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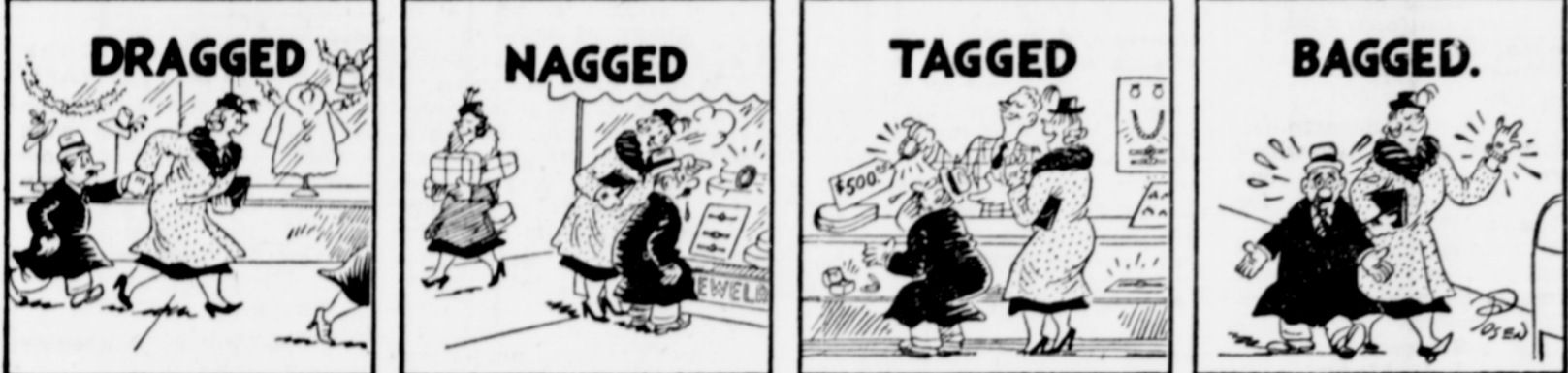
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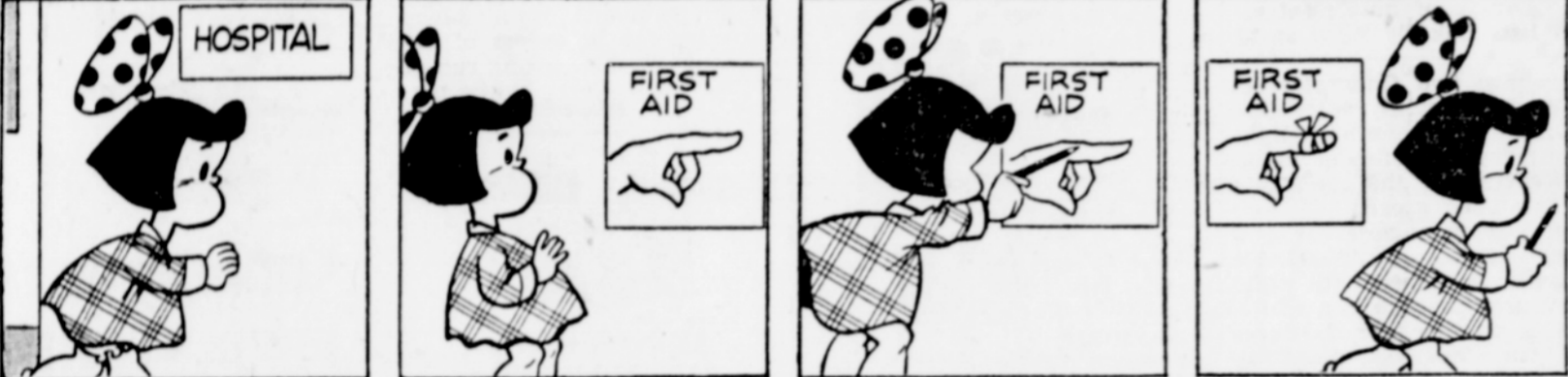
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SPORTSMAN'S HORIZON

Careless Drivers

Everyone recognizes that the automobile plays an important, but indirect, part in harvesting the annual wildlife crop by transporting sportsmen to and from the hunting fields. But comparatively few give much thought to the devastating wildlife toll the automobile itself takes on America's highways.

Sure, everybody who drives on highways or rural roads sees the dead bodies of rabbits, opossums, skunks, and other game species but generally accepts these occurrences as natural tragedies of the road with no thought of the total effect.

Important Tools Certainly sporting firearms, next to Nature itself, are the most important tools in harvesting the annual wildlife crop. This is proper as the kill is clean and the meat is seldom wasted. But game killed on the highways by automobiles is almost always a total loss, a loss that mounts in importance because most of these deaths occur during the breeding and rearing seasons.

While no accurate figures are available, and it would be hardly possible to obtain them, it would be no exaggeration to say the total for the entire country runs into staggering numbers. The Kentucky State Division of Game and Fish has just released some figures for the first eight months of 1951. These figures are admittedly incomplete as a few of the 108 observers in all districts of the state were not employed during the entire eight months period. But they show that 13,267 edible game birds and animals were killed on Kentucky's highways during two-thirds of the past year. These figures do not include the toll taken from the state's population of red and gray foxes, skunk, mink, or song birds, not generally considered as part of the sportsman's larder.

Kentucky Figures Cited If Kentucky's conservative figures were to be used as a measuring stick for the whole country and thus multiplied by 48, the loss in edible game to highway deaths would be well over 600,000 game birds and/or animals for the period. Disregarding the remaining four months of the year and using 600,000 as a total, which would certainly be an ultra-conservative figure, this represents a considerable poundage of delicious and highly-prized meat lost to the sportsmen's table through the carelessness of thoughtless drivers.

The rabbit was the greatest sufferer from this toll. This is to be expected for this species has a wide range and its inclination to cross highways and even play in them is well known. The opossum was next in misfortune, which is in line with observations made in other states.

Conservative Estimate It would be again conservative to estimate this meat loss at 1,200,000 pounds, or 2 pounds to the bird or animal. Placing a value of \$2 per pound on it would bring the monetary figure close to \$2,500,000.

Big Trout Before casting a fly to a feeding big trout a skilled angler will spend quite a bit of time watching the trout. He observes the position of the fish as he waits for his food. He sees where the trout is watching for his food. He observes the current and figures out a way to approach within casting distance without disturbing the feeding fish. Having gathered all this data, he works himself into position for the cast, and then places his fly exactly where he wants it. If he gets a strike at all, he usually gets it on the first cast. If he gets no strike on the first cast, he should wait quietly for a considerable length of time before making another.

When no evidence of a feeding trout is seen on a riffle, it usually means that the trout are feeding very close to the bottom if they are feeding there at all. To work a riffle under such conditions a fisherman feels his way along, combing out the water with his casts from one end of the riffle to the other. If he gets strikes from small trout he may be fairly sure that no big ones are working in the vicinity. If he gets no strikes at all, he may be reasonably sure that no big trout are at that moment lurking in the riffles. Basis for this assumption is the fact that trout generally go into a riffle for the purpose of feeding. When they are not feeding, they retire to less troubled waters.

Imagination Pays An angler's imagination is his most valuable asset in fishing a wet fly or nymph. He can't see beneath the water, but he can imagine what his fly is doing, aided by the movement of the line and leader. He can try giving it just as many different actions as his imagination can devise, and frequently he will discover that only one will make the trout strike.

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Villagers Flee as TNT Laden Truck Crashes

BONNEAUVILLE, Pa.—The people of Bonneauville, population 123, were sorry for the truck driver who wrecked his tractor-trailer on a curve and offered their help. One look at the trailer's cargo, however, and the town was almost empty in a few minutes. It consisted of 22,000 pounds of TNT. The townspeople returned to their homes when the truck was towed away a few hours later.

Kentucky Gets \$1 Billion Worth of New Industries

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Governor Lawrence Wetherby reported recently commitments of capital in Kentucky industrial plants, many of them located in the state's small towns, now exceeds \$1,000,000. The governor said, "This new wealth equals nearly half the total assessed value of property in Kentucky less than 15 years ago." Kentucky business was up 15 per cent the first half of 1951.

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High Enough, Yet

The lower grades of beef cuts lack the tenderness and juiciness of higher grades, and they need to be cooked for relatively long times with moist heat.

Valuable Commodity Debts, taxes, feudal obligations and even wages have been paid in rice. In India, rice is associated with every phase of human existence from birth to death.

Select Beets Bunched beets should be medium sized and uniform in size, and they should be smooth, and free from cracks, decay and insect damage.

Coal Pier The new Chesapeake & Ohio coal pier at Newport News, Va., has a capacity of 8,000 tons per hour and can load four ships simultaneously.

Protection You'll be less likely to cut yourself if you edge rough glass edges with cellophane tape.

Coal Problems

U. S. mines can produce all the coal Europe must import this year, but whether the coal can be delivered depends upon shipping facilities.

By-Product Rice bran also is a valuable by-product. It contains 125 milligrams of Niacin per pound and is an important ingredient in livestock and poultry feeds.

Phone Users There are 27 telephones for every 100 people in the United States. The rest of the world would have to add more than 550 million telephones in order to attain this ratio.

War Posts A total of 435 military posts, camps and stations were operated by the Army within the continental limits of the United States during World War II.

Childhood Prior to World War II, the Army consisted of eight regular divisions and the Philippine Division, less than half of its present strength.

War-time Army The Army, at the peak of its World War II population, in May, 1945, contained 8,291,336 (M) uniformed men and women.