

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (UPI) — The nation's capital for many years has been pestered by birds that mess up beautiful buildings, homes, lawns, and umbrellas.

Congress has had hearings to try to solve the problem, but the birds have proved they are smarter than people.

Well, Oliver T. Carr Sr., for many years manager of a downtown building, has solved the problem—at least to his own satisfaction. The solution may be temporary, but at the moment Carr is a happy man.

Carr's discovery was an accident. Recently he was rigging up some new air-conditioning units, the window kind. Right after he got through rigging, he discovered that pigeons had found a cooling protection from the humid Washington summer. The birds lost no time in building nests under the units, and even less time in producing little pigeons in gross lots.

The building manager sat himself down for a spell of hard thinking on how to get rid of them.

At length he called in a helper and gave him a handful of loose change.

"Let's try this," he said. "Run down the street to one of those five and ten-cent stores and get some of those rubber mice that dogs and cats play with. I heard somewhere where birds hate mice."

So for about 15 cents a mouse the job was done, and up until today the Carr thinking department still is paying off. The pigeons have stopped raising their young around the building and are taking their business elsewhere.

"We watched them out of the window," Carr said. "Every time a pigeon would step on one of those phonies it would make a noise like a mouse. The birds scrambled."

Household Items Charged to State By Auditor Hodge

Springfield, Ill. — (UPI) — Household items ranging from lawnmowers to lawnmowers and valued at \$17,500 were charged to the state by former State Auditor Orville E. Hodge, it was disclosed Friday night.

J. Waldo Ackerman, assistant state's attorney, Sangamon county, said the money was spent by Hodge on his lavish Lake Springfield home between 1953 and shortly before the grand scandal with which he is charged was uncovered.

The money was obtained, Ackerman said, from Hodge's office with the help of John Casper, caretaker of the home, who kept itemized expense accounts for the Lake Springfield establishment.

Presents Accounts
Ackerman said Casper presented these expense accounts periodically to Hodge's office where vouchers were made and checks were cashed, Ackerman said, by De Silva, and the money found its way back to Casper.

In another development, the state sued Hodge Friday in an attempt to recover the \$641,280 he is accused of embezzling. Circuit Judge Julius Miner issued a writ at Chicago designed to tie up Hodge's assets in Illinois, along with those of his wife and son.

The civil suit, entered on behalf of Lloyd Morey, Hodge's successor in the auditor's office, named Hodge and 10 other defendants including his wife, Margaret, an 11-year-old son, Edward A. Epping, Hodge's former office manager; Edward A. Hintz, the ex-bank president who admitted cashing 46 fraudulent state checks; three banks; the company which put up Hodge's bond as auditor; suspended Chicago policeman William J. Lydon, and William Mehler, voucher clerk in the auditor's office.

There are about 30,000 known diseases of various kinds of plant life.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL Finstroms Purchase Home

By EVALYN P. WATSON

Shady Cove-Trail—Spending a month's vacation at Rogue Wood's at McLeod, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wyles Berry, are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finstrom of Buenos Aires, Argentine, where Finstrom is port superintendent for the Moore McCormick Steamship lines. The Finstroms have purchased a home on the Rogue river off Laurelhurst rd. from Colonel and Mrs. Harold Barger of Trail and plan to move into it as soon as possible. So they are spending a month in our area getting acquainted with some of the people in the area and looking over the possibilities of new developments on their land.

Mrs. Clara Thurman of Shady Cove has returned home from Sacramento, Calif., where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Jaclyn Langston, and children, and her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walser. Her granddaughter, Jalinder Langston, returned home with her. At present Mrs. Thurman has her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Clark, of San Bernardino, Calif., visiting her.

Diane Tuttle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tuttle of Shady Cove, who plays third base on the Rogue Valley Girls Softball team went to Eugene this weekend where she played Saturday with the team. Last week she made a trip to Reno, Nev., where a game was played and next weekend she is planning to go to Klamath Falls where the state softball tournament will be held. Diane who is sponsored by Tharp Lumber company of Shady Cove has been a member of the Rogue Valley Girls Softball team for the past four years.

Mrs. Charles Fry of Trail entertained at her home recently with a birthday party celebrating the sixth birthday of her daughter, Penny. Games were played and refreshments served. Small guests attending were Connie, Diane, Sheryl, Linda and Terri Anderson, Dean and Therissa Cooper, Billy, Danny and Judy Draper, Linda and Karyl-Ann Robbins Glenda and Linda Albert Dennis Proctor, Verna Lee Copeland, Linda Loper, Donna Hawkins, Sharon, Joan Evelyn, Marie and Orva Lee Oliver, all of Trail. David Elder and Bruce Spain of Shady Cove and Barbara Wilson of Eagle Point. Mothers attending were Mesdames Arleigh Anderson, Gene Anderson, Ray Anderson, LeRoy Cooper, LeRoy Draper, Glenn Albert, Karl Proctor, Vernon Copeland, John Loper, Willis Hawkins, Joe Oliver, Orville Oliver, Carl Robbins, Ivan Sneed, all of Trail and Larry Wilson and Delvin Elder of Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quail and son, Alan, have returned from a vacation trip to Portland and San Francisco. In Portland they visited with several of Mrs. Quail's aunts and their families, Mr. and Mrs. John Vermillion, Mrs. Lula Metts, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cross and with Mrs. Quail's grandmother, Mrs. Edna Alexander, in Oakland, who accompanied them home for a visit in Shady Cove.

They visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shea, former residents of Shady Cove and one-time owners of the Cove Variety store at Mountain View, Calif.

Shady Cove Bethel No. 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, held a picnic at Casey State park Tuesday, July 24. Girls from the Bethel and prospective new members attended. The girls swam at Butte Creek and in the Rogue preceding the picnic.

Mrs. Don Stockton of Shady Cove entertained at her home with a surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. Ronald Curren of Shady Cove, Thursday, July 26. Several games were played and refreshments served. Guests present were Mesdames Spain Gilbert Elder, William Croucher, the guest of honor, Mrs. Curren and her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Schertz, who has been visiting the Curren's from North Hollywood, Calif., and the hostesses.

Mrs. Stockton and Mrs. Seratte. A new pastor and family came to the Trail Community church recently from Everett, Wash. The Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Evers. The Evers have five children, Grace, 5, Paul, who will start at Eagle Point High as a freshman this fall, Floyd, who graduated this past year from high school, Lois, who is attending college at Simson Bible institute in San Francisco, and Earl, who has graduated from Simson Bible institute. The Evers are living in the old Braughton residence in Braughton Park in Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfeiffer of Shady Cove were hosts at a swimming and picnic party for those who have been working for Ted Conway at Far Hills ranch Sunday, July 22.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Conway and the Conway's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reedy and children, Cynthia and Sheryl of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caddell and daughter, Madeline, Mr. and Mrs. Art Leville, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Watson and children, Sherri and Lane and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfeiffer and son, Bill. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball of Medford came out for a short time.

Mrs. John Wilson of Shady Cove is doing fine at Sacred Heart hospital where she is confined for treatment following major surgery which is under way Monday, July 23. She may have visitors and is convalescing well.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hemingway of Eagle Point, formerly of Shady Cove on the death of their daughter Verna Hemingway, at the City of Hope Hospital in Los Angeles July 12. Late last fall she became ill and the doctors said that she had contracted leukemia. The Hemingways moved to Los Angeles where they could obtain treatment for their daughter at the City of Hope hospital and took her there at intervals for blood transfusions and treatment. Mrs. Hemingway was on the way to the hospital to bring Verna home for another visit when the girl died of a ruptured appendix.

Mrs. Wendell Stalker of the Cove Drug of Shady Cove attended the Revelon school at the Medford hotel in Medford.

MATERNITY CLOTHES BAN

Memphis, Tenn. — (UPI) — The city-owned Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Saturday notified pregnant married women employees that they are to resign immediately if they want to wear maternity clothes. "It seems to be the fact that as soon as a young girl becomes pregnant she must put on maternity clothes," the notice said. But they continue working "until it is embarrassing to the employees to say nothing of the customers." Maternity clothes or not, women employees must resign after the fourth month of pregnancy, the utility officials added.

Bryce canyon national park covers 56 square miles.

WEATHER


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Deadly Cobra Frightens Actors, Technicians

Hollywood — (UPI) — A deadly Indian cobra frightened a group of 35 actors and technicians, including comedian Wally Cox, when it escaped and slithered around a television studio set for several moments Friday.

The reptile escaped during filming of an NBC TV series entitled "The Adventures of Hiram Holliday," in which Cox is supposed to charm the snake. The cast and crew quickly scattered and remained at a safe distance until trainer Ralph Helfer captured the cobra.

Helfer said that kind of cobra, called a Naja Naja, cannot be rendered harmless even though its fangs are drawn.

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