

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Life History of Digger Wasp Story of Cruelty, Cunning

The life history of the digger wasp is a story of cruelty and cunning unequalled in all the annals of Nature. This character, the largest and fiercest of all the wasps, is a monster whose daily exploits read like a terror story created by an imagination gone completely hay-wire.

Spook stories, chiller movies and fantastic dreams all seem placid when compared to the every day actions of this demon of the insect world.

They can be found on any railroad embankment, ditch bank, or sandy area where they excavate deep burrows in the sand. You can easily identify this ogre by his size and color. He is a huge wasp, nearly two inches long with a jet-black body striped with

bright yellow bands and with the typical wasp-waist. Being stung by one is like being hit with a baseball bat.

Cicada Killer
Another name for this terrorist of the insects, and even more suggestive of the true nature of the creature is cicada-killer. Cicada is another name for katydid, and the wasp preys entirely on these little fiddlers; what a fate is in store for them when they are captured.

The wasp, with malicious cunning and intent, hunts out the katydid and swoops upon it, stinging it into insensibility. The instant the insect stops its struggles the wasp straddles the body, grips it tightly with its legs and flies to the burrow in the sand. Here in a little gallery off the main tunnel the wasp places the paralyzed cicada, who but a few minutes before was happily scraping away on its little bow and fiddle, but now becomes a living dead creature, alive, yet incapable of moving a single muscle. A creature who will live indefinitely but can never move.

Must Wait
In the under-ground darkness of the tunnel it must wait helplessly for a strange and terrible death which will end its semi-comatose condition. When the store of insects is sufficient, the female wasp enters the tunnel and with calculated cunning lays a single egg on the soft tissue of the katydid's body, just where the leg is attached. When the baby wasp larvae hatches out the reason for the egg location is obvious, for here the skin is thin and the larvae can easily eat through into the body of the living cicada.

Neuberger Tells Of Disappointment

Washington—(UP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Friday he was disappointed that Gov. Mark Hatfield had failed to defend him against attacks by State Republican Chairman Peter Gunnar.

In a letter to the governor, released by his office here, Neuberger reminded him that when Sen. Wayne L. Morse "made an attack upon you which I regarded as improper and unethical" during the 1958 campaign, "I instantly repudiated it and denounced it."

"I had hoped that, when your own Republican state chairman made personal attacks upon me of a shabby nature, you would be as quick to repudiate them as I was after the attack by Senator Morse upon you," Neuberger said.

Hatfield earlier disclaimed responsibility for Gunnar's attacks on Neuberger for his \$100,000 office payroll and his free lance writing.

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Betty Lou Morton, violation basic rule, \$10.
Ralph E. Dean, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.
Lola Marie Stephenson, violation basic rule, \$10.
Lila Vincent Young, violation basic rule, \$10.
Margaret Louise Cameron, failed to yield right of way to vehicle on through highway, \$25.
Glenn Evon Heath, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lucille Ida James, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Thelma Beatrice Thomas, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Janet Kay Merrill, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Lena Frances Marrs, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Patricia Laverne Childers, following too close, \$25.
Ralph Newman, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Lowell Wayne Fleser, expired license tab, \$5.
Tommy Carlyle Natwick, disobeyed traffic sign for one-way street, \$5.
Melvin Hamilton Lewis, failure to leave information at scene of accident, \$15; two days in jail.
Ann Kubli, following too close, \$10.
Judith Beatrice Benson, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
William James Wilson, violation of basic rule, \$10, \$20, \$20; improper passing \$10, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.

New Osteopathic Clinic Started

A new osteopathic clinic is being constructed on Beall lane and North Pacific highway on Homestead acres near Central Point. Dr. C. D. Lemley, osteopathic physician and surgeon, has announced.

Construction started two weeks ago and is scheduled for completion about mid-December, Dr. Lemley said. Dr. Lemley will be the only occupant of the new building, but hopes to have a doctor or dentist join him later.

District Court
Robert H. Larson, failure to stop, \$10.
William O. Davis, overweight, \$5.
Carl E. Brannon, failure to stop, \$10.
Leonard A. Nelson, overload, \$25.
Vincent T. Sakrada, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Chester E. Stevens, inadequate brakes, \$5.
Melvin E. Hickey, failure to stop, \$10.
James A. McCourtney, overweight, \$15.
Leslie M. Nott, no PUC license, \$15.
Jack W. Buckholz, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.
Ben Clayton Twiss, failure to stop, \$10.
Delbert L. Harvey, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Ronald Lee Bradford, illegal possession of liquor, \$30.
Charles Francis Rosecrans, failure to stop, \$10.
Rex Nelson, drunk in a public place, \$30.
Gay Dean Jones, unnecessary noise, \$15.

Dr. Kreisman Edits Oregon Anthology

Ashland—Dr. Arthur Kreisman, Southern Oregon college professor of English, served as editor and wrote the introduction for the "Oregon Centennial Anthology 1859-1959," containing 12 prize-winning short stories and poems elected from hundreds of entries submitted by Oregon writers in statewide literary contests.

William Black, SOC student in secondary education, received an honorable mention in the poetry contest, and Marcella Rawe, a graduate of the college, now teaching in Newport, received a second prize of \$200 in the short story contest. Her entry, "Cold Blue Water," is included in the anthology.

Published by the Centennial Fine Arts Advisory committee, the volume has received considerable acclaim as a collection of high merit and commendable variety, according to Dr. Kreisman, who quoted a recent editorial in the Portland Oregonian to the effect that the publication "... appears certain to be one of the year's lasting memorials."

High praise was given by Dr. Kreisman to Dr. James Hart, chairman, and the members of the advisory committee, to the officers of the Oregon State Poetry association and the Oregon Freelance club, to Ethel Romig Fuller, poetry editor of the Oregonian, and to the chairmen and staff members of the English departments in Oregon's institutions of higher learning, for their work in making the commemorative volume possible.

The building is being constructed of all masonry block outside, tombstone granite and black slate around the front and back entrances.

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WIMER PTA Holds Meeting

By MARJORIE BAKER

Wimer — The Evans Valley Parent Teachers association held its first meeting of the year in the school gym Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. The Rogue River High school band played several numbers. The teachers and PTA chairmen were introduced to the group. After the meeting, refreshments were served by the executive committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Orvis returned to Wimer recently after having attended the national Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Los Angeles.

Orvis is Americanism chairman for the state of Oregon. While in California, they returned their grandson, Leo Doty, to the home of his parents in San Leandro. Leo had spent the summer in Wimer. They also visited their son and family in Santa Monica, and Orvis' sisters and a brother in Stockton.

AM3 F. C. Williams recently spent a week's leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Williams. At the start of his leave, Mrs. Williams and daughter, Kay, made a trip to San Francisco to get Williams' leave papers.

Glenn Charles was a recent visitor at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker, while his mother, Mrs. Barbara Charles, was preparing to teach school. Glenn started the first grade at Gold Hill on Sept. 14.

Mrs. H. A. Wreath of San Francisco was a recent guest at the home of her son-in-law

Dallas Burglar Caught in Action

Dallas, Ore.—(UP)—A 29-year-old West Linn man was in jail here Friday, charged with burglary not in a dwelling after the proprietor of a grocery store in the Buena Vista area heard some noise, and confronted the intruder with a gun.

Jailed was Robert Franklin Morse. Deputies said Chuck Mode, owner of Chuck's Grocery awakened about 3 a.m. and heard someone in the store. The Modes live in back of the establishment. Armed with a gun, Mode entered the store, found Morse and called police.

Sheriff's officers found a quantity of meat, chickens and ice cream in Morse's car parked outside the store. They said the food was stolen earlier from Long's Bean Yard, near the grocery.

Italy's production of electric power in 1958 was double the production in 1948.

Dr. Walker Attends Dental Meeting

Dr. L. Paul Walker, Medford, was one of six Oregon delegates to the centennial session of the American Dental association in New York Sept. 14-18.

An estimated 25,000 dentists from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries attended. The convention was the largest dental meeting ever held. More than 800 essays, table clinics, clinical lectures, films and exhibits were included on the program.

Nikita's Visit Draws No British Criticism

Portland —(UP)—Sir Harold Caccia, British ambassador to the United States, said Thursday Britain has no criticism of Khrushchev's visit to this country.

He and Lady Caccia are on their first visit to the Pacific Northwest.

The ambassador addressed the City Club at a noon luncheon Friday.

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