

## Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

One would think that the least likely creature to attack a hornet's nest would be another hornet, but according to Les Griffith, of Polson, Mont., a bald-faced hornet will occasionally try to invade a nest of yellow jackets. When one does, the results are fatal, thanks to a yellow-jacket "strategy that shows a high rating of intelligence."

A yellow jacket nest in a crevice in Mr. Griffith's out-



side chimney has a piece of wood projecting from it which serves as a sort of landing strip. "When a bald-faced hornet alights there," he writes, "three yellow jackets appear all abreast and start forward."

At a distance of about six inches from the enemy, which is much larger in size, the center one slows down and the others start to fly past the invader. The bald-faced hornet immediately leaps toward the one left, but before he can reach it, he is attacked by the other two "who land by his side and bite off about a quarter of an inch of his wings." Hit from behind, he attempts to take to the air but topples to the ground.

Mr. Griffith's description is certainly typical of the ferocity of the yellow jackets, and his account of their teamwork is not unlike what I have seen them use in killing and carrying off a caterpillar whose body was presumably fed to the larvae in the nest. In that case, however, the caterpillar was killed by being stung to death, or so it looked.

**Stinging By Females**  
The stinging, by the way, is done only by females. The sting is a needlelike instrument technically known as an

ovidepositor or egg placer. Most of them, however, never get the chance to use it for any other purpose than a weapon. Except for the queens who lay eggs, all the females are sterile and carry on the life of the nest, increasing its size, providing food and protecting it from attack.

Life for all of them, except the mated queens, end soon after the arrival of cold weather. In the fall, after the queens and males have left the nest to mate, the workers abandon their paper nest also and quickly die. The males die likewise, but the fertile queens hunt for hiding places in rocks, tree bark or the ground where they hibernate until the arrival of the spring.

Once warm weather has returned, they set about the task of establishing new colonies, the first part of it being the manufacture of paper to build a nest in which to lay the first eggs of the season.

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### Three Shoplifting Cases Reported

Three more cases of alleged shoplifting at Van Lee's 88-Cent store, 227 East Sixth st., were reported to Medford Police Monday by Alfred M. L. Naurrette, store manager.

Two Eagle Point boys, 14 and 16, were questioned by police in connection with the theft of two cigarette lighters and a can of lighter fluid. They were released afterward to parental custody.

A 15-year-old Medford youth was lodged in the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Home on a charge of petty larceny after allegedly taking a cigarette lighter.

Naurrette told police a man about 30 years old escaped from his custody after taking a toy truck, a plastic hip flask and two bags of Christmas tree beads without paying for them.

### County Group Holds Meeting in Medford

The Jackson county court was host yesterday for members of District 4, Association of Oregon Counties.

Tuesday morning, members examined proposed tax legislation to be placed before the state legislature in January. Meeting with them was State Sen. Al Flegel, Douglas county, and a member of the state legislature's interim committee on taxation. Regular business of the association was discussed yesterday afternoon.

District 4 includes Coos, Curry, Josephine, Douglas and Jackson counties.

East Pakistan plans a network of high frequency wireless transmitters to avoid interruption in communications by storms and floods.

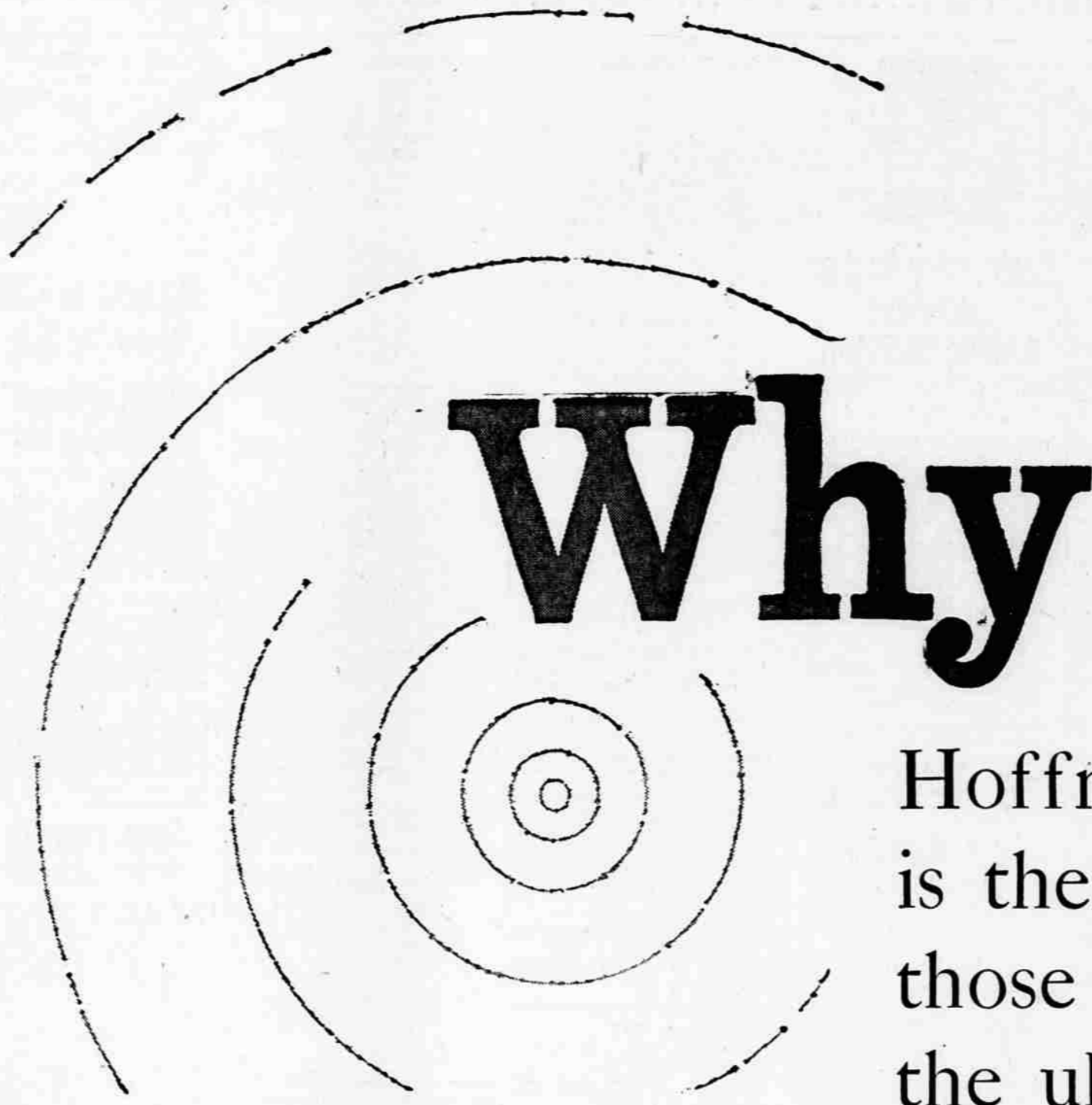
### Man's Body Found Near Bakersfield

The body of a man identified here as George Shepherd, a transient fruit worker, has been discovered along railroad tracks in the desert near Bakersfield, Calif., according to Medford police records.

Authorities here were asked for assistance in identification by the sheriff's office in Bakersfield Monday. A Bakersfield deputy reported the man had apparently died of a heart attack and had fallen from a passing train.

He was described as being in his late 50s or early 60s and afflicted with a cancerous condition on the right side of his face. Medford police were contacted since the man was wearing a new hat purchased at a men's clothing store here.

He was identified as George Shepherd by Earl Clinton Morris at the Fourth Wheel tavern, 31 South Front st. This was later confirmed through fingerprints. Medford police were seeking the names of relatives to be notified of Shepherd's decease.



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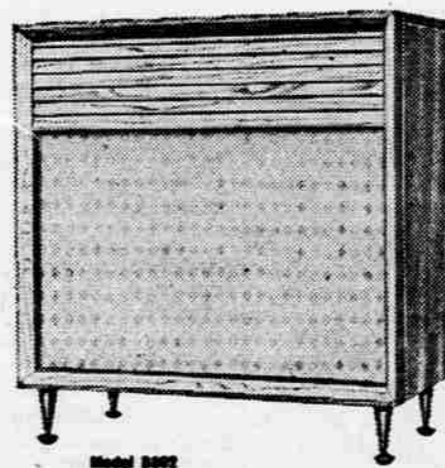
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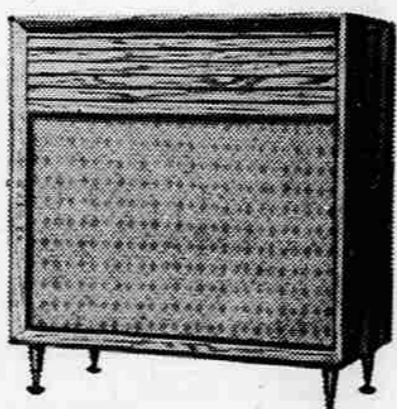
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