

WHERE WEATHER MAN ACTS LIKE VILLAIN

It Was Real Hot in Kansas This Summer.

Topeka, Kan.—It has been rather hot all over the United States this summer, but in Kansas the weather man has been acting up like a demon. For instance, Jule Trowbridge is a farmer in Gove county. He was employed on the farm of Rev. Gerrit Snyder near Gove City. One afternoon he was directed to walk over to some stacks of barley and bring in some equipment. He walked through the barley stubble and his feet kept getting hotter and hotter. He looked down and both feet were actually on fire. The friction of the leather of his shoes on the hot ground and the hot straw of the stubble actually set his shoes on fire. Trowbridge took off his shoes and began fighting the fire in the stubble field. Others came to his aid and when the fire was out Trowbridge was taken to Dr. R. L. Rutten at Granfield and his burned feet dressed.

Boiled Goldfish.
The records of the Kansas state fire marshal contain authentic reports of numerous fires in homes caused entirely by sun rays. In one instance the sun rays struck the beveled edge of a mirror and then reflected to the rug and set the rug on fire. In another home a bubble in the glass of a window made a magnifying glass of the spot and set fire to a bed.

W. A. Smith of Snokomo walked into the living room of his home late one afternoon and noted that the goldfish were dead. He reached into the bowl and his hand was blistered. A sun ray had struck the bowl and had literally boiled the fish to death. At

least that's his story and he has one bowl but no fish to show for it. There have been innumerable fires caused by steel getting too hot. Some stacks of hay and wheat have been burned and many fields swept by fire as the result of pitchforks standing in the hay or straw and catching the hot rays of the sun. There are a few instances of where pieces of wire left in stubble fields have become so hot as to set fire to stubble, and there are a few reports of where high and dead grass along fences have been set on fire by the heat of the wires.

Cars Driven Backwards.
It is not an unusual sight to see motor cars of a certain well-known type being driven backwards across the Kansas prairies. The burning sun on the differential on the rear axle had burned out the grease and the wheels would not run forward. The cars would not run forward to the next service station sitting on the dashboards and piloting the car backwards. But the hot weather has been great for the birds. They got cooked insects. Motorists driving across the prairies strike grasshoppers and butterflies and other insects in large numbers. The heat of the radiators and the boiling sun cooked the insects. When the cars stopped anywhere the birds swarmed down upon the front of the car and began to eat. Some motorists were kind enough to spread a blanket over the car and lamps so the birds could pick the insects in the comfort and not get their feet burned. Yep, it surely has been terribly hot in Kansas—as well as other places.

The French flag is folded. The last horizon-blue-clad regiment has marched away and the Rhineland is once more "free." However, it may be well for the latter to realize that, in contradiction of the sports maxim, "they sometimes come back."

Thirsty Chauffeur Wins Beer Money in Hungary

Budapest.—Ladislav Almasy, who, while driving his employer's car, met with an accident resulting in the death of his employer, has won the lawsuit which he brought against the heirs of his late boss. He claimed that the accident afflicted him with an unquenchable thirst and that unless he used costly preventive medicines he would be obliged to drink from 20 to 25 pints of beer a day. The court decided "that must not be" and awarded him a pension of \$44 a month.

Spring Uncovered.
St. Louis.—Record low water on the Mississippi river due to dry weather in the Middle West, uncovered part of the old levee here, and a spring of bubbling water, which came through the stone paving. Levee hands have used it for drinking purposes.

Bee Expert Captures Swarm on Busy Street

London, England.—Ernest Melrose, bee expert, stepped off a bus in Oxford street and saw traffic paralyzed by thousands of bees swarming on a street light. He received hundreds of cheers and only one sting after he borrowed a ladder from the electric light company, a cardboard box lined with glycerin from a drug store, a mosquito net from a draper's, a pair of gloves from a department store and got most of the bees in the box and several hundred of them inside his coat, shirt and trousers.

All Spooners Barred From This Cemetery

Port Jervis, N. Y.—Automobile spooning couples who have been visiting the Bloomington rural cemetery, near Port Jervis, have been barred by officials of the cemetery after 8 o'clock at night. A constable patrols the cemetery and seizes any couples who enter the burial ground in automobiles or on foot after the forbidden hour. Spooners who do not mind spooky places for petting parties have been invading the cemetery in large numbers, and most of them are said to come from Port Jervis, Middletown and other nearby communities.

Monument to Honor Amundsen Searchers

Navy, France.—A monument representing a large iceberg and a seaplane with its fuselage half out of the water will mark the spot in the Seine, along the Paris-Rouen-Havre road, where the Latham-47 hopped off for the hunt for Amundsen in which the plane and its crew of four were lost.

Lightning Is Kind.
Tecumseh, Neb.—Strange noises on the darkened porch of E. R. Carter's house annoyed him. He stepped out, barefooted, to investigate. A bolt of lightning revealed a rattlesnake, coiled to strike. Carter killed the reptile.

It is just as well not to take the serious things of life too seriously. The latest on war fiction is that all's quiet again on the literary western front.

They may eventually reforest the country to accommodate all the endurance sitters.

WOMAN PURSUES BANK ROBBERS; RECOVERS MONEY

Unarmed She Chases Thugs' Car at 60-Mile Clip; Wishes for Gun.

Toledo.—Two bandits who held up the Point Place State bank lost part of their loot—\$5,000—because of the courage of an attractive Point Place woman who defied their bullets. Unarmed and alone, except for a colic dog, Mrs. F. L. Jewett chased the bandit car in her own machine at a sixty-mile speed. At Manhattan boulevard and Suder avenue she saw the thugs stop and carry a white sugar sack containing the money taken from the bank into a marsh. One returned, empty handed and drove away.

Wishes She'd Had Gun.
Mrs. Jewett enlisted the aid of a section crew to guard the hiding place while she returned to the bank. She met a carload of detectives, who accompanied her back to the marsh, and found \$2,000. It is believed the thugs split the loot and that the money recovered was the share of one of the robbers.

"My car has a bullet-proof windshield," was Mrs. Jewett's modest explanation of her bravery. "I only wish my husband's gun, had been in the car. I might have caught the robbers."

Although police and deputy sheriffs searched the marsh they found no trace of the thugs. A short time later,



Chased the Bandit Car.

however, a man believed to be one of the thugs held up Charles A. Werdehoff near the spot and robbed him of his automobile.

Action Is Swift.
Action was swift after the thugs pulled up in front of the bank shortly before 10 a. m. Frank J. Kahle, cashier, was alone.

A man about thirty, roughly dressed, walked in, pointed a pistol, and gave the usual command of "Stick 'em up." Mr. Kahle, taken by surprise, was a bit tardy in raising his arms, and the robber threatened to shoot him.

Another thug, about twenty, and armed only with a toy pistol, took up his position at the door of the bank. Then the first bandit scooped up the cash in the cashier's cage and the pair fled.

Hard Luck Dogged Man Killed in Fall in Shaft

Saskatoon.—Pursued by a cruel fate since he and his family came to Canada twenty-three years ago from Leeds, England, Samuel Ward, seventy-two, died in hospital here from injuries he received when he fell down the elevator shaft at a local apartment block. He was acting as relief janitor for the day.

In 1908, just after coming to Canada, a flood in the Pike Lake Valley of Saskatchewan swept away Ward's new home. Only a chair and a china cup were found after the storm. Two years later, after making a fresh start at O'Mally, Sask., his home was smashed by a cyclone which took the life of his three-day-old grandchild, maimed Ward for life and seriously injured his wife. And then, sixteen months ago, death took his wife who had stood beside him in all his troubles. He will be buried beside her.

Thousands of Fish Are Killed by Lightning

Winnipeg.—Scientific minds assert it can't be done, but a lightning bolt struck in Lake Manitoba and thousands of fish were killed. They have washed up around Delta and other southern points of the lake. A fisherman says during the storm there was a blinding flash and roar of thunder. The disturbance was half a mile from shore. Blue flame extended into the water and great waves were splashed up. The next morning myriads of dead fish began to float into shore.

Hangman Stops Suicide

Budapest.—As Joseph Hankoczy was on the point of killing himself with a knife in a police station, Hungary's assistant hangman, Paul Balazs, snatched the knife and prevented the suicide.

Einstein's theory is not readily understood. Many ordinary minds regard it as no more of a mathematical mystery than calculations involved in the establishment of a reliable naval relativity.

The editor of the Journal of the National Educational Association predicts a working day of no more than four hours. There will be clock-watchers and whistle-listeners just the same.

SKIPPER SEES ISLE "AFLOAT" IN PACIFIC

Captain Reports Discovery Near Society Group.

Norfolk, Va.—A "floating" island, inhabited only by birds, and another visible two years ago, were discovered by Capt. J. O. Evans of the British steamer Pareora and his crew, according to a report made by Captain Evans on his arrival in Hampton Roads. His ship has just returned from a long cruise to the Society Islands, Solomon Island and various other islands in the South seas.

The Pareora, out of England, has been away from home six months and has been steadily on the go. "It was on April 15 at noon that we discovered the 'floating island.' It was in the Pacific near the Society Islands," said Evans.

"There were no signs of human life, but there were great flocks of birds swarming over the place. There must have been a thousand birds at least in the flock we saw. We did not get close to the island because we did not know how deep the water might be. Island Reappears.

"The island appeared to be only a few feet above the water. In some places it looked as if the water was breaking over its shore lines.

"We also sighted the Tonga of the Friendly Islands, which was entirely submerged two years ago. It is now 600 feet above the surface of the sea. There is no life on this island either, except birds. I presume if anybody wanted to live there they might be frightened for fear that the island might again be claimed by the sea, from which it came.

"At Solomon Island we had a run-in with the head hunters. They attempted to get fresh with my crew and we took three of them into custody. We gave them into the custody of the civil authorities, but they were permitted to return to their haunts with a warning they must be good.

"The Tonga island appears to be shielding a volcano. When our ship passed it we could see smoke.

"The other island which we sighted near the Society Islands we called the Floating Island. I don't know anything about where it came from nor how long it will remain visible."

Frenchman Would Show Toe-Dancing Fleas Here

Paris, France.—The flea-tamer, Jean Rochet, who has presented his performing fleas at fairs all over France, was preparing his troupe recently for a forthcoming visit to the United States, provided he can get it through immigration and quarantine stations.

Rochet has devoted a lifetime to the study of fleas, teaching them tricks of toe dancing, gymnastics and juggling. "Each one is trained according to his particular character and temperament," said Rochet. "When first caught, each one is tied with a fine strand of golden wire, which is fixed with the aid of a microscope. This prevents the flea from escaping, since he can only jump a certain distance owing to the weight of the golden wire.

"The fleas begin to show propensities for either dancing, juggling or 'strong-man' feats and these qualities are developed carefully over a period of weeks. "They get to know me soon and are extremely obedient. They can even be taught to respond to the dinner gong. I prefer the male flea because he is more conscientious."

Natural Well of Ice Found in South Dakota

Rapid City, S. D.—A natural ice well, 172 feet underground, from which crystal clear blocks of ice can be cut in hottest weather, is occasioning much interest here. The well is located at the gypsum plaster mill at Black Hawk, seven miles north of here.

In digging for gypsum at the plant, workmen sunk a shaft, at the end of which a large hole was excavated in taking out gypsum. This filled with water to a depth of eight feet, which freezes in summer and is coated with thick ice.

Woman Sues Post Office for Premature Suicide

Belgrade.—The wife of a workman is suing the post office authorities for having delayed the news that her husband had won a big prize in a lottery. She claims that her husband, who was a chauffeur, committed suicide through poverty and lack of work. If he had received the news 15 minutes earlier he would not have ended his life.

Baby Girl, Three Months Old, Speaks Distinctly

Tiflis.—The three-month-old baby girl of an Armenian couple here speaks distinctly. In the last three weeks she has used a vocabulary of 35 words. A number of Soviet language specialists have visited the child in order to investigate the phenomenon.

Golf Ball Breaks Arm

Killay, England.—The peaceful business of herding sheep was broken for Arthur Williams when his arm was struck and broken by a golf ball.

Charge Girls With Reciprocal Biting

Paris.—Two young girls were brought before a municipal police magistrate charged with "reciprocal biting" on a Paris boulevard. When the police separated them the two were "locked in a clutch," one biting the nose of her one-time friend, and the other biting her opponent's throat.

Assemblies of Eards

The word eisteddfod (from the Welsh eistedd, to sit) is a name applied generally in Wales to any meeting or concourse of people, but more particularly to the assemblies, who annually formed an hereditary order. These meetings were forbidden by Edward I, at the conquest of Wales, but they were renewed by Henry VII, who was of Welsh origin. They were revived during the last century, and eisteddfods are held periodically at various Welsh towns in succession at which prizes are awarded for proficiency in the Welsh tongue, and for poems in that language, and playing on the harp.

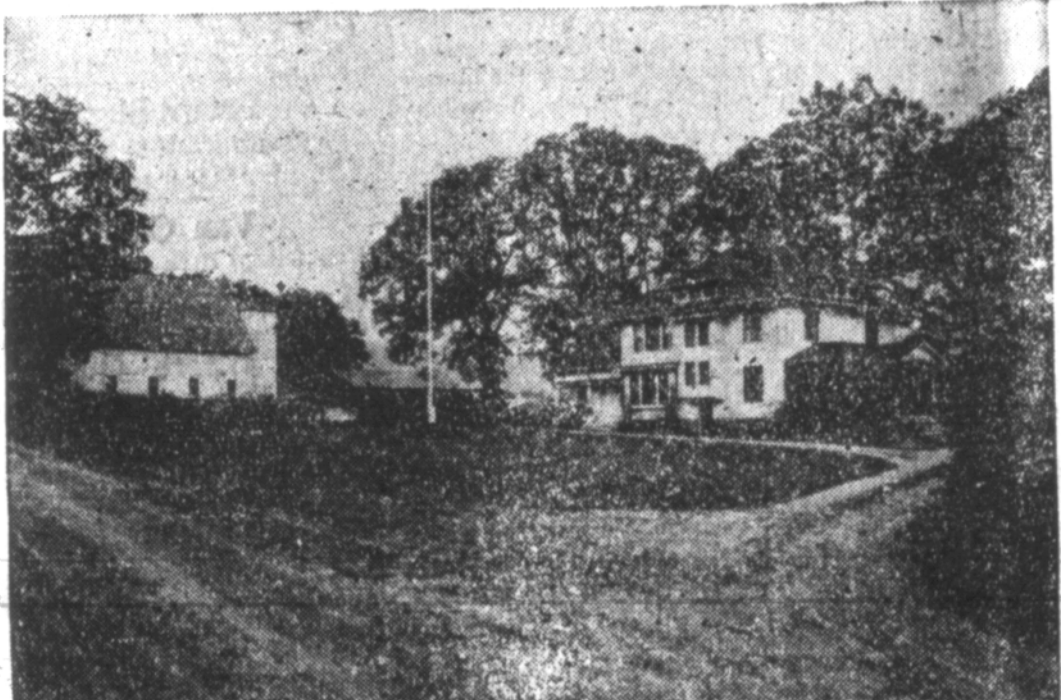
Long Symbol of Authority

Since the days of ancient Rome the fasces has been the symbol of authority. Originally it was a bundle of elm or birch rods, from which the head of an ax projected, fastened together with a red strap. In the beginning this was an emblem of authority carried by lictors. This country is as much at liberty to use this ancient emblem of authority as is the Fascist government of Italy. It is a coincidence that on certain of our coins what is now the Fascist emblem should have for many years been a part of the decorative design.—Washington Star.

Persian Women Fined for Eyeing Own Legs

Tabriz, Persia.—A policeman arrested two women and lodged a complaint against them for standing too long in front of a shop window and looking at their legs in a mirror. The women were fined the equivalent of 25 cents each.

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