

Thousands of Nation's Youngsters Leave Cities for Country Camps

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The water's fine for swimming. The fish are biting, and the mountain laurel is in fullest bloom. It's camping season, and about 4,500,000 camp-bound American kids are straining at the leash.

This week and next they'll be kissing mom and pop goodbye in railroad and bus stations and on front doorsteps in every U.S. city. More than 13,000 resident and day camps, a figure that is rising faster than camping associations can keep track of it, are waiting to welcome them.

About 250,000 will go from New York City. Chicago will disgorge more than 60,000 into 315 camps in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Northern Illinois. The mountains of California and the Pacific Northwest will absorb hundreds of thousands from West Coast cities.

Some Fees Run High
Young Davy Crocketts from well-to-do families will go to the gold coast of the juvenile world—camps where the fee runs as high as \$800 to \$1000 for an eight-week season. Waifs from the slums will be scooped off their asphalt playgrounds and sent to charity camps where the fee is nothing.

Fifteen teen-agers will spend two weeks camping out on the island of Sitka off the Alaskan coast. Their fee is \$600 each. One hundred diabetic children will spend two weeks at a camp in

California where no children but those with diabetes are allowed. The cost: \$50.

The American Camping Association says there has been a phenomenal rise in camping since 1950, especially in day camps on the outskirts of major cities.

"Practically everyone who owns a station wagon is starting a day camp these days," said an official of a Chicago department store where the sale of camping equipment has been

Military Project Funds in State Urged

Washington—(U.P.)—Expenditure of \$2,083,000 for development of military projects in Oregon during the next fiscal year has been recommended by the House Armed Services Committee.

The bill sent to the floor included a recommendation to spend \$1,991,000 for conversion of Klamath Falls municipal airport into an air defense command base and \$92,000 for construction of living quarters for Navy personnel at Tongue Point Naval Station at Astoria.

Eliminated from the bill was an item of \$554,000 for construction of airfield paving, storage and personnel facilities at Portland International airport. The Air Force itself requested that the item be deleted.

spiraling every year.

The camping association made an effort toward a census of camps and campers in 1953 and came up with an estimate that there were 12,600 organized resident and day camps in the United States, and at least 4,000,000 persons had an organized camping experience each year.

The number of resident camps has increased about 10 per cent, meanwhile, while day camps have seen a 20 per cent rise.

"School camps" are gaining popularity in some parts of the country. More than 13,000 school children went camping on school time in California this spring. San Diego alone sent 4000 sixth-graders into the country for a week of classes in nature lore, handicrafts and physical education.

A camp at Elkhart, Wis., offers visitors a combination of outdoor living and training in dramatic arts. There are camps for musicians, painters, sculptors and writers. Some camps accommodate only crippled children or the blind.

By far the greatest number of boys and girls attend organizational camps—under sponsorship of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the YMCA and YWCA, and a multitude of other religious and civic groups.

While camping is predominantly a pastime of the younger generation, there is hope for mom and dad: Camps are springing up where no one is admitted who is under 65.

Gardener With Smashed Greenhouses Wants Ban on Sound Barrier Flights

London—(U.P.)—Leslie Green, a truck farmer in the village of Bishop's Waltham in Hampshire, has been tapped by destiny as one of the important people of the jet age.

It is a distinction he neither sought nor wants. But fate gave him this odd choice: fame or bankruptcy.

Around Green centers the vexing problem of what the government policy will be when citizens suffer damage from the terrific crack when jet planes go crashing through the sound barrier.

"I don't like causing all this fuss," he said, somewhat apologetically. "But it's that or ruin, I guess."

Greenhouses Shattered

Outside his farmhouse were the 16,000 square feet of greenhouses shattered seven times by jet planes diving through the sound barrier or roaring over his land so low and fast the winds ripped away the glass.

Green grows tomatoes, lettuce and chrysanthemums.

"Every time I hear a jet I shudder," he said. "So far they have done at least 5000 sterling (\$14,000) damage to me."

"The Ministry of Defense did nothing. But the Ministry of Agriculture acted very quickly indeed. It condemned my lettuce because they were sprinkled with glass."

So Green, who is not a "joiner," finds himself an important executive of the Supersonic Defense League, a group of citizens who foresee plenty more trouble on the ground if the government

does not exercise strict control of the skies.

Commons Statement Promised

He has fought his cause to the point where a statement has been promised in the House of Commons. But Green is not optimistic that much will be done unless the matter is pressed.

"The league wants certain areas set aside for breaking the sound barrier where the noise will neither cause damage, injure nerves or otherwise interfere with life below," Green said. "We want some system of compensation worked out, perhaps some kind of insurance."

He said one of the new members is a Yorkshire farmer, Ralph Goodall, who said his prize pig and his champion Pekinese gave birth prematurely when a jet broke the sound barrier.

rier. The pig and piglets died. So did three of the Peke pups.

Grange

Roxy Ann Grange

Katherine Gott was praised as outstanding youth member of Oregon State Grange.

Visitors from Fruitdale Grange of Grants Pass were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wertz, Mr. and Mrs. King and Mrs. Wagner.

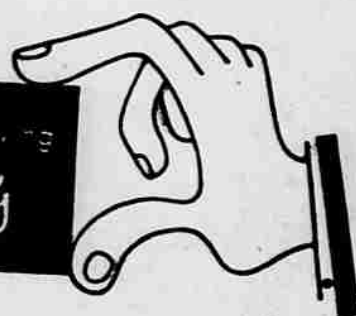
Dance Chairman Ken Shaw said they had four square dance callers last Saturday night and a good crowd.

HEC Chairman Marguerite Shaw announced the picnic for HEC will be at Francis Dawson's home at 832 South Holly st. at 7 p.m. All Grange ladies are welcome and should bring potluck

and there own service. It was voted to drop the card parties for the summer. Next Grange meeting, men of

the Grange are to bring collection items and hobbies. HEC will put on the program and serve the men.

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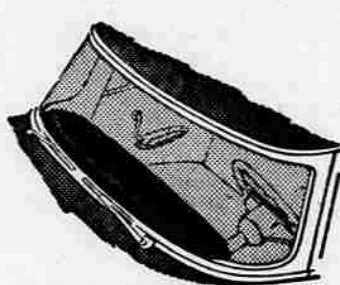
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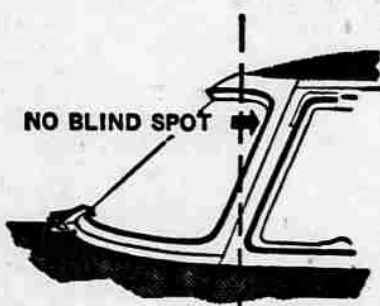
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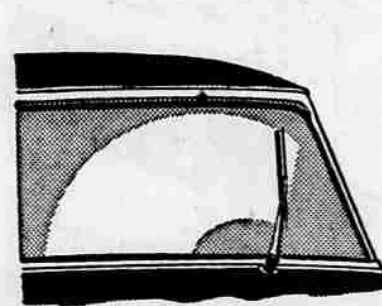
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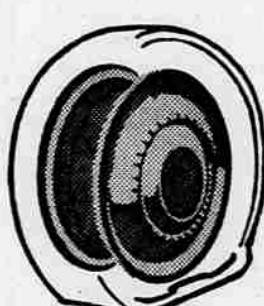
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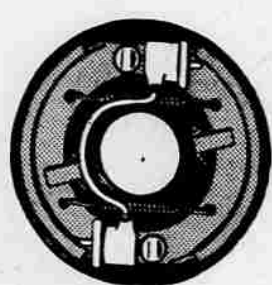
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