

Mix-Match Marvels



9192 SIZES 2-10
by Marian Martin

Mix 'n' match wardrobe - the best idea for a summer of sun and sports. Extra-easy to sew - choose sturdy denim or cotton. Tomorrow's pattern: Half-sizer.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

A First-Hand Report Of a Weasel Family

I had watched Slinky and his mate, off and on, for several months. They lived in a stone pile. I never figured out whether the weasels selected the stone pile because they knew the farm dog couldn't dig them out of it, or because the crevices in the rocks afforded them what they wanted in a homesite.

They may have moved in only because the rock pile was there, but I suspect there were other reasons. They seemed to know they were safe in their fortress. They showed good sense in other things, too; they never approached the hen yard of the nearby farm house, seeming to know that one raid on the poultry would result in their immediate destruction. This avoidance, too, may have been accidental; I'll never know for sure. Several families of baby weasels had been born and raised in the rock pile. The youngsters, once grown, had moved on to other locations or death in steel traps. But the parents remained, and as time passed they seemed to accept me as a part of the landscape.

Little Concern
They came and went with little concern as my constant and near presence. When in motion they ran with a series of short hops, stopping from time to time to rear up and survey the nearby landscape.

At such times they reminded me of snakes, as they would often sway their triangular heads from side to side exactly like a reptile. The female was much smaller than her mate but was just as active, aggressive and alert.

When the setting sun was in the right position so that it shone on the weasels, I could see their eyes glow with a wicked, greenish light.

The weasel is about as graceful as an animal can be. They actually slither, their snake-like bodies sliding smoothly in and out of the rock crevices as smooth as flowing oil. These were a species of weasel commonly known as the New York weasel. In the early winter the soft, yellowish brown colored fur changed to snowy white. All except the very tip of the tail which was, coal-black. When moving over snow the black tail-tip was about the only thing about the animal that was visible.

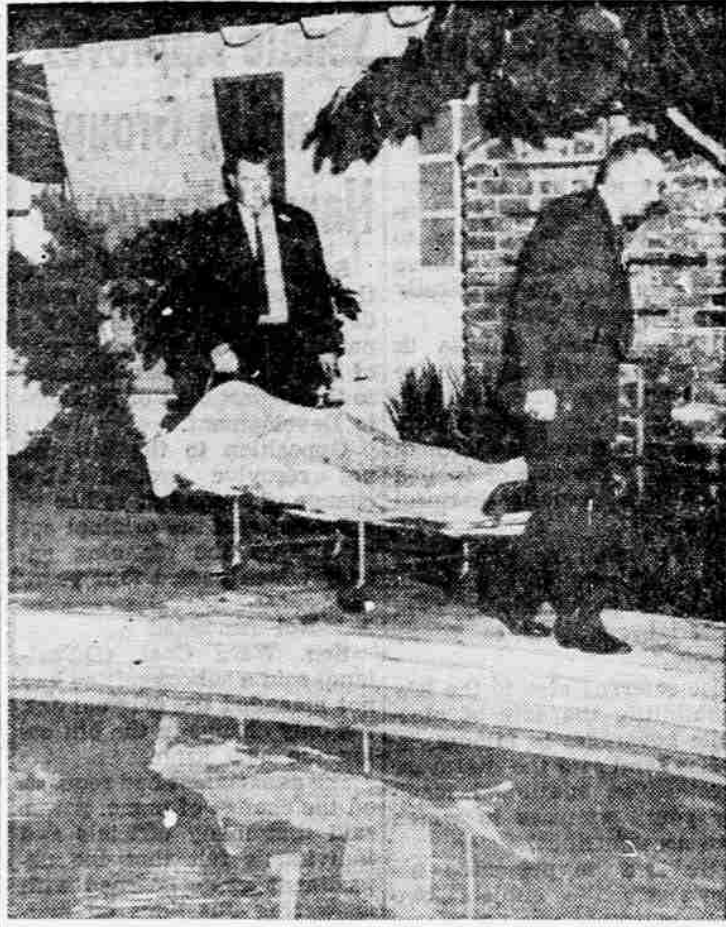
Strike at Spot

Nature designed it this way. A winged predator such as a hawk, or an owl, would naturally strike at the black spot and thereby miss the weasel entirely.

The lithe body of the weasel is capable of following a rabbit or other burrowing animal into their dens and burrows. Many hunters, searching for rabbits, have utilized the weasel to scare rabbits from underground burrows. Funny, that men never fail to "cash in" on any method that will benefit or further their own ends.

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Recent study shows that the average height of American boys under the age of nine is a fraction of an inch more than it was 20 years ago. At the ages of nine and over, the increase is an inch or more. Among girls, the difference is an inch as early as age eight.



SUICIDE—The body of Grant Withers, actor and one-time husband of Loretta Young, is rolled past the swimming pool of his Hollywood home after he committed suicide with an overdose of sleeping pills. He is believed to have been despondent over career and personal life.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women'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.

Nancy E. - They could raise the money for a psychiatrist.

Mrs. L. E. - Her father thinks psychiatry is for the birds.

Nancy E. - I am a girl of 20 and I am terribly unhappy and mixed up and feel that I need help.

I was an only child and I feel that this is at the root of all my problems. I just never learned to get along with people. My parents made a big

mistake in not adopting another child since after I was born they were unable to have another of their own.

I have no friends and don't get along well with people on my job. I quit the last three because I made such a mess of everything that everyone hated me. I think I need a psychiatrist or somebody who will undo all the harm my parents have done. My parents could raise the money for this but don't want to do it.

Mrs. L. E. - We realize that Nancy is very unhappy, but my husband thinks that she should try to pull herself up by her own bootstraps. He believes that psychiatry is for the birds. I don't think that it is true, but I do feel that it is for really sick people and Nancy just isn't like that.

It is true that we have failed Nancy, that we made a mistake by not adopting another child so that she wouldn't be alone. Of course any doctor would make a big thing out of that, but at the time we thought we were doing the right thing by putting all our effort into Nancy herself.

Nancy is a nice, attractive girl and people would like her if she wouldn't be so shy. She hasn't had many dates, but I think that's just because she never really got in with a crowd.

The Council - If Nancy is serious about wanting psychiatric treatment she can take a very big step toward helping herself by going to work to earn the money she needs for treatment. Doctors claim that in most cases a patient who pays for his own treatment has a better chance of making faster progress than one who doesn't.

If Nancy takes this step she will be in a position to convince her parents that she means business and she is not using this issue as a whip with which to browbeat them. It is possible that when her father sees that she is making progress in improving her life, he will be willing to help her with partial payments or a loan if she is unable to meet the heavy costs.

If Nancy does take this step we believe that she will soon convince her father that psychiatry is not strictly for the birds and her mother that it is not limited to only seriously sick people. In any case, it is sometimes hard for those close to a situation to judge just how serious the mental problem is.

We suspect that these patients, who have wrongly accepted Nancy's view of their failure in relation to her, fear that the psychiatrist will also accept Nancy's version. Undoubtedly they resent the possibility of being judged and condemned by an outsider.

The L. E.'s can put these fears at rest. The doctor will not accept everything that Nancy says at face value and if her treatment is successful she will lose her childish bitterness against her parents. They should not feel that they have to justify their past actions if they did what they felt was best in bringing up their daughter.

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Pendleton - (UP) - Vicki Pearson, 17-year-old Pendleton high school senior has been named Queen of the Centennial Roundup by the Pendleton Roundup Association.

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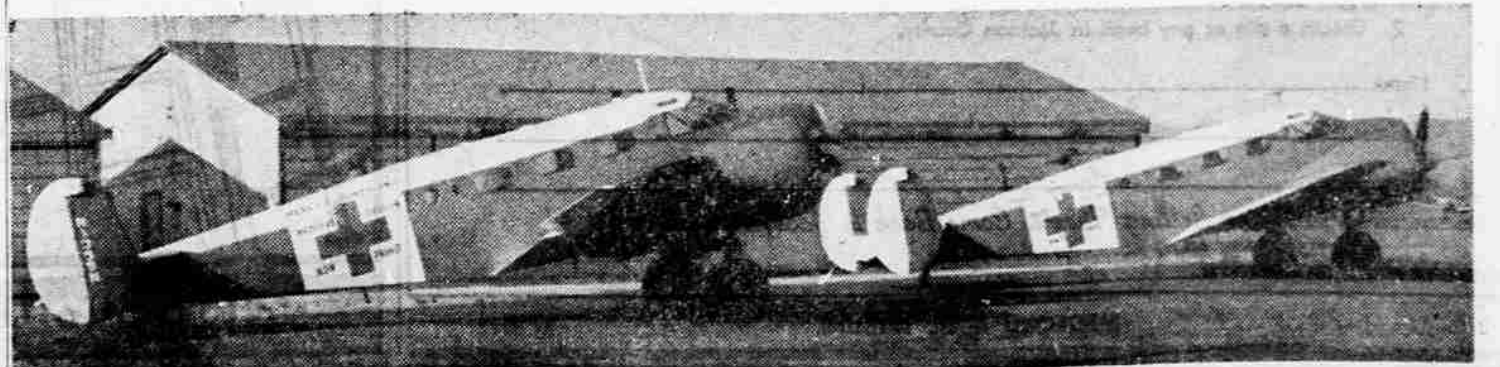
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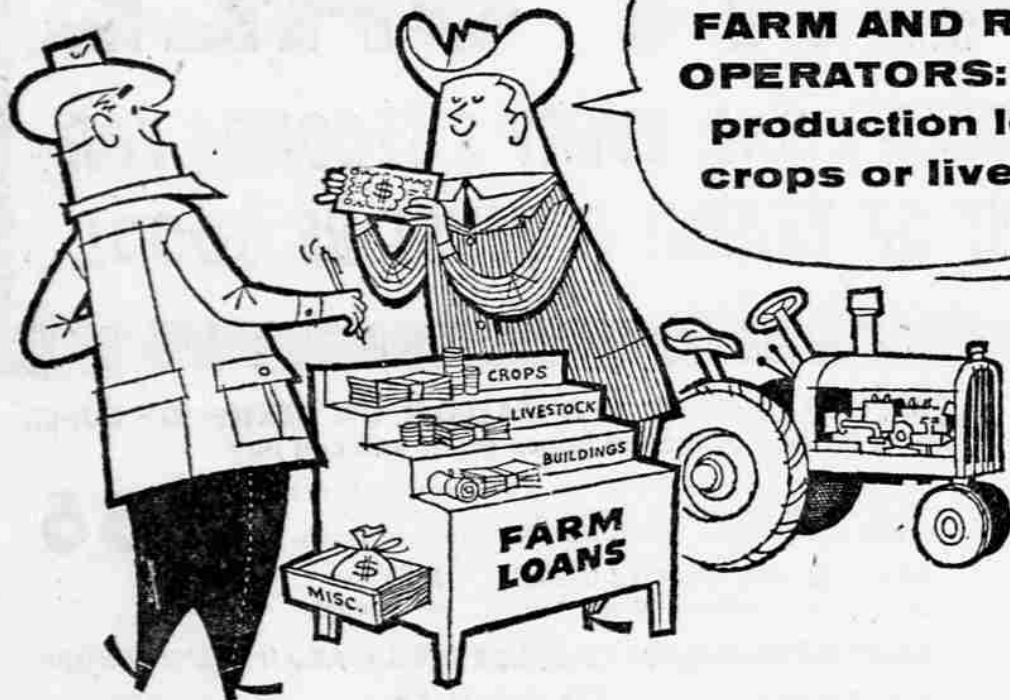
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