million barrels full of the clicking insects if he wants 'em.

Congress Says Excise Tax Cuts Are Possible

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The promise of excise tax cuts in 1950 — along with new cushions against losses — is held out to business by Congress.

This was one of the first tangible reactions as lawmakers surveyed President Truman's 11-point beat-the-depression program.

There was evident agreement that only part of it could be put into effect before a pre-Labor Day adjournment this year. However, a leading Republican, Rep. Joe Martin of Massachusetts, said that he agrees with Mr. Truman that within a few years the country can achieve a national output of \$300 billion a year. This is a fifth more than the present annual rate.

Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of

the House Ways and Means Committee joined with Chairman George (D-Ga) of the Senate Finance Committee in promising relief next year from some of the heavy wartime taxes. These have applied to a long range of items from furs to face powder, and including transportation fares and communications.

President Truman asked for repeal of the excises on freight as one of the measures to keep the economy rolling in high gear and head off a threatened business recession.

But George told a reporter any such move now could cost the

government \$400 million revenue in a period when Mr. Truman seems to have resigned himself to in-the-red financing by dropping his demand for the major tax increases.

gued in a separate interview — that if Congress lifts the lid on excises now there might be no stopping repeal of most of such levies.

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Aerialist Dies After Plunge

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — An aerialist died after plunging 85 feet to the ground before a horror-struck crowd during his sky-high act at Pontchartrain Beach here.

Officials of the playground resort said the victim was Paul Perry, 34, a native of Los Angeles.

Charity Hospital doctors pronounced him dead shortly after arrival.

He was a member of the Aerial Ferrys, a two-man act of aerialists who performed without safety nets from trapeze swings about four stories high.

Obsidians Plan Trip To Sisters Vicinity

A 12-mile round-trip hike to the Obsidian Camp in the Three Sisters area will be led Sunday by Frank Sipe and Mary Castelle.

The group will begin hiking at 7 a.m. from Frog Camp, and hikers may camp there Saturday night or drive up early Sunday. Those planning the trip must register at Hendershott's.

Two trips were completed last Sunday. A group of 30, led by Gilbert Bissell and Chloe Owens, climbed Three-Fingered Jack. Another group of six, led by Phil Porter, climbed Maxwell Butte in the Santiam area near Jack.

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