



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Stick-To-Itiveness Can Be A Pain in the Neck

One of the greatest attributes to success is the ability to stick to a thing until it's done. But this attributes also can be a pain in the neck or a nuisance if misdirected or adopted by the wrong party. Take the sandspurs, stick-ticks, beggar's ticks and the other obnoxious plants that depend solely on adhering to cloth, fur or feathers for continuing their own existence. This same stick-to-itiveness is the most objectionable part of these characters and the one thing that makes them the most persistent of pests.

There are a great many varieties of these "fellow travelers." They are found nearly everywhere. Their inflicting ability is so great they are constantly extending their range and population in other areas. A piece of unused land soon can become completely overrun.

Most Obnoxious
One of the most persistent and wholly obnoxious members of the entire family is the common sandspur. Of course many people have their own descriptive names for this spine-armed little demon that looks something like a small satellite with its outer surface covered with antennae.

When these seeds are ripe, the prickles break off easily leaving the barbed spine in the flesh of animals. Unless removed carefully they cause a painful irritation in the skin, may even fester and become

an infected sore. In trying to remove sandspurs with the fingers we find we can't let loose of them, they as readily "grab on" to the finger as they did to the surface from which they were pulled. The outdoorsman defeats the sandspur to some degree by wetting the fingers first.

There are many plants aside from the sandspur that distribute their seeds in much the same manner, with clever variations. Most of us group the entire "bunch" under the all-embracing name to "stick-ticks." The "stick-ticks" however, are actually different as they are equipped with prickles so tiny they cannot prick into the flesh at all but only adhere to flesh, fur or cloth or feathers.

In A Long String
These little fellows are usually "pillow-shaped" and very flat. When green they come in long strings, like a train of tiny railroad cars. But as they ripen they break up into separate parts. They'd just as soon ride along with you, either singularly or in groups, either green or fully ripe. That's one trouble with all these seeds, they are so very adaptable.

Another one, not quite so common but working hard to get around, is the "stick-seed," sometimes called "beggar's lice." This little pest has a very interesting scientific name which means "Virginia hedgehog seed." The only redeeming feature about this nuisance is the little blue flower known as "forget-me-not."

Arson Subject of Fourth in Series Of Police Schools

Lt. Jack H. Bearss, Oregon State police, and E. L. Smith, Eugene fire chief, will instruct a class in police and fire operations Monday during the fourth class of the regional police school currently being held here.

In addition to regional law enforcement officers, a fire department personnel are expected to attend the Monday session.

Wednesday, Capt. Clyde Fichtner, Medford police department, will instruct a class in accident investigation evidence with emphasis on speed computation based on skid marks.

The regional school here is one of 15 schools being conducted in cities throughout the state.

In Auditorium
The session Monday will be held from 1 until 5 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium due to the large expected attendance. More than 100 police and fire department personnel have expressed interest in the class, local officials stated.

Wednesday, the class taught by Captain Fichtner will be held in city council chambers at the city hall during the same hours.

Last week 63 law enforcement officers attended the Monday session on crime suppression techniques taught by Lt. Edward J. Carney, bureau of police, Portland. He explained the liaison between the federal, state, county and municipal governments.

Refresher Course
Wednesday Special Agent Howard B. Patterson of the Portland office of the federal bureau of investigation instructed a refresher course in crime scene evidence. Sixty-four officers attended the session.

The advance police training school will conclude Monday, March 23, with a class on uniform crime reports.

The regional police schools have been held locally for more than 20 years. According to Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin the classes are part of the local department's training program.

The program is sponsored by the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and the Oregon State Sheriffs' association in cooperation with the Oregon state police, the League of Oregon Cities, bureau of municipal research and service at the University of Oregon and the federal bureau of investigation.

Savings Bond Sales Show Rise in County

Savings bond sales in Jackson county last month showed an increase of about \$11,000 more than sales in February, 1958, the U.S. treasury department has reported.

Sales in the county last month totaled \$60,348, compared to \$49,391 in February 1958. Through Feb. 28, county savings bond sales totaled \$228,487, compared to \$159,144 during the same period in 1958.

Savings bond sales in Oregon during February showed a decrease from \$3,500,860 to \$2,970,539, according to George W. Minnaugh, state director. During the first two months this year, \$7,362,067 worth of bonds were sold, compared to \$7,612,094 for the same period in 1958.

Wild buffalo have long been extinct in Arkansas, but they are still protected by law.



CHIEF E. L. SMITH Explains Arson Evidence



LT. JACK H. BEARSS Monday Instructor



CAPT. CLYDE FICHTNER Wednesday Instructor

Sophomore Girls Organize Hi-Y Club

A group of 14 sophomore Tri Hi-Y girls met at the Young Men's Christian association Thursday to organize the club and elect officers.

Mrs. Marina Gardiner, girls club work committee chairman, assisted the girls. Officers elected are Miss Rita Johnson, president; Miss Susan Yoder, vice president; Miss Karen Simcox, secretary; Miss Betty Kyker, treasurer, and Miss Suzy Thompson, chaplain.

The girls decided to take a snow trip to Crater Lake April 5. Betty Kyker, Becky Rowan and Jeanette Dahlstrom were appointed to select a club name. Plans for a slumber party at the YMCA are also being developed.

Regional Director Speaks to Group

"Child Evangelism Fellowship is pro-church, endeavoring to enroll the children we contact in the local church of their parent's choice," the Rev. Reider M. Kalland, Los Angeles, West Coast regional director of the National Child Evangelism Fellowship, told the business meeting of the Medford City committee last week.

Mr. Kalland and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Ediger of Dallas, state directors of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, met with the local committee made up of local laymen who sponsor the Medford CEF.

Those of the city committee who attended were Sam Oettinger, Don Chapman, Jesse Flenner, Howard Calkins, Allen Hill and A. W. Wheeler. Also attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Al James, Ralph Mundlen, Joe Martlett, Mrs. Jesse Flenner, Mrs. Don Chapman, and Mrs. Nina Gain, Medford director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship. Mr. Kalland is traveling from Los Angeles to Seattle to prepare the West Coast Regional conference for all Child Evangelism workers May 4 through 8. Approximately 400 people are expected to attend the conference.

Suggestions Made for Survivors of Veterans

Survivors of deceased veterans have been offered four suggestions by S. T. Brannock, contact representative, contact office, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, to assist them in filing claims for Veterans administration compensation or pension.

Brannock said the adjudication of the claims will be expedited if the survivors heed these tips:

1. If the veteran's death certificate does not contain a statement as to cause of death it should be accompanied by a certificate from the attending physician, showing dates of treatment and cause of death.

2. A widow filing a claim should furnish the record of her marriage to the veteran. If she or the veteran were previously married she could, if possible, furnish copies of death or divorce certificates to establish that the previous marriages were dissolved.

3. If minor children are among the survivors, birth or baptismal records should be furnished, containing the

names of both parents and date of birth. In the case of adopted children, a copy of the court order should be provided.

Proofs of marriage or birth of children need be supplied only if they have not been previously furnished to the VA.

4. Dependent parents filing a claim must establish their relationship to the veteran by furnishing the VA with a certified copy of the veteran's birth or baptismal certificate containing names of both parents.

Detailed information about compensation and pension claims is available at the contact office, VA Domiciliary, Camp White.

Cub Scouts Tour City Police Department

Cub Scouts of Den 8, Pack 6, visited the Medford police station recently. Cubs on the tour were Larry Duysen, Dean Hall, Victor Johnson, David Landis, Bobby Dripdale, Art Forbes and Wayne Garrett.

Den Mother Mrs. Clara Hall and Mrs. Virginia Duysen accompanied the boys. Visitors were Kent Duysen and Ann Duysen.

RATS EAT CROPS

Manila-LUPU - Rats swarming into Zamboanga del Sur province have devoured almost all of the crops in 10 towns, creating a virtual disaster area, it was reported yesterday. Brig. Gen. Ramon Aguirre, the local commander, called on the government to proclaim a "state of calamity" in the stricken province.

10 Persons Apply For Adult Course

About 10 persons have submitted application forms for the electrical technician courses being sponsored by the adult education department, Medford public schools, Lindsay Vinsel, director of the program, has announced.

He said applications may still be made, and are needed if the courses are to be held. He said 10 to 15 persons in each of the six classes offered in the course is desirable.

The course is designed to meet the needs of persons preparing for employment as skilled technicians in the electrical and electronic industries, Vinsel said.

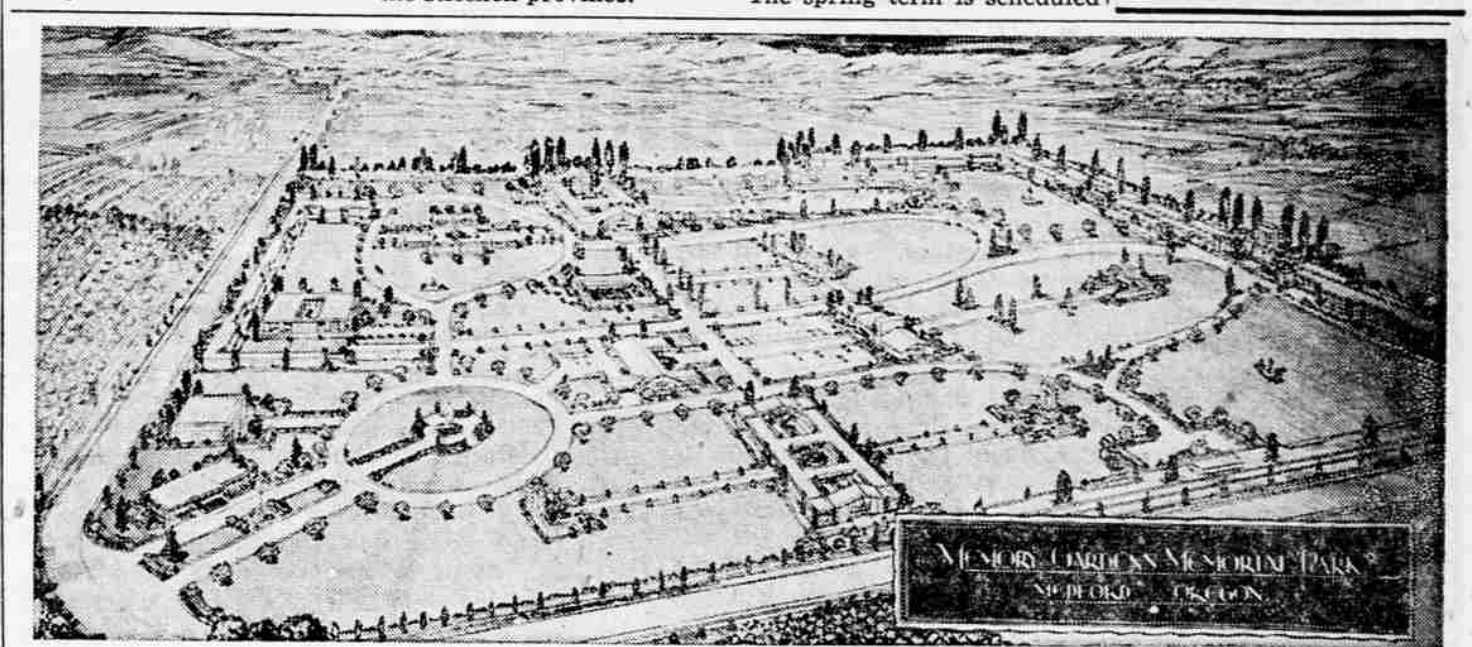
Applicants must be graduates of high school and have a background in mathematics. The spring term is scheduled

EXTENSION APPROVED
Washington-LUPI-The House has approved a five-year extension of the six-month military training program for youths 17 to 18½ years old.

to start March 23 and end June 12, he said. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Vinsel at the adult education office at the high school.



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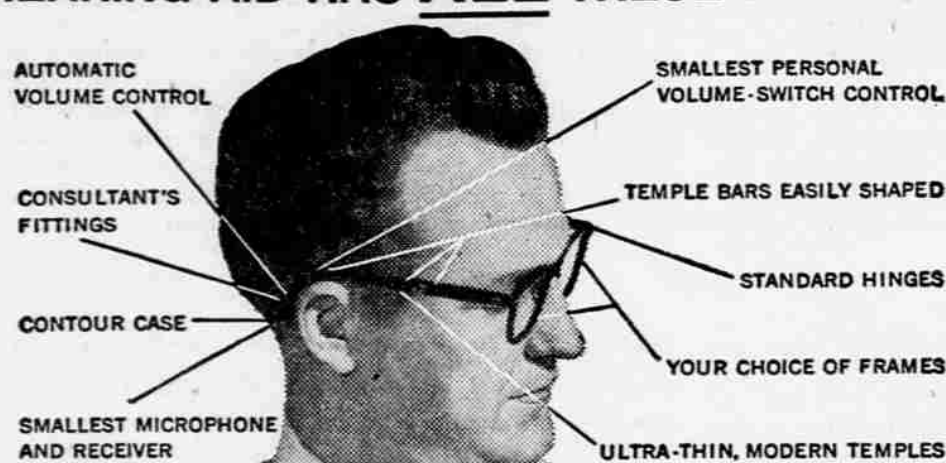
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