



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME—President Truman, back from a three-week vacation in Florida, holds up a gold key to the front door as he takes up residence in the newly renovated White House. Looking on are Mrs. Truman and Howell G. Grim, chief White House usher.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—When Harvey D. Sanderson was working on the Syracuse, N.Y., Journal, his boss sent him to cover a garden meeting.



Harman Nichols Shall I plant leaf lettuce or head lettuce? What kind of trees will grow on my place?

Our man was not hep to gardening in those days, but later he went to see the man who had asked the questions. It turned out that the man had five gardeners working for him. Harvey figured it out. If gardeners were that dumb, he'd better have a look at how to plant a garden.

He did, and he learned. Today he is handling publicity for the Men's Garden Clubs of America. There are 150 clubs and gosh knows how many members.

Theory Not Subscribed

Harvey, by the way, doesn't subscribe to the theory of Clint Anderson, now a senator from New Mexico, that "you shouldn't ever plant a garden too big for

your wife to handle." Anderson, incidentally, swiped that idea. Harvey is a man who wants to handle the rake and hoe himself and leave mama in the kitchen. Mostly.

"We have a lot of fun and get a lot done at our club meetings," he said. "Some fellow will come in and say that his strawberries don't seem to cotton to the soil in his section. A neighbor will say he has solved the problem with some stuff the Department of Agriculture has recommended. The meeting breaks up and all of a sudden you will find everybody growing big red strawberries in the area."

According to Harvey, the same goes for onions, rutabagas, and asparagus. Not to mention sweet corn.

Women Formed First Club

Our man has to admit that the women folks formed the first garden club in America. That happened at Athens, Ga. 50 years ago. The idea grew and each year the women were getting all of the publicity and growing the best pumpkins and cabbages.

Then in 1947, the men woke up to the fact that there ought to be more pants—meaning men's—in the garden.

They did what sensible men do—they organized. Today, they are a power.

Asparagus Patch Gives Hobby Idea

Wooster, O.—(U.P.)—What started as a caretakership of an asparagus patch has grown into a large hobby for Mrs. Beatrice Ebert.

Mrs. Ebert has a collection of 1,459 golf balls of nearly all makes and no duplications.

The hobby started eight years ago when a neighbor moved, leaving Mrs. Ebert her three-acre asparagus patch. It was adjacent to a golf course and while tending the asparagus shoots, Mrs. Ebert began to find golf balls alongside the weeds.

She started off by simply putting them in a bag until a local golfer suggested turning the finds into a hobby.

In addition to finding balls near her home, Mrs. Ebert trades some of her items for others to fill in the collection. Every letter of the alphabet is included except "Y." Even "X" and "Z" are represented with such trademarks as "XX-Special" and "Zip."

Those she prizes most highly have unusual names such as "Squaw Creek" and "Jack Pot." One ball bears the name "Robert Taft."

The balls, looking like eggs in a hatchery in their case, are arranged in alphabetical order. One out of every six of the earth's elements belongs to the rare earths family, a group of metals with such tongue-twisting names as; praseodymium, dysprosium, and ytterbium.

Veteran of Two Marine Campaigns Missing in Korea

Washington—(U.P.)—A 52-year-old veteran of two Marine Corps military campaigns is missing. "Old Trumpet," a battered bugle that served with honor in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 and heralded more than a year of Korean combat, has been lost.

The instrument was retired to a showcase in the Marine Band museum after the Boxer insurrection in China. The old-type service bugle gained historical significance there when it sounded the Marines' relief of Tientsin. Back in Service

The bugle was brought out of retirement in July, 1950, after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. Marine Corps officials announced that it would be given to any trumpeter going to that theater of operations.

Of the 62 replies received in the first week from individuals and organizations, "Old Trumpet" was awarded to Cpl. Charles Price of Chattanooga, Tenn., of the First Marine Division Band. In Korea, Price sounded colors on it when the flag was raised at the division command post in northern Korea and played taps at cemetery dedication ceremonies in that sector.

Survived Bad Fire

"Old Trumpet" was there when the First Marine Division fought its way out to the sea from the Chosen Reservoir and later survived a bad fire after the Hungnam evacuation.

Price, now a sergeant, carefully packed the instrument in his seabag when he was rotated to the United States in the fall of 1951. The bugle disappeared during transportation to this country.

The Marine Corps attributes its loss to at least six other Marines named Charles Price. The band member named Charles Price received the wrong seabag when landing in this country and has not yet located his own.

Eugene Pilot Inflicts Damage on Two MIGs

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Two Pacific Northwest sabrejet pilots Tuesday claimed their share of Communist MIG-15s destroyed and damaged in the second largest bag of Red jets in the Korean war.

First Lt. Charles G. Carl, Tacoma, Wash., probably destroyed one MIG in the day's last dogfight. It was his second claim of the day.

Damage to two MIGs was credited to Maj. Alex A. Asla Jr., Eugene, Ore.



FEELING sorry for self, no doubt after swigging beer, this mouse-hound gives patrons of pub at Buckinghamshire, near London, England, noisy comment on taxes or something. (International)

Medford Navy Flier Taking Schooling

Raymond L. Ettinger, a Navy lieutenant commander and flier, is now undergoing an 11-month course of instruction at the Navy post-graduate school at Monterey, Cal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ettinger, 824 West 12th street, and brother of Bob Ettinger, 830 West 12th street, also a World War II Navy flier.

The commander is a 1936 Medford high school graduate, later employed here by California Oregon Power company and Trowbridge and Flynn. After attending Oregon State college for two years he entered the service in 1941 and was commissioned that year. He served throughout World War II in the Pacific theater and was stationed on the east coast after the war.

Last fall, Commander Ettinger was pictured in the Collier's magazine with a story regarding the Neptunes (Blue Sharks) Navy planes, which he piloted in Korea. He served in the Korean zone for about 15 months and visited his family in Medford in January, 1952, on his return.

His wife and their two daughters, Kathy and Susan Rae, also live at Monterey.

To the geologist, fossil animals and plants found embedded in sediments, give proof of the age of rock formations.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Board of Control To Study Refusal to Employ Nisei

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Board of Control has voted to investigate the reported refusal of the State Tax commission to give a job to Sagie Nishioka, 30-year-

old Japanese-American veteran of World War II. Will Follow Law

Gov. Douglas McKay referred to Oregon's fair employment practice act and said: "There's just no argument about it. We'll follow the law. The law was passed in 1947 and it's the state's policy not to discriminate. There will be no discrimination—period. No other policy will be tolerated in any state department."

However, Tax Commission Chairman Ray Smith said Nishioka was not refused employment just because he was a Nisei. He said the job for which Nishioka had been sent over, along with the customary two others, by the Civil Service commission was field auditing. He said Nishioka was not hired because the tax commission personnel department did not think he would fit in that classification.

Incident "Unfortunate"

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said he felt the incident was "unfortunate." He noted that in many cases a state department turns down personnel sent by the Civil Service commission for one reason or another, and this

Cleaner, Laundry Agency in Same Location 12 Years

The Star Cleaners and Crystal White laundry agency has occupied the Front and Main streets corner of the Allen hotel street floor for 12 years. Mrs. Edna Mole is operator of the business which offers four-day dry cleaning service and one-day shirt laundry.

Included in the new modern equipment used by the establishment in furnishing its cleaning services is a reconditioner method which restores color and brightness to fabrics. New laundry equipment also expedites shorter service to its customers.

Much of the laundry and finishing work done to dainty fabrics, lace pieces and curtains is hand done, the owner said yesterday.

Plants, Trees Grow In Water Culture

Riverside, Cal.—(U.P.)—Scientists at the University of California's citrus experiment station here have established that plants and even large trees will grow indefinitely in water cultures and produce high quality fruit.

Dr. H. D. Chapman, chairman of the station's division of soils and plant nutrition, concedes to old-guard gardeners that organic matter has great value as a medium for growing plants and trees.

However, he said, experiments have proved that organic matter is not indispensable.

"From our experience in water and sand cultures," he explained, "we know that most green plants can be grown in a medium devoid of organic matter."

The station has 14-year-old orange trees that have been growing continuously in water cultures during their entire lives, he said, and they continue to produce good crops of fruit.

time it happened to be a Japanese-American. The incident occurred more than a month ago.

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