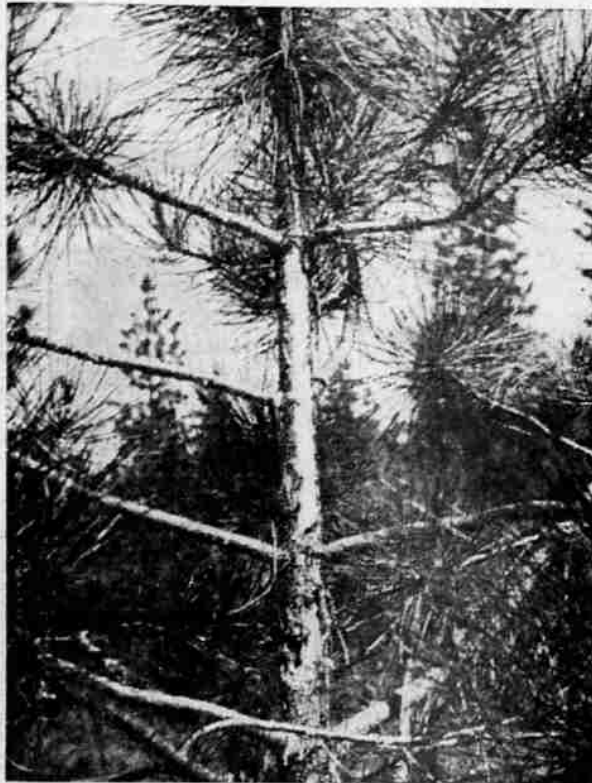


Third Enemy Added To Porcupine's List



WHAT—The "what" in the campaign largely boils down to trees—pine trees, like the young one shown above, and fruit trees. In the photo the bare spot where bark has been chewed away by a porcupine is visible. They eat the soft, inner layer of bark, usually girdling the tree. While they appear to prefer young trees, no tree is immune to porcupine's hunger, even species which usually escape.

For hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years, the porcupine's principal enemies were cougars (also known as mountain lions and various other names) and coyotes.

These two animals were about the only ones which had developed techniques of overcoming the porcupine's system of defense—the quills on his back and his quick-moving tail. Old-timers tell stories of watching coyotes lie in wait for porcupines, scaring them so that they erected their spines, waiting for them to relax, and then with on quick paw movement, turning them over and attacking the soft and unprotected underside.

The cougar was equally adept at killing the prickly rodents. **Third Enemy**

To these two natural enemies, another can now be added—man.

The porcupine is one animal which up to now has been able to adapt and thrive on the

encroachments of civilization. Men have placed bounties on both cougar and coyote, and as these got fewer, porcupines increased in numbers.

It is the porcupine's appetite which has drawn the wrath of men. Ordinarily an inoffensive and peaceable animal, the porcupine is fond of the cambium layer of trees—the portion just under the bark which carries sap upward in trees and brings life to the branches. It will feast on many varieties of trees, although it favors some more than others.

When the animal cuts through the bark and cambium layer all around the tree, or "girdles" it, the life-giving sap is cut off from the upper part of the tree, and that portion dies. If the girdle is low, the whole tree dies. If it is higher in the tree, as is usually the case, the upper part dies, creating a fork or other deformity, spoiling the tree for lumber purposes.

In this area the chief destruc-

tion is to ponderosa pine, and on the floor of the valley, to fruit trees. Foresters have estimated that each porcupine will do \$65 worth of damage to growing forest trees each year. And its numbers can be judged by the report of the state department of forestry last week that more than 12,000 were killed during 1955 in the southern and southwestern countries of Oregon alone, but that there is no apparent diminishment in the destruction being done.

Medford Corporation, with big timber holdings in the Butte Falls area of the Cascades, and Elk Lumber company, which also has considerable lumber lands, have for several years been offering \$1 or \$2 bounties for the left paw of a porcupine. **Predatory Animals**

For the first time this year, Jackson county has classed porcupines as predatory animals, and is offering a \$1 bounty.

Later this month, through the cooperation of the lumber industry and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, a contest for young porcupine killers will get under way. Plans are not yet completed, but it is tentatively planned to give prizes for the individuals aged under 18 years who bring in the most noses.

The nose of the porcupine has been chosen, rather than a paw, as bounty evidence because it is easier to detach from the prickly animal, because there is less meat on it to become rancid, and because they are easier to handle, and can be strung with a piece of wire or twine through a nostril.

As for hunting porcupines, those engaging it are warned about two things, the quills and the smell.

Bundle of Hairs

A porcupine quill is actually a small bundle of hairs grown together in a stiff mass with a sharp point, and tiny, backward-pointing barbs. When sunk in the flesh, it can be painful, and the barbs, similar to those on fish-hooks, will cause them to work into the flesh. Oftentimes, minor surgery is necessary to remove them. In domestic animals, if not found and removed, they can cause infection and death. The porcupine's long tail is equipped with hundreds of quills, and he uses it as a weapon, although he cannot "throw" his quills.

The smell of the animal is not like that of the skunk, which is a system of defense and can be "squirted" at a molester. It is a natural characteristic, and is most unpleasant at close quarters after the porcupine has been killed. Porcupines are also frequent-



WHO—The "who" in the campaign to cut down the porcupine population of Jackson county is shown above—old Erethizon dorsatus dorsatus himself. Jackson county is starting to pay a \$1 bounty for porcupine noses for the first time this year, and plans are under way for a contest among young people with prizes for those bringing in the most salt-cured noses. Details of the contest will be announced shortly.

ly host animals for ticks and lice.

While state law prohibits hunting after dark, it is then that porcupines can best be found. They frequently will hide in culverts or among rocks, but often can be spotted along mountain roads by automobile headlights. They are most vulnerable to a blow from a stick or a bullet in their foreparts, on the head or soft nose.

There is no closed season on porcupines, nor is there a limit. It is hoped that the restriction on after-dark hunting can be eased by administrative action

or legislation to legalize nighttime hunting of porcupines.

Some foresters estimate that if the numbers of porcupines can be reduced by 75 per cent, the damage they cause will no longer be significant.

High School Boy Hangs Self on Kitchen Door

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Fifteen-year-old Kenneth Pledger, a sophomore at Mission High school, hanged himself Friday.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Pledger, returned from a shopping trip to find their son hanging from a noose looped over the kitchen door.

On the kitchen table was his report card: One F, four D's and the notation that he would not be promoted.

Internal Revenue Payment Due June 15

An installment for about 45,000 taxpayers in Oregon, who are on the "estimated" tax payment basis, is due June 15, according to the district director of internal revenue in Portland.

The internal revenue service has asked taxpayers making a payment this month to be sure to identify the remittance with the account number shown on the installment notice or by returning the notice with his payment.

Referring to the account number or returning the installment notice speeds up processing of remittances and eliminates unnecessary searching of the files, was announced.

Marine Pilot Missing Since Tuesday Listed

Honolulu — (U.P.) — The Marine Corps has identified 1st Lt. Clyde M. Vandenburg Jr., 24, of Bronxville, N.Y., as the pilot of an F2J Fury jet fighter which vanished on a night operational flight last Tuesday.

An extensive three-day search of the area northwest of the island of Oahu failed to uncover any trace of the missing pilot or his plane, a Marine spokesman said.

Soviet Recognition of Two Countries Reported

Moscow — (U.P.) — Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin has proclaimed Russian recognition of independence for Morocco and Tunisia, it was announced Friday.

He sent a message to the two governments last Monday expressing the Soviet Union's readiness to exchange diplomatic representatives.

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WHY—The "why" of the anti-porcupine campaign is shown above—a ponderosa pine typical of thousands in the woods which are damaged and made virtually useless for lumber purposes. When a porcupine "girdles" a tree with his sharp teeth, the portion of the tree above the girdle dies (see top arrow in picture, where the top of the tree has died). When this happens, the branches nearest the girdle assume the growth characteristics of the former trunk, resulting either in a split tree, or, as shown above (see lower arrow) a deformity. Trees such as this and the many others with similar deformed trunks do not make good lumber, and many of them are not usable at all, simply "taking up growing space" according to forestry experts.

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Magistrate Believes Customer Always Right
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"Please, put me in jail," Walter Wilson, 38, pleaded with Murtagh Friday. "I'm tired of hiding my face. I know the cops are after me."

Murtagh obliged. Wilson was sentenced to 195 days in jail after pleading guilty to 15 traffic and parking violations during the past four years.

REID UNABLE TO READ
Detroit — (U.P.) — Guy Reid was held for burglary Saturday, not because of police short-sightedness, but his own, Reid, found rummaging through William Bernstein's home, hit Bernstein on the head with a flashlight and escaped. But he dropped his glasses. Police picked up Reid two blocks away, groping along and unable to read street signs.

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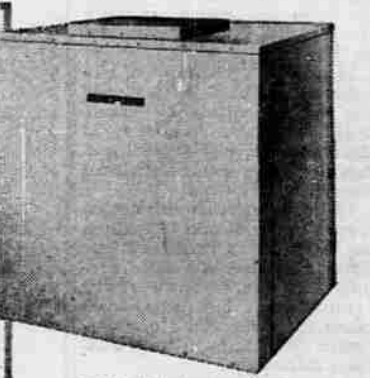
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