OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Clifford D. Conrad of Imbler, a Union county baby beef, pig and sheep club member, has been named the Oregon winner in a state-wide 4-H meat animal livestock project contest. This was announced by H. C. Seymour, state club leader of Oregon State college.

Two Monmouth families are enjoying fresh strawberries this month despite the imminence of winter. Mrs. Addie Shore and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, who have adjoining garden plots, have been picking the red fruit from an everbearing variety of vines. They were set out two or three years ago.

Approximately $1,000,000 has been released in Oregon by the war department during the past two years through the medium of the national guard, according to the biennial report of Major General Geo. A. White, commanding general of national guard troops in the northwest and adjutant general of the state.

Loans by the state bonus commission to Oregon veterans, slacked during October, beginning a period of fewer loans, according to reports compiled by Frank Moore, secretary of the commission. "Most of the loans are made by the commission during the summer, when farm lands are being sought," Moore said.

The Ralph Ashton family of Sheridan awoke in the morning and found their cow hanging in a tree in the yard limp from exhaustion. Evidently the cow had reared up to reach a choice bit of foliage and had caught her foot in a crotch. It was necessary to cut the tree down to release the cow and she was too weak to get up.

In the construction of its new reinforced concrete fruit packing house, at a cost of approximately $50,000, covering an entire block on Cascade avenue, the Apple Growers' association, a co-operative organization owned and operated by the fruit growers of the Hood River valley, owns and operates the largest fruit packing plant in the United States.

Lawrence De Os of Fourmile, Coos county, recently put out a trap and caught a black bear weighing 350 pounds. About 100 yards away he found another bear lying dead. It was smaller and had been badly chewed up. Apparently the two bears had approached the bait about the same time and had a fight. The victorious one had been caught in the trap.

Five feet of snow in Newberry crater, south of Bend, has slowed down trout egg taking operations at East lake, Pearl Lynes, Fall river hatchery superintendent, reports. The eggs will have to be carried on sleds over the crater snowfields and the Paulina rim to a point near the Dalles-California highway. More than 6,000,000 eggs had been taken from East lake when the storm struck.

A unique social event was the "fire box" party given at the Klamath heating plant recently, when the new modern central heating plant of the city was dedicated. The dinner was served in the combustion chamber of the firebox. Strong electric lights illuminated the combustion chamber. It was necessary for the guests to crawl through the small opening into the chamber.

Announcement of the 16th annual convention of the Western Nut Growers' association has just been made by C. E. Schuster, secretary, who has issued the program. The meeting is to be on the Oregon State college campus December 3 and 4. It will include the annual nut show put on by the association, in which prizes are offered for best displays of walnuts, filberts, black walnuts and chestnuts.

A total of $24,677 has been obtained by University of Oregon students through the student loan fund from January 1, 1930, until the present time, according to Hugh Biggs, dean of men, in charge of the fund. Of the 165 students using the fund 54 were women, who borrowed $5720, while 111 were men, borrowing $18,957. The average loan made to women was $105.92 and that to men was slightly higher, $110.27.

Over 95,000 motorists, vacationists and week-end campers visited the four districts of the Deschutes national forest last summer, according to figures of the forest service. In the scenic Metolius country there were 17,259.

Work on the new building to house the United States naval radio station on the north side of Coos bay, opposite from Empire, will proceed rapidly, as the foundation of concrete is set and the structure, which will be of brick and contain ten rooms, will be rushed.

Mrs. Electa Thordenburg of Cottage Grove has just completed a patchwork quilt which she started when she was 7 years old. She is now past 75. She completed the blocks when she was 13 years old and kept them laid away until a short time ago.

A citizen who is otherwise qualified has a right to vote at any election held by a county road district, regardless of whether he is a taxpayer. This is the reply of Attorney General Van Winkle to an inquiry by Alta King, district attorney for Lane county.

Advertising is the oil that lubricates the machinery of business.

JEWEL THEFTS SHOW INCREASE IN YEAR

More Arrests and Convictions Recorded.

New York.—There was an increase in the number of jewelry thefts and swindles during the first nine months of this year over a corresponding period of last year, according to the Jewelers' Security alliance, but the extra losses suffered by jewelers were more than offset by the additional number of arrests, convictions, and recoveries of stolen goods. Convictions have been obtained in 100 cases and a large number, having occurred within the last two months, are still pending.

"Almost three-fourths of the tricked firms are members of the alliance," the report states, "warning jewelers to take precautions against robbery, and greater care would have prevented every one of those losses.

Be on Your Guard.

"A loss means action by the alliance—a hunt which may extend clear across the country and may last for months or even years. A loss means the payment by some insurance company of a sum of money. It raises the total of crime losses for the year in our industry and will perhaps result in an increase in insurance rates for next year or the years to come.

"Be on your guard. Don't trust anyone you don't know intimately. Don't let a single piece of jewelry out of your sight for a moment. Watch your customers, especially strangers, every minute they are in the store. Count every item you display as soon as you finish waiting on a person. Honest people won't resent your care and crooks will see that you are alert and won't try any tricks on you."

Carelessness in Displays.

The report points out that the increased number of thefts from unlocked showcases indicates that many losses to sneak thieves are due entirely to lack of ordinary precautions on the part of the jeweler. Additional precautions are urged during the holiday season near at hand. Carelessness in merchandise displays after closing hours leads to many losses through window smashing and this form of loss can be greatly reduced through the use of common sense and proper protective measures.

"We are 'everlastingly at it' to prevent robbery as far as possible and to punish robbers when our members are attacked," said H. C. Larter, president of the Jewelers' Security alliance. "Only about 5 per cent of our members are robbed each year."

Alaskan Hunt Yields Many Big Game Specimens

Seward, Alaska.—Packing a large Kenai moose head, the antlers of which spread over five feet, and two specimens of mountain sheep in addition to other trophies, Robert F. Walsh, Philadelphia investment broker and member of the Academy of Natural Sciences and Philadelphia Botanical society, has just ended an Alaskan hunting expedition that furnished diversified experiences.

During his six weeks in the wilds, Walsh encountered more than 80 huge northern moose, 53 black bears, a number of brown bears and herds of mountain sheep. He obtained specimens of the moose and sheep, but said the bears were so amusing he didn't kill any of them.

In the moose lands of the peninsula game was so plentiful that Walsh said it resembled a zoo.

He gathered a large number of botanical specimens when tired of hunting big game.

Home Ownership Crusade Launched by Bankers

New York.—Representatives of banks and savings and loan associations throughout the country are planning a 1931 crusade for home ownership.

Their opinion, voiced through Collier's, is that there never was a better time than right now to build or buy a home. They do not mention straight sales, as nearly all home owners borrow to build and save to pay.

For most home builders it is a 10 to 15-year job to complete the deal, the bankers state, but the joys and satisfaction of home ownership last forever.

"Home ownership comes near being the keystone of American credit," it is asserted. "The land is indestructible; the loan is the buyer's spur; the material makes the buyer the customer of American industry. The experience is the best discipline to which a family can dedicate its energies."

Wanted to Be Rescued in Official Fashion

Pueblo, Colo.—Tony Mahalich, who had fallen into the water, refused to be rescued by a group of boys nearby. When they attempted to drag him from the water, he yelled for the police, declaring that if he had to be rescued he wanted it done right—by the officers.

He Got His Price

Jimmy's mother stored all the winter bed clothing in a small shed at the back of the house. One day, on returning from downtown, she found that all the bed clothing had disappeared. Without a delay she sought out Jimmy and asked him where they were.

"Do you mean those old mattresses and things?" he asked. "Why, I sold those old things to the rag man!"

His mother, aghast, asked him how much he had received for them.

"Well," replied Jimmy with great satisfaction, "after a lot of arguing I finally got him to give me six cents."—Indianapolis News.

Fish, according to London Humorist, is not brain food. Perhaps some fish would help, but the trouble is that the only fish we eat are the ones too dumb to stay away from the hook.

Caste is Increasing

No matter what may be the form of government nor how much the laws of man give power, in theory, to the people, as long as sexual selection tends to mate with like just so long will the laws of mental heredity work toward the formation of governing classes inherently superior to the sons of other men, says F. A. Woods, an authority on heredity. Universal suffrage and universal education, the most carefully equalized scheme of social opportunity, cannot prevent this tendency, this splitting up of mankind into subvarieties, castes and breeds. Nor does all this fail to have a significant relation to the future. It is probable that this separation into castes is increasing rather than diminishing at the present day in all European countries, and especially in the United States, where the opportunities for acquiring wealth are particularly abundant.

Common law gives neither the motorist nor the pedestrian a prior right at crossings or elsewhere on the highway, but imposes the duty of reasonable care upon each to avoid injury. The obligation of reasonable care on the part of drivers at unguarded crossings is, however, pretty close in fact to giving the pedestrian the right of way, since the driver is bound to expect that persons will be crossing the street and to be on the lookout to avoid hitting them, says the New York Herald Tribune. To confer the right of way on the motorist, in the absence of signals, would be, on the other hand, against the spirit of the common law.

It is during hard times that a man proves his real ability. It takes real ability to run a business successfully when things are going bad. When times are hard a man should work a little harder than ever, should watch expenses closer than ever, should study his business more carefully, should be looking to see if there isn't something he can do to help the business, feeling always that there is no reason to be discouraged and confident that when the chance comes in business he will be ready to do better than ever before. If a man doesn't lose his nerve he is almost certain to win.

All over the broad land the campaign goes on to put good music in its place, which is not the cultured confines of the concert hall but the hearts of all plain people who enjoy what is good whenever they can get it. There are very many of them, and they are thronging the outdoor concert halls all over America and asking for more. The day seems near when no city will consider itself finished until it has its open-air theater, where the music of the spheres and the music of the mortal man may be heard in harmony on a summer evening.

A dentist in Lexington, Ky., roused from sleep by the persistent love calls of a tom cat, rose from his bed and made a valiant attempt to shoot that tom cat dead. Unfortunately he only succeeded in wounding it, and the spinster owner of the abominable animal is suing him for $5,000. Our sympathy is all with the dentist, the Manitoba Free Press says, adding that a little light buckshot could also be usefully employed upon persons who park their cars outside apartment blocks and honk persistently for a friend.

Old things have passed away and new things are with us. And more than that, no man knoweth what tomorrow will bring forth. In olden days they called a boy "Bub" and a girl "Sis." Now "Kids" covers both sexes. And just to change the subject, it not mattering much anyhow, it is not so unreasonable to hold that once upon a time men had tails like a monkey; there are people living today who can remember when shirts had tails.

The Pittsburgh girl who advertised her willingness to marry any healthy man of good character who would pay her $8,000 is being deluged by letters of advice, although those who have $8,000 handy are displaying little interest in the matter. We offer her additional advice. It is to forget the immediate financial consideration and concentrate on the man, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Once she has him, she'll get whatever he has.

The English inventor of ping pong, who piled up an estate of $790,000 during his lifetime, deserved every cent of it. His wasn't much of a contribution, but he earned the thanks of the world for refusing to insult a grand old sport by calling his game miniature tennis.

A marathon runner missed his train and ran 38 miles to catch another so—of all things—he could fill an engagement to speak. Lots of persons would run that far to escape, but few to fill such an engagement.

Terrifying Records

One of the most fascinating displays at the New York Academy of Medicine, says an article in the New York Herald Tribune, is a chart, compiled a century ago, in the columns of which are arranged the records of cases, guaranteed authentic by the author, of persons who have died of spontaneous combustion as a result of drink. In one case recorded combustion was "complete" in one "who had abused spirits for three years," and in another even more terrifying event combustion was absolute "save for a part of the skull and the last joints of the fingers" and the cause is given as "too great a proximity to a footstove."

"MODEL CITIZEN" KILLS FAMILY OF FIVE AND HIMSELF

Hits Each With Hammer and Cuts Own Throat With Razor.

Washburn, Wis.—George Froseth, assistant postmaster for many years and model citizen of this quiet town, killed his wife and four children with a hammer during a melancholic frenzy and then cut his throat with his razor.

The killings were discovered when a group of citizens directed by Mrs. E. W. Olson, the school teacher, broke into the house.

The dead are: George Froseth, sixty; Mrs. Froseth, forty-five; Neil, thirteen; George and Adelaide, eleven, twins; and James, six.

Killed as They Slept.

Froseth was believed to have killed his family while they slept. Mother and the children all were found in their beds. Apparently he first visited the room where his wife and daughter slept and struck them down. The condition of their bodies and the room indicated that in his frenzy he dealt blow after blow on them, although

Dealt Blow After Blow.

it was likely that the first caused death.

After wandering through the other two bedrooms and killing the boys, Froseth, it was believed, killed himself in the bathroom. He collapsed in the front room downstairs.

Boy Reveals Slayings.

The first news of the slayings came to Mrs. Olson through Robert Thoreson, a classmate of the oldest boy. The Thoreson boy, as was his custom, called at the Froseth home for his chum. No one responded to his knocks and he peeked through the front window.

What he saw made him run shuddering to the teacher.

"I don't believe Neil will be in school today," he told her. "I looked through the window and there's something awful there. Mr. Froseth was lying on the floor."

Mrs. Olson was not impressed until Neil Froseth failed to come to school. Then she notified her husband, who called W. A. Robinson, the postmaster, and Chief of Police James N. Long. The four forced entry into the house.

Froseth had been a victim of nervous disorders for years.

Dog Steals Oats From Calf and Gains Weight

Geneva, Ohio.—Capt. I. D. Howard, North Geneva, has a dog that mooches his oats from a calf's feed box.

Howard's four-month-old calf, Peter, he says, has been getting thinner and thinner, until he is only a shadow of his former self.

Meanwhile Pal, his airedale dog, has been getting fatter and fatter.

After feeding time, Peter occasionally would be heard mooing mournfully to the sky, even though his friend, Pal, was there to keep him company.

Captain Howard investigated and says he found the ground oats from Peter's feed box gone to swell Pal's avoirdupois.

One-Third of Reptile Kills Three Deerhounds

Kinston, N. C.—One-third of a rattlesnake killed three husky deerhounds near here, according to D. E. Wood, Kinston sportsman.

The dogs were following hunters through the woods. They came upon a six-foot snake. It was shot. The body was cut in two. The hounds ran up to investigate the part including the head, and about 12 inches of the body.

They were bitten in rapid succession, Wood said. The head struck the dogs with machine gun rapidity.

All of the dogs were dead within thirty minutes. The first bitten was the last to die, the last bitten the first.

Sheriff Loses Jail Key

Sylvia, Kan.—So securely locked up that the sheriff couldn't get him out was D. V. Minus, who was placed in jail for drunkenness.

The key to the city bastile was lost after Minus was put behind the bars, and it was necessary to break into jail before the prisoner could be taken out.

Quarrel Gives Man One of First U. S. $5 Bills

Murphysboro, Ill.—A. D. Millhouse of Murphysboro owns one of the first five dollar bills issued by the United States treasury because his father knew how to settle disputes of others. Millhouse said the bill marked "No. 1—Series A" of 1862 issuance was obtained by this father when two friends quarreled over an old $5 bill that the creditor refused to take. The elder Millhouse offered a new bill to the creditor and pocketed the old one.

Town Forests

The town forest idea is a good one and it is possible and feasible to establish town forests in any state in the Union. The first problem is to get the land. This can either be land which the town now owns, or it can be acquired by gift or purchase. In case of purchase it should be kept in mind that land to be acquired should be unsuitable for farming. This land will grow timber at a profit, but is valueless for any other purpose and should not cost over $5 an acre. Iowa has close to 3,000,000 acres which is either in timber or is indicated as waste area. The economic loss to the state in not utilizing these lands efficiently for the production of valuable forest crops amounts to a large sum, says the Des Moines Register. Within the boundaries of Iowa there are probably from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 acres of waste area which should be utilized for timber purposes.

Dr. William Beebe, says the Los Angeles Times, recently went down in a diving suit 1,426 feet and set a record for others to dive at for some time to come. And he did it under pressure of 600 pounds to the square inch. The workers in the Tamarack mine of Michigan delve almost a mile in the earth. Coal miners in Britain and Belgium go down 3,000 and 4000 feet. The Victoria quartz mine in Australia has gone down 4,300 feet into the bowels of the earth. The Comstock mine of Nevada has to fight temperatures more than pressure in the great depths. The heat sometimes reaches 130 degrees. Pipe lines alone save the miners from destruction.

This country has had nothing finer offered it during recent years than the plan of the American Tree association in Washington to have 10,000,000 trees planted in honor of George Washington, the trees, no matter where they are planted, to be the living memorial to Washington on the two hundredth anniversary of his birth on February 22, 1932. Here would be a memorial of living green, distributed over the nation, the offering of the people in 48 states, indicative of the everlasting love they bear the man whose courage and genius helped found securely the nation.

Comments by many persons of intelligence on the Edison questionnaire are often far from favorable, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The desert problem has been singled out for special attack. Here several critics have missed the point by supposing that it has only one correct answer, when as a matter of fact it offers several possibilities to challenge the reasoning power of the individual and to test his ethical views. Only slowly are we awakening to the fact that knowledge today means more than a feat of memory in storing facts one might find in any reference book.

Again a rural medical survey, this time in northeastern New York, reports a serious shortage of country doctors. In 18 counties members of the staff of the Albany Medical college have found that more than one-third of the practicing physicians are sixty years old or older. Young men are not taking the places of the veterans as they drop out. It is practically a disappearance of the country general practitioner that is threatened if no way can be found to attract young medical graduates to the rural field.

The mechanization of war has taken another alarming step with the proposal to substitute a musical truck for the military band. The assistant secretary of war has ordered a tryout, says World's Work. The apparatus consists of amplifiers hitched to a phonograph affair, the whole mounted on a truck and capable of making as much noise as two large bands. But there would be no gold braid, no plumes, no magnificent drum major and probably no fun.

The United States is beginning to get back at Europe for the hordes of immigrants she has sent here and which she would like to continue. Three Americans have recently settled and become naturalized in Liechtenstein, that independent principality which looks like a dot on the map and which is smaller than any one of the 22 states composing Switzerland.

The bride of today ought to be a 50 per cent better cook than her mother or mother-in-law, for she has better utensils and better materials, and more cookery knowledge is available, declares an economics expert. Yes, but mother or mother-in-law was not out all day cooking herself on some beach.

According to life insurance statisticians this has been such a healthy year that the death rate may be the lowest ever registered. There has, however, been distressing mortality among hopes and expectations.

The game of "rhummy" the members of the Fairmont (Minn.) Recreation club played to bring on rain, seems to have broken the drought, and probably was as effective as any other incantation would have been.

That Last Journey

When a death occurs it sometimes is said that the person has "Gone West." The phrase, in this connection, is of great antiquity. Sophocles, in "Oedipus Tyrannus," referring to a calamity involving death throughout a wide district, says: "One man after another thou mightest see speeding toward the shore of the Western God."—Detroit News.

MAN'S ORIGIN TOLD IN INDIAN LEGENDS

Tribal "History" Translated by Anthropologists.

Berkeley, Calif.—An interesting and avowedly authentic account of the origin of man at the hands of Grandfather Coyote, legendary "Adam" of California Indians, has just been translated by anthropologists of the University of California.

The curious symbol of benevolence and sagacity—an incongruous part of the lore of music-loving Indians, with his shrill, toneless howls—has always pervaded the mystic Indian legends.

All good Indians, when they die, go "to sleep in the wigwams of Grandfather Coyote by the shores of the still lake, and awake to partake of the never-ending feast of deer." But, so far is recorded, this is the first translation ascribing to the mystic animal a hand in man's creation.

"History" Translated.

The "history" was translated by Edward W. Gifford and Gwendoline Harris from records of the Costanoan Indians of Monterey county.

Counted, perhaps, the most interesting phase of the legend, as it ties in with the "Grandfather Coyote" funeral chants of the Pomos and other California tribes, is the fact that seemingly the Indians regarded the "Adam"—Coyote—as the father of creation, devoting less attention, perhaps through deep reverence, to the eagle, or supernatural figure.

Scant Mention of Eagle.

As in the Costanoan legend of origin, the Pomo funeral liturgy makes scant mention of the eagle, but speaks of the good Indian's return "home," to the wigwam of Grandfather Coyote.

Of almost equal interest is the scant attention paid "the beautiful girl." She is a nameless, casually described figure in the tale, important, seemingly, chiefly because she was convenient to wife for Coyote and to mother mankind. Her descendants, the hard working, neglected squaws, may have suffered from the example of indifference apparently set by eagle and Grandfather Coyote.

Canadian Mothers in Race for Half Million

Toronto, Ont.—A race for half a million dollars—with the prize to go to the Canadian mother who has the most babies by 1936—is cleating unusual interest in Toronto. The prize is part of the estate of the late Charles Millar, eccentric lawyer and sportsman, who in his will detailed the strange provisions of the contest.

Already there is keen rivalry.

For a while after her twentieth child was born Mrs. Graces Bagnato, thirty-seven, thought she held the leadership in the race. But Mrs. Florence Brown, who is forty-two, comes forward with the assertion that she is the mother of 26 children, all born within the last 22 years.

"I'm a Canadian, and so is my husband," asserts Mrs. Brown. "We think six babies in five years is good enough to lead the contest."

"Several years we have had two babies born during the same year," explains Mr. Brown. "It keeps us pretty busy around here remembering birthdays. We don't bother very much with birthday parties."

Mr. Millar's will does not require that all children whose mothers enter the contest must have been born within the ten-year period following his death, in 1926. It provides merely that, in the year 1936, the half million dollars shall go to the Canadian woman who has the most children.

That's why the race is keen. Many mothers had a running start. Others are hoping for twins or triplets to give them advantage.

Need Not Have Worried About Waking Family

This newspaper man is a most thoughtful person and it is very seldom that he leaves his home for an evening out. But he did so one evening recently, intending to be out only a half hour or so. The half hour stretched into several hours and it was nearly midnight when he reached home. He thought as he approached the door that his wife and son would be sound asleep at that hour so he tiptoed softly after opening and closing the door more quietly than he had ever done before.

Even breathing more gently than usual lest he disturb the sleepers, he finally reached his own room without hearing any sound to indicate that he had awakened anybody.

Next morning at breakfast his wife casually told him that she went out to play bridge the night before and did not reach home until about two hours after his own arrival. The son reached home even later than his mother.

Husband and father still believes in being thoughtful and hopes he didn't disturb the family cat.—Brockton Enterprise.

Remarkable Salt Lake in Central Australia

Lake Eyre might be called Australia's "Great Salt Lake." It is located only about 250 miles southeast of the geographical center of the continent and because of its desert surroundings has been called "Australia's dead heart."

The lake and its immediate surroundings constitute the only area in Australia that lies below sea level. Its shore line is 39 feet lower than the ocean waters that surround the continent. The bottom of the lake can be considered with little error as at the same level, for Lake Eyre is in reality only a tremendous salt flat that is covered from time to time with a few inches of water.

It becomes a lake after droughts are broken by unusual rains in the far-away Queensland plains, so that floods rush down the usually dry river courses that lead to this closed basin. But quickly the shallow covering of water evaporates and the "lake" becomes first damp and then dry.

CANINE HERO GETS MILITARY BURIAL

Famous Dog Saw Service With A. E. F. in France.

Coral Gables, Fla.—Al Tennessee Bud, one of the most famous and bedecorated members of the A. E. F., is dead, and has been given a funeral befitting a hero.

Al Tennessee Bud—for those who don't know—was a frisky bull pup owend by Lieut. A. C. Slattery of the One Hunderd and Thirty-fifth Machine Gun company, Eighty-second division, and with Slattery saw service at the Somme, at Toul, in the Argonne and at St. Mihiel.

Many an American Legion parade in post-war days had seen the canine veteran marching with his master, full war equipment and medals clattering from his sides. Even a gas mask was included, for enemy fumes once nearly cut Al Tennessee Bud's days short.

"Bud," as he was called by every one in the division, was smuggled to France in a suitcase when Slattery's outfit went over. When the Eighty-second went into action at the Somme, "Bud" won international recognition. British and French papers recorded the fact that he was decorated.

Slattery had looked forward to having "Bud" with him at the recent Atlanta reunion of the Eighty-second, but a few weeks ago the canine lungs, which had been crippled by enemy gas, contracted a severe cold which caused his death.

"Bud" was wrapped in an old army blanket, his "dog tag" on a string around his neck, placed in a pine box and carried to a pine woods for burial. It was raining. An American flag was draped over the box.

As they lowered the box a former army bugler sounded army "taps."

Artillerymen Waiting Chance to Help Out Art

Minneapolis.—Once again artillerymen at the University of Minnesota armory sit about their cannon awaiting a signal to "do their bit" for art.

Once again it appears their willing efforts are to be scorned. Last year two batteries of field artillery stood loaded and ready, awaiting a flash from the memorial auditorium to begin their cannonade, intended to lend realism to the Minneapolis symphony orchestra's rendition of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. The flash never came due to defective wiring.

This year just after Mrs. Carlyle Scott, manager of the orchestra, had made final arrangements for an enlarged battery salute, Mrs. Maude Stockwell, state chairman of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, stepped in and asked the question that is still unanswered, "Is it art?"

Novel Way Found for Salting Pork

Prague.—Pigs may salt their own ment before they are slaughtered to furnish the Prague ham that is famous all over Europe.

An experiment in the presence of the Czechoslovakian minister of food was successfully carried out in the slaughter house here. A pig was struck on the head, then a strong solution of salt was injected into his blood stream. As it was being killed with a knife, the dead animal's heart continued to beat for about an hour, and the salt was distributed in its flesh through every vein more thoroughly than is possible by any mechanical means.

No cruelty to the pig is involved.

Illinois Brands Fish to Get Data on Travel

Springfield, Ill.—Fish in Illinois lakes and streams are being "branded" in an effort to determine data on how far they travel and how fast they grow, according to Ralph F. Bradford, director of the state department of conservation.

The fish are being tagged by the Natural History society of the department of conservation. Small metal tags are clamped on the tail fins. Each tag is numbered. Records are being kept giving the species, size, and weight of each branded fish.

Three-Eighths of Mexico Working Class Jobless

Mexico City.—Three-eighths of the working class in Mexico are unemployed, according to a survey just completed. A memorial shortly to be transmitted to the President by labor unions will suggest that the working time of men and women now employed be cut down to five hours in order that those now unemployed may work the other three hours.

Youth's Hail of Lead Finally Kills Big Bear

Hayne, Wyo.—There are two ways it can be done with a small .22 caliber rifle—one, a well placed bullet between the eyes; second, a leaden hail.

Jack Osmond, twelve, and Orin Heap, thirteen, chose the latter method and fired so many leaden missiles into the body of a large bear that through the law of averages one found a vital spot.

Walnut Hunter Puts Town in Darkness

London, Ont.—Elevator passengers were trapped between floors, factory motors were stopped and residents of London township were without electricity for two hours when a walnut hunter was a poor marksman.

The walnut gatherer threw a truck tire chain into a walnut tree in the suburbs to knock down walnuts. The chain landed on high-tension wires, short circuiting them. Two 13,000 volt fuses were blown out.