



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Wattins

Firefly Doesn't Eat, He Lives for Love

All day he had rested in a bark-crevice, his wings folded, his flattened, elongated body as dark colored as the tree bark on which he rested. His large eyes were open but they registered no image on his consciousness. He was asleep.

Being a full grown, adult, healthy firefly, he spent no time, night or day, in eating. His sole purpose in life was to fly in the warm, humid darkness "carrying the torch" for the shy little female firefly who would be waiting somewhere in the deep shadows. His activity, like hers, was geared to the temperature and the fading light.

It had been a year, and more, since he was born. As a larva he had fulfilled his purpose in Nature's plan by filling his stomach with the juices of garden snails and slugs. He would never eat again after he reached adulthood.

Ugly Creature

As a larva he was an ugly, flattened little creature with a narrow head and a pair of strong, curved mandibles. Now the bodily changes had all been completed. He was now full grown, in the prime of insect adulthood, ready to wing his way above the lowlands flashing his tiny light, telling all the little girl fireflies their "torch bearer" was a-wing and searching for them.

As he took off from his resting place he was as happy as a firefly can expect to be. He flew slowly, almost deliberately. The night was warm, the air still, the pungent odor of the swamp very heavy and exciting.

From the top aborning segments of his flexible body a greenish-yellow light flashed out its signal, alternately brightening and dimming, glowing about every 90 seconds. The little creature knew not know it but the luminous organs of its body make the perfect light, light without the slightest degree of heat. A goal human inventors have fruitfully tried to imitate.

Winged His Way

Almost level with the tree tops, the little torch bearer winged his way. He could see other flashing lights, all at the same level, but he ignored them. Dark shadows frequently flew in toward him from the outer shadows as the blocky forms of insect-eating birds took shape alongside him. But the birds, night-hawks, whip-poor-wills and others, as if repelled by some strange invisible barrier, veered away without eating the slowly moving firefly.

With clocklike rhythm the greenish-yellow light winked and glowed in the warm darkness. Then a short distance ahead and low down, almost level with the grass-tops, a faint light winked on as the little female lighted her little candle.

He, at tree-top level, sees the faint glow at the grass-tops knowing by some insect intelligence that the answering light will flash on about two seconds after his own. It does. He circles slowly over the faint glow that says, "Here I am." He spirals downward - the romance of the marshland - the lovers meet in the warm, humid night.

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Clackamas Woman Killed in Kansas

Oberlin, Kan. — Mrs. Russell Whimsatt, Clackamas, Ore., was killed Thursday night in a pickup-truck-station wagon head-on collision 7½ miles east of this north-west Kansas town.

Two Kansas residents in the station wagon were killed. Russell Whimsatt and an unidentified woman riding with the Whimsatts were injured and taken to Decatur county hospital here.

Ontario Postmaster Confirmed by Senate

Washington — The Senate Thursday confirmed the nomination of Ross D. Jenkins to be postmaster at Ontario, Ore.

Amos Voorhies of Grants Pass, State Newspaper Dean, Now 90

Grants Pass (UPI) — Amos E. Voorhies, the dean of Oregon newspaper publishers, celebrates his 90th birthday Saturday feeling much better "than so many much younger men I see."

Voorhies is still busy every day at the Grants Pass Courier, which he purchased 62 years ago when it was a struggling weekly. And only a week ago he served as grand marshal of the city's Centennial parade on Memorial Day.

He is known affectionately as "the Boss" to everyone in his own shop and to nearly everyone in town. Shares Load With Son He now shares the publishing load with his son, Earle E. Voorhies, and his grandson, John E. Voorhies. His own working routine includes the filing of photographs used in his picture-conscious afternoon paper, compiling of items from the paper of 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago used as a Saturday feature, and supervision of a 75th anniversary edition scheduled for publication April 3, 1960.

Born on a farm near Greenville, Mich., Voorhies went to Portland after graduating from high school and working as a printing apprentice. Working on the Portland Sun when it ceased publication in 1895, he came to Grants Pass as printing foreman on the Oregon Observer.

He lost his job the next year because of a depression. Note Signed

But he recalled today that a spokesman for a group of five local businessmen came to him and said: "Amos, you have made good here and we don't want you to leave. We know you and we want you to stay. If you will get Mr. (C. S.) Price to go in with you we will sign your note for \$400."

"This was half the first

payment on the purchase of the Rogue River Courier, a struggling weekly paper then for sale," Voorhies said. "Those men had also assured me in writing that they would continue backing the note if at any time I had financial difficulties. I had not solicited their help and it was all a sudden pleasing shock. "I was a long time paying that note as I used all the money I could collect as first payment on labor-saving improvements for the Courier."

"At one time a prominent attorney called at the office and advised my one office girl to collect her pay every week, for I was broke. In fact everyone in town except myself knew I was broke, and even I suspected it, but I kept on."

"It has been a great satisfaction to feel that I had the confidence of such friends." The Rogue River Courier became a daily in 1910, and changed its name to the Grants Pass Courier in 1919. When it first went daily the Courier contracted for United Press wire service, and carried the following legend on its masthead:

"No other town in the world the size of Grants Pass has a paper with full leased wire telegraph service."

Of his birthday Voorhies said:

"There is a certain satisfaction in having reached within three years of the age of my father, who lived to be 93. I am now in much better physical condition than so many much younger men I see that I have no complaints. Advice to Others

"During the years that have passed there has been much hard work, many pleasures, the memories of many friends, both still alive and those who have passed on."

Asked if he had any advice

for young publishers, he said: "In the newspaper business you cannot please everyone, sometimes not even yourself. You just have to have a determination to work for the best interests of the community."

"There are more good people than bad people in every community."

Voorhies' roots go back more than half a century in many areas of Grants Pass life. He has been clerk of the Bethany Presbyterian church congregation for 50 years and a member for 64 years. He has been a Shriner and an Elk for 50 years, a member of the Oregon Press Association for 59 years and is a former president. And he lived on the corner of Second and Southwest B sts. here for 59 years.

He has one great-grandchild, Sandra Voorhies, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Voorhies.

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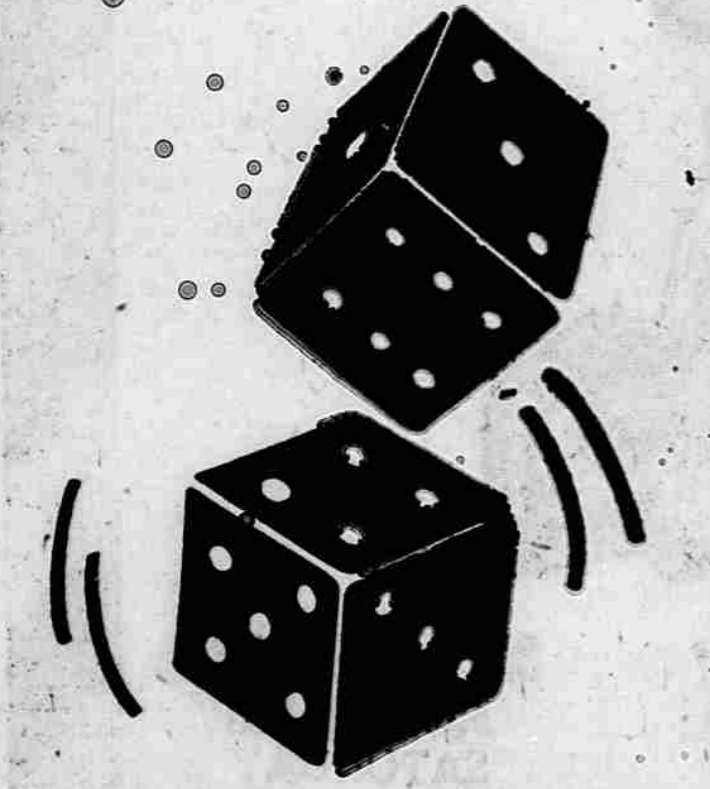
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Medford Pupils Win Top Awards

Top awards in the furniture division went to McLoughlin Junior High school students at the State Industrial Arts project exhibit at South Eugene high school in Eugene last week end.

The outstanding project award was a tie between Dennis Gaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaster, 809 Cherry st., with a modernistic blanket chest, and Jerry Niedermeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Niedermeier, route 2, box 402, with a modernistic coffee table.

The award was the highest in the freshman-sophomore division for woodworking in furniture. They received certificates and pins.

Dave Elmgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elmgren, 3300 Jacksonville highway, won the only first prize given with an ash slab table. The legs were laminated and bent to shape.

Jerry Zemlicka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Zemlicka, 1209 Mt. Pitt ave., was one of four winning a second place ribbon. He entered a mahogany desk.

Twenty-five items from all parts of the state were shown in the furniture division. Judging was based on craftsmanship, design and finish. Vern Voss, instructor at McLoughlin, attended the show. The winning furniture is on display in the window of Mann's department store this week.

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