



**SHOPS OPEN**—The newest addition to the Medford shopping center on Jackson st. is the building above which will house nine business firms. Eight of them have already taken occupancy, but not all are open for business. Besides the Safeway store, the firms, clockwise, Payless drug store, GallenKamps shoe store, La Pointe's dress shop,

Columbia Optical company, Local Loan company, Shopping Center barber shop, De-Na beauty shop and Harry and Travis's coffee shop. One feature of the modern building is public rest room facilities. The picture above was taken from the roof of the new Sears Roebuck and company building.

### Kidnaping Gets Lady of Choice If Funds Lacking

Beersheba, Israel—UPI—Any Arab who cannot afford the current market price for the young lady of his heart's desire escapes from bachelordom these days simply by kidnaping her.

Paying for a bride is a custom in this part of the world that goes back to the Biblical days of Jacob, who worked in Laban's fields for 14 years so he could marry Rachel.

In recent years, however, due largely to a rise in the standard of living that has increased the price of a bride, there has been a wave of kidnaping of girls of marriageable age among the Arabs who live in this part of Israel. **Rebelliousness Fostered**

Another reason for this development probably is the declining influence of fathers. Education and the proximity of a new world have fostered a rebelliousness among Arab girls unheard of by their parents.

The kidnapings—the coup-

les prefer to call them elopements—sometimes are carried out in the best traditions of western mores.

One recent incident involved 18-year-old Fatima, stepdaughter of Ahmed Farij Abu Bari, a storekeeper of the celebrated el-Huseil tribe in the Negev Desert.

Fatima was seized by five men as she walked to a well near her encampment to bring water. One of the five men was Said Ifinish, who said he was in love with Fatima but could not afford to buy her.

With male members of the encampment in futile pursuit, Fatima was whisked off in a small truck. Her stepfather obtained a court order for her return and the involved parties appeared before a Beersheba magistrate.

Said and Fatima produced evidence they had been married. The magistrate ruled the court order had been issued without full knowledge of the facts and decided not to force

Fatima to return to her parents.

**Market Price**

The present market price for brides among Israeli Moslems is approximately 2,000 pounds (the equivalent of \$1,000 in U.S. money). This represents an increase over the last four years of about 700 pounds (\$350), attributable by official sources to the jump in the standard of living among Arabs brought on by improved economic conditions.

To save money, some marriages are arranged by barter. This doesn't always work.

Hasana Bint Kassem el-Hamar was married recently to Andawi Hamed, a member of a neighboring Galilean Bedouin tribe. In exchange, Andawi gave his sister in marriage to Hasana's brother.

Andawi's sister had no children during the first two years of her marriage to Hasana's brother so he divorced her in the Moslem fashion by saying to her three times: "You are divorced."

Hasana's father then ordered his daughter back home in order to cancel the whole deal. Andawi offered to pay his father-in-law 2,000 pounds, but the father began negotiations with another Bedouin to marry Hasana for a better price.

In the meantime, Hasana has given birth to a son.

Tiberias district police are attempting to settle the matter before there is bloodshed between the two tribes.

### Civil War Vet Fights for Life

Houston, Tex. — (UPI) — Walter Williams, the last veteran of the Civil War, has made no progress in his struggle to fight off his third attack of pneumonia in recent months.

On the other hand, Williams, who will observe his 117th birthday Nov. 14 if he lives, was no worse. He is under an oxygen tent.

Dr. Russell Wolfe, his doctor, said he will examine him later and issue another report on his condition.

After his last examination, Dr. Wolfe listed Williams' condition as serious, not critical. He said Williams has pneumonia through his entire left lung and his blood pressure is abnormal.

**FORMER MAYOR DIES**

Louisville, Ga. — (UPI) — Funeral services were to be held today for Samuel E. Jones Sr., 78, former Louisville mayor. He died Saturday.



### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

#### Nuthatch Acts Strangely But He's Friendly

It would be only natural that a bird, whose peculiarities are such that it is sometimes called a "tree-mouse" or a "devil downward" or "topsy-turvy" bird, should also have the word "nut" as part of its name. But the names are not the only peculiar traits inherent in the "nuthatch".

There are several varieties, such as white-breasted, red-breasted, brown-headed and pygmy, as well as a half dozen other kinds scattered over North America. They all act pretty much the same. All could be classed as climbing birds because of their characteristic habit of always being in a "head-down" position. They always seem to be running head-first down the tree trunk.

**Friendly Birds**

Although the nuthatches act strangely, seeming always inverted or heels over head, they are about the friendliest as well as the tamest of any woodland creature. Even when it would seem much easier to adopt a more comfortable and conventional position at a feeding tray or on a tree trunk, the nuthatch prefers to be upside down. The bird can run down a tree headfirst as gracefully as a squirrel. This trait probably gave some imaginative observer the idea of calling it a "tree-mouse."

Just why the bird's habits have prompted such a ridiculous name as "devil downward" must be attributed to the contrariness of human error, for the petite little creature is certainly "un-devil-like."

The "nut" part of the bird's name was probably derived from its fondness for small nuts, especially beechnuts, which it sometimes lodges in a bark crevice while it hacks away at the shell with powerful blows of the beak.

These friendly little short-tailed birds spend most of their time running head-downward, up and down tree trunks, peering intently into every crack, crevice and irregularity of the bark in studied intentness, seeking insects and insect eggs. Unlike the woodpecker that uses its stiff tail for support on the tree, the nuthatch carries its short tail in an upright position.

**Flies After Insect**

One variety of nuthatch, the red-breasted, sometimes leaves the tree trunk to fly after a passing insect, a habit never indulged in by the white-breasted. The red-breasted departs from the rest of the family in still another peculiar trait. It often smears the pitch from pine trees around the opening of the nesting cavity, a habit that has never been explained.

Some observers, who may or may not be right, have the idea the pitch might trap some careless insects, holding them fast until the insect-hungry bird could pick them out of the sticky material. This idea however seems a little too obvious to be the real reason.

All things considered, the friendly little grayish colored nuthatches do seem a little "nutty" in many of their actions. Even the strange little call-a-peculiar yauk, yauk-sounds exactly as though the bird were trying to "sing through its nose."

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### Quotes From the News

By United Press International

Charlottesville, Virginia — (UPI) — Ernest Phillip Bradley, the sole survivor of an airliner crash who was found alive 36 hours after the crash:

"I kept hollering and no one heard me."

Moscow — Lee Harvey Oswald, 20, who intends to renounce his U. S. citizenship and remain in Russia:

"I will never return to the United States for any reason."

New Delhi — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, reiterating that India will defend its borders against Red Chinese attacks:

"We have to cool our minds and strengthen our hands and feet."

Washington — Rep. Steven Derouanian (R-N.Y.), on the congressional questioning of quiz star Charles Van Doren:

"Something seems to be at variance in all the testimony and we're going to pin Van Doren down for exact details."

### Portlander Dies In Jump Off Bridge

Portland — (UPI) — Westley Grant, 70, Portland business man, plunged to his death from the 200-foot high St. Johns bridge Sunday.

Police said Grant, who owned the Portland Trailer park, drove onto the bridge, got out of the car and plunged to his death in the Willamette river.

His body was recovered minutes later by a fire boat. He is survived by his wife and son.

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### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

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"There's nothing at all to keep you from wearing it down," nodded the old man, "but there'll be quite a lot to keep you from wearing it back."

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