

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn M. Watkins

The Woodchuck Overests So He Can Oversleep

All this summer, on some sunny hillside or at the edges of a meadow, a woodchuck will feed and grow fat. Instinctively he knows that he must eat all the clover or other forage he can get. Obesity is a necessary part of his plan, a means of survival. His body must adapt itself to a long and continued fast. When the frosts of fall wither the grass and chill the air, this animal must take one last look at the beloved hillside and familiar fields, then seek deep silence and safety at the deepest gallery of an underground den.

Outside, the cold north wind whips across the brown fields. The snow comes, and the bitter cold. Deep in the hillside the woodchuck curls up and goes to sleep—the deep, insensible sleep of hibernation. The body temperature drops. The heart action slows almost to a complete stop. All normal body functions cease, or if they continue at all, at a much reduced rate. Life itself in this hibernating animal reaches a low ebb. Hibernation has puzzled the scientific mind for many years.

Many Theories

Many are the theories advanced to explain the "sleepy" animal who snoozes the long winter months away. Some serious thinkers claim hibernation is caused by a gland or duct; some say the pituitary gland triggers the action. But the removal of the gland results only in the "falling" of the animal's hair, or some other incidental effect. The urge to hibernate is left still as strong as ever. Other scientists suspect lack of food, changing of light values, dropping temperatures, or any of dozens of less obvious reasons. Some even say the woodchuck is just naturally "lazy," or a dedicated "sleepyhead."

The eastern groundhog, or woodchuck was once plentiful throughout much of the east and middle west. They are short, squat, heavy-set animals with a blunt nose and a short tail. They are rodents, members of the ground squirrel family, related closely to the marmots.

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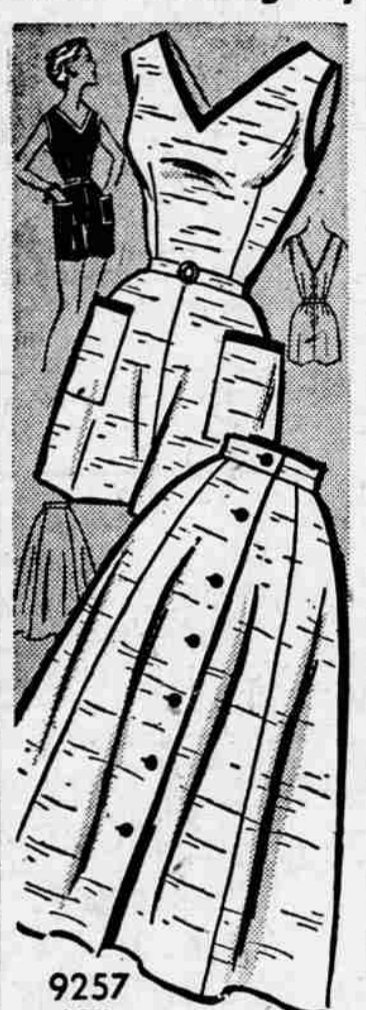
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Lawn Weeds Best Controlled Now

Many lawn weeds can be controlled by the home owner's spraying now. Broad leaf weeds, like the dandelion, English daisy, chickweed, and buckhorn and common plantain, are more easily killed when growing rapidly at this time of the year. This is true of most other broad leaf weeds as well.

A combination of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T is an effective weed killer for most broadleaf weeds. It is available in garden supply stores under various trade names.

The 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T are not effective, however, on the weedy grasses commonly found in lawns. Since they are extremely difficult to handle once they are established, prevention before planting is the best means of control. Where serious pest grasses like Bermuda or quack grass are suspected, fumigation before planting with Vapan or Methylbromide may be used.

If appearing in established lawns, the deep rooted perennial type of grasses generally require a complete lawn renovation if infestation is serious. Where small patches occur or where clump grasses are found in established lawns, digging or pulling them out will sometimes give satisfactory control.

A lawn properly cared for and growing vigorously is resistant to weed infestation. Adequate fertilization and proper mowing and watering are among the best lawn weed control practices.

State Convention Plans Discussed

Plans for the coming state convention of District 5, Disabled American Veterans, were made Sunday at a district meeting in Medford. District chapters include Medford, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Oakland, and Coquille.

The convention will be held in Salem June 25. Lloyd DeLap, Klamath Falls, was elected commander of the district; Arvid Johnson, Roseburg, vice-commander; and Charles Poteet, Klamath Falls, adjutant.

The auxiliaries elected Mrs. Mary Finton, Klamath Falls, commander; Mrs. Bertha Neff, Medford, senior vice; and Mrs. Beulah McEwen, Grants Pass, adjutant.

State officers present at Sunday's meeting included their Department Commander Pat Graham; Senior Vice Commander Poteet; Auxiliary Senior Vice Commander Mrs. Hazel Rawls, Medford; Junior Vice Commander Mrs. Anne Bartlett, Roseburg; and Mrs. DeLap, of the state auxiliary.

Prizes for whiskers of three types and for Centennial costumes will be awarded at the convention.

A chicken dinner was served following the business meetings.

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