

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

New danger note:

Residents of South Florida have been cautioned to keep away from large poisonous toads FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF BULLFROGS that have been found in the area recently.

Dr. E. Martin Miller, professor of zoology at the University of Miami, was notified of the new menace after a Miami housewife reported that one of the creatures leaped at her the other night. Her husband killed two of them later.

Earlier in the week one of them KILLED A DALMATIAN DOG in the neighborhood.

HMmmmmmmmmmm. I reckon ANYTHING can happen in Florida. And frequently does.

PS. THE zoology professor says the animals are a species of poisonous toad introduced into Florida from either South America or the West Indies.

Somebody brought one home as a pet, I suppose.

THE National Geographic Society, which leans normally toward the weightier subjects, has come out with a bulletin on poison ivy. Among other things, it reports that about 60 kinds of birds feed on berries of the poison ivy plant with no ill effects.

Shucks! Birds can do a lot of things humans can't do. Sleeping while roosting on a limb, for example.

THE bulletin goes on to say: There are no sure cures for ivy poisoning. But science has been making long strides in research laboratories. One of the newest discoveries is a salve developed at Syracuse University. It contains zinc and an antihistamine drug. For some people, injection of a special extract from the plant's juice has an immunizing effect. There are pills

designed on the same principle.

But—National Geographic says—The best treatment is to STAY AS FAR AWAY FROM THE STUFF AS POSSIBLE. That one makes sense.

OUT here in the Golden West, we don't have poison ivy. But, as so often happens, we have something just as bad, or maybe worse—poison oak. There are Westerners who claim you can catch a bad case of poison oak by looking at a picture of it.

One reasonably successful method of treatment for poison oak is to fill your shoes with lead and jump in the lake. If you don't come up, it won't bother you much from then on.

Another remedy recommended by extremists is Russian roulette.

OVER on the other side of the mountains, they have a proud boast—there's no poison oak in the high country. And no poison ivy.

They have their mice. Rattlesnakes lurk in the sagebrush. And their mosquitoes, nourished on DDT, are beginning to approach the size of pelicans.

But they have no poison ivy.

Senator Goldwater to Seek Re-election

Tucson, Ariz.—(UPI)—Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) has made official his intentions to run for re-election.

Goldwater, in a speech before the Arizona Young Republican Clubs convention here Saturday, said he will "continue to keep faith with our nation, the people of Arizona, and my conscience."

The 49-year-old native Arizonian, a full Colonel in the Air Force Reserve, is completing his first six-year term in office.

Medford, Crater Students Win Jaycee Road-E-O

Central Point—Gail Eastwood, Medford High school senior, and Jerry Leonard, Crater High school senior, were first-place winners in the annual safe driving Road-e-o sponsored by Medford and Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce for high school students. Competition was held Saturday morning at Crater High in Central Point.

Both boys will be given expense-paid trips to Clatskanie to take part in state finals June 7.

Runners-up in the contest for Crater High students were Willard Waterhouse, second, and Donald Garrison, third.

Other Runners-Up

In the contest for Medford, St. Mary's, Jacksonville and Phoenix High schools, runners-up were Terry Cooper, St. Mary's, and Roberta Burns, Phoenix.

Gail scored 427 points of a possible 500. Jerry scored 382, with second and third-place winners close behind with 381 and 379.

National finals will be held in Washington, D.C., with scholarships totaling \$4,500 to be offered the three top contestants.

Jaycees sponsor the contest on community, state and national levels. At each level, competition is based on written tests on driving knowledge and performance tests in four obstacle-test exercises.

In state and national contests, other tests are added.

Dick Lamont, Medford, and Jerry Monroe, Central Point, were contest chairmen in the local area.

Camp McLoughlin, the Boy Scout summer camp of the Crater Lake Council, is operated as Scouting's educational center for Jackson, Josephine and Siskiyou counties.

Safety Patrol Members Honored During Safety Council Dinner

Safety patrol members of Medford's eight grade schools, 155 strong, were honored at the ninth annual Medford Safety Council banquet Friday evening at Hedrick Junior High school. Also present were 145 adults.

Ed Warmouth, Salem, director of the traffic safety division of the state department of motor vehicles, was the speaker.

Awards were presented to the safety patrol captain or proxy from each school, and adult coordinators were introduced.

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Jameson, secretary of the council, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. John Ilg, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church, gave the invocation.

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Traveling at "break-neck speeds" of as much as 11 miles an hour, two of these vehicles managed to collide. From that time to the present, with more automobiles on the road every year, traffic safety has become a major concern in the American way of life.

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In 1935 there were 26 million registered motor vehicles on America's roads and highways, and now there are more than 65 million.

In Oregon, motor vehicle registrations more than doubled in the past two decades, from 350,000 in 1939 to 860,000 last year. In the 20-year period, mileage has tripled.

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year, 17,000 persons were injured in automobile accidents in the state, and 467 were killed.

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Dr. Wilson Named President of Club

Dr. Frank M. Wilson, 34 Portland ave., was elected president of the Crater Lions club at a meeting last week at Rogue Valley Country club. Installation will be held July 1.

Other new officers include Dave Franklin, first vice president; C. D. Larson, second vice president; Tom Shoop, third vice president; Sherrill Doty, treasurer, and Murray Dumas, secretary.

Named as directors were Gene Barlow and Lon Skinner, for two-year terms, and Bob Taylor and Floyd Eastwood, for one-year terms. D. L. Gressett was named tail twister; Earl Richardson, lion tamer.

Dr. Wilson is a past secretary of Crater Lions and serves on the board of directors. He was chairman of the recent Crater Lions sports fair. He also serves on the board of directors of the local dental society, and now holds the office of secretary in this group, of which he is a past editor.

Wilson was graduated from Oregon State college and the University of Oregon dental school. He received a fellowship for study in cancer research at Oregon State college.

The thermometer was said to have been invented by Galileo in 1592.

Financing of the banquet was a project of several Medford service organizations. Recognition on behalf of their groups was given to Bill Singler, Kiwanis club; Chris Christensen, Rotary club; Art Van Leeuwen, Jaycees; Don Davis, Elks lodge; Louis Ruhl, Medford Lions club, and Dave Irving, Crater Lions club. Representatives of PTA's throughout the city were thanked for their cooperation.

The program opened with welcoming remarks by Bigham, followed by the flag salute. K. C. Larson, council vice-president, was among those introduced.

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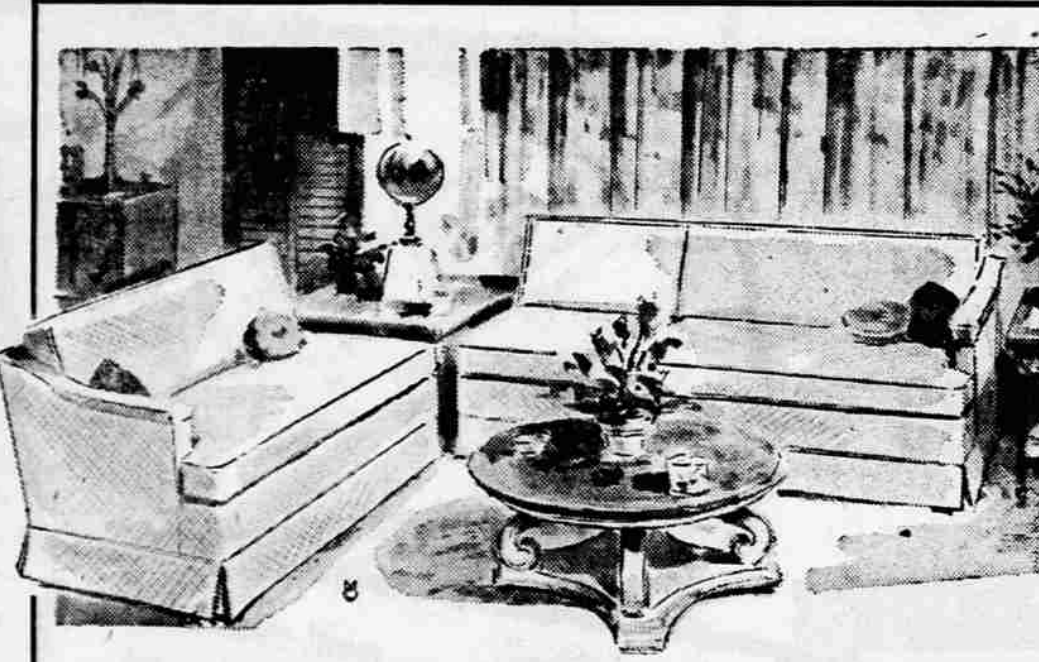
Acapulco, Mexico—An 12,500-ton tanker Baja California, the government-owned petroleum industry's newest tanker, is scheduled to dock here May 28 after a trip from Sweden.

The ship will remain in port one day before continuing on to Guaymas, where it will be christened formally.

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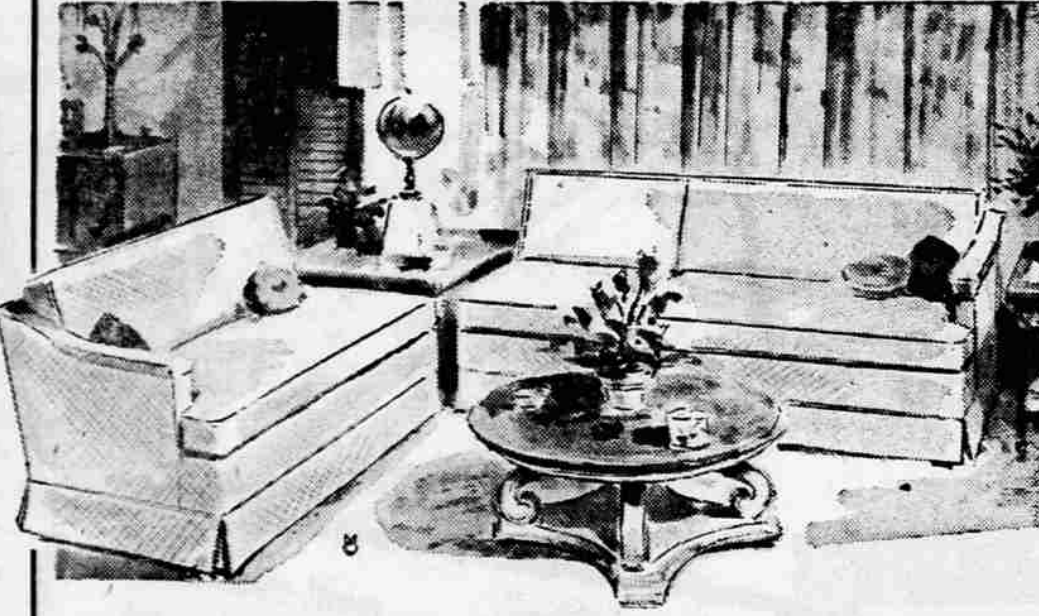
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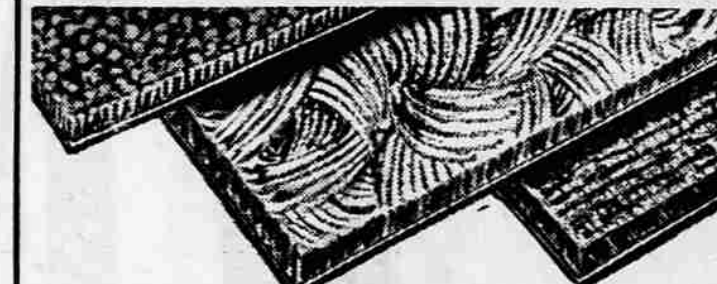
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