



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Poison Ivy Treatment: Avoidance Best

Some things, easy to get, are what no one wants, and poison ivy is one of them.

The most effective treatment for poison ivy is complete and positive avoidance, and the easiest way of avoiding it is to be able to recognize it.

A few unfortunates are so susceptible that they become infected if a draught of air blows across the vine and strikes them. To most, however, actual contact with the leaves, stems or flowers is the only means of infection.

When the vine is in blossom, the poison seems more powerful. Infection also occurs easily during the warm weather when the pores of the body are open.

The poison ivy belongs to the sumac family and is native to North America, although many varieties are scattered throughout the world. The vine grows and gains support by means of tiny tendrils, which at times entirely cover the backs of trees. The roots reach out into every crevice and chink in the bark and entirely fill them with tiny roots.

Yellow Flowers
In the spring the vine bears open clusters of small, yellow flowers followed in the late summer or fall by clusters of grayish-white berries. The leaves and twigs are smooth; the leaves three-pointed, without teeth or lobes.

The little ditty "leaves three, quickly flee" is an infallible "trademark" of this plant and is a fair warning to keep away. The so-called ground ivy which often grows in close association has five-lobed leaves and is harmless.

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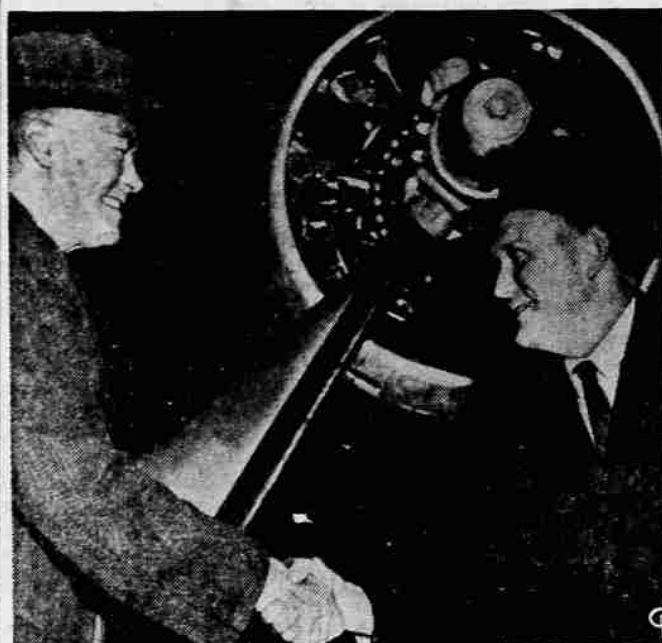
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RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, Christian A. Herter (left), acting secretary of state, is greeted by Undersecretary C. Douglas Dillon. Both have been mentioned as possible successors to ailing Secretary John F. Dulles.

Marshall Battles Pneumonia Attack

Ft. Bragg, N.C. (AP)—General of the Army George C. Marshall, battling against spreading pneumonia and the effects of two strokes, was slightly improved today but still in serious condition.

Doctors at the Army's Womack General Hospital here said late Thursday that the 78-year-old soldier-statesman had rallied slightly during the day but they warned against "over-optimism" regarding his

condition.

Col. George Powell, the hospital's chief of medicine, had said earlier Thursday that the spread of pneumonia was complicating treatment of Marshall for the second stroke he had suffered within a month.

Powell said later, however, that the pneumonia had not increased during the general's "very restful day," most of which he spent sleeping.

EX-Y OFFICER DIES
Syracuse, N. Y. (AP)—The Rev. Dr. James L. Ellenwood, 68, former executive secretary of the New York State Young Men's Christian Association, died Thursday after a brief illness.

The Family Council Youth Activities Slated in Ashland

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Lucille - I am disgusted with him.

John G.—My past isn't lurid as all that.

Lucille S.—I am 26 years old and recently became engaged to a young man I've known for about four years. John used to go out with my cousin, who is about my age, and that's how I got to know him.

The day after we announced the engagement, my cousin Pearl came to me and begged me to reconsider the whole thing. She said she knew John very well and that he is just no good. I was furious with her for saying a thing like that and told her so. Then she told me she had had an affair with him three years ago and that he had walked out on her. Later she learned that he was involved with other women at the same time.

When I confronted John with this he admitted the part about his involvement with Pearl but said the rest was untrue. I don't know what to believe, but in any case I feel that I ought to call this thing off. Right now I am disgusted with John.

John B.—I am 30 years old and I never pretended to be lily pure. Lucille should recognize she is asking a little too much if she ever expected that. She said I should have told her before, but I didn't feel it was necessary to go into any details.

I have tried to make Lucille understand that Pearl is just behaving like a jealous woman. She has never really given up as far as I am concerned. She pursued me from the beginning. She had no right to tell Lucille what she did.

The way I look at it, Lucille probably wouldn't take this thing so very seriously if some other, unknown woman were involved. Why should she get into a dither just because it happens to be her cousin?

I am truly in love with Lucille and I want very much to settle down. My "past" hasn't been so lurid that I should be disqualified as a husband.

The Council: We know of no rule or pat formula to help Lucille in making her decision in this very delicate matter, but we believe that she has a lot of thinking to do and will have to mark time until she understands her own feelings and attitudes.

From her long acquaintance with John and (we hope) his family, she should have a reasonable understanding of his character and standards. If she feels satisfied about these things and about the sincerity of John's feeling for her, she must decide whether she is willing to forgive John's past lapse or lapses.

The fact that a member of her family has been involved with John would naturally

Cub Scouts
Cubs Scouts, Pack 15
Pack 15 of Phoenix held their annual Blue and Gold banquet in the Phoenix Community club Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Carnival of colors was the theme. Darrel Glead was crowned King Rex. Den skits and table decorations were Den 2, rainbows end; Den 3, old Oregon; Den 4, Long John Silver; Den 5, happy birthday; Den 7, blue Hawaii.

The 1959 charter was presented by Lawson Scott to the Rev. Saladin of Phoenix Presbyterian church, sponsors of Pack 15.

Boys receiving awards were wolf badges, Rickie Allen, Jimmy Lawrence and Larry Sauer, bear badges, Ken Harris and John Barklow; lion badge, Jim Sauer; wolf arrows, Don Stine and Larry Six; bear arrow, Tim Igo; two-year pin, Greg Lubers.

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YMCA Youth and Government activities get under way Saturday at 10 a.m. at Southern Oregon college with the Southern Oregon district pre-legislative assembly.

The Youth and Government program is an annual event designed to further the understanding of high school youth around legislative processes and develop the application of Christian ideals in democratic processes.

The purposes are attained through a mock session at Salem in April. At this time, Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y delegates from throughout the state fill the offices and positions that are involved at the state government level and actually pass bills through the regular processes.

The Southern Oregon district is made up of clubs from Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass. This group will elect a speaker of the house, chaplain of the

house, two legislative committee chairmen and two reporters.

Representing Medford will be Rogue Hi-Y, Theta Tau Alpha Tri-Hi-Y and Theta Rho Iota Tri-Hi-Y. Advisors for the groups are Howard Lage, Mrs. Charles Johnson

and Mrs. Edith Baker. Ben Day is district chairman and is assisted by Carl Clinkenbeard and Mrs. Jeanette Marshall.

Each Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y club will submit a bill to the bills will be reviewed at the pre-legislative meeting Saturday.

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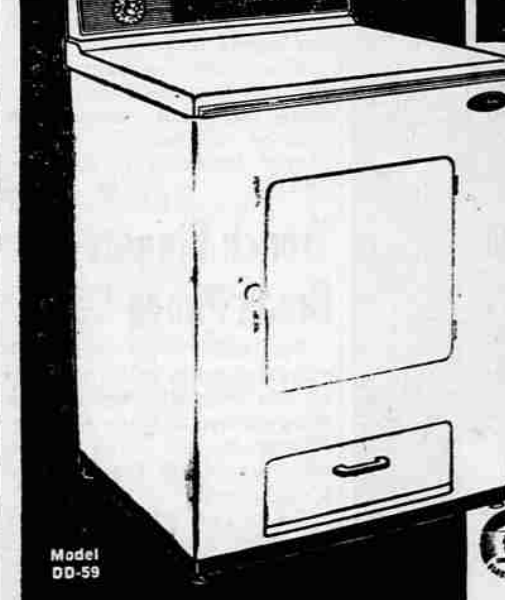
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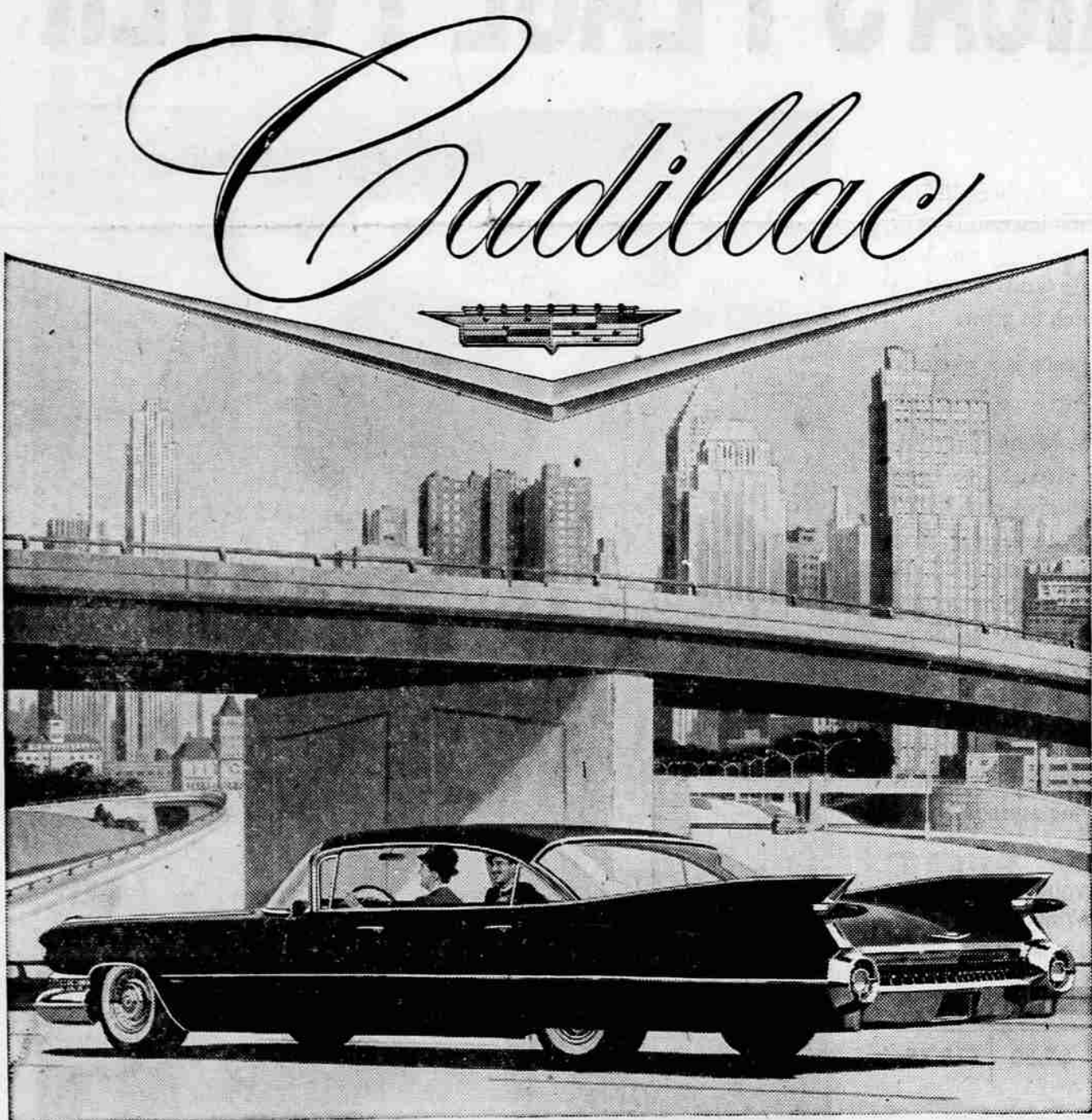
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