OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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

One of the major road-oiling projects for Jackson county the coming year will be the oiling of the Applegate road from Ruch to Provolt, or to the Josephine county line. This will give an oiled or paved highway from Medford to Provolt.

A White Wyandotte pullet belonging to John Bowman, a Bandon high school student, was awarded honors as the grand champion bird of the first Bandon egg and poultry show. It is said to be one of the finest birds ever exhibited in Oregon.

The first meeting of sheepmen in southwestern Oregon was held at Bandon recently. There are about 25,000 sheep in Coos county and 175 growers. The animals graze principally on cut-over land and hill slopes. There is room for at least 100,000, it is said.

Plans for the large addition to the Presbyterian church at Astoria will be given to contractors and bids will be opened December 20, it was announced by the church building committee. The total expenditure will amount to between $20,000 and $22,500.

The map of Oregon soon will have a new postoffice near Clifton, where the Bradley-Woodard Timber company has begun construction of a new hemlock sawmill to cost about $250,000. The company has filed application for a postoffice under the name of Bradwood.

With a program that will make the event one of the largest waterway observances along the Pacific Coast, Coos Bay will hold its second great transportation celebration in July, when the entire district will mark the completion of the $4,000,000 harbor project.

The Clatsop county court is preparing to request the Oregon delegation in congress to aid in the passage of the bill pending in the lower house providing for the return of $100,000 paid by the county for the Tongue Point naval base site. The measure has passed the senate.

The assessed valuation of public service corporation property in Linn county for 1931 is $34,269 less than for 1930. The valuation for 1931 is $4,246,640, bringing the total assessment of the county to $29,881,880. For the first time in 10 years the total is under $30,000,000.

David Anthony Nork, 4, was scalded to death near Klamath Falls when he fell into a vat of boiling water prepared to scald hogs. The boy's father had been butchering hogs and was preparing to scald them. While he stepped outside the shed momentarily, the child fell into the vat.

Of 34 fires in the Santiam national forest during the fire season, 14 were man-caused, one incendairy, according to a report released by C. C. Hall, supervisor. The total area burned was 155 acres, of which 147 acres were covered by the only class C fire of the 34. The estimated loss was $3163.

During the first 11 months of this year $3,277,776 has been invested by newcomers to the state of Oregon farm lands, 88,221 acres being involved, according to a report of the land settlement department of the Oregon State chamber of commerce. The report shows 865 families coming into the state to become farmers.

With the razing of the old postoffice building, the last of Cove's old landmarks is rapidly disappearing. Part of the building was the old Dixie schoolhouse built in the late '60s, and pioneers recall the time they attended school there. The main part of the building has stood for more than 50 years. This is the only one of the six old landmarks not destroyed by fire.

The old town pump in Jacksonville, which has served thirsty residents of the pioneer town for 75 years, is being replaced by a modern drinking fountain. The pump has stood beside the Beekman bank, oldest bank in Oregon, since 1855, and in its time drew water from its well for stage coach passengers and horses. President U. S. Grant is among the famous persons known to have used the water.

Peacock spit, one of the most profitable fishing grounds at the mouth of the Columbia river, is rapidly disappearing under tidal action. The spit is now leased by the Columbia River Packers association at a rental of $36,000 a year.

One large sawmill, the plant of the Umpqua Mills & Timber company, is running full time at Reedsport. The plant will close for the holidays and then resume. The three other mills at Reedsport are closed for an indefinite time.

The proposal that local business houses supply Oregon-made products free for Oregon products dinners that are to be served by churches of the city has been approved by the merchants' committee of the Baker Chamber of Commerce.

Jerry Lee, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of near Corvallis, was cut and bruised when she was mauled by an enraged cow. She was putting her pony in the barn when the cow, which had a young calf, attacked her.

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SHOOTS 2 WHILE TRYING TO KILL SISTER'S SUITOR

Young South Dakota Man's Aim Is Poor, Intended Victim Unhurt.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Voicing his objection to his sister's suitor by firing a 30-30 rifle twice into the automobile in which the young man and the girl were riding, resulted in Kenneth Shippey, young man of western South Dakota, wounding his sister and a woman friend and being arrested on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. Pending his trial in Circuit court his bond was fixed at $2,500.

One of the bullets seriously wounded his sister, Miss Margaret Shippey, and the second struck Mrs. George Lammell, her woman friend, in the hips, inflicting a bad wound. The shots were intended for Jackie Bronnell, driver of the car in which Miss Shippey and Mrs. Lammell were riding.

Trail Victim's Auto.

Kenneth Shippey had been riding in a car driven by his brother, Donald Shippey, with Alfred Johnson, a friend, as a companion. They had driven to points of interest north of the Black Hills and were on their way home when they espied the other car. Young Shippey evidently recognized his sister as one of the passengers in the other car and told his brother Donald to follow it.

The other car had driven through a gate, which had been closed behind it, when the car in which Kenneth Shippey was riding drove up. No one expected an outburst, but suddenly Kenneth Shippey jumped from the car and fired his rifle pointblank at the moving automobile containing his sister. The bullet struck just below the top of the car and apparently glanced, striking Margaret Shippey in the wrist.

Fired His Rifle Point Blank at the Automobile.

Grapple for Gun.

The first car then was driven to a set of farm buildings not far from the gate, and it was while the occupants were getting out of the machine that Kenneth Shippey fired again, this bullet striking Mrs. Lammell in the hip.

Donald Shippey and Johnson threw themselves upon Kenneth Shippey and after a struggle lasting some minutes succeeded in wresting the rifle from the apparently half crazed youth. They then ministered to the injuries of Margaret Shippey and Mrs. Lammell to the best of their ability, after which they drove to Sturgis and turned Kenneth Shippey over to the authorities.

The two wounded women were taken in the other car to a hospital at Sturgis. The strange thing about the effort of Kenneth Shippey to kill Jackie Bronnell is that he and Bronnell had been friends up to a short time before the shooting. But the fact that his sister had been keeping company with Bronnell evidently had the effect of driving him to the frenzy which resulted in the shooting.

It is considered little less than a miracle that no one was killed by the two heavy bullets which he fired into the Bronnell car.

Farmer Is Buried Sitting in Chair, as Will Directs

Alessandria, Italy—A local farmer left a will directing that he should be buried in his old chair in which he proposed to die. The testator's wishes were observed and he was buried in a sitting posture in his arm chair, which was enclosed in a specifically made coffin of wood and zinc.

Thieves Lug Big Safe Far, But Get Nothing

Birmingham, Ala.—The persons who removed an 800-pound safe from an ice company's office probably will be more certain of better results before trying such a stunt again. The safe was found in a woods outside the city two weeks later, badly battered but still protecting $50 cash therein.

You Worry About It

London.—An art critic who was congratulated for coining the word "nudique" for "nude" explained that "Nudique Veritas" was a misprint for "Nudaque Veritas."

A Minnesota professor made himself solid with the younger generation by declaring that home work is bad for children.

Another paradox is that only by remaining a slave to art may one become its master.

The University of Mexico football team will play four games in the United States with American college teams this season.

TO REBUILD FRENCH QUEEN'S TOY TOWN

Marie Antoinette's Plans Are Discovered.

Paris.—Plans made to be sent to Austria by Marie Antoinette to prove that she was falsely accused of extravagance in building her hamlet of doll houses at Versailles have been found and are to be used in restoring the hamlet to its original condition.

A favorite resort of tourists and students of history has been this fragile, imitation village of peasant houses in which the queen, bored by the formality of courts, used to play at life on the farm. But in recent years its houses, built only to serve as playthings, have been falling into ruin. And had it not been for the Rockefeller repair fund the ruin would probably have become complete.

Hamlet in Sad Shape.

Most of the interiors are bleak expanses of bared lath, corners black with cobwebs and floors rotting. The thatched roof of Marie Antoinette's own little cottage in the village has fallen in, and the hole is now covered with tarpaulin. Six months ago a tall poplar fell on the little imitation mill, crushing an angle of the roof and causing a whole wall to lean.

The entire hamlet just now looks as foul a wreck as anything in the war-zone in 1918.

Money available for its restoration raised a new problem. How did the hamlet look when it was first built in the Eighteenth century? Nowhere in any of the archives could plans showing the color and texture of the original walls be found. It was known, moreover, that the restoration made some 40 years ago was mere guesswork and probably inaccurate.

In the library of the Duke of Ferrara in Mondene, Italy, lay a priceless "album" of original drawings of the hamlet made by Micket, the architect who built it. They were colored drawings. The queen had had the little book made to send back to her home in Austria to prove to her family that the hamlet was after all a simple little affair and not the kingdom-bankrupting folly which rumor had made it.

The book never got to Vienna. Marie Antoinette had to answer to the French revolution on the charge of reckless extravagance, and the click of the guillotine ended the argument about it.

Patrice Bonnet, chief architect of the Chateau of Versailles, has been to Italy to copy Mickel's colored drawings. It is from these that the hamlet is to be reconstructed.

A Fake Antique.

One of the discoveries made in the album is that the hamlet when new was a faked antique. It was built not to look like a new hamlet, but like one weathered and softened by time.

Built in the reign of Louis XVI, it looked as antique as if it had been there since the time of his great-great-grandfather.

The renewed hamlet will be exactly as Marie Antoinette saw it first, with a toy wooden mill wheel in the toy mill stream, and with some of the accretions of later years removed.

Only it will be stronger, for hidden in the toy houses will be frames of reinforced concrete that will prevent any such general collapse as makes the hamlet a dilapidated ruin today.

Burmese Monarch's Name Has Sixty-Nine Letters

London.—Two men with curious names, who have appeared in the world press recently, have started a discussion on curious patronymics.

They are Gen. Jose Uriburu, the new president of Argentina, who has more U's in his name than most people, and U Ba Pe, of the Burma legislative council, an Indian member of the roundtable conference.

The discussion centers around the shortest English surname. It is declared that it is difficult to find one consisting of only two letters.

There is, of course, Dr. Simon Van der Aa, a witness at the recent state inquiry on capital punishment, while it is understood that the middle name of the present bishop of Yukon, Dr. Isaac O Stringer, is simply O and nothing more.

Talking of U Ba Pe, the Burmese language seems to possess an unusual latitude in the matter of proper names. In contrast to U Ba Pe, there is the name of a Burmese monarch, which runs:

Siritaribhavanadityapauarapanditasudhammarajamahadhipatinarapatisithu.

This is understood to be a cememonial name. No doubt his family call him "Siri" for short.

Ranchers Will Shield Herds During Winter

Sweetwater, Texas.—Out on the plains of west Texas, where the filaree weed grows to swell the bank accounts of cattlemen, ranchers today were hopeful of shielding their herds from a bitter winter and recouping losses suffered during the severe drought of the summer.

Soaking rains have solved part of their feed problem, provided the weather man withholds the season's first frost long enough for the tender grass and young weeds to mature. Lower prices on cottonseed cake, which is now selling for between $32 and $35 a ton, have also relieved a situation that was acute.

Old English Railroad

Electrification of the Swansea & Mumbles railway, the oldest line in the world, has been completed. The Swansea & Mumbles was opened in 1807, and for the first 70 years was operated by horses. Steam locomotives began to run in 1877.—London Times.

Since the Washington monument was opened to the public in 1888, nearly 10,000,000 persons have visited it.

LIGHTS of NEW YORK

By Walter Trumbull

This may be old, but it was told to me as an unpublished story. There is a man in New York who liked to have people around him, so he used to keep open house on Sunday afternoons. It got so that a good many persons came regularly to eat, drink, smoke and talk. The man, while not rich, was pretty well off and, at various times, helped some of his visitors financially over tough spots in the road. He felt that they were his friends. Many of them didn't need any help. Sunday afternoons were gay affairs.

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Then came the crash and the man was wiped out. The next Sunday he made a little speech. He said he was embarrassed, but the truth was that he had been caught out on a limb in the falling stock market and was flat broke. He hoped to get back on his feet, but he was broke now.

"But I still have this apartment," he said, "and I hate to see these pleasant Sunday afternoons discontinued. We still could meet here, but—and it isn't easy to say—I haven't money enough just now even to provide things to eat, drink and smoke. I thought, if you each would put in two or three dollars, we could buy some stuff and still continue these pleasant times."

The guests assented with enthusiasm; but the next Sunday none of them arrived. They haven't been back since.

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A writer got what he thought was a fine chance to show a new play with an amateur dramatic club, in a town near New York. He induced several well-known producers to attend the try out. One big scene showed a mother discovering a man, who had been her lover, making violent love to her daughter. The mother was supposed to enter in sports clothes, but the woman who played the part had heard that there would be notables in the audience and, at the last moment, decided that she would be more effective in a negligee. When the time for her entrance arrived, she was making the change.

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The pair on the stage sprang apart at the proper cue; but no mother appeared. They made love some more; still no mother. The situation grew strained. Finally, the girl improvised.

"I thought I heard mother," she said. "I'd better go see where she is," and she walked off stage.

The man, left alone, opened books, lit cigarettes and stalled for some moments, but there was no sign of mother or daughter, so he said:

"I must see what has become of them," and he walked off, leaving the stage empty.

By this time the visiting producers were in hysterics and the curtain fell on another play gone wrong.

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A man never really is fat until he commences to catch his safety razor in the folds of his double chin.

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There is a handsome doorman in front of a Fifth avenue apartment who looks like a German drill sergeant. He spends all day marching up and down, calling taxis and opening automobile doors. The other night an inhabitant of the apartment house discovered what the doorman did with his evenings. He saw him standing stiffly in front of an armory; probably waiting for some one to come out and put a uniform on him, so he would feel free to call a taxi.

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War Refugees Problem, Nations League Finds

Geneva.—Eleven years after the great war League of Nations officials estimate that they will require another ten years to settle the refugee problem.

The latest statistics show 1,125,000 refugees still scattered over Europe.

The great bulk of this total, some 950,000, is constituted by Russians who are scattered over 27 countries.

The Armenians are next with over 154,000 and the Assyrian and Assyro-Chaldean refugees number some 20,000.

Among the total number of refugees there are more than 100,000 children, of whom nearly 80,000 are under fourteen.

Flies Glider Upside Down for First Time

Los Angeles.—Lyman Voelpel succeeded in doing in a glider what it takes a skilled pilot to do in a motored plane. He flew upside down—the first time, so far as he knows, that a motorless craft has even been flown in that position. At Grand Central air terminal Voelpel twice flipped his glider over on its back and flew approximately 100 feet each time.

Hunger Is Blamed for Girl's Truancy

Memphis, Tenn.—When a school attendance officer asked a mother why her little ten-year-old girl wasn't in school, a defiant mother replied: "Please, she hasn't had anything to eat for two days."

The Parent-Teacher association arranged for hot lunches for the girl daily.

Dumb Dora thinks it wonderful that the world is timed to go around exactly once a day.

All the gold mined in the world since the discovery of America could be cast into a 35-foot cube.

When disappointed in his search for money, a burgler smashed 3,000 eggs in a produce commission house in Chicago.

DOG HAS PSYCHIC POWER, OWNER SAYS

Conveys Messages to Master by Telepathy.

London.—Meet Nell, said by her owner, Prof. T. J. Littlejohn of Exeter, to be the only telepathic greyhound in England.

At the invitation of Dr. H. Mansfield Robinson, who plans to try the dog's telepathic powers on Oomaruru when he makes his next attempt to communicate with Mars, a reporter was introduced to Nell.

Trained by Master.

Nell, an affectionate animal, looking like any other thoroughbred greyhound, was "trained" in the "art of telepathy" by her master, who, to back up his contention that his dog has "psychic power," signed a statutory declaration in the presence of a London solicitor. In it he does "solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

"1. My greyhound Nell has the ability to convey mental messages to me by telepathy, of which power I have given you the following examples out of very many others that have occurred."

Several examples are then given, including the following three:

1. "In August, 1926, when the said dog was at Exeter and I was at Falmouth, she conveyed to me a message that she had been locked up in a coal house and had gone without her tea, as to the truth of which I have provided signed statements of four witnesses.

Tells of Kittens.

2. "On returning from Ilfracombe to Exter on April 22, 1930, I was met by Nell and got from her a telepathic message formed of the words 'kitten, kitten, kitten.' On making investigation I found that my cat had just given birth to kittens in Nell's basket and she was the first to convey this intelligence to me.

3. "I witnessed on July 5, 1930, at 3:30 p. m., in London, the perception of a mental message from Nell by Dr. Mansfield Robinson that she wanted water. He said he got this message, fetched the water, which Nell drank greedily and then went to the doctor and rubbed her head affectionately against his knees to express her gratitude, and then conveyed to me a message that the doctor wanted to go upstairs, which, he admitted, was correct."

Nickel Charity Has Flourished 50 Years

New Orleans.—One of the oldest and most unique charities in the country has been flourishing in New Orleans 50 years. It is one of "Step up and get your nickel, lady," every Saturday at 9 a. m. in front of Simon Gumble & Co., cotton firm on Gravier street.

A crowd of 100 or more old women black and white, gathers before the office of the company, knowing that at 9 a. m. a young woman secretary will come out of the door with a bag of nickels and give one to each of the gathering.

This philanthropy, begun 50 years ago by Simon Gumble, founder of the firm, is carried on today, after three generations, by his grandsons, Lester and Joseph Gumble. Since the charity was first started approximately $10,400 in nickels has been distributed.

The same faces are seen there year in and year out. Some resent the presence of newcomers. "It ain't like it uster be," said one old lady. "These news ones that come in push and grab so."

"Yas, suh," said an old negro woman, who has been getting her Saturday nickel for years. "De nickel sho heps out. I buy my baccy wid it. Gawd bless de man dat gibs dat nickel, sho."

The custom will be carried out as long as the firm exists, the Gumbles say.

Musician Quits Job to Become Expert Aviator

East St. Louis, Ill.—Two years ago George Gruen supplied tunes from his seat in an orchestra pit, where he played a flute. Today he sits in the cockpit of an airplane and listens to music of the wind as he pilots his airplane.

Gruen tired of a musician's life and entered a flying school here. Within two years he had become a licensed aviator and is now chief flying instructor at the school.

Gruen says his greatest thrill was his first solo flight.

"I took off," he said, "and quickly found myself 300 feet in the air. I looked back and realized my instructor was not with me.

"I was up there in the air all by myself, but the realization of that fact gave me a thrill I will never forget."

He says he was "lucky" and made a perfect landing.

Stuffed Canary Sings Despite Its 75 Years

Pine Bluff, Ark.—A stuffed canary bird that sings, believed to be the only one in existence, has been found in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Patrick.

According to Patrick the bird died nearly 75 years ago. A New York man, a hanger-on about saloons, took the bird and four others, constructing bird music boxes. The one here is thought to be the only one of the five still in operation.

The bird is housed in a large gilded cage. When the bird is wound it sings like a live canary.

Pussy's "Whiskers"

The large hairs on either side of a cat's nose are feelers. Technically they are known as "visbrissae." Their roots are provided delicate nerve endings of touch, thus enabling the animal to find its way with ease through dark, narrow passages.

After we teach people respect for laws we may hope to persuade them to have respect for in-laws.

SHARKS DEVOUR GUIDE WHEN HE SWIMS FOR AID

Hunters Tell of Thrilling Experiences in Spanish Honduras.

New York.—A tale of a hunting expedition into the interior of Spanish Honduras was narrated recently by Maj. Nicholas Biddle, retired, and Dr Ward Brinton, both of Philadelphia, when they returned to the United States. An Indian guide was devoured by sharks while he was swimming for aid when their dugout capsized and was drifting seaward. Meanwhile they clung to the frail craft as sharks snapped at their heels.

They brought back numerous specimens which they will present to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, including a ¾-inch ant which has caused Major Biddle considerable annoyance; a bottle of whisky containing several small nonpoisonous snakes and lizards; a 250-pound Indian urn believed to be eight hundred years old, and the skull of a white lip wild pig.

By Dugout and Muleback.

The huntsmen spoke sadly of losing their gear, including four rifles, two shotguns and six revolvers, when their 30-foot craft was swamped by breakers at the mouth of the Black river in Honduras. This occurred on September 16. Previously they had proceeded from Castillya by dugout and mule. They had shot wild turkeys and white lip pigs to their hearts content.

Devoured by Sharks.

When the accident occurred they were headed for the Brewer lagoon in search of jaguar and alligator. Despite the prevalence of such pests as bottle flies, red bugs and giant ants, they were determined to bag bigger game than white lip pigs. Although this species of pork travels in packs and is dangerous when cornered, they sought the beautiful jaguar, common to the jungles of Spanish Honduras.

With motion picture cameras and aided by an Indian guide, a Norwegian mechanician, and an Irish huntsman, they set forth for the bar where the Black river swept to the sea.

Guide Killed by Sharks.

On a heavy swell their boat capsized and because of the outboard motor they were at first unable to right the craft. After several hours' struggle, during which they lashed the water with their legs to keep off the sharks, Cacho, their Indian guide, seized a rubberized bag containing gear and announced that with its floating quality and his own swimming ability he would swim for aid. He was devoured by sharks which followed him from their craft. Later they loosed the outboard motor, the Norwegian mechanic diving beneath the dugout and unscrewing the bolts.

With the loss of their guns and all equipment except Major Biddle's 30-pound motion picture camera, the hunt was abandoned.

They planned to bring back a 2½-foot boa, but it was placed in a burlap bag with a snake which devoured it.

Boy Lures Cops Away and Then Robs Station

Columbus, Ohio. — When Thomas Rush, twelve, decided he wanted a few trinkets that were lying carelessly around the Glenwood avenue precinct station, he hit upon a novel plan of removing molesting "coppers" from the premises.

Rushing into the station house Rush breathlessly informed the desk sergeant that a car was afire a short distance down the street. The station was soon emptied of its official tenants and Rush, in sole command, prodded through desks in search of whatever struck his fancy.

Two patrolmen, however, chose to select the moment for reporting on duty and caught the boy with his hands full of flashlights. He not only confessed to the theft but also to setting fire to the machine.

Shoots Up His Piano

Donald, Ore.—Try this on your piano. Henry Goode, Jr., examined a shotgun. It discharged. A corner of his piano was blown to bits.

For a joke, a man asked a young assistant in a seed shop for some sweet potato seed. The assistant could find none, and finally appealed to the manager. The latter explained that he was having his leg pulled, and warned him to be on his guard. A few days later, a woman entered the shop and asked for some bird seed. "Ah, you can't kid me. Birds are hatched from eggs."

Business Men say: "Advertising Pays"

SEER PREDICTS '31 YEAR OF TRIALS

War and Other Castrophes Seen by Soothsayer.

Paris.—Mme. Delmas-Fraya, famous soothsayer and confidante of several great political figures, predicts that 1931 will see the end of Fascism in Italy and a violent revolution in Germany, accompanied by economic and material catastrophes in every part of the globe.

"I see," she says, "the violent death of Italy's greatest statesman followed by a complete transformation of the political regime. Germany will be tormented by revolutions causing economic and financial ruin of the country.

"Argentina and Brazil have not yet completed their political revolutions and there will be several violent changes, without great bloodshed, during 1931. Spain also will be tossed upon the stormy sea of political convulsions."

Madame Fraya prophesies that war is fast approaching in Europe but that 1931 will be passed under the constant panic of war without actual fighting. During this time France will continue to consolidate its position through the efforts of a "young man" whose political star has not yet arisen.

"I am afraid," she laments, "that the coming year has many unhappy events in store for the world. The United States will be even harder hit by the economic depression, but will emerge victorious from the struggle. The women of America will play a large part in the re-establishment of financial and economic order.

"Europe will be tested by violent tempests and earthquakes while similar castastrophes throughout the world will take thousands of lives."

Planes to Dust Poison on Jersey Mosquitoes

New Brunswick, N. J.—New Jersey's mosquito fighters have become air minded, and attacks from airplanes on the state's best-known insect pest only await the development of the proper dust larvicide.

Research directed toward the making of such a larvicide has already been undertaken here at the New Jersey agricultural experiment station, and preliminary tests made last summer were encouraging. If further tests give good results, practical applications of the larvicide will be made from airplanes next summer.

By using airplanes loaded with a poisonous dust, mosquito fighters can extend their warfare to many now inaccessible mosquito-breeding areas, Dr. Joseph M. Ginsburg, biochemist in entomology at the experiment station, believes. Heretofore, he explains, it has been impossible to prevent mosquito breeding in swamps and many other flooded areas that were too large to drain or fill, or where it was impossible to navigate with boats equipped for spraying oil.

Takes Children With Her to Prison Colony

Lisbon.—Albina Coelho, known as the "Peloa" of Vilela, was among the last group of criminals sent to the Portuguese colony of Loanda. She was accompanied voluntarily by her six children.

The "Peloa" has to serve a sentence of 22 years for the murder of the civil magistrate of Paredes, whom she killed with a razor.

Albina Coelho once lived a life of ease, managing the affairs of her household. Now she has aged considerably as a result of her crime and imprisonment. When the time for her removal to Africa approached, the children—whose ages range from fifteen to twenty-five years—decided that they did not want to stand the separation.

Their decision created a sympathetic reaction in many circles and even the archbishop of Evora gave Albina a letter of recommendation to the archbishop of Loanda.

Chaplains to Be Put on U. S. Army Transports

Washington.—A plan to station chaplains on army transports as well as at posts and camps has been approved by the War department, it was revealed recently in the annual report of Col. Julian E. Yates, chief of army chaplains.

Two chaplains already have been assigned to duty on army transports plying between New York and San Francisco. Inasmuch as five ships are used on this route "the system is not perfect," the report said, but more chaplains cannot be assigned to sea service until their authorized strength is increased.

Yates' report said there were now 120 chaplains assigned to the regular army, 206 to the National Guard and 1,120 to the Reserve corps. All are of commissioned rank.

Couple at Dinner When Bird Flies In

Chehalis, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Donahue had a dinner visitor, but it didn't stay to become the principal dish.

A China pheasant flew into the dining room through a closed window, looked around and flew out another.

Both windows were broken, but the pheasant was not hurt.

In Jefferson's Honor

The Jefferson Memorial foundation was formed April 13, 1923 on the one-hundred and eighteenth anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth. It has acquired Jefferson's home, Monticello, and is devoting its efforts to its upkeep and restoration.

A congressman declares that the time is ripe for a settlement of the Muscle Shoals question. Not only ripe, but rotten.