



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Larvae of Carpet Beetle Is the 'Snug Bug'

The "bug" who was said to be so all-fired cozy in the rug could hardly have been any other than the carpet beetle; scientifically known as one of the dermestids.

Actually, it's the larvae of the carpet beetle that is the real culprit. The larvae form of this beetle is a stout, short grub seldom over a quarter of an inch long, dark brown in color, with a tapered, hairy body, usually with a tuft of longer hair on its posterior end.

The larvae lives in crevices of the floor and attacks the carpet from underneath. The little monsters are particularly fond of wool, fur, feathers, or any material of an organic nature. They would starve to death in a carpet made of synthetic fibers; they just can't stomach anything other than animal matter. What they can do to a wool bathing suit should only happen to a sieve.

Like Museums

As "happy and as cozy" as a carpet beetle larvae is in a woolen rug, he should be much happier in another place; and the place is a museum, or anywhere where mounted birds, insects, or animals, are displayed, or stored. This, to a carpet beetle

larvae is Utopia, land of milk and honey.

Some enterprising museum curators have taken advantage of the larvae's appetite for dried flesh, and have purposely placed a number of the larvae on delicate, small animal skeletons. The little demons go to work eating all the edible material, leaving the skeleton clean. At the conclusion of their "last meal," and after the flesh is gone the larvae are killed with poison gas, preventing them from developing into dull colored, little carpet beetles, with short, stout legs and large, compound eyes.

This same appetite for dried flesh has made a relative of the carpet beetle a culprit that has caused thousands of dollars of damage to stored hides; this character aptly enough, is called the "hide-beetle."

Lard Beetle

One member of the family, and for insects it is a relatively small group, named the lard beetle, has the most perverted appetite of all; it likes nothing as much as lard.

The fat on bacon, hams, or cured pork of any kind is "duck-soup" for this guy. Wherever smoked or cured meat is stored, there some of

Ways & Means OK's Dalles Hospital as Geriatrics Building

Salem—UPB—The Joint Ways and Means Committee Tuesday approved conversion of the tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles into a geriatrics institution.

Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford) said there were 47 TB patients at The Dalles who would be transferred to Salem.

Patients at the geriatrics institution would be 50 years of age or older. They would come from mental hospitals. Those convicted of a crime or of sex deviation would be kept at major hospitals in Salem or Pendleton.

Fears Unfounded

Durno said that while Sen. Ben Musa and Rep. Katherine Musa of The Dalles were sincere in their opposition to having mental patients at the Columbia river city, their

these fat-loving little creatures will attempt to be given half a chance they will locate the meat and the feast begins.

And when, in the happy event they get all the lard, fur, wool, dried flesh, hide, or feathers they can eat, they grow up into adult beetles, and change their appetite entirely, for then they eat only the pollen from flowers. Talk about inconsistency.

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fears were unfounded. Cost for the biennium would be \$1,400,000, or \$200,000 more than the present TB budget at The Dalles.

Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) was the only legislator opposing the move.

Durno told the Committee that a careful study of all the institutions in the state had been made and a subcommittee had come to the conclusion that transfer of elderly patients requiring no security or custodial care would be the best use for The Dalles institution.

The Mid-Columbia home would be separately administered from other institutions. Admission to the home must be mutually agreed upon by the superintendent of that institution and the head of the institution proposing the transfer.

Capable of Expansion

It is proposed to transfer 60 elderly patients from Fairview Home here, 100 from the Eastern Oregon State hospital and 40 from Oregon State hospital to the Mid-Columbia home initially.

Durno pointed out that the facility at The Dalles was capable of expansion as the need for care of more patients arose.

Transfer of patients from Salem institutions, particu-

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EAGLE POINT Cub Pack Meeting Set

By LAURA McFALL

Eagle Point - The Eagle Point Cub Scout pack meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Eagle Point grade school gym Friday April 24.

Awards, skits, craft exhibits and a 20-minute film on the Cub Scouting program in the home will be shown. This marks the beginning of the Cub Scout's second year in this community and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the program. The Eagle Point Jaycee's are sponsoring the Cub Scouts this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Curry and son, Mike, were honored at a surprise potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cearley recently, before they moved to Eugene.

Those attending were Mrs. Proper, of Drain, Ore., mother of Mrs. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian, Ray Harnish,

larly Fairview home, would lessen the overcrowding that now exists, he added.

An out-patient clinic for persons suffering from TB must be maintained at The Dalles facility under the terms of the bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Burce Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cearley and the honored guests.

Curry has transferred to the patching gang on the state highway crew, he was the superintendent for the Eagle Point section.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Force and son, Mike, of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. David Clover and children Debbie, Janet, Jeanie and Johnny of Ashland were week end guests April 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Force, Alta Vista rd., Eagle Point. They celebrated Donald's birthday on Sunday.

The Community Churches Missionary conference was held at Cave Junction Thursday April 9, with approximately 150 in attendance and 24 churches represented.

Those attending from the Eagle Point Community Bible church were Mrs. David Kahl, Mrs. Bennie Hefley, Mrs. Augusta Perry, Mrs. Gertrude Haak, Mrs. Scobie, Mrs. Fred Canterbury, Mrs. Ray Arthur, Mrs. Natal Youree, Mrs. Ben Kingery, Mrs. C. J. Kelley, Mrs. Victor Hay, Mrs. John

Ragsdale, Mrs. Joe Andrews, Mrs. Carl Esch, and Mrs. Walter Young.

The guest speakers were Mrs. Johnson, Bolivia, and Miss Ethel Mason, Belgian Congo - Africa, missionaries home on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hilderbrand returned home recently from a six week trip in the east, where they visited friends and relatives in Indiana. Enroute home they both had minor surgery and treatments at the hospital in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

They returned home via Los Angeles, where they stopped at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Marquis, for a few day's visit. They made their trip by train.

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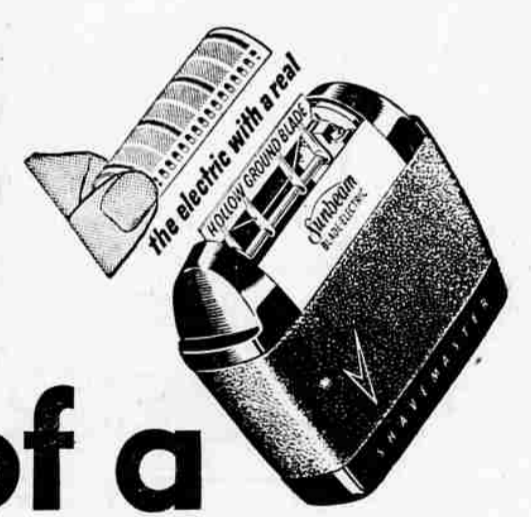
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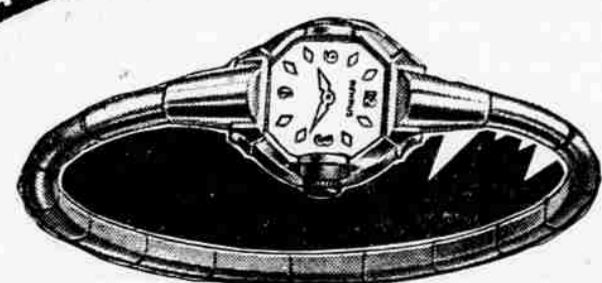
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