



IKE BLOWS—Evidence of President Eisenhower's persistent cold shows up on the El Dorado golf course at Palm Springs, Calif., as the President uses his handkerchief. The President will spend eight days in the desert golfing and resting in hopes of shaking the cold. —(UPI Telephoto)



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

When It's Hot, They Hop—When It's Cool, They Drop. What we humans would consider comfortably cool weather slows the grasshopper's muscles down to a complete standstill. These long-legged jumpers are handicapped by temperature.

They hop best when the thermometer registers upward from 80 degrees Fahrenheit. For this reason these insects usually hop only during the heat of the day. Let the temperature drop to 60 degrees and they are grounded; anything below 55 degrees takes all the hop out of them. These kangaroos of the insect world are like a parachute jumper leaping from a plane at night; they never know for sure just where they are going to land. In the case of the hopper, he doesn't care.

Crash Landings. Power takeoffs and crash landings are the rule rather than the exception. Powerful muscles in the hopper's rear legs catapult him into the air with tremendous force. As soon as he rises above the ground his wings open, vibrate violently for a short distance, then he crashes into the earth. Willingly he will repeat this painful performance as often as necessary.

The grasshopper has two long antennae. Located on the forward part of the head, they can be moved independently. Behind and slightly below are the large, almost intelligent-looking eyes.

When other insects, as well as most other animals, are biling in the shade on a sultry day, the grasshoppers will be out in the direct sun defying the heat. These insects are the most active as well as the most vivacious of the "bugs." Small boys have always maintained that the hoppers chew tobacco. When excited or irritated these insects eject from the mouth, a brown saliva which looks like "tobacco juice."

The eastern lubber grass-

hopper can jump 15 or 20 feet even without the use of wings. In flight they make a loud whine or buzzing. The female deposits her eggs in the ground enclosed in a waterproof capsule. In the spring the little hoppers emerge. They have heads that are out of all proportion with their bodies.

Tiny Wings

As the molts occur, tiny wings appear. With each change of skin they become larger. At the end of six weeks, they are capable of flight. The wings of the adult fold up like a fan. Like their relatives, the locusts, grasshoppers have destroyed grain and other vegetation. This destruction becomes serious when a large hatch, undisturbed, grows up together. When a meager food supply occurs thousands of the insects may gather and sweep across state lines or international borders.

The dry rustle of the grasshopper's wings is a part of a summer afternoon. Along hot dusty roads, in vacant fields, when the sun is hot, these champion jumpers have a field day. But let the temperature drop and the muscles of the hopper become stiff and cold. If the air stays chill, the hopper stays grounded. The hop in the hopper is controlled by the temperature. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1959)

Stephen Foster, who wrote "My Old Kentucky Home," found his first hit in "Massa's In the Cold Cold Groun'." In the 4½ years of its popularity, it earned him \$906.76 in royalties.

Nearly 32 million American families were receiving natural gas service as of Jan. 1, 1959, and the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association expects this number to swell to almost 44 million by 1970.

Milk output in France is about 44 billion pounds.



OVERLAPPED MEETINGS—David J. McDonald, president of United Steel Workers (right), arrives at the White House for meeting with President Eisenhower on the steel strike as a group of industry leaders talk with newsmen following their own meeting with the President. At the mike is Roger Blough, chairman of the board for U. S. Steel and just to his right is R. Conrad Cooper, executive vice president of U. S. Steel and chief negotiator for the steel companies.

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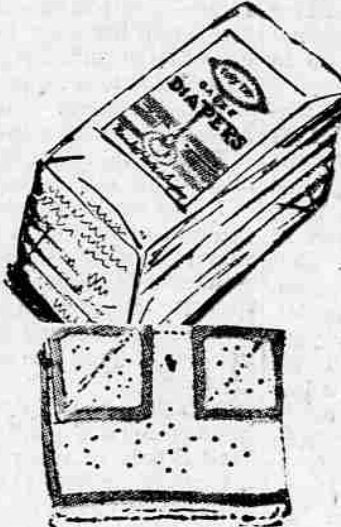
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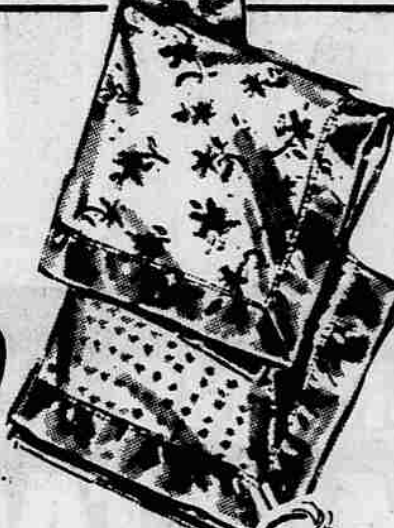
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