

# OUT OF THE MOORS

By JIM STEVENS  
Tree Farm Raiders . . .  
The boomer (otherwise known as "Aplodontia" and "mountain beaver") is a real problem on tree farms. Now comes the season of his dirty work.

At night in the winter months the slant-eyed rodent will sally forth and follow path through ferns and other tough ground cover. Every few feet he will encounter a tree seedling. With his buck teeth nippers he'll strip it into a naked stem—skin it alive. He will uncover the roots of a Douglas fir six inches in diameter, and strip the roots, killing the tree.

Such forays of the boomer usually go beyond satisfaction of his hunger. Once started on a row of planted seedlings, he is either too stupid to know when to stop, or he is a natural-born devastator. He is apt to destroy all seedlings in the row before he backs tracks for a day of rest.

The boomer is strictly nocturnal. Two hours or so of exposure to hot sunlight will kill him. He is a sucker for deception. One forester had his planter crew in a boomer-infested area cover each seedling with fern leaves. The planting was practically unmolested.

**A Pure Rat . . .**  
Under any name, this nocturnal animal is a real rodent. As a beaver he is an imitation and a runt, seldom packing more than three pounds. He sports four large buck teeth. He is narrow between the eyes,

which slant. The eyes, boring at you like two nail points, belie his buck-toothed grin.

The boomer's habitat is mainly the Douglas fir region. He is a devilish destroyer of forest seedlings. For years he kept himself pretty well hidden, and his ravaging of second-growth was so occasional that it was not taken very seriously. Big, tough timber beasts, such as the mink, coyote and the wildcat, kept the boomer under cover. Predatory animal hunters reduced his natural enemies. The boomer multiplied. His tribe spread as it increased. It filtered into all necks of the woods.

The boomer could live on skunk cabbage and bracken fern sprouts. Well, why doesn't he? Because, probably, he enjoys killing baby trees — the dumb rat.

**Boomer Control . . .**  
The boomer's fur and skin are worthless, so no commercial trapping of the animal can be expected. No one will advocate restocking of the forests with wildcats and coyotes, unless the destructiveness of the boomer becomes more generally serious. All poisoning experiments have failed.

In areas where the boomer has actually threatened the ruin of tree farming, intensive trapping has solved the problem. At present, Aplodontia, alias the mountain beaver, alias the boomer, always a rat, remains a forestry problem in the Douglas fir.

# Try and Stop Me

By BINNETT CERF

AMY LOWELL was called in by her publisher to give a little pep talk on her new volume of poetry to the assembled sales staff. It turned out to be a bad idea. In the middle of her talk, Miss Lowell stopped, pointed to the West Coast representative of the firm, and announced to her editor, "This man has a face like a codfish! I won't go on until he stops staring at me."



"All I need is one more dollar," whined a panhandler, "to get my book published." "That's a new approach," admitted his well-dressed prospect. "What's your book called?" "I'm naming it '1000 Easy Ways to Make Money,'" said the panhandler. "So how come you must beg?" asked the prospect. "This way," the panhandler assured him, "is one of the easiest."

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# Dulles In Good Shape Following Operation

Washington — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was declared in "excellent" physical shape Saturday, a year after his operation for intestinal cancer.

It apparently was the signal for him to continue his rigorous working schedule. Only a short time after leaving Walter Reed Army Hospital where he underwent a checkup, he met informally at his home with Aneurin Bevan, leader of the British Labor Party.

The 69-year-old secretary of state underwent an operation for intestinal cancer Nov. 3, 1956. Doctors who examined him said they found no recurrence of the malignancy. The report on Dulles' health gave new weight to recent predictions that he plans to remain in the Eisenhower cabinet for the rest of the President's second term, ending early in 1961.

Bevan, a long-time critic of U.S. foreign policy who has modified his views somewhat in recent weeks, is in line to become counterpart of Dulles' post, should the Labor Party succeed in ousting the conservative government.

**Adopting Softer Attitude**  
Bevan has been adopting a generally softer attitude toward the close U.S.-British alliance which has been a cornerstone of the foreign policies of both

nations. Formerly, he felt that Britain was tied too tightly to U.S. policies and that this prevented his nation from taking its own course toward easing tensions with Russia.

Bevan is a strong advocate of a unilateral cessation of nuclear weapons tests by Britain but opposes a unilateral cession of nuclear weapons production.

He told reporters after his arrival by plane that he had "come to find out what the American viewpoint is." He said it was not the purpose of his visit to attack U.S. policies, but added: "I can't say different things abroad than I say at home."

He then went on to say that he does not object to U.S. opposition to Russian and Red Chinese policies as such but that the cold war "won't abate until the United States reaches some accommodation with them."

# Truman Schedules San Diego Visit

Los Angeles — Former President Harry S. Truman, as chipper as if still campaigning, was scheduled to travel 130 miles south of here today for a brief visit to San Diego.

The ex-chief executive and his wife, Bess, will stay in San Diego until Tuesday when they will travel to Palm Desert, Calif., near Palm Springs, as guests of Mon Wallgren, former governor of Washington.

Mr. Truman attended Sunday's Los Angeles Rams-Chicago Bear's professional football game here and traded wisecracks with comedian Bob Hope and other spectators. The former president was greeted with the usual "Hi, Harry!" shouts when people saw him sitting with Hope and his friend, oilman Ed Pauley.

One man near him in the crowd of 80,456 greeted him with the query, "Any room for a Republican here, Harry?" Always ready for a crack at the GOP, Mr. Truman quipped, "there's never any room for a Republican!"

The ex-president was interviewed by three radio stations during halftime and chatted with various well wishers with his usual aplomb.

One of five motor trucks produced in the U.S. during 1956 was exported.

# Remodeling Starts Within City Hall

Remodeling of second floor offices in the city hall started this morning, according to Robert A. Duff, city manager.

The project will consist mainly of moving office partitions to make better use of the space available, Duff said. He said several departments will change their locations to make access by the public easier and to make communication between offices more efficient.

The \$2,500 remodeling job is expected to be completed within two or three weeks, Duff said. Although the job could be completed much faster, it will be delayed by the necessity of remodeling one department at a time, he said.

Upon completion of each department, employees will move in and the contractor, Don Jacobs, Medford, will move on to the vacated offices. The first section to be remodeled is the building and engineering department, Duff said.



**ELEVATOR RIDE**—That's what Dean Ott of San Diego got from this bucking horse during the saddle bronc busting feature of the Grand National Livestock Exposition in San Francisco's Cow Palace. After photographer Bob Klein caught this action, the amazing Mr. Ott came down on the saddle and stayed aboard the required time.

# Tom Poston Obscure Until Allen's Show

By WILLIAM WYLAND  
United Press Correspondent  
New York — For the first 10 years of his professional life, Tom Poston labored in obscurity.

He came out of the Air Force after World War II and organized a dramatic stock company in Delaware that eventually foundered on its flops. He migrated to Broadway and landed a succession of small parts. He did comedy and drama on TV and even ran a local show of his own on TV for 15 weeks, but still remained a no-name.

Then last December he joined the cast of Steve Allen's NBC-TV Sunday show. Today, Poston's face is known to millions.

But the millions still don't know his name.

But that's not too surprising. Poston plays a TV character who can't remember his name either. **Acts Reminded**

Poston is owner of one of the heads that bob up in Allen's "Man in the Street" TV interviews. He essays the comic role of a bewildered character who tries each week to remember his monicker and other pertinent facts of his life, but can't quite make it.

"It's kind of funny," said Poston as he looked kind of funny, "but people keep pulling my own routine on me. I'd say about 10 times a day some one will stop me and pretend he can't remember my name."

"All kinds of people go through the bit. They do it in the streets, in elevators, at parties. I don't know how many hundreds of haxies have yelled at me from their cabs—'Hey, you. You. What's the matter?' You can't remember your own name?" When you get down to it, it's kind of an old thing to be known as that stupid guy who can't even remember his own name.

**Likes The Role**  
Poston feels a kind of affection for the dim-witted character he plays. "He's a curious little guy," said Poston, "the kind who probably doesn't have a wife or kids and probably lives in a rooming house with a motherly housekeeper to look after him. Somebody would have to take care of him. I don't think he could make it alone."

"The key to his character is that he panics easily. He really does know his own name, you know. It's just that when he gets under those hot lights and sees all those cameras, he can't fight it through. When Steve Allen throws that first question at him, he just falls apart."

Salt in salt lakes is different from the salt found in the oceans.

# Back Stairs: Mamie in Gummy Argument

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
United Press White House Writer  
Washington — Backstairs at the White House:

The President's wife, a gregarious and talented party guest, has walked, with her sparkling shoes and matching hose, into one of the gummy arguments of our time.

The recent flare-ups in the government over the propriety of accepting gifts seemed to be quieting when Mrs. Eisenhower accepted, with benefit of news cameras and in apparent delight, an \$1,800 beaver coat from an association of Maine trappers.

True, Mrs. Eisenhower paid \$385 to have the coat made, but the trappers gave her the pelts from which the garment was put together, and they said the finished production was worth \$1,800.

The President's wife did not have to refer the matter to the State Department legal division. She has plenty of fur coats and stoles as it is, and she certainly did not need the beaver coat,

but accepted it to help along the Maine fur industry.

However altruistic her action may have been, it came on the heels of the now famous Oldsmobile which King Saud of Arabia presented to the family of Victor Purse of the State Department, an event which led to his removal as deputy chief of protocol.

Because this town just now is actutely gift conscious, Mamie's acceptance of the coat set tongues a-wagging in some Washington circles. One story going the rounds was that a famous dress designer offered the wife of a prominent government figure one formal dress to wear

to a party given by Queen Elizabeth II when she was recently in Washington. Said wife, according to the gossips, swept into the designer's salon and left with three cuffs evening gowns, plus two other dresses.

The designer was reported last seen reading a copy of Democratic Digest.

Also, there is a rather energetic lady making the rounds on Connecticut ave., telling her hair dresser buddies that one of the biggest names in Washington

goes among the diplomatic corps clad in the newest thing from Paris, but for free.

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