



Small Worlds Around Us

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Just Another Day In The Life of a Fox-Squirrel

The fox-squirrel had barely made it. The hawk had swooped out of the morning sky, its cruel talons ripped a tuft of hair from his bushy tail. Had he not leaped when he did the hawk's talons would have been buried in his quivering back.

By late afternoon he had almost forgotten his harrowing experience. Sleepy now, he crouched on a high branch surveying the wood-lot. He cocked his head and listened as a couple of blue jays set up a clatter at the far edge of the woods. The jays usually scolded when an intruder entered the forest. Flattening himself on the branch he surveyed the nearby scene. Suddenly, over in the direction of the jays a red squirrel began to scold. Danger in Woodlot.

The fox-squirrel was alert now. Surely there was danger

stalking the woodlot. The crash of the gun and the flying bark of the tree limb, right under the fox-squirrel, happened simultaneously. He leaped to the nearest branch, scampered along it, leaped to a nearby tree, dashed headlong from limb to limb. He was slightly stunned, his feet tingled with a strange tickling sensation. The gun did not sound again. Now just one thought possessed him, to get back home; to hide himself in his leaf-lined nest high up in the great elm tree.

By the time the big fox-squirrel arrived at the huge den-tree the shadows were black on the forest floor. Heavy clouds had rolled up in the sky. Night and darkness would come early to the forest. Heartbeat returned now almost to normal and the squirrel crawled into his leaf-lined nest in the high crotch of the den-tree. Curling his bushy tail about himself, he slept.

Over the forest the black storm clouds piled higher. Streaks of lightning zig-zagged across the sky. Almost hurriedly the storm assembled its armament for the bombardment that was to come. The forest and the creatures within it waited.

Sometime during the night, at the height of the storm, a lightning bolt struck the big elm tree, spiraled around the trunk, ripping a deep furrow from crown to ground level. To the squirrel in the den it sounded like the end of the world. He was thrown out and away from the shattered trunk. Feeling himself falling in the darkness the fox-squirrel spread his legs. His claws caught a tree limb; he gripped it. Paralyzed with fright, wet with the slashing rain, homeless, he waited for the last lightning flash and tomorrow's warming sun.

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Red China Ends Independence Hope for Tibet

Tokyo—UPI—Communist China ended today any Tibetan hope of independence or even self-government within the Communist empire. It predicted total communication once the Tibetan rebellion had ended.

Peiping admitted the anti-Communist uprising had spread to three mainland provinces stretching almost to Inner Mongolia but said "in the main" the rebellion has been squashed.

Situation Assessed
An official Red Chinese assessment of the Tibetan situation, a 12,000-word editorial in the official Peiping's Peoples Daily, was broadcast today by Peiping Radio.

It gave Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India a dressing down for his statements on Tibet.

It proclaimed total Communist authority over the Himalayan kingdom ruled for centuries by a Dalai Lama.

It warned that "no interference by a foreign country or by the United States under whatever pretext or in whatever form will be tolerated."

'Rebellion' Noted
The Peoples Daily said "armed rebellion" occurred in the Tibetan-inhabited areas of Szechwan, Kansu and Tsinghai provinces and said these rebellions were "directed and instigated precisely by the reactionaries in Tibet."

These three provinces cover nearly one-third of the entire area of the mainland. Together with vast Sinkiang, the sparsely populated westernmost region of China where other anti-Communist flare-ups have been reported, they make up half of China's area.

Szechwan, and Tsinghai border Tibet; Kansu is farther north, touching on Inner Mongolia.

Agness Residents Seek Electricity

Agness-Illaha—The 200 or so residents of Agness and Illaha are working to get electricity brought into the resort area.

Residents have been asked to sign pledge cards for \$2,500 worth of electricity per month. If enough unbinding cards are signed, residents would be asked to sign binding agreements to provide a certain amount of power for a five-year period.

Bruce Shaver, manager of the Coos and Curry Electric Co-op, said the co-op would provide power if enough residents expressed an interest and were willing to guarantee to purchase a certain amount each month.

Because of anticipated growth, the guarantee would be for five years only. After that time, population would have increased enough to assure the co-op enough revenue from what electric power is used.

Mississippi Negro Executed By Two Gunshots

Poplarville, Miss.—UPI—A young Negro rape suspect kidnapped from his unguarded jail cell was "executed" by two gunshots, a coroner's jury ruled Tuesday.

The Negro, Mack Charles Parker 23, was abducted from the Pearl River county courthouse jail a week ago last Saturday. His body was found floating in the Pearl river 20 miles west of here Monday morning.

During the inquest, the 40-man FBI investigation team and Mississippi state highway patrolmen intensified their hunt for the lynch mob that seized Parker.

He was beaten in his cell before nine or 10 hooded and gloved white men carried him feet first down three flights of stairs to a waiting car. Moments later, a convoy of four or five cars carried him away

Cuban Police Chief Relents on Beard Ban

Havana—UPI—National Police Chief Efigenio Ameijeiras has rescinded an order requiring his 1,100 men to get rid of "revolutionary" beards and shaggy hairdos.

Tuesday night, barely 24 hours after the order was issued, Ameijeiras yielded to arguments that his men's shagginess "symbolized their determination to realize the fundamental objectives of the revolution."

from this south Mississippi town.

Parker was buried at his hometown of Lumberton, Miss., Tuesday. His mother was believed en route to California to visit a sister. She left Monday before learning of the discovery of her son's body.

Pearl River county District Attorney Vernon Brock filed murder charges immediately after the jury's decision. The charges, filed against persons unknown, are in addition to kidnap charges filed in the case by the state of Mississippi.

Warning Given on Burning Casings

Portland—UPI—The State Board of Health today warned that scrap torpedo casings now being released for junk can produce lethal fumes when burned.

Four workmen were hospitalized last week after developing shortness of breath while using acetylene torches on casings here. All are now recovered.

The Health Board and the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industry said the casings were made of cadmium which can produce the dangerous fumes when burned.

Cadmium is used for torpedo casings because it is resistant to sea water.

CAN'T GET TOGETHER
Marlin, Tex.—UPI—City dog catcher Elsa Walston announced a stray dog-killing campaign Tuesday at the same time Mayor Terry Dickens proclaimed this "Be Kind to Animals Week."

Grange News Central Point Grange

During a business session of Central Point Grange Friday, May 1, Mrs. Minnie McCarty was received by demit from Chetco Grange and Mrs. Clara Hyland by reinstatement from Chetco Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Taylor were elected as alternate delegates to attend the State Grange convention in Baker next June.

Master Benton Boyce read a news clipping of interest to the members, which told of Miss Joan Dobrot being elected as freshman representative to the Talons at Oregon State College.

Grange closed early and the members and candidates went to Roxy Ann Grange. The degree team of Roxy Ann Grange conferred the third and fourth degrees on 18 candidates from three Granges.

Those receiving the degrees for Central Point were Miss Nikki Hammond, Robert Kuest, Russell Frink, Todd Caster, and Mrs. Rose Combest.

Next meeting of Central Point Grange will be May 15, at 8 p.m.

Portland Officials Vote Selves Pay Hike

Portland—UPI—Top Portland city officials voted themselves a pay hike Tuesday.

Mayor Terry Schrunk will receive \$15,000 a year instead of \$12,880. The other city commissioners will get \$12,500 annually instead of the present \$11,081.

The new rates are effective July 1.

ANOTHER LETTER COMING
Princeton, England—UPI—Council Clerk Reginald Alp received a letter Tuesday which lacked sixpence postage. He paid it. Inside the envelope was a six-penny stamp and a note from the writer apologizing for forgetting to put postage on an earlier letter.

BRITISH AUTHOR DIES
London—UPI—Ashely Dukes, 73, British author and dramatist, died Monday.

The social and fun night set for May 9 has been cancelled.



Judge Lonergan Returns To Bench

Portland—UPI—Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan of Portland is back on the bench. He suffered a dislocated hip Feb. 22 in an automobile accident near the Oregon coast.

The judge spent more than six weeks in bed recovering from the injury.

PRIE WINNER DIES
Buenos Aires—UPI—Dr. Carlos Saavedra Lamas, 80, former foreign minister and winner of the 1936 Nobel Peace Prize, died Tuesday.

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