

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A. A. MILNE, whose "Winnie the Pooh" is one of the great children's books of all time, met a colleague in a London bar one noon, and being in an expansive mood, proposed, "Let me buy you a drink. You name it; I'll order it." The colleague decided, "I think I'll have a pint of the best champagne they have." Milne's expansive mood vanished at once. "Oh!" he exclaimed. "Suppose you try thinking of something nearer sixpence."



Two unusual gifts were recorded last week: a compassionate friend treated a cannibal chief to a whole case of indigestion tablets. It seems the cannibal ate somebody who disagreed with him. And a famous Hollywood star sent an agent he detested a live alligator bag.

Wynn Catlin defines diplomacy as the art of saying "Nice doggie" till you can find a rock.

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Senate Rackets Group Told of Staff Padding

Washington - (UPI) - A witness told the Senate Rackets Committee Friday that a United Auto Workers official in Toledo, Ohio, padded his staff with aides who were used for political activities. Jesse F. Motsinger, Detroit, said some of the aides of union Vice President Richard Cosser sent in bogus reports to indicate they were doing work for the union. Motsinger himself was an international representative on Cosser's staff until discharged in 1955. He said his refusal to conform to the practices of other members of the staff was one of the reasons for his dismissal.

Tried Expose
He said he tried to "expose what I thought was corruption on the international level" and to prevent the waste of dues money by union field workers.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) said Motsinger's description of the activities of Cosser's staff members indicated a "clear-cut misuse of union dues."

Motsinger told the committee Thursday he was required to make "voluntary" contributions to the UAW political fund in order to hold his union job. He said one \$10 contribution was sent in his name—but without his knowledge — to former Sen. Guy Gillette (D-Iowa) during Gillette's unsuccessful 1954 campaign for reelection.

Further Questioning
Committee Republicans, who motivated the UAW inquiry, questioned Motsinger further about his contributions to the "flower fund"—a fund set up by UAW officials for use in intra-union political campaigns.

Mundt said Motsinger's claim that many union employees contributed to the fund unwillingly represented the type of salary "kickback" that has in the past sent some members of Congress to jail.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) disagreed with this comparison. He pointed out that a union was not a federal agency and that there was nothing illegal about the flower fund. But Mundt insisted it was a "highly un-American concept."

Stony Pit Virus Studied in Valley

Dr. John Milbrath, pathologist from Oregon State college, visited the valley recently working with county extension agents on the stony pit virus disease of pears. The county agent's office has asked pear growers to be on the outlook for the trouble in Bartletts during the harvest. Stony pit, sometimes known as barkoedema, has been a problem in Bosc for many years and is also causing trouble in some D'Anjou orchards.

The disease has recently shown up in a few Bartlett trees in the Rogue river valley, agents said. It, however, has been troublesome in Bartletts in England, Australia, California and other areas. Dr. Milbrath pointed out since the Bartlett strain of virus is different from that which attacks D'Anjou and Bosc it may be possible to reduce the incidence, or perhaps eliminate the trouble, by cutting out infected Bartlett trees as it appears in them.

Growers who are finding pears with pits or excessively rough appearance resembling stony pit on their trees are requested to leave their pears on the trees and tag them; then notify the county agent's office, Spring 3-6211, so records may be obtained on the trees and the trouble positively identified.

The rate for financing the purchase of an automobile and other durable goods has remained substantially the same for the past 20 years, according to a national association of sales finance companies.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

If you can tell when it's going to rain because your corns or bunions hurt, you may possess a prophesying ability that finds its counterpart in just about all of the lower animals. It's called meteorological aptitude.

This responsiveness to climatic changes, ahead of the actual change, is simply "knowing enough to come in out of the rain." This "knowledge" is acquired early in life by every bird, bug or animal.

Farmers used to claim they could tell the duration of a rain by the way the chickens acted. If it was to be only a quick shower the poultry sought shelter, but if it was to be an all day rain the hens ignored it and stayed out in the rain.

Various animals possess this aptitude in greater or lesser degree, depending on their individual way of life, or the conditions under which they live.

Butterfly, Too
Insects must have this aptitude to a great degree. A shower must be anticipated by the butterfly some time before the wind starts or the rain to fall, for these frail creatures must find protection ahead of a storm in order to survive. Just how finely this anticipative warning is developed in insects is not too clear, but a falling barometer, or the advent of a wind or rain sends its warning ahead and all those insects who cannot "take it" seek some sort of shelter.

Even a dry, dead pine cone possesses a certain responsiveness to atmospheric conditions, raising or lowering its individual scales; their movement depending on the amount of moisture in the air.

FHA Distributes \$183,038 in State
During the fiscal year 1959 the Federal Housing Authority distributed cash refunds totaling \$183,038 among 2,085 Oregon families.

The announcement was made Friday by Oscar Pederson, director of the FHA in Portland, who added that nationwide the FHA distributed \$11,401,713 among 102,629 families that have paid off insured mortgages on their homes.

FHA Commissioner Julian H. Zimmerman said that "FHA operates a mutual mortgage insurance system under section 203 of the National Housing act. Any part of the mortgage insurance premiums paid by the borrower, over and above the amount needed by FHA to meet its operating expenses, is returned to the owner of the property after the mortgage is paid in full."

In the last 15 years, since the first refund payments were made, FHA has paid out or its mutual fund a total of nearly \$95 million to more than 791 families.

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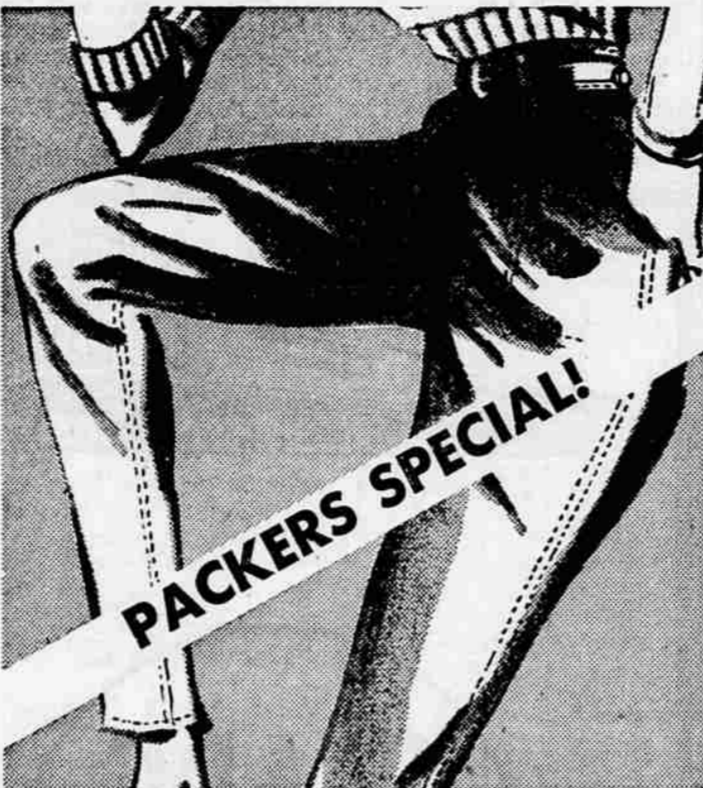
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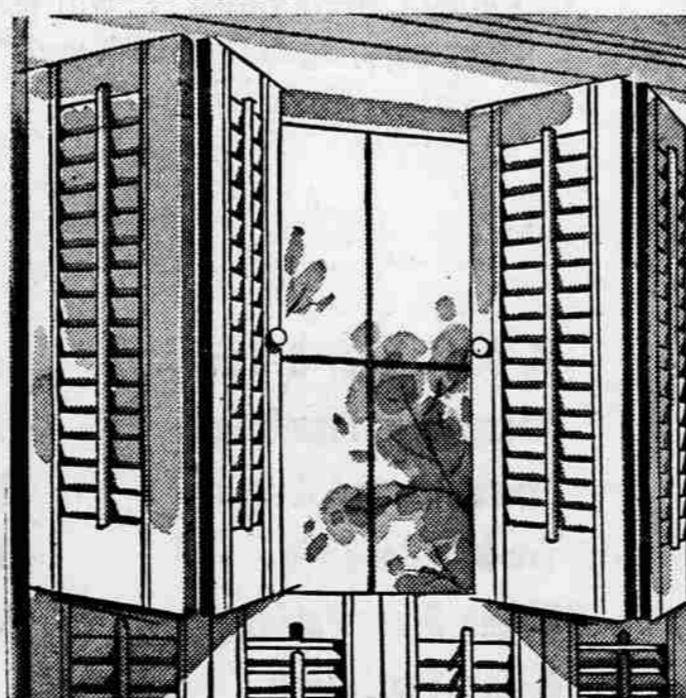


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